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2015 AGA Chapter Newsletter Competition

The Bottom Line

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Apr 12, 2017

with Dr. Senteney

on "Accounting Profession: Trends, Challenges and Potentials"

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MARCH LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Mar 8, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor)

222 W. Hospitality Lane,

San Bernardino

APRIL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Apr 12, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor)

222 W. Hospitality Lane,

San Bernardino

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About The Bottom Line:

AGA Inland Empire Chapter's monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, covers member and AGA activities at both the Chapter and National levels. *The Bottom Line* features Chapter news, developments within the profession and articles of interest to members. Opinions and beliefs expressed in *The Bottom Line* are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the AGA.

We welcome and encourage members to send us original or reproduced articles that may be of interest to our members for publication in our newsletter. Articles are due by the end of the second week of each month.

Editorial contributions, ideas, or suggestions should be sent to the Newsletter Chair at events@aga-ie.org.

President's Message

Greetings AGA Inland Empire Chapter family,

The spring is here. It is blooming in the gardens around us. Your AGA chapter is also blooming with the last few opportunities of learning and networking during this program year.

The March meeting was on Wednesday March 8th, 2017, and the speaker was Paul Angulo, Auditor-Controller of the Riverside County. Paul talked about "Leader as Strategist". His unique presentation style, along with his professional experience and knowledge made the PDM another successful event and left a great impression on the attendees.

Also in commemorating the month of March as the CGFM month, your chapter conducted a special free luncheon meeting for all members on Wednesday March 22nd, 2017. The speakers were Larry Walker and Paul Chapman. Both speakers talked about their experiences in getting the CGFM certification. They empowered the attendees to seek the certification.

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday April 12th, 2017. The topic will be "The Accounting Profession" and the speaker will be Dr. Dave Senteney and Dr. Taewon Yang from California State University San Bernardino.

Alongside with the CGFM event, we would like to remind you about the list of perks currently available to you to seek this certification: (1) AGA National is offering 50% discount on the application fees to be expired Friday March 31. (2) New studies guides were purchased by your chapter and are available for you to borrow and use to prepare for the exam. (3) Your chapter is offering \$500 scholarship to go toward the cost of the certification.

The charity of this month hosted by your chapter is for the benefit of the Animal Humane Society. We are collecting animal items such as toys, food, beds and others. To participate please contact Shay Younger, your AGA chapter representative.

As always we are asking for your feedback on topics, speakers, venues, food, and anything else you think it will help us to make the rest of the meetings a success.

See you all at the upcoming meeting on Wednesday April 12th, 2017.



Thank you,

Ali Chemkhi, MBA, CPA

President, AGA Inland Empire

NOW ACCEPTING

2017 - 2018 Chair Members Nominations

If you would like additional information or would like to nominate someone for the following positions please contact Ali.Chemkhi@atc.sbcounty.gov

The following are open Chapter Officer positions:

Board Positions

-President-Elect -President -Secretary -Treasurer

Chapter Chair Positions

-Accountability -Auditor -CGFM Coordinator
 -Community Services -Early Careers -Employment
 -Education -Historian -Hospitality
 -Membership -Newsletter -Research
 -Scholarship/Awards -Webmaster

Annual Training Calendar

Date	Location	Subject	Speaker/Agency
Sep. 14	Hall of Records San Bernardino	County Procurement: The Art of the Process	Laurie Rozko, San Bernardino County
Oct. 12	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Data Transparency	Doug Glenn, AGA National President
Nov. 9	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Fraud and GASB updates COSO-Lunch	Charles Hester -Seminar Mark Cousineau -Lunch
Dec. 14	Hall of Records San Bernardino	The CFO of the Government	Gary McBride, San Bernardino County
Jan. 11	Auditor Controller San Bernardino	2016 Tax Updates	Frank Zabaleta, Eadie and Payne LLP
Feb. 8	Auditor Controller San Bernardino	Revenues Recognition and Lease Accounting and Internal Control: Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Audits The State of The County Treasury -Lunch	Mark Dauberman -Seminar John Johnson -Lunch
Mar 8	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Leader as Strategist	Paul Angulo, Riverside County
Apr 12	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Accounting Profession: Trends, Challenges and Potentials	Dr. Senteney
May 10	Auditor Controller San Bernardino	Ethics and Regulatory Review -Seminar State of the System: SAP Implementation Updates -Lunch	Charles Hester -Seminar Oscar Valdez -Lunch

Chapter Officers:

President

Ali Chemkhi, MBA, CPA
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Auditor

Position Open

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Hospitality Chair

Linda Tanner
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Historian

Evelyn J. Bobbitt
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Education Chair

Tobi Babalola
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Chapter Officers:

Community Services Chair

Open position

Scholarship and Awards Chair

Diana Atkeson

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Employment Chair

Rhonda Neill

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Newsletter Chair

Linda Tanner

Linda.Tanner@hss.sbcounty.gov



Renew Now!

