

Session 1 (8:10AM – 9:00AM): Your Professional Opportunities and Journey

Speaker: John Lynskey, CGFM, CPA - National AGA President

Bio:

John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA of AGA's Washington DC Chapter, is the Controller and Deputy Division Director for financial management at the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). His responsibilities include fiscal stewardship of NSF's daily financial operations including budget execution and funds control; financial statements and reporting; accounting operations; and grant payments and administration. As controller of a \$7 billion CFO Act agency, he leads NSF programs for internal control, improper payments, financial audit and strategic financial initiatives. He also oversees NSF's shared service, cloud-based financial system and spearheads grantee financial outreach to NSF's 1,700 institution customers. Under his 18 years of stewardship, NSF has achieved sustained success in obtaining "clean" audit opinions and in financial reporting excellence.

Before joining NSF, Mr. Lynskey served with the U.S. Secret Service for 8 years where he developed the Secret Service's first financial statements and a budget model for protective events under the CFO and in protective operations. He was also part of the security teams for events such as political conventions, UN General Assemblies and the Olympics. Prior to his federal government service, he worked in public accounting for Deloitte and other firms. He graduated from Virginia's James Madison University with a degree in accounting.

Mr. Lynskey has been very active in AGA's Washington DC Chapter, serving in many positions. At the national level, he served on and led AGA's Finance and Budget Committee for 6 years and is a member of the Professional Certification Board. Over the last 6 years, he has been a member of AGA's National Executive Committee (NEC), first as AGA's 23rd National Treasurer and then as a Senior Vice President. He is currently AGA National President.

Session 2 (9:10AM – 10:00AM) Yellow Book Updates

Speaker: Kathleen Wood, CPA - Auditor General's Office

Bio:

Kathleen Wood is a financial audit technical manager with the Arizona Auditor General's Office, where she has spent 23 years working in governmental auditing and accounting including 10 years as a financial audit manager. Her responsibilities include providing technical research and assistance, facilitating the implementation of accounting and auditing standards, and performing quality assurance reviews of financial audit and other reports.

Session 3 (10:10AM – 11:00AM) GASB Updates

Speaker: Michael Stelpstra, CPA - Auditor General's Office

Bio:

Michael Stelpstra, CPA, is a financial audit technical manager with the Arizona Auditor General's Office. His responsibilities include providing technical research and assistance, assisting with accounting and auditing standards implementation, and performing quality assurance reviews of financial audit reports and other publications.

Session 4 (11:10AM – 12:00PM) Municipal Bond Market Update and Trends

Speakers: Kurt Freund - RBC Capital Markets

Bio:

Kurt Freund is a Managing Director for RBC Capital Markets, LLC, the Manager of the firm's Arizona municipal banking operations and a member of the firm's Municipal Banking Management Committee. Mr. Freund is among the most experienced investment bankers working in the municipal finance arena and has extensive experience across a broad range of municipal financing structures. He has worked with virtually all types of issuers and political subdivisions over a career in the municipal bond industry that spans more than 30 years. During that time, he has led financings for state agencies, counties, cities, public universities, community colleges, nonprofit hospitals and a number of special financing authorities. Among the municipal entities he works extensively with in Arizona are the Governor's Office and many of the large State agencies, including the Arizona Department of Transportation, as well as all three of Arizona's public universities. Over the many years he has been in the business, Mr. Freund has developed and successfully completed many public/private partnership financings for facilities such as the University of Phoenix Football Stadium, several Cactus League baseball facilities, various mixed used developments and many other local development projects.

Prior to becoming an investment banker, Mr. Freund served in a senior staff role for seven years with the Arizona State Senate, including as the Senior Financial Advisor to the Senate where he was responsible for drafting and analyzing legislation concerning statewide tax and expenditure policy. He has developed and drafted many Arizona statutory provisions, and is regularly called upon by the Governor's Office and the Legislative leadership and staff to provide input and advice on legislation and public policy issues.

Mr. Freund is registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and maintains Series 7, 24, 50, 52, 53, 63 and 79 securities licenses. He holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University.

