



Gulf Region Update



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Upcoming Dates

Monthly Meetings

- West Central MS – 3/10/15
- Jackson, MS – 3/18/15
- Montgomery, AL – 3/13/15
- Baton Rouge, LA – 3/19/15
- New Orleans, LA – 3/19/15
- Tallahassee, FL – 3/11/15

Upcoming Training

- Miami -
3/27/15

March is CGFM Month!!!!

Hello fellow AGA members! Did you know that March is CGFM month for AGA chapters across the nation? The CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. The certification consists of 3 separate examinations that cover Government Environment (Part 1), Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (Part 2), and Governmental Financial Management and Control (Part 3). AGA offers study guides for the examinations in a variety of formats from print to online to a bundle of BOTH print and online. **As of January 2015, the Gulf Region can brag that we have 249 CGFM's among our membership - approximately 22 percent of our membership!** While this number is great, it can always be better so encourage your fellow AGA members to work towards their certification. Better yet, start a study group among your members and keep each other accountable towards receiving the certification. And if you have received your CGFM already, congratulations on your achievement - enjoy "your" month! ☺

Highlight on Tallahassee

- Anniversary Date - March 24, 2001
- 259 members with 69 members holding the CGFM
- PDT was held in February 2015 with approximately 280 attendees
- Very active in community service, educational events, chapter meetings

National Awards and National Scholarships

Are you aware that AGA gives out several awards at the annual PDT in July??? Many of our chapters and members have been recognized in the past, however, there is always room for more recognition. Some of the national awards include: Educator Award, Chapter Education Award, Chapter Service Award, Community Service Award, Chapter CGFM Award, Emerging Leader Award of Excellence, and so forth. The deadline is March 30 and you can find out more information at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Awards-Recognition.aspx>. Also, you will find information on national scholarships for rising college freshmen, undergraduate and graduate for family members (or yourself) pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology and/or public administration. The deadline for college scholarship applications is April 17, 2015 and can be found in the same area as the National Awards for chapter members.

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. The committee has blocked some rooms at the Astor Hotel for \$151.00 per night. 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. The website for the hotel to make reservations is https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=13721383. We hope to see you there! ☺