

North Central Region Newsletter

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"The #1 Rated Newsletter In The North Central Region"

Message From The RVP:

Greetings! I hope everyone is having a great chapter year. Given comments I have received from my last newsletter, I will try to make this newsletter a bit shorter. However, I am still seeking news and events from each chapter for the regional newsletter ... if your chapter has anything it wishes to share in the regional newsletter, please let me know!

The search for the North Central Region's next RVP continues! If you wish to be the next RVP, or know of anyone who may be interested or who you think would make a great RVP, please let me know ASAP. I appreciate everyone's assistance in the search for our region's next RVP!

Finally, I wish to thank you for your service to AGA. Without talented and dedicated people like you, we would not have as great of an organization as we have now. Your work touches many people at the chapter, regional, and national levels. Thank you!

I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving and if traveling safe travels!

Matthew Matczynski

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Regional Vice President
North Central Region





From The National Office:

- **New Chapter Services Manager**

Just a reminder that Jessica Jones has left AGA, and that Louise Burnette has taken over Jessica's duties. Thus, please contact Louise for anything you would have contacted Jessica regarding. You can reach Louise Burnette at lburnette@agacgfm.org or 800.242.7211 ext. 317.

- **Chapter Recognition Program Due Dates**

- Second Quarter: December 31, 2015
- Third Quarter: March 31, 2016
- Fourth Quarter: May 31, 2016

- **Keep Members Informed**

Are all of your chapter members' email addresses up to date? Member email addresses can change with a new job, domain change, or a new preferred email account. As the National Office primarily communicates with members via email, it is important that all members have up to date email addresses on file with the national office. Urge your members to keep their email addresses updated using the Subscription Preferences section of the national website. If you know of email changes for chapter members, you can also contact the national office to get the changes made at agamembers@agacgfm.org.

- **NASBA-approved CPE credits**

When required, chapter education chairs should ensure the chapter is registered with its appropriate State Board of Accountancy to offer CPEs for training events. Please note, AGA's national NASBA number should **NOT** be used by chapters. Chapters seeking to issue NASBA CPEs should instead obtain and use their own chapter NASBA number. Chapters can obtain a NASBA number by becoming a NASBA-approved provider of CPEs. For more information on

NASBA CPEs, go to www.nasba.org. Email education@agacgfm.org with questions or for more information.

- **Nominate a Leader for a 2016 National Leadership Award**

AGA needs your assistance in honoring two state, two local, and two federal government officials, as well as two private sector financial executives. Please consider submitting nomination(s) for the 2016 National Leadership Award. More information on the National Leadership Awards can be found [here](#). Nominations are due November 30th.

- **Need Marketing Materials?**

Did you know that the AGA national office offers marketing material to the chapters? Marketing materials can be requested online by clicking [here](#). If you don't see something you need, include it in the instructions box. Please remember that the national office needs at least two weeks' notice so your items can arrive on time.

- **Citizen-Centric Report Reviewers Needed**

AGA needs individuals to help review CCRs submitted by governmental entities. Please consider helping AGA with its CCR initiative by volunteering to be a CCR reviewer. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the national office by clicking [here](#).

Things To Consider:

Do you have a chapter member (or two) that constantly complains that he/she is not getting any value for his/her AGA membership? If your chapter has such a member (or even if your chapter doesn't), please consider communicating to all chapter members AGA's **FREE** members-only leadership webinar being held on Wednesday November 18th from 1:00 – 2:00 PM Central Time. The title of the leadership webinar is "One Thing a Leader Must Do" and the speaker is Karen Alexander, CGFM, Associate Director, Financial Management Services Division, US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The learning objective of this webinar is to define leadership traits and detail how one can overcome challenges and effect changes needed to get the job done. One CPE is being offered for viewing the webinar.