Lunch 12:00PM - 12:30PM

Session 5 (12:30PM – 1:20PM) 2018 Treasurer's Updates

Speaker: Mark Swenson

Mr. Swenson is Deputy Treasurer for the State of Arizona and first joined the Treasurer's Office in January 2007. Mark has held senior executive advisory positions for elected officials in State Government for 24 years, including three State Treasurers, three Senate Presidents, and five Senate Majority Leaders. Prior to his current position as Deputy Treasurer, Mark was employed at the Arizona State Senate for more than 12 years on Majority Staff as a Senior Policy Advisor. From 2002 through 2006, Mark was the senior policy advisor for budget and tax policy. Previously, he served as Policy Director and also advised the Majority Leadership on education, natural resources, and economic development policy and media relations. Prior to his service in the Senate, Mark was a reporter for the Tucson Citizen, covering state and local politics for nine years.

A graduate from the University of Arizona, Mark enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Session 6 (1:30PM – 3:10 PM) Panel on Economic Development

Panelists: Cindy Smith, CPA (facilitator) - ASU, Micah Miranda - City of Chandler, Christine Mackay - City of Phoenix

Micah Miranda is the City of Chandler Economic Development Director. In this capacity Micah works closely with the Mayor and City Council, City Manager and staff from city departments to facilitate economic development projects in Chandler that further enrich the business operating environment.

Specifically, he leads Chandler's economic development division whose mission is to enhance a thriving and successful local economy through business attraction, retention, entrepreneurial development and tourism. Micah has extensive experience in municipal and state economic development organizations as a leader, manager and professional. His experience executing the strategic vision of City Councils and managing the operations of economic development offices is exemplified through his intense focus on collaboration to achieve results. Prior to joining the City of Chandler in 2014, he was the City of Maricopa Economic Development Director and worked as a Business Attraction Manager at the Arizona Department of Commerce. He also worked for the City of Tempe and City of Mesa economic development offices for a combined seven years. Micah is a proud University of Arizona graduate. He is an active member of the Arizona Association for Economic Development and International Economic Development Council. In these roles, Micah continues his commitment to outreach, education and community service as a leader in economic development.

Christine Mackay was named Community and Economic Development Director with the city of Phoenix in August 2014. She is responsible for leading the Business Development Team, including the areas of business attraction, business retention and expansion, small business and entrepreneurial efforts, downtown development, international, retail and workforce development.

Prior to coming to Phoenix, she was with the city of Chandler for 16 years as a member of the Economic Development Team, with the past six years in the position of Economic Development Director.

In 2007, Christine was named the "Economic Developer of the Year, Large Community" by the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED). In 2010, she was named "Leader of the Year in Economic Development–Public Policy" by the Arizona Capital Times, and in 2011 she was named "Industry Leader of the Year – Economic Development" by Arizona Commercial Real Estate and in 2012 she was named "One of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona."

Christine is a member of the Economic Development Director's Team for Greater Phoenix, which focuses on enhancing the region, and she participates in committees that include Maricopa Association of Government's "Building a Quality Regional Community," the Biosciences Roadmap committee through the Flinn Foundation, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Commercial Office Real Estate Executives (CoreNet) the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) and the Arizona Business Incubator Association.

She grew up in Scottsdale, but moved to Chandler in 1992, and has spent most of her career in commercial real estate in the Metro Phoenix area, including work at a private sector commercial real estate where Christine was the Research Director for a commercial brokerage firm.

Ice Cream Social 3:10PM - 3:30PM

Session 7 (3:30PM – 4:20 PM) Audit Updates, Including Cybersecurity in Financial Statement Audits
Speaker: Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE - Henry+Horne
Bio:

Brian Hemmerle is a Senior Manager with more than ten years of experience providing audit services and Single Audit services for governmental entities.

Brian graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Brian is a licensed CPA in Arizona and has worked as an auditor for over 10 years performing governmental audits.

He is also a Certified Fraud Examiner and a member of the ACFE, AICPA, ASCPA, AGA, GFOA, GFOAz and AASBO. Brian performs special reviews for the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) CAFR award.

Among the governmental entities, Brian also works with school districts, municipalities, counties, state agencies, court audits and other agreed upon procedures for various municipalities.

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Mark Sweson, Deputy Treasurer with introduction from Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee

Micah Miranda, Development Director at City of Chandler

Christine Mackay, Phoenix Community Economic Director at City of Phoenix

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