23rd Annual AGA Washington DC Chapter Spring Training Event April 28 – 29, 2025



Agenda – Monday, April 28

7:30am - 8:15am

Breakfast

8:15am - 8:20am

Welcome Remarks/Introduction

Veronica Baird, AGA DC Chapter President-Elect 2026

8:20am - 9:10am

M101 GAO's Role in Supporting Congress

- Sara Pelton, Assistant Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Berri Davis, Director, Sikich (Moderator)

9:15am - 10:05am

M102 Preparing for Technology-Centric Solutions

- Karin Dasuki, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- Erica Gaddy, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Reed Waller, Senior Consultant, Federal Financial Management, Workiva (Moderator)

10:05am - 10:20am

Coffee / Networking Break

10:20am - 11:10am

M103 How HUD is Adapting to Change and Assessing Impacts to its Control Environment

- Rahaf Kaylani, Senior Advisor to Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- MelaJo Kubacki, Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Joseph Hungate, Director, RMA Associates (Moderator)

11:15am - 12:05pm

M104 All Aboard! Lessons from WMATA on Resilience and Strategy

- Robert (Bob) Tuccillo, Senior Vice President, Finance, WMATA
- **Veronica Baird,** Senior Manager, KPMG (Moderator)

12:05pm - 1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00pm - 1:50pm

M105 Demonstrating Value of Financial Modernization and Innovation

- Saesha Carlile, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation
- Jose Fabre, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Jeff Ledford, Director, The MIL Corporation (Moderator)

1:55pm - 2:45pm

M106 Challenges of Monitoring Grant Funding

- Jessie Handforth Kome, Former Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Kevin Love, Director, CohnReznick (Moderator)

2:45pm - 3:05pm

Coffee / Networking Break

3:05pm - 4:45pm

M107 Virginia Ethics - Al Ethics 2025

• Clare Levison, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA), Inspired Responsibility

4:45pm - 4:50pm

Closing Remarks

 Annalena Winer, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Networking Reception



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T101 Successfully Leading Financial Management Change

- Frank Peterson, Deputy Chief Financial Officer-Finance, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- William Kubistal, Partner, Kearney & Company (Moderator)

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T102 From Icebergs to Clear Sailing: Strategies for Navigating **Change and Risk**

- Thomas Brandt, Chief Risk Officer, Federal Retirement Thrift **Investment Board**
- Wilmer Graham, Chief Risk Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Reed Waller, Senior Consultant, Federal Financial Management, Workiva (Moderator)

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T103 The Resilient Leader's Playbook

- Shepherd Brown, Senior Accountant, OCFO Policy Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Ann Davison, Former Special Assistant, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jay Hurt, Former Chief Financial Officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, Department of Education
- **Davita Vance-Cooks, Director, Guidehouse (Moderator)**

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T104 Key Updates from FASAB

- **Domenic Savini, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory** Board
- Joshua Williams, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
- Julia Duquette, Principal, Sikich (Moderator)

12:05pm - 1:00pm

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T105 IT Modernization for Government Financial Systems

- Liping Tan, Supervisory Accountant, Army, National Guard Bureau
- **Diem Bui, Castro & Company (Moderator)**

1:55pm - 2:45pm

T106 A Day in the Life of a Non-Profit: Using Accounting to Support Those Who Count on You

- Andrew Hullinger, Chief Financial Officer, Horton's Kids
- Joshua Shapiro, Vice President, Ascella (Moderator)

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T107 Anecdotes from "The Accountant"

- Dr. Arnold Schneider, Professor of Accounting, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Annalena Winer, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director (Moderator)

4:00pm - 4:50pm

T108 How to Lead an Organization During Times of Change

- Atisha Burks, Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer of the Financial and Program Management Directorate, Federal **Protective Service**
- Kim Farington, Chief Executive Officer of KTech, Former Chief Financial Officer of FirstNet
- **Lloyd Farmer,** Director, 2ndWave (Moderator)

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