Although there may not be such a thing as a free lunch, this webinar is the closest thing to one! This webinar does not cost your chapter a dime to offer, and is a great way of providing a free benefit to your chapter members. However, the only way your chapter members will benefit from this webinar is if they are notified of this webinar and view it! Notification of this webinar was previously provided in emails sent to all AGA members from the national office. However, some of your chapter members may not have read these emails, and thus may still not know about this free webinar! Furthermore, if the national office does not have an AGA member's email address (or if the email address is incorrect / outdated), then such member never received the national office's email notification regarding the free webinar. Thus, to ensure all your chapter members are aware of this awesome free member benefit, I

highly encourage your chapter to notify all chapter members of this free webinar, and encourage them to attend!

This free webinar can be viewed wherever one has internet access, as it is being streamed via the internet. This webinar is only available to AGA members and is for individual viewing only. A group viewing option is not being offered. In order to participate in the webinar, chapter members must register using their AGA membership number with the national office using the following link: <https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Sign-in.aspx?RET=/Events-CPE/Secure/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=172>. (As an AGA membership number is required to register for this webinar, your chapter may obtain communications from chapter members claiming they forgot / don't know their membership number / wondering who to contact to find out their membership number. A helpful hint is that chapter presidents and other chapter board members can obtain all your chapter members' AGA membership numbers via the membership report that can be pulled off the AGA national website). Upon successful registration, the AGA national office will send the participant an email confirming webinar registration as well as providing the participant with a unique link to access the webinar. This unique link will connect only one device to the webinar and will allow for only one CPE certificate to be obtained.

So in summary, I just want to reiterate that the AGA national office is offering a **FREE** members-only webinar on Wednesday November 18th, that AGA members must register in advance with the national office to participate in this webinar, and that the only way for your members to benefit from this webinar is if they know about it and are encouraged to view it – so I ask your chapter to consider communicating this webinar to your chapter members.

Regional Initiative:

Thank you very much to everyone who helped contribute to the last regional initiative of promoting awareness of AGA's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) program! I appreciate the chapters in our region that completed a Member Centric Report, those chapters that are reaching out to other governmental entities and encouraging others to create Citizen Centric Reports, those chapters that are doing presentations and creating awareness on Citizen Centric Reports, and those chapters that are conducting other activities to promote the Citizen Centric Report program. I also appreciate everyone who contacted me as a result of this initiative to discuss what his/her chapter is doing regarding the initiative, providing suggestions on what I can do and what I can recommend other chapters do to better advance this initiative, etc. I really do appreciate everyone's time and feedback. Thank you!

The next initiative is to create a regional list of recommended speakers. As a list of recommended speakers seems to be a recurring request at the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM), and as the national office does not have a list of recommended speakers, I would like to create one at the regional level. Thus, if you know of any great speakers that your chapter has had in the past that you would

recommend for such a list, please let me know by emailing me at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov. I appreciate each chapter's assistance in this initiative.

Please let RVP Matt Matczynski know of any actions your chapter takes in support of this Regional Initiative!



Regional News:

*** Do you have news from your chapter you wish to share in the regional newsletter? If so, I would love to hear from you! Please contact Matt Matczynski at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov with your news, stories, pictures, meeting schedules, etc. and I would be more than happy to include it in the next edition of the regional newsletter! ***

Upcoming Events:

Chicago Chapter

- The AGA Chicago Chapter is pleased to announce its December Continuing Education Seminar. **Leon Young**, Consultant & Educator, Leon Young Seminars will be speaking on the topic of **“Ethics in the Workplace”** on Wednesday December 2nd. The format of this seminar is a webinar, and two CPEs will be offered. Please consider attending this event. More information, including how to RSVP, can be found below.