Don't miss a moment of the benefits of AGA membership: trainings, publications, and more...

AGA Regional Representatives:

West Coast Vice President

Al Quint

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Alexander R. Guiang

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Internet Resources

**VISIT OUR NEW
CHAPTER
WEBSITE!!**

<http://www.agacgfm.org/InlandEmpire>

National Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

Also, look under "Government Financial Management Resources" on the Internet. This section has links to most of the accounting organizations, standards setting bodies and federal agencies.

Also check out these websites:

<http://www.gfoa.org/>

<http://www.specialdistrictcareers.com>

<http://www.govexec.com/>

<http://www.accountingweb.com/>

<http://www.csac.counties.org/>

<http://www.governing.com>

AGA offers FREE, online ToolKits and guides to help financial professionals working at all levels of government do their jobs better.

-Fraud Prevention, Risk Assessment, etc...



Nominate the next Member of the Month

If you would like to nominate someone for Member of the Month, please complete the form on page 13.

Share the good news! If you or someone in your office has reached a career milestone, completed training or received certification, earned a promotion, or accomplished a personal goal, please forward the information to events@aga-ie.org to be posted in *The Bottom Line*.

The Bottom Line

Professional Development Meeting

From Linda Tanner

APRIL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor) 222 W Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino

(Directions on page 11)

Accounting Profession: Trends, Challenges and Potentials

Speaker:	Dr. David Senteney, Associate Professor, California State University San Bernardino	
Cost:	\$25.00 Members \$30.00 Non-Members \$10.00 Student Members \$14.00 Student Non-Members	
Reservations:	call (909) 383-9658 or email Linda.Tanner@hss.sbcounty.gov	
Deadline:	Monday, April 10, 2017, 5:00 pm	
Menu:	Chef's Choice	

IMPORTANT:

Please remember if a reservation is made but unattended, then the attendee is responsible for payment. (But if you let me know before the meeting that you will be unable to attend, I might be able to sell your ticket to someone who requests a reservation after the deadline.)

SORRY - NO REFUNDS FOR LUNCH CANCELLATIONS

About Our Speaker

Dr. Senteney holds B.S., MAS, and Ph.D. degrees in Accountancy and is a Certified Public Accountant. Professor Senteney has specialized in Financial Accounting and Reporting by business entities for over 20 years as an academic accountant. He is a prolific scholarly author on financial statement analysis and equity valuation as well as economic aspects of FASB and IASB financial accounting standards. Dr. Senteney is an active member of a number of professional and academic Accounting, Financial, and Statistical associations.

Dr. Taewon Yang (*Co-Speaker*) earned his MBA at the Ohio State University and Ph.D at the University of Massachusetts. Since joined CSUSB in 2002, he taught Case Studies and Corporate Finance courses. He published several articles about Risk Arbitrage, Collar Mergers, Governance, etc.

Let us know what you think!!

Share your thoughts with us at our Facebook page:
Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire Chapter

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-of-Government-Accountants-Inland-Empire-Chapter/242852859088346>.



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APPLICATION FOR THE RICHARD CURTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant must be pursuing a degree in accounting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, or any other related field.
2. Applicant must display outstanding academic achievement. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.
3. Applicant must be involved in his/her community.
4. Applicant must submit a copy of the most recent grade report or transcript.
5. Applicant must submit 2 professional letters of recommendation from a business, school or community service organization representative.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: (____) _____ – _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGA Member? Yes: __ No: __ Family relationship to member? Yes: __ No: __

Give member name and relationship: _____

School/University: _____

Current GPA: _____ Major: _____

Please attach to this application an essay that includes all of the following information:

- Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?
- Describe your academic achievements
- Describe your extracurricular activities, if any
- Describe your academic goals
- Describe your career goals

Please return applications by **May 1, 2017** to the following address:

AGA - Inland Empire Chapter
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 692
San Bernardino, CA 92402-692

**The scholarship will be presented at our professional
development luncheon meeting on May 10, 2017.**

Disclaimer: The scholarship committee of this AGA chapter reserves the right to select the best qualified candidates for this scholarship. All decisions of the scholarship committee are final. Previous winners are ineligible to apply.



