



## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greeting and Happy Holidays from the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants! It's that time of year when we can give thanks and share our good fortunes with family, friends, and colleagues.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter hosted another successful webinar titled "Spotting Fraud in your Organization" which provided insights into the various schemes and frauds that have transpired. We want to remind you all to be safe this time of year since fraud and security theft jump this time of year.

But we are also pleased to announce our December luncheon in collaboration with the ACFE and IIA on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at Maggiano's Little Italy. Our guest speaker is the honorable Mr. Joseph M. Ferguson, Office of Inspector General City of Chicago. Registration is limited so please be sure to register before December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Maggiano's Little Italy Chicago**  
516 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654  
11:30 a.m. – Registration

**(\$40 for AGA Members - \$65 for Non-members)**

**12:00 p.m. – Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. – Program**

**2:30 p.m. – Networking and Adjourn**

We look forward to a successful 2018 so please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.

AGA Chapter President 2017-2018

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

The Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) in conjunction with the Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) is pleased to announce the following collaborative luncheon event this December:

### **"Office of Inspector General, City of Chicago"**

**Speaker: Mr. Joseph M. Ferguson**  
**Inspector General, City of Chicago**

(See bio on following page)

CPEs: 2 CPE Credit Hours

**When: Friday, December 8, 2016**

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**Where: Maggiano's Little Italy Chicago**  
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**Cost: (\$40 for AGA Members - \$65 for Non-members)**

**Join us and learn about the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG), including:**

- The OIG's different divisions and unique capabilities
- What types of cases the OIG can assist with and how to bring cases to their attention
  - How you can pursue a career working for the OIG
- Trends in the types of cases being investigated by the OIG
  - Notable achievements and cases

Registration closes on December 6<sup>th</sup> and event space is limited, so please register soon (payment must accompany your registration). Registration can be accomplished by contacting either Frank Moy at [franklin.moy@gsaig.gov](mailto:franklin.moy@gsaig.gov) or Tom DiLisio at [dilisio.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:dilisio.thomas@dol.gov). by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bio**  
**Mr. Joseph M. Ferguson**  
**Inspector General, City of Chicago**



Joseph Ferguson began his second four-year term as Chicago's Inspector General on November 30, 2013. Ferguson came to the Inspector General's Office following 15 years with the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Northern District of Illinois. From 1994 through 1999 he represented the United States in cases before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals involving employment discrimination (Title VII), civil rights, environmental law, and government program fraud. Ferguson's work included a landmark environmental case which was ultimately decided by the United States Supreme Court. From 2000 to 2009, Ferguson worked in the Criminal Division of the USAO, prosecuting public corruption, mail/wire fraud, tax, healthcare and government program frauds, terrorist financing, drug and labor racketeering cases. Ferguson served as the Chief of the USAO's Money Laundering and Forfeiture Section, where he had previously served as Deputy Chief. He also held positions as Deputy Chief of Financial Crimes & Special Prosecutions and Terrorist Financing Coordinator. While with the USAO, he received the Department of Justice's Director's Award for his work in asset forfeiture. He also earned the Gaston Gianni Better Government Award from the President's Council on Integrity & Efficiency for his work as part of a task force involving the USAO, Secret Service, IRS, and USDA-OIG that identified and prosecuted broad scale fraud in the federal food stamp program. In addition to his work with the USAO, Ferguson has been an adjunct instructor at both the Loyola University and John Marshall Schools of Law in Chicago - teaching, among other subjects, National Security Law. He has also been an instructor at the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center, which provides

training for federal, state, and local prosecutors and investigative agencies. Ferguson was a law clerk to the Hon. Myron H. Bright of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Hon. Suzanne B. Conlon of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He worked for two years as a litigation associate at the law firm of Sidley Austin handling anti-trust and commercial litigation matters, and pro bono death penalty work before the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Ferguson received his B. A. from Lake Forest College in 1982, and his J.D. from Northwestern University Law School in 1990.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** – December Executive Committee Meeting
- **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** –Holiday Luncheon (see above for details).

