



Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes for March 14th, 2023

Roll call:

Present:

Kenneth A. Smith, PhD Chair
Catherine Chunn
Joseph M. Peter, CGFM
Pamela K. Young, CGFM
Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP
Kyra Nichols, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Craig C. Hall, MPA
Charles W. Hester, Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
Annie S. Dumoga

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Welcome by Ken Smith

Ken welcomed the group and mentioned that he may be interrupted due to the absence of his receptionist today.

Discussions followed the agenda:

1. Citizen-Centric Reporting

- A discussion ensued about the length of the CCR. Historically, AGA has recommended that the CCR be 4 pages, with the suggested content for each page.
- Several years ago, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent in their CCR for AGA to review. It was 6 pages long, however, given that DHS consists of 26 subagencies, the additional length was needed to share the financials, performance, as well as opportunities and challenges.
- Where we recommend government entities try to stick to a four-page report, sometimes the complexity of the entity will necessitate more “space” for information. AGA (staff and members) will review CCRs and provide comments and suggestions for making agency messages concise and “public friendly”, but we will not penalize an agency for a longer report.

2. CCR Reviewers – Attracting and Retaining

- Kyra added that AGA has about 19 active CCR reviewers today, and we are always seeking additional volunteers.
- Committee members in attendance stated that they primarily assist with the Case Challenge in the Fall and are willing to review CCRs if they have time available.
- A suggestion was made to invite new reviewers to an “onboarding meeting” to share best practices in reviewing CCRs. It was discussed that members of this committee could host the meeting.



- A call for reviewers has been sent to chapters. If any Committee members have suggestions for additional CCR reviewers, please send names to Kyra to follow up.

3. Providing input to AGA's quarterly Journal

- The attendees agreed to writing a piece for the Journal.
- Upcoming Journal theme is "What's Next."
- Potential Article Topics
 - Ken recommends Federal Data Transparency Act and 10 Best Ways to be transparent.
 - Discuss the challenges related to accountability that different government entities face.
 - What is accountability reporting all about?
- Volunteers for the subcommittee for Journal Article include:
 - Joseph M. Peter, CGFM
 - Pamela K. Young, CGFM
 - Catherine Chunn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

Note: The Agenda and Minutes for this meeting as well as the recording are on the Accountability Committee page on "My AGA" where only Committee members have access to the documents.

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September – June.**