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Welcome, valued AGA Philadelphia members!

Your leadership in advancing financial strategies and ensuring fiscal integrity makes you the foundation of our chapter's success. Thank you for being an essential part of a community where government financial management excellence grows and thrives.

Meet our New Chapter President, Kyle Smith! (PG. 2)



**Join AGA's Fraud Training!
(PG. 13)**

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Meet Our New Chapter President, Kyle Smith!

Dear Philadelphia AGA Members,

I'm excited to officially introduce myself to you as the new President of the AGA Philadelphia Chapter! It's an incredible honor to step into this role and serve alongside such a talented and passionate group of professionals.

As we look ahead, I'm energized by the opportunities we have to grow together as a chapter to share knowledge, build connections, and elevate the important work we do in government financial management. My vision is to create a space where every member feels heard, supported, and inspired to contribute their unique perspective.

This year, I'd love for us to focus on:

- Building **stronger networks** across our community
- Offering **engaging events and resources** for professional development
- **Supporting** and **mentoring** the next generation of leaders in our field

I invite you to share your ideas, hopes, and feedback with me. This chapter belongs to all of us, and your voice matters. Together, we can make the Philadelphia AGA Chapter a model of collaboration, innovation, and excellence.

Here's to an exciting year ahead! I can't wait to meet many of you at upcoming events and work side by side to achieve great things.

Warm regards,
Kyle Smith, MS
President | AGA Philadelphia Chapter
Operations Manager | Premier Group

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AGA Philadelphia Chapter: 2025 Board Members



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Join the AGA Philadelphia Chapter Leadership Board!

Are you an AGA Member eager to make a difference in your community? Here's your chance! The Philadelphia Chapter is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Leadership Board. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a college student seeking valuable internship experience, we welcome you to be part of our dynamic team.

Why Join Us?

- **Community Involvement:** Make a meaningful impact in Baton Rouge and beyond.
- **Professional Development:** Enhance your skills and network with industry professionals.
- **Retired Members:** Stay active, share your expertise, and continue making a difference.



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What is a CGFM?

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) credential, awarded by AGA, showcases expertise in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting across different government levels.

It's a respected certification that highlights specialized knowledge and experience essential for effective government financial management. CGFM opens doors to new career prospects and sets you apart as a distinguished professional in the field.

CGFM Certification Benefits:

1. Enhanced marketability across government sectors.
2. Networking opportunities with fellow government financial managers.
3. Boosted confidence in your role.
4. Potential for employer incentives like raises, promotions, and bonuses.
5. Increased value as an employee, both in reality and perception.
6. Support for ongoing education to stay updated with the latest developments and technologies.

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How Do I Become a CGFM?

1. Fill out an online application and agree to AGA's Code of Ethics.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
3. Pass three CGFM examinations.
4. Gain at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.



For any additional questions,
please contact the Office of
Professional Certification:
800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931) or
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Don't Forget: Join or Renew Your AGA Membership!



Benefits:

- **Connect, Collaborate, & Network:**
 - Expand your network, participate in our online mentoring program!
 - Volunteer to serve on AGA committees and boards,
 - Find a position or look for qualified candidates on AGA's Job Board
 - Join the conversation on LinkedIn, Twitter & Facebook.
- **Continuous Learning:**
 - Participate in educational events — learn from and meet the experts.
 - Save money with registration discounts on national and chapter training events.
 - Sign up for four (4) complimentary members-only webinars.
 - Attend the Transformation & Technology Summit for FREE!
 - Attend the Women's Forum for FREE!
 - Leverage discounts on CGFM renewal and application fees.
- **Stay Informed & Find Solutions:**
 - Access online tools, developed by government experts to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.
 - Stay up to date through the quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management.
 - Learn about and share best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
 - Get the latest innovations in government by tuning into AGA's Accountability Talks podcasts.



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Student Membership Opportunities



Why AGA?

Considering a career in government financial management? Want to meet government professionals in the federal, state, or local government levels?

Join AGA for FREE! Student membership in AGA provides you access to resources to develop your skills and expand your knowledge. Become a part of AGA to build professional connections and discover your future career while positively impacting your community and country.

**APPLY
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Scholarships

Academic scholarships, National Collegiate Leadership Scholarship, Government Finance Case Challenge, Datathon



Career Coaching & Professional Community

Mentoring Programs & Local Chapters



Tools & Resources

'Accountability Talks' Podcast & Guest Speakers



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Discover '**Accountability Talks**,' a podcast delving into the government accountability community. Hear from thought leaders, gain career insights, and join our vibrant community!
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About the Host



Meet **Paul Marshall, CPA, CGFM, CIA, CICA, PMP, VP at MIL Corporation and dedicated AGA member with 20+ years in government accountability.** He champions best practices in audits, financial reporting, and more, serving on AGA boards at local and national levels.