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APPLICATION FOR THE CGFM SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant must be pursuing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification.
2. Applicant must be employed by the government sector.
3. Applicant must be involved in his/her community.
4. Applicant must submit a copy of the most recent CGFM exam purchase or CGFM study guide receipts.
5. Applicant must submit a resume and 2 letters of recommendation from either an employer or community service organization.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGA Member? Yes:___ No:___ Family relationship to member? Yes:___ No:___

Give member name and relationship: _____

Please attach to this application an essay that includes all of the following information:

Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?

Describe your career/academic achievements

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Describe your career goals

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Employment Opportunities

From Rhonda Neill

Agency: City of Riverside
Job Title: Senior Management Analyst
Closing Date: Open until filled
Salary: \$65,880 to \$88,284 annually
Website: www.riversideca.gov



Agency: San Bernardino Superior Court
Job Title: Administrative Analyst
Closing Date: Mar 10, 2017
Salary: \$66,639 to \$85,134 annually
Website: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sanbernardinocourts/default.cfm>

Agency: City of San Bernardino
Job Title: Accounting Division Manager
Closing Date: Mar 13, 2017
Salary: \$8,675 to \$10,544 monthly
Website: www.sbcity.org/jobs

Find more government jobs at
www.governmentjobs.com

Agency: Western Municipal Water District
Job Title: Water Resource Analyst
Salary: \$72,314 to \$99,426 annually
Closing Date: March 17, 2017
Website: www.wmwd.com

Agency: County of San Bernardino
Job Title/ Salary: Administrative Supervisor / \$59,758 to \$82,305 annually (closes 3/10/17)
Accountant III / \$54,246.40 - \$74,547.20 annually
Finance Analyst / \$79,788 \$109,928 annually
Principal Administrative Analyst / \$88,025 to \$121,409 annually
Internal Review Accountant II, III and IV / \$46,820.80 - \$84,260.80 annually
Staff Analyst II / \$4,430.40 to \$6,090.93 monthly
Systems Accountant II / \$59,758.40 - \$82,305.60 annually
Closing Date: Until Filled
Website: www.sbcounty.gov/hr

Agency: City of Upland
Job Title: Budget Clerk
Closing Date: Mar 17, 2017
Salary: \$2,349 to \$3,160 monthly
Website: <http://ci.upland.ca.us>

Agency: City of Redlands
Job Title: Principal Accountant (Temporary)
Closing Date: Open until Filled
Salary: \$76,959 to \$93,545 annually
Website: <http://cityofredlands.org>



National and Regional AGA News

How is AGA governed?

A national network of dedicated and passionate volunteers is responsible, and they gain personal and professional benefits along the way. [Learn more in AGA Governance 101](#)

It's a great time to apply for CGFM!

Through March 31, the CGFM application fee is only \$35 for members. [Learn More](#)

Academic scholarships available for graduate, undergraduate study

Are you or a family member pursuing a degree in a financial management discipline? Apply for AGA scholarships by April 14. [Learn More](#)

50 — and counting!

Take a look at the states, cities and counties that officially declared March CGFM Month! [Learn More](#)

AGA & Industry News

[An agency guide for ERM implementation](#) George Jackson, *Government Matters* | March 07, 2017

[How CXOs can close the value-proposition gap](#) Jason Miller, *Federal News Radio* | February 21, 2017

GSA seeks input on entity identification and validation services

The General Services Administration has released a [request for information](#) for government-wide entity identification and validation services. [Learn More](#)

AGA Calendar:

CFO/CIO Summit

May 4, 2017

Washington, D.C.

Federal Financial Systems Summit

Jan. 13, 2017

Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Training

Feb. 15-16, 2017

Washington, D.C.

Professional Development Training

July 9 - 12, 2017

Boston, MA

July 22 - 25, 2018

Orlando, FL



Are you prepared for AGA's CGFM Exams?

The CGFM Training Series

Consists of three courses, offered throughout the U.S.

