



2012-2013 Year End Review

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Chapter Year 2012-2013 Was a Very Successful Year for the Chicago Chapter

The chapter provided 30 hours of continuing professional education to hundreds of participants throughout the Chicagoland area. We 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 via the evaluation forms our participants completed after each educational event. In addition, we held a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment events and gave back to the community via community service events such as Toys for Tots, a food drive, and the VITA tax program. We redesigned our chapter's website and newsletter templates to improve communications with our chapter members and created our chapter's first Citizen-Centric Report (CCR). Our efforts culminated with earning Platinum chapter recognition status, as well as national education and newsletter awards.

In conclusion, we had a successful year and leave a solid foundation to build upon next year!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Accomplishments
- Educators
- Awards Presented
- 2012-2013 AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee
- Message From the Chapter President

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Achieved Platinum chapter status in AGA's chapter recognition program. Platinum is the highest level a chapter can obtain, and is the first time the chapter reached this level in many years.
- Earned the national AGA chapter newsletter and chapter education awards for Group C. Group C is comprised of chapters with 100-149 members.



- Created the chapter's first Citizen-Centric Report (CCR).
- Redesigned the chapter's website and newsletter templates.
- Created a cloud-based storage system, which allows for improved long-term retention and retrieval of important chapter documentation.
- Collected and donated more than 20 toys for the US Marines Toys for Tots drive.
- Collected and donated more than 40 items of food at the chapter's Professional Development

- Our members participated in the VITA Tax Assistance Program, providing 33 hours of free tax service for qualified individuals.
- Sent three members to the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY.
- Sponsored two chapter members who attended the 2013 National AGA PDC in Grapevine, TX.
- Checked out the chapter's copies of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam study guides to our members. For the first time, had all three study guides checked out to three chapter members at the same time, and thus have started a waiting list for the study guides.
- Offered educational events providing 30 hours of continuing professional education.
- Provided a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment event.
- Recognized high-performing chapter executive committee members, chapter members, and other professionals via chapter awards.





EDUCATORS

<u>2013 Continuing Education Seminar Audio Conferences</u>	
Educator	Topic Presented
Marcia Buchanan, Assistant Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office	2011 Yellowbook: What You Need To Know
Jack Heyman, CGFM, CPA, CISA, CAP, CIPP of Your Internal Controls, LLC	Improving Internal Controls
Allen Brown, CPA, CFE, Assistant Legislative Auditor for Local Audit Services, Louisiana Legislative Auditor	Getting Started With a Fraud Investigation
Adam Goldberg, Executive Architect, Office of Financial Innovation & Transformation, U.S. Department of the Treasury Gil Hawk, Chief Information Officer, USDA National Finance Center Francois Barnard, Manager, MorganFranklin Geoff Harkness, Managing Director, MorganFranklin	Internal Control Considerations in a Shared Services Environment
Bobby Derrick, MBA, CGFM, AGA Field Representative and Chapter Consultant	Ethics

EDUCATORS

<u>2013 Continuing Education Seminar Speakers</u>	
Educator	Topic Presented
James Vanderberg, Special Agent In Charge, U.S. Department of Labor – Office of the Inspector General	Labor Fraud
Timothy Grant, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board	Cybersecurity, Privacy & You
Hugh Smith, Manager, BrookWeiner LLC	Risk Assessment

<u>2013 Chapter Professional Development Conference</u>	
Educator	Topic Presented
Jewel Holly Ware, President, Jewels of Success, Inc.	Navigating Conflict
Tammie Anderson, CPA, Audit Manager, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services	Data Mining Techniques & Benford’s Law
John Gioeli, Director, Government Programs, Becker Professional Education	Continuing Professional Education & The CPA Exam
Louis Gracia, CPA, CFE, Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission	Overview of SEC Exam Program
Al Gini, Ph.D., Professor, Loyola University Chicago	Business Ethics and Leadership in a Post-Enron Era
Dennis Dycus, CPA, CFE, CGFM, President, Excellence in Continuing Professional Education	Walkin’ Talkin’ and Listenin’, or Things Auditors Don’t Do Well Ask Me No Questions and I’ll Tell You No Lies Some of My Favorite Frauds and How They Occurred ID Theft: It’s Only A Matter of Time and How Much



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:

Award	Recipient	Title
Government Financial Manager of the Year	Sheri Fulcher	Regional Inspector General Of Audit Services (RIGAS) – Region 5, U.S. Dept. Of Health & Human Services - OIG
Outstanding Committee Chairperson	Olga Gesell	Chapter Historian & Website Director
Special Recognition Award	Tom DiLisio	Chapter Treasurer
Professional Development Award	CJ Carter	Chapter Program Director
Member of the Year	Rick Urbanowski	Chapter's Chapter Recognition Director
Chapter Ambassador Award	Alexandria Hayden	Chapter Newsletter Editor
Community Service Award	Olga Gesell	Chapter Historian & Website Director
Educator of the Year	Timothy Grant	Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

2012-2013 AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A special thank you to the members of the 2012-2013 AGA – Chicago Chapter Executive Committee. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, the Chicago Chapter had a very successful chapter year. The members of the 2012-2013 AGA – Chicago Chapter Executive Committee are as follows:

Position	Name
President	Matthew Matczynski
Past President	Tom McManigal
President-Elect	Herbert Kwan
Secretary	Sandy Lawera
Treasurer	Tom DiLisio
Program Director	Cynthia “CJ” Carter
Meetings Director	Matthew Matczynski
Membership Director	Janet Knauff
Newsletter Editor	Alexandria Hayden
Historian	Olga Gesell
Education Director	Frank Moy
Website Director	Mark Knudson & Olga Gesell
Community Service Director	Matthew Matczynski & Eddie Jones
CGFM Director	Raul Nieto
Early Careers Coordinator	Julio Cestero
Job Referral Coordinator	Steve Whitecotton
Publicity Director	Alexandria Hayden
Awards Director	Matthew Matczynski
Chapter Recognition Coordinator	Rick Urbanowski
Accountability Director	Julio Cestero

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Chapter Member:

My name is Matthew Matczynski, and I am the President of the Association of Government Accountant's Chicago Chapter for chapter year 2012-2013. I am writing this letter to ask you to consider joining our chapter's executive committee. Serving on the chapter's executive committee is your opportunity to help improve the chapter, give back to the community, network with other government professionals, and develop your professional and managerial skills. We currently have positions available including President-Elect, Secretary, and Meetings Director. I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to speak with you about these positions. Please feel free to contact me at (312) 913-8644 or email me at mmatczynski@hudoig.gov if you are interested. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Matczynski

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AGA 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 minutes to 1 hour, 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 10 to 50 hours annually, excluding chapter executive committee meetings.

Benefits:

Selected executive committee members are sponsored by the National Office to attend the annual Sectional Leadership Meeting (most expenses paid).

Two hotel and two registration scholarships are awarded to executive committee members for AGA's National Professional Development Conference.

Discounts offered to executive committee members for Becker Professional Education study courses.

Networking opportunities with other agencies through our executive committee meetings, luncheons, member appreciation, and other chapter events.

Opportunities to improve the local chapter and contribute to educational events for local professionals.

Opportunities to develop and improve critical professional and managerial skills. Additional benefits to be determined. Please contact me for more information.