## **RECAP OF PAST EVENTS:**

The chapter held a Continuing Education Seminar on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. The seminar was an AGA webinar on the topic of Spotting Fraud In Your Organization, with the speaker being Chuck Whitlock, Expert, White-collar & Cyber Crime, Business Security & Fraud Prevention. The seminar was interesting and informative, and the chapter received positive comments from those who attended. Based on the feedback of our participants, the chapter will seek to provide additional fraud-related educational training in the future. Thank you to everyone who attended!

## **CEC MINUTES:**

A board meeting of the AGA Chicago chapter CEC was held on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM. Despite waiting for a quorum to be obtained, no quorum was obtained. As a result, no chapter business was conducted, and the meeting was determined to be over / cancelled at approximately 11:40 AM so those in attendance could leave.

The next AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the GSA Conference Center located at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building (77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604). All chapter members are welcome to attend.

A list of the chapter's CEC members can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

## FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE:

Consider attending the AGA National Leadership Training held February 27-28, 2018 in Washington DC. A virtual attendance option is also offered. The chart below lists the registration fee. For more information, please see the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org>.

<b>AGA Member</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Email/Mail</b>
Early (On or before Feb. 2)	\$525	\$550
Standard (After Feb. 2)	\$625	\$650
<b>Non-member</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Email/Mail</b>
Early (On or before Feb. 2)	\$700	\$725
Standard (After Feb. 2)	\$800	\$825

## CGFM:

Are you planning on obtaining the CGFM professional certification this chapter year? If so, there are resources available to help make this goal a reality! The AGA Chicago chapter has a copy of the official AGA CGFM study guides, that chapter members can borrow for free. For additional details, or to check out a study guide, contact CGFM Director Raul Nieto at [raul.nieto@ed.gov](mailto:raul.nieto@ed.gov).

### CGFM Intensive Review Course

The next CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC) will be held in Alexandria, Virginia from April 26-27, 2018. The class will run from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days, and offers participants up to 18 CPEs. The cost of the course is as follows:

- \$375 for AGA members
- \$425 for non-members

Additional information on the AGA Intensive Review Course, such as how to register, can be found at [www.agacgfm.org/](http://www.agacgfm.org/)

**Bonus: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to the April 2018 Intensive Review Course attendees — a \$375 savings!**

## Community Service:



The AGA Chicago Chapter is again participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots toy drive!

Please consider donating a toy to help ensure all children in the Chicagoland area will receive a toy this holiday season. Your toy donation will bring holiday cheer to a child who might otherwise not receive any gift this holiday season.

To donate, please bring your toy donation to the December luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> (luncheon details provided earlier in this newsletter), or contact Frank Moy at [franklin.moy@gsaig.gov](mailto:franklin.moy@gsaig.gov) no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> to arrange toy pickup.

The United States Marine Corps kindly asks that all toy donations:

- Are new toys only
- Are not wrapped
- Are not real or toy weapons

## **Awards / Scholarships**

This academic year, the Association of Government Accountants, Chicago Chapter, announced two scholarship awards, the Excellence in Accounting or Finance and the Matthew Matczynski Leadership/ Community Involvement Awards. Both scholarship awards are open to current college students (undergraduate or graduate students) in the field of Accounting and Finance studies for \$1,000 each. Please share with any student you may know who may be interested in applying for these scholarship opportunities.

- The Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 3.0/ 4.0 scale and has completed an essay question and provided two non-family references.
- The Matthew Matczynski Award in Leadership/ Community Involvement will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 2.5/ 4.0 scale and has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and community service involvement through an essay question.

The awards are restricted to students from Illinois or Greater Chicagoland Area higher education institutions.

The scholarship application forms have been posted on the AGA Chicago Chapter website at: <http://www.chicagoaga.org/early-career/scholarship-award/>

For more information about the two awards and the required paperwork and guidelines, please contact Chanel Castaneda ([ccastaneda@agachicago.org](mailto:ccastaneda@agachicago.org))



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