- ★ Develop a broad base of knowledge in government auditing, accounting, financial management and budgeting
- ★ Get up-to-date information on the latest policies and procedures
- ★ Discover how to work more effectively in government environments and on related projects



Upcoming Audio/ Web Conferences 2016-2017

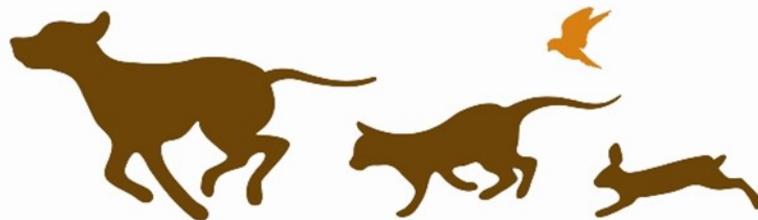
Mar 8 Uniform Guidance

Mar 29 CFO/CIO Collaboration.

Apr 12 Pardon me, but are my ethics showing?

Apr 26 Maximizing Existing Funds

The audio/web conferences are held on
Wed 2–3:50 p.m. ET



animal humane society

YOUR LOCAL AGA CHAPTER IS HOSTING AN ANIMAL TOYS AND SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE!

This Easter spread love and kindness by **donating animal items** such as toys, food, beds, and other items displayed on the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley's website **wish list**, to your local AGA representative.

Animal Humane Society is a non-profit organization which promotes respect for animal life, fosters positive animal-human bonds and works to eliminate animal homelessness and abuse.

If you have any questions please contact Sakura Younger at: Sakura.Younger@atc.sbcounty.gov or (909) 382-3109



Volunteer and Community Services

Members interested in helping the community are encouraged to participate in a community event of their choice and provide information to the chapter for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please donate whole blood, plasma, or platelets. It's the gift of life!

Our chapter has an ongoing blood drive with the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for the community blood plan. Please write "GCAG" in the donor group. If you have questions, donor centers are located in San Bernardino (909-885-6503), Riverside (951-687-2530), Ontario (909-987-3158), and High Desert (760-949-6344), Upland (909)920-0625.

Nominate the next Outstanding Contribution to Government Accounting Award

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete the form on page 14.

AGA Inland Empire Chapter's

First Annual Article Writing Contest

This contest is open to all AGA members and their families.

