



# Gulf Region Update



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## Upcoming Dates

### Monthly Meetings

- West Central MS – 2/10/15
- Jackson, MS – 2/11/15
- Montgomery, AL – 2/13/15
- Baton Rouge, LA – 2/19/15
- New Orleans, LA – 2/26/15

### Upcoming Training

- Tallahassee, FL – 2/12-13/15
- West Central, MS CGFM Training – 2/25-27/15 (Part 2)
- Miami/Naples – 3/27/15

## Ethics - How to File a Complaint with AGA Professional Ethics Board

Hello fellow AGA members! As we all know, ethics plays an crucial role in government financial management. You read about public corruption at all levels of government daily in the news and perhaps you may have witnessed some of these situations in your government employment that you feel need to be reported. Ethics is important to AGA in several ways - our core values are Service, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership. Also, the CGFM certification requires that those who hold the certification read and agree to abide by the AGA's Code of Ethics. If you have never accessed the Code of Ethics for the Association of Government Accountants, I encourage you to download the Code of Ethics at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) under Membership. Also, the professional Ethics Board has created a new portal for you to file a complaint online if you believe a member or CGFM has violated the Code. Your complaint may be anonymous and the Professional Ethics Board strives to maintain confidentiality on all inquiries and investigations. As a member of that Board, I can assure you we take our position seriously and believe, like AGA, that members first and foremost serve the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical principles and it is the Board's job to investigate instances where the public trust has been violated. So, if you have a situation that you have witnessed that you feel has violated our Code, please know that your information will be safeguarded and you have an outlet to voice your concern.

## Highlight on Southeastern Florida

- Anniversary Date - July 23, 2014
- 39 members with 10 members holding the CGFM designation
- Inaugural PDT will be held March 27, 2015 on The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014
- Our newest chapter in the Gulf Region

## Leadership - Are YOU the next Director or CEC member for your Chapter? President-Elect?

It's that time of the year again - time for current officers and CEC members to consider who to ask/twist their arm/con them into taking a leadership role in their local chapter....as past President of the Montgomery chapter and a member of the leadership team for the Region, I know the feeling all too well of being cornered and/or cornering individuals and asking them to take on a role that may be uncomfortable for them and/or something they never considered. However, I can guarantee you that the benefits outweigh the costs; the relationships formed outweigh the hours of love (labor) put in; and the satisfaction gained from being part of a greater good definitely is the best pay. I encourage you to consider the opportunity to take the leap and be a leader your chapter - even if in a small role. We are all volunteers and we are all here to better our profession as well as hold each other and ourselves accountable for the public dollars. If you want to be part of this spirit, talk to your President/Past President about opportunities in your chapter. I did and I guarantee you will not regret taking on the challenge.

## Save the Date - Gulf Region PDT

**May 5-6, 2015** will be the date of the first Gulf Region Professional Development Training - to be held at the University of New Orleans - more information to come in upcoming newsletters and emails. We are planning to offer 16 CPE with national speakers. This event is co-sponsored by UNO's College of Business - Department of Accounting. Hotel and registration is being worked on by the committee and will be available soon in an email from the committee and/or next newsletter. We hope to see you there! ☺