

2011-2012

Year End Review

AGA – Chicago Chapter

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Our chapter provided 18 hours of continuing professional education to hundreds of participants throughout the Chicagoland area. Our chapter held educational events throughout the year at various locations in downtown Chicago, the events consisted of different formats such as live speakers and audio conferences, and covered a wide variety of topics. These educational events were highly rated by our program participants via the evaluation forms our participants completed after each educational event. In addition to providing educational events, we held a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment event and gave back to the community via community service events such as Toys for Tots and the VITA tax program. We added new members, some of whom are employed with employers whose employees have historically not participated in our chapter, and we attracted new employers to send their staff to our events. We also reached out to students and early career members, and had one of the highest turnouts of students and early career members at a chapter event in years. We earned the silver level chapter recognition award for our work throughout the year. In conclusion, we had a successful year, and leave a solid foundation to build upon next year.

Accomplishments

- Collected and donated more than 30 toys for our US Marines Toys for Tots drive.
- Our members participated in the VITA Tax Assistance Program, providing more than 75 hours of free tax service for qualified individuals.
- Sent two members to the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
- Sponsored a chapter member who attended the National AGA PDC in San Diego, CA.
- Checked out the chapter's copy of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam study guides to our members.
- Organized educational events providing 18 hours of continuing professional education.
- Provided a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment event.
- Added new members, including members who are employed with employers whose staff have historically not participated in our chapter.
- Achieved silver level for the chapter recognition program.
- Recognized high-performing chapter executive committee members, chapter members, and other professionals via plaques.

Educators

During the chapter year, the chapter had the honor of having the following educators for our chapter events:

<u>Educator</u>	<u>Topic Presented</u>
Pamela Dill McCoy, Regional Director, CCH Team Mate	CCH Team Mate System
Michael Hood, Deputy Attorney General	White Collar Crime Investigations and the Illinois Forgery Statute
David Cotton, Chairman, Cotton & Company LLC	Federal Cost Principals and Administrative Rules – SAS 99 Case Study: Sewer District Fraud
Dr. Richard Hurley, Professor, University of Connecticut	Whistle-Blowing from False Claims Act to Dodd-Frank Act
Bobby Derrick, Field Representative, AGA National Office	Leadership Challenges Created by New Technologies
Doug Tillett, Vice President of Public Affairs, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	Structure and Purpose of the Federal Reserve
Brian Etchell, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations	Hired Truck Investigation
Joseph M. Ferguson, City of Chicago's Inspector General	The Role and Mission of a Municipal Inspector General in a Modern City
Steve Reynolds, Director of Reactor Safety, Nuclear Regulatory Commission	NRC Actions in Response to Japan Reactor Disaster
Mayra Salazar, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration	Social Security Benefits and Solvency
Patrick Layng, U.S. Trustee, U.S. Trustee's Office	Bankruptcy Basics and Fraud

Awards Presented

During the chapter year, the chapter had the honor of presenting awards to the following distinguished individuals for their work in contributing to the success of the chapter, improving the community in which we all live, and advancing government accountability:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Title</u>
Government Financial Manager of the Year	Muhammad Akhtar	Supervisory Forensic Auditor, HUD-OIG
Outstanding Committee Chairperson	Rick Urbanowski	Chapter Recognition, AGA Chicago Chapter
Special Recognition Award	Alexandria Hayden	Newsletter Editor, AGA Chicago Chapter
Professional Development Award	Tom McManigal	President, AGA Chicago Chapter
Member of the Year	Matthew Matczynski	Program Director, AGA Chicago Chapter
Chapter Ambassador Award	Tom DiLisio	Treasurer, AGA Chicago Chapter
Community Service Award	Franklin Moy	Education Director, AGA Chicago Chapter

2011-2012 AGA-Chicago Chapter Executive Committee

A special thank you to the members of the 2011-2012 AGA – Chicago Chapter Executive Committee. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, the Chicago Chapter had another successful chapter year. The members of the 2011-2012 AGA – Chicago Chapter Executive Committee are as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Tom McManigal
Past President	Heath Wolfe
Secretary	Sandy Lawera
Treasurer	Tom DiLisio
Program Director	Matthew Matczynski
Meetings Director	Matthew Matczynski
Membership Director	Janet Knauff
Newsletter Editor	Alexandria Hayden
Historian	Anibal Marrero
Education Director	Frank Moy
Website Director	Mark Knudson
Community Service Director	Matthew Matczynski
CGFM Director	Raul Nieto
Early Careers Coordinator	Jolanta Biskup
Job Referral Coordinator	Steve Whitecotton
Publicity Director	Olga Gesell
Awards Director	Crystal Currier
Chapter Recognition Coordinator	Rick Urbanowski
Accountability Director	Herbert Kwan

Dear Fellow Member:

My name is Tom McManigal and I am the President of the Association of Government Accountant's Chicago Chapter for 2011-2012. I am writing this letter to ask you to consider joining our Chapter's executive committee. We currently have positions available including the Meetings, Community Service, and Awards directors. I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to speak with you about these positions. Please feel free to contact me at (312) 913-8035 or email me at tmcmanigal@hudoig.gov if you are interested. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom McManigal

Tom McManigal,
AGA's Chicago Chapter President

Commitment:

- We meet monthly from September through June, with a call-in line available for those who cannot attend in person. The meetings usually take anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes, with a few longer meetings before the year end and major events or initiatives.
- Each of the vacant positions require a commitment of anywhere from 5 to 40 hours annually, excluding chapter executive committee meetings.

Benefits:

- Annual dues are reimbursed.
- Executive committee members are sponsored by the National Office to attend the annual Sectional Leadership Meeting (most expenses paid).
- Two hotel and two registration waivers awarded to executive committee members for AGA's Professional Development Conference.
- Discounts offered for Becker Professional Education study courses and registration fees for chapter sponsored events.
- Networking opportunities with other agencies through our executive committee meetings, luncheons, member appreciation events, and holiday party.
- Opportunities to improve the local chapter and contribute to educational events for local professionals.