Grand Prize: \$250

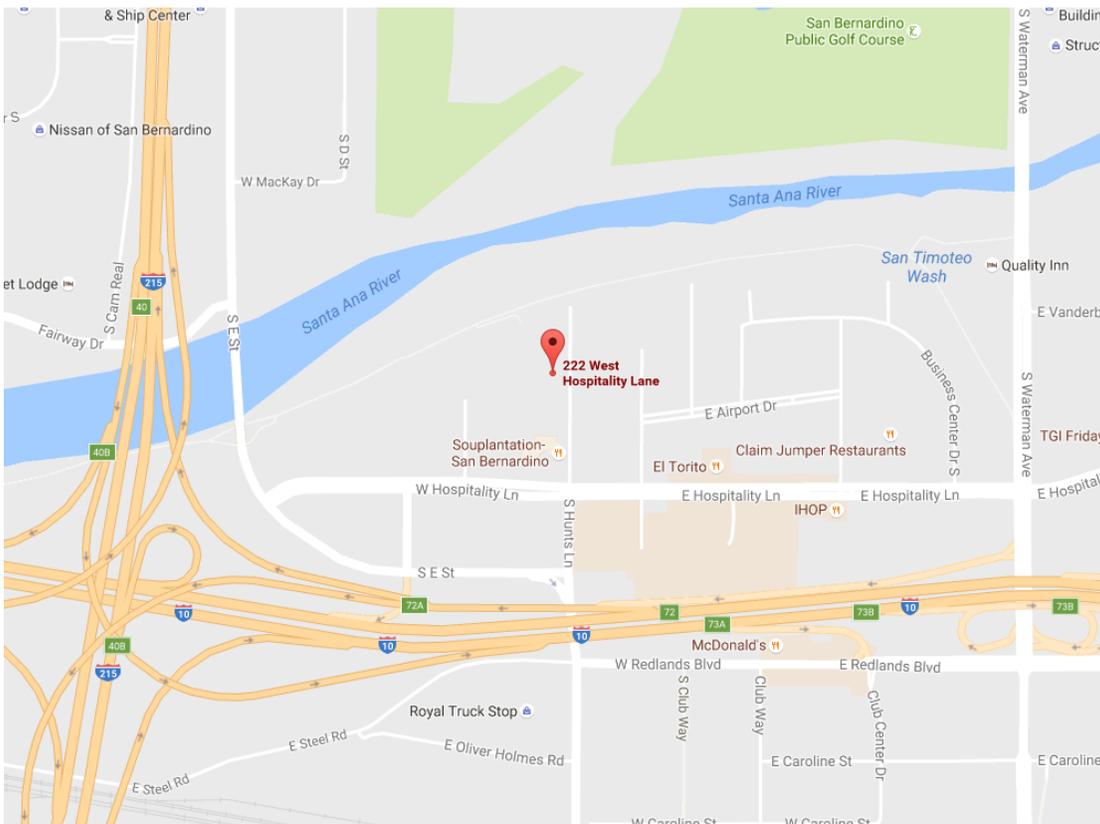
Second Prize: \$100

Third Prize: \$50

Deadline for Submission: Friday, April 7, 2017

Results and Prizes Awarded: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

See page 12 for details



Professional Development Meeting

Hall of Records
222 W. Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA

From the I-215 FWY,
East on I-10, North on
S. Waterman Ave,
West on Hospitality
Lane, and on west
side of street

ARTICLE WRITING CONTEST

Guidelines

Contest Rules:

1. Contestant must be an active member of AGA, or the dependent of an active member.
2. Submissions must be a minimum of 1,500 words. There is no maximum word limit.
3. Submissions must be new original work that has not been previously published (this includes articles published in your school newspaper, on other websites or blogs, or even as part of your graduate thesis). Any references made within the work to other studies or publications must be credited and noted. However, submissions will not be considered and may be removed if they are primarily a collection of links to other articles.
4. **All submissions must be received by mail no later than Friday, April 7, 2017.**
5. Contestant may submit no more than one article to the competition.
6. Topics must be about the Governmental Accounting discipline. Topic examples include, but are not limited to:
 - * New GASB pronouncement and its impact on local government reporting and operation.
 - * Technology innovation and its role in Government reporting transparency.
 - * Current issues and trends in Governmental Accounting arena.
 - * Internal control
 - * Fraud
 - * Ethics
7. Submissions will be reviewed and graded by three judges. A total of three winners will be selected. In addition to the prizes, winning contestants will also be published in the AGA Inland Empire newsletter.
8. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded during the AGA meeting on May 10, 2017.

Submission Instructions:

1. Submissions must be printed on 8 ½ by 11 paper, double spaced, font Arial 12.
2. Submissions must have a title.
3. Works cited must be included at the end of the submission. MLA format is to be used.
4. A cover sheet listing the submitter's name and AGA association (member/dependent of a member) is required. AGA member number must also be included. Contestant's name should not be written on the submission papers.
5. Mail your submission along with your cover sheet to AGA Inland Empire, Article Writing Contest, P.O. Box 692, San Bernardino CA 92402-0692.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

DATE: _____

TO: AGA CEC

NOMINATOR: _____

Nomination Month: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____ Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Reason (s) for Nomination:

Nomination Criteria: In order for Chapter members to be considered for the Member of the Month award, they should meet criteria #1 in addition to either criteria #2 or #3:

1. Attendance of Chapter meetings: Attended more than half of the AGA Chapter meetings for previous year.
2. Contribution(s): Made recent contribution(s) to the Accounting field and/or AGA Chapter, including:
 - a. Participated in mentoring others
 - b. Participated in AGA presentations
 - c. Published on Accounting articles/newsletters or websites
 - d. Provided significant assistance to the Chapter with the Scholarship Fundraiser etc.
 - e. Contributed to Society (volunteer work, mentoring in general, and serving on board of directors and/or committees of not-for-profit organizations).
3. Accomplishment(s): Had recent accomplishment(s), including :
 - a. Passed CPA or CGFM or any other related professional exam
 - b. Completed graduate school
 - c. Promoted

**NOMINATION FORM:
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING**

Date: _____

To: AGA CEC, PO Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692 or e-mail events@aga-ie.org.

Nominator: _____

Contact Info: _____ (email address)

_____ (phone - optional)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:
