

# Association of Government Accountants

*The Place to Be to Learn and Develop Leadership*

## AGA History

- ▶ Formed in 1950 by Federal Accountants
- ▶ Federal Government Accountants Association
- ▶ 1975 -Association of Government Accountants
- ▶ 64 Years Old -I've been member 48 of them

## Executive Director

- ▶ Director manages day to day operations
- ▶ New Executive Director–Ann Ebberts
- ▶ Brings special perspective
- ▶ Set the stage for AGA to be a go-to place
- ▶ AGA has earned influence and prestige

## CGFM Program

- ▶ The credential for government activities–public and corporate
- ▶ Recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers
- ▶ Covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting at the federal state and local levels

## Qualifications and Examination

- ▶ Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- ▶ Pass three comprehensive CGFM exams
- ▶ Two years professional level experience in governmental financial management
- ▶ Continuing education after certification

## Why is the CGFM Important?

- ▶ As with most certifications it is testimony to your personal competence
- ▶ It is specialized to the field of government finance
- ▶ Certification leads to bigger and better things.
- ▶ It sends a signal for future employers

## Why is the CGFM Important

- ▶ Job searches become easier because employers are looking for the best candidate
- ▶ The study program is an orientation to aspects of government financial management that you may not be aware of, thus improving your employability

## CGFM Aides

- ▶ National has study guides
- ▶ National has training programs
- ▶ National can assist chapters in obtaining training and testing
- ▶ Regions can establish cooperative training

## Thought Leadership

- ▶ AGA is known for advancing public awareness and taking bold initiatives
- ▶ The citizen centric reporting initiative has brought government closer to the constituency.
- ▶ Started at chapter level and has moved to Federal, state and local level. Growing every day

## Thought Leadership

- ▶ Research program used to develop tools for financial managers.
- ▶ Done in consonance with our corporate partners
- ▶ 58 research reports are in inventory now
- ▶ Topics–Reducing improper payments, IG survey, leveraging data analytics Fed Prgms.

## Thought Leadership

- ▶ Tool kits to assist in program management
  - Risk assessment toolkit
  - Fraud prevention toolkit
  - Candidate assessment toolkit for Grants Mgrs
  - Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Guide

## AGA Committees

- ▶ **Audit** – Contracts annual financial statement audit. Independent audits within org as needed
- ▶ **Awards** – Identifying candidates for national awards through nomination process and vetting candidates
- ▶ **Bylaws and Procedures** – Maintains organizational rules and practices through set of Bylaws. Resolves breaches

## AGA Committees

- ▶ **Finance and Budget** –works with Treasurer to maintain finances and develop budget. Keeps constant eye on financial health
- ▶ **Governance**–Special projects and studies pertaining to evaluating organization practices–BMTF
- ▶ **Intergovernmental Partnership**–Maintains relationships with Federal and local organizations and develops studies to enhance AGA

## AGA Committees

- ▶ **International Development**– Some chapter development activities, surveying possibilities, and maintaining contact with overseas chapters

## Workgroups

- ▶ **Accountability**–Works on programs to develop government accountability to citizens Includes several reporting systems and major conferences to assimilate various levels of government
- ▶ **Young Professionals**–addresses initiatives to promote younger generation to join AGA and to accept leadership opportunities

## Straight Talk

- ▶ You don't succeed in anything without passion to achieve
- ▶ You don't advance in career without improving your knowledge and skills
- ▶ You can do it alone, or you can use well trained and experienced cadre of leaders
- ▶ Meet AGA!