



# AGA St. Louis

September 2018

## Upcoming Events

September Luncheon – September 13, 2018

November Luncheon – Date TBD

Fall Community Service Activity – Date and Activity TBD

## What is CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

For more information please consult St. Louis Chapter CGFM Coordinator Diana Peters!



## *President's Message*

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The 2017-2018 AGA Saint Louis Chapter completed the mission and goals of membership growth, philanthropy, and chapter communication. The Chapter is grateful for the leadership and guidance of the 2017-2018 Chapter President, Demetric Williams. Demetric exemplified the vary leadership qualities and desires which every AGA member should strive to achieve. As the 2018-2019 President, I look forward to holding our Chapter values in the highest of regards. I plan to expand our chapters membership while keeping close communications with our current members. I plan to further reach out to the public, private, and governmental sectors so we can become a well-rounded Chapter. I believe our values will not only strengthen our Chapter but will better our community as a whole. I thank you all for your valued membership and look forward to serving this year's Chapter to the best of my abilities.

- Tony Malle, Chapter President

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

RYAN LOEWE



Ryan Loewe has a Bachelors in Accounting from Columbia College and holds a Certification in Government Financial Management (CGFM) with the AGA. He has been an active member of AGA since 2014 and served as President of the St. Louis Chapter from 2015-2016. Ryan began his federal government career in 2009 as an accountant with the National Financial and Accounting Operations Center, Rural Development Business Center where he is now a Team Lead in the Credit Reform Branch. The Credit Reform Branch provides the data that is used to calculate Subsidy and Reestimate rates.

### CGFM Study Tip of the Month

When studying, for the end of chapter/section questions, don't just identify the correct answer; ask yourself why the other answers are incorrect

#### **Get to Know You: Eliza Payne, Program Director**

**Hello everyone, my name is Eliza Payne. I am currently an accountant in the Housing Services Branch under Germaine Jones. I am also a student at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, pursuing my Master's in Business Administration as well as Information Systems with a Business Intelligence Certificate**

It's not too late to join a committee!

The AGA Committees are always looking for new members. Contact Tony, Toni, or a Committee Director for more information!