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Upcoming Webinars & Events

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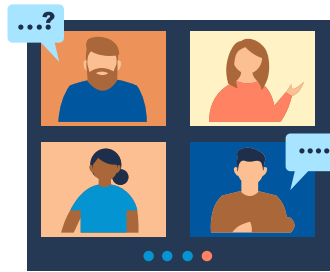
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VIRTUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



Join us on Zoom for our virtual membership meetings to discuss the future of financial management and beyond! Let's connect, collaborate, and propel our profession forward together. Don't miss out! Mark your calendars and join the Zoom meeting for insightful discussions and networking opportunities. Links to meetings will be shared as the dates approach. See you there!

**TBD - Stay Tuned for Emails
from Us!**

**If you have any questions, please contact our Chapter
President, Kyle Smith at kyles@pgs-cpa.com**

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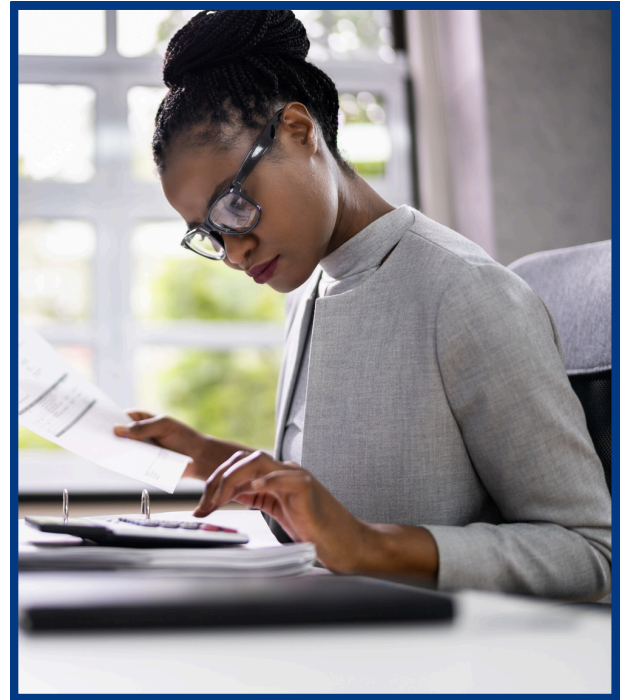
National Events

CGFM Virtual Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

**September 2-5, 2025,
10:30 AM EDT - 3:30 PM EDT**

This comprehensive training, offered online, is designed to deepen participants' understanding of governmental accounting principles, financial reporting standards, and budgeting processes. Login instructions will be sent to registered attendees five days prior to the start of the course. **The registration deadline is August 27, 2025**, which is also the final date to cancel for a refund (minus a \$25 processing fee). The course fee is \$725.

[Click Here to Register!](#)



Budget Execution in the Federal Government

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025,
11:00 AM EDT - 3:00 PM EDT**

This training provides an introduction to the federal budget execution process, covering how appropriation laws allocate resources, how agencies create and manage budget execution plans, and how progress is tracked and reported throughout the fiscal year. Participants will also learn about internal and external reporting requirements. The course fee is \$160, and the **last day to register is September 8, 2025**. Registered attendees will receive Zoom access details in a separate email.

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National Events

CGFM Virtual Course 1: Governmental Environment

**Saturday, September 13, 2025,
8:30 AM EDT - 4:30 PM EDT**

This course offers an in-depth look at the unique aspects of the governmental environment, providing foundational knowledge essential for understanding government structure, legal frameworks, and accountability processes. Login instructions will be emailed to registered participants five days before the course begins. The **registration deadline is September 6, 2025**, which is also the last day to cancel for a refund (minus a \$25 processing fee). The course fee is \$325.

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Communications Webinar

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025,
2:00 PM EDT - 3:00 PM EDT
2 CPEs**

Designed at the Overview level, this session requires no prerequisites or advance preparation. The webinar will feature Shawn M. Watson, CGFM, MBA (pending agency approval), Director of IT Modernization and Innovation at the General Services Administration, and will be moderated by Karen Brown, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, Project Manager at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Registration is available exclusively online and secured by GeoTrust, Inc. Early bird group pricing and cancellation deadlines apply.

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National Events

2025 Internal Control & FRAUD Prevention Training

Join accountability professionals from across the country at AGA's 2025 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training, taking place **September 24–25 in Washington, DC**. This premier event focuses on strengthening internal controls and reducing the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs.

Attendees can earn up to 14 NASBA-approved CPE credits. Sessions will cover timely topics such as fraud detection, data analytics, improper payments, and risks with government payment cards.

Visit nasbaregistry.org for more on CPE eligibility, and register online to secure your spot. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from top experts and enhance your fraud prevention strategies!

Featured Speakers:



Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope
Author, Education
Innovator & Forensic
Accounting Expert



Gerard Braud
Crisis Communications
Expert

Registration & Pricing

**Early Bird Deadline:
August 29, 2025**

	Online Registration	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$575	\$600
Standard	\$675	\$700
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$750	\$775
Standard	\$850	\$875

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Future Professional Development Trainings (PDT)

Save the Date for AGA's future Professional Development Training (PDT) events!



Dallas, Texas

July 26–29, 2026

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Chicago, Illinois

July 18–21, 2027

Hyatt Regency Chicago

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