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## 2013 - 2014 YEAR-END REVIEW

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### Platinum Status

Thank you to our members and Chapter Executive Committee for the great Chapter Year 2013-2014! Our Chapter provided 25 hours of continuing professional education. All of the educational events were highly rated based on the evaluations we received. The Professional Development Training in April of 2014 was the highlight of the year attracting great speakers and more than 70 attendees. We also held two member appreciation and networking events and gave back to community through Food Drives and VITA Tax Assistance Program. Our members participated in the National Professional Development Training.

To foster our relationships with future accounting professionals and potential Early Career Members, we contacted our local universities UIC and Loyola and made donations to their accounting clubs. In addition, Elaine Igelman, our Chapter President, Eddie Jones, Chapter Early Careers and Community Service Director, and CJ Carter, Chapter Program Director, made a presentation to the Government Accounting class at UIC regarding governmental financial management opportunities and the benefits of AGA membership.

In an ambassadorial role, Elaine Igelman, Eddie Jones, and CJ Carter reserved an exhibition table at the Institute of Internal Auditors NW Chicago Chapter's Fraud Conference in Hoffman Estates. They shared brochures and information with attendees regarding CGFM, training opportunities and AGA membership. Also, speakers were confirmed for future AGA Chicago Chapter training events.

Our Chapter earned a Certificate of Excellence for our Citizen-Centric Report. We were praised for the overall content, visual appeal, and Chapter information. We received the Chapter CGFM award for providing opportunities for CGFMs to get continuing education hours, obtaining a proclamation from the State of Illinois recognizing March as CGFM month, offering as a member benefit the opportunity to check out for free the Chapter's CGFM guides, and promoting the CGFM certification to supervisors of various governmental entities. Our efforts culminated with earning Platinum chapter recognition status.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Accomplishments
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Chapter Award Recipients
- 2013-2014 AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Achieved Platinum Chapter status in AGA’s chapter recognition program. Platinum is the highest level a chapter can obtain.
- Earned the national Chapter CGFM Award for Group C. Group C is comprised of chapters with 100-149 members.
- Created the Chapter’s Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and earned a Certificate of Excellence for its overall content, visual appeal, and Chapter information.
- Offered educational events providing 25 hours of continuing professional education.
- Made donations to two local university accounting clubs.



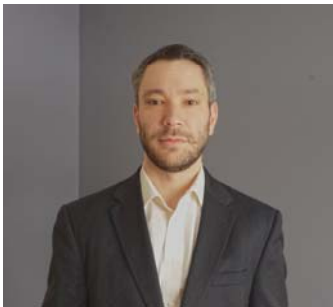
- Collected and donated food items through Food Drives
- Participated in the VITA Tax Assistance Program providing over 40 hours of free tax services for qualifying individuals
- Sent two Chapter members to the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Sponsored two Chapter members who attended the 2014 National PDT in Orlando, FL.

- Provided two member appreciation and networking events.
- Recognized high-performing Chapter executive committee members, Chapter members, and other professionals via Chapter awards.



- Checked out the Chapter’s copies of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam study guides to our members.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



Speaker	Topic
David L. Cotton, CGFM, CPA, CFE, Chairman Cotton & Company LLP, CPAs	Fraud Deterrence, Prevention, and Detection
Gloria L. Jarmon, DIG DHHS/OIG; Melinda Miguel, Chief IG for the Executive Office of the Governor, State of Florida; Anthony P. Scardino, CFO, Patent and Trademark Office	How to Stay Cutting Edge in Tough Financial Times
Joan Colmar, President, Institute of Truth in Accounting	The Financial State of Illinois
Stephen Convey, Director, DHHS/OIG	Healthcare Audits
Peter W. Singer, PhD, Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence	Cybersecurity & Cyberwar
Robert R. Moeller, MBA, CPA, CISA, CISSP, Author and Founder, Compliance and Control Systems, Inc.	Understanding COSO 2013
Sheila A. Weinberg, CPA, Founder and CEO, Institute for Truth in Accounting	Government Budgeting 101
Leon Young, MA, Leon Young Seminars, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland—University College	Leadership and Communication Skills and Techniques
Christopher Moschella, CPA, CISA, Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Founder, FederalAccounting.org	Understanding federal Budgetary Accounting
Bill Hardin, MBA., CPA, CFE, CFF, PMP, Co-Chair of Navigant's Global Data Privacy and Incident Response Practice	Cyber Scurity and Data Privacy - Are We Prepared?
James Holzrichter, Sr. , Author & Founder of Holzrichter Consultancy	A Celebration of Heroes and Working With Relators
Richard Hurley, PhD, JD, MS, CPA, CFF, CFE, Professor of Accounting, University of Connecticut  William Kresse, M.S., J.D., CFE, CFF, CPA, Director, Center for the Study of Fraud & Corruption and Associate Professor, Graham School of Management at Saint Xavier University	Ethics & Fraud
Alan Z. Goodman, MA, Seminar Presenter & Founder Goodman Consulting	Ethics: Figuring Out the Right Thing to Do and Then Having What It Takes to Do It!



### CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

During the chapter year, the Chapter recognized 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
Member of the Year	Donald E. Tidrick, Ph.D, CPA, CMA, CIA	Deloitte Professor of Accountancy at Northern Illinois University
Government Financial Manager of the Year	Elaine Igelman, CPA	Retired
Professional Development Award	Olga Gesell, CPA	AGA Chicago Chapter Historian and Website Director
Educator of the Year	James Holzrichter, Sr.	Author and Founder of Holzrichter Consultancy
Outstanding Committee Chairperson of the Year	CJ Carter	AGA Chicago Chapter Program Director
Special Recognition Award	Rick Urbanowski	AGA Chicago Chapter Recognition Director
Community Service Award	Frank Moy	AGA Chicago Chapter Education Director
Chapter Ambassador Award	Eddie Jones	AGA Chicago Chapter Early Careers and Community Service Director

### 2013-2014 AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A special thank you to the members of the 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 AGA – Chicago Chapter Executive Committee are as follows:

Position	Name
President	Elaine Igelman
Past President	Matthew Matczynski
President-Elect	Deborah Kinsey
Treasurer	Tom DiLisio
Program Director	Cynthia “CJ” Carter
Membership Director	Janet Knauff
Newsletter Editor	Alexandria Hayden
Historian	Olga Gesell
Education Director	Frank Moy
Website Director	Olga Gesell
Community Service Director	Eddie Jones
CGFM Director	Raul Nieto
Early Careers Director	Julio Cestero, Eddie Jones
Job Referral Coordinator	Steve Whitecotton
Publicity Director	Alexandria Hayden
Awards Director	Amanda Cross
Chapter Recognition Coordinator	Rick Urbanowski
Accountability Director	Julio Cestero