Topic: Ethics in the Workplace

Speaker: Leon Young, Consultant & Educator, Leon Young Seminars

Format: Webinar

When: Wednesday December 2nd

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Central Time (doors open / lunch 12:30 PM)

Location: US Railroad Retirement Board

9th Floor Conference Room

844 N. Rush St. Chicago, IL 60611

Cost: Members: \$10 (Includes a box lunch)

Non-Members: \$20 (Includes a box lunch)

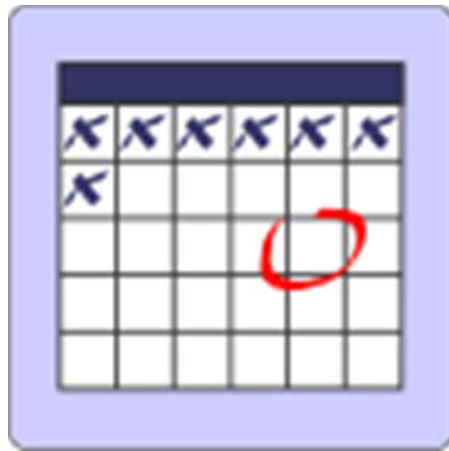
CPEs Provided: 2 CPEs

***** Space is limited!!! To attend this event, you must RSVP by noon on Monday November 30th to: Matt Matczynski at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov *****

Does your chapter have any educational and networking / social events planned that are open to AGA participants from outside your chapter? Would you like to spread word of your events with the other chapters in the North Central Region? If so, please contact Matt Matczynski at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov with details of your upcoming chapter events, and they will be placed in the next regional newsletter!

Upcoming Deadlines:

- ASAP – nominations for 2016-2017 North Central Region RVP.
- November 30, 2015 – National Leadership Award nominations due.
- December 31, 2015 – Chapter Recognition Program second quarter due date
- May 31, 2016 – submit bylaws that conform to the updated Chapter Bylaws Prototype to the national office and receive an acceptance letter that the bylaws meet requirements to earn points.



Important North Central Regional Contacts:

Senior Vice President of Regional Services (SVPRS) – Section I

Julie Burns, CGFM

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Boston Chapter Member

Term Ends: 6/30/2018

* Note that there are many SVPRS. Julia is the SVPRS for Section 1, which comprises multiple regions, including our North Central Region. Thus, Julia oversees the North Central Region.

Regional Vice President (RVP)

Matthew Matczynski

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Chicago Chapter Member

Term Ends: 6/30/2016

Past Regional Vice President

Sherri Voigt

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Southern Wisconsin Chapter Member

Term Ends: 6/30/2016

Regional Vice President-Elect

Position Vacant – please contact Matt Matczynski if interested in this position.

North-Central Region Regional Coordinators:

Accountability Regional Coordinator

Position Vacant – please contact Matt Matczynski if interested in this position.

Certification Regional Coordinator

Position Vacant – please contact Matt Matczynski if interested in this position.

Chapter Development and Assistance Regional Coordinator

Position Vacant – please contact Matt Matczynski if interested in this position.

Education Regional Coordinator

CJ Carter

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Chicago Chapter Member

Term Ends: 6/30/2016

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Maranda Summers

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Indianapolis Chapter Member

Term Ends: 6/30/2016

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Indiana

Central Indiana

President: Carolyn Adams, CPA

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Chapter Website: <http://www.agacentralin.org/>

Circle City

President: To Be Determined

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Chapter Website: <http://www.agacirclecity.org/>

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Indianapolis

President: Cindy Garcia

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Chapter Website: <http://againindy.com/>

Minnesota

Minneapolis – St. Paul

Chapter Currently Inactive – however, there are over 30 AGA members who are currently associating themselves with the Minneapolis – St. Paul chapter. Please contact Regional Vice President Matt Matczynski at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov if you become aware of any interest in reactivating this chapter or wish to volunteer to reactivate this chapter.

Wisconsin

Southern Wisconsin

President: Mary Laufenberg

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Chapter Website: <http://aga-wis.org/>

*** Does this directory contain incorrect / outdated information? If so, please contact Matt Matczynski with corrections at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov. ***