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April Training Information

Register
Online

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

11:30am - 3:15 pm

Matthews 1600

1600 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD
21228

1 CPE

Topic:

Achieving Excellence in Challenging Times

Speaker: Beverly White-Seals, Community Foundation of Howard County

**Cost \$10 Members
\$20 Non-Members**

Reservations: www.agabaltimore.org

****Sorry—No Refunds for Cancellations****

Menu

- Tossed Garden Salad
- Vegetable Medley
- Chicken Marsala
- Beef Russell
- Crab Alfredo
- Dessert Sampler

April Speaker



Beverly White-Seals is a dynamic leader with a lengthy track record of collaboration with non-profit organizations in the State of Maryland. Ms. White-Seals is recognized for implementing diversity and inclusion best practices, community outreach, and promotion of philanthropy. Her strengths include a passion for community service, exceptional team building, strategic thinking, infectious enthusiasm, public speaking and writing skills.



February Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2016 **Time:** 2:00-3:00 **Location:** Social Security Administration

Call to Order

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Budget Review

\$750 was given to the speaker for January meeting for doing an extra session



Committee Updates

Accountability – No updates

Activities – Reporting chapter points to national at the end of March.

Awards – Working on February applications for scholarships

By-Laws & Procedures – Revised By-Laws need to be approved before 12/31/15.

CGFM – Submitted request for CGFM Month to Baltimore City.

Education and Programs – Speakers are chosen for February and March meetings, still need to finalize speakers for April meeting and the Ethics and Fraud Training.

Meetings – We have 10 people currently registered for February meeting, not including SSA or Baltimore City; Novelty items and other stationary to be ordered and handed out during early career focused events.

Membership—Invitations to early careers members to be sent out for AGA meetings/event; Reached out to University of Baltimore Accounting Department to organize March 24, 2016 “Networking Hour” between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

New Business—Jamila Webb is preparing to take over as Chapter President. President Kelly Stankus is working on a Directors Luncheon in June (picnic).

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker	CPE'S	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
4/20/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<u>Awards Meeting</u> Topic: Achieving Excellence in Challenging Times Speaker: Beverly White -Seals, Community Foundation of Howard County	1	\$10	\$20
5/18/16 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Maritime Institute	<u>All Day Ethics and Fraud Training</u> Speaker: Gary Bauer Topic - Ethics Speaker - John Homan, National President of AGA Topic - Issues & Challenges in Government Accountability Speaker - John Grasso, SSA, OIG Topic - SSA's Operation Recoil Case Speaker - Jesse Morton, KPMG Topic - Federal Government Related Fraud Issues: Prevention and Detection	4 1 1 2	\$160	\$200

Please send us any topics or speakers that you would like to see for the coming year.

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Community Events



Join the AGA Baltimore Chapter in Raising Money for ALS

Dear Friends and Family,

We will be participating in the Packard Center's 10th Annual Fiesta 5K & Fun Run on May 7, 2016. To make a difference, we need people like you on our team to help raise funds for The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research. The money we raise will go to The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins. The Center is working hard every day to unlock the mysteries of this disease by understanding the causes of ALS, investigating effective treatments for it, and finding a cure. The Center needs your help and we would truly appreciate your support. Please do anything you can to participate by joining our team, registering as an individual, or making a donation on our behalf.

Thank you very much for working with us on this important project. Your support really means a lot to us. See you at the Packard Center's Fiesta 5K and Fun Run!

Lori Lee is our AGA Baltimore Team Captain for the Fiesta 5K. If you are interested in participating or wish to make a donation and have questions, please contact [Susan DeLabio](#)

Race Information:

http://support.alscenter.org/site/TR/Runs/General?pg=informational&fr_id=1281&type=fr_informational&sid=1091

Donate:

http://support.alscenter.org/site/TR/Runs/General?fr_id=1281&pg=pfind

Join Our Team: https://secure2.convio.net/rpc/site/TRR/Runs/General?fr_id=1281&pg=tfind

Community Events

The Baltimore Chapter Participated in the CMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!!



Baltimore City Designated March as CGFM Month!!

Proclamation

By

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

DESIGNATING MARCH 2016

AS

**“CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT
FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH”**

IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the U.S. and around the world; the Baltimore Chapter consists of approximately 240 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in several pertinent areas; they are also required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Chapter's members have responded to AGA's mission of advancing government accountability by continuing their broad educational efforts with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character as stated in the Code of Ethics.

THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as “CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH” in Baltimore, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set the
Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this first
day of March, two thousand sixteen.**

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Mayor





ANNUAL ETHICS AND FRAUD TRAINING

8 CPEs (including 4 for Ethics)

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Registration 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Presentations 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Maritime Institute of Technology

692 Maritime Blvd.

Building #3 Auditorium

Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1952

FEATURED SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Chris Bauer, Chris Bauer Ethics

(Ethics)

John Grasso, SSA, OIG, Office of Investigations

(SSA's Operation Recoil Case)

John Homan, National President of AGA

(Issues & Challenges in Government Accountability)

Jesse Mortin, KPMG

(Federal Government Related Fraud Issues: Prevention and Detection)

PRICING

Price includes lunch buffet, continental breakfast, and two snack breaks

AGA Members*: \$130 if paid by April 22, 2016 \$160 after April 22th

* IIA – CFE – ISACA – ASMC Members receive the member rates.

Non-Members: \$160 if paid by April 22, 2016 \$200 after April 22th

REGISTRATION

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted at the door but need to send an e-mail to agabaltwebmaster@yahoo.com (State name of attendee/member or non-member/employer).

You may also pay using a credit card at <http://agabaltimore.org/cpe-events/>

AGA WEB CONFERENCES

Looking for a way to stretch your training budget? AGA Webinars make earning CPE hours easy and affordable for groups and individuals. Webinars feature experts on a variety of relevant and timely topics. Further, the last 20 minutes of each program is devoted to call-in questions, which provides interaction between the listeners and speakers.

The webinars are held on Wednesdays from 2–3:50 p.m. ET.

AGA also offers free members-only webinars on a wide range of topics. The free webinars are held from 2-3:50 p.m. and offer 2 CPE.

April 13th– DATA Act

Information coming soon....

AGA NATIONAL 2015-2016 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

April 27	Fraud Prevention
May 11	Ethics
June 1	Government Financial Management



Member Spotlight: Marian E. Robinson, CPA

1. What do you do, and how long have you been doing it?

I'm a Lead Auditor with the Baltimore City Department of Audits. I attend Baltimore City Community College's (BCCC) Accounting Advisory Board Meetings for the Baltimore City Comptroller, Honorable Joan M. Pratt, CPA, as a representative from the City's Comptroller's Office and as a BCCC alumnus (former honors student, scholar athlete, student governance board member, and work-study student). I have more than eight (8) years of successful auditor/accountant experience working in the governmental, educational, financial, and private CPA firms industries.

2. What was your first job?

At age 15, my first job was as a Youth Summer Camp Counselor for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) through the City's summer YouthWorks program.

3. Where did you complete your formal education?

I completed my formal education at Baltimore City Community College (BCCC), earning three (3) Associates degrees of Applied Science, majoring in Accounting, Business Management, and Business Marketing. I also graduated from the University of Baltimore (UB), earning a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Accounting.

4. How long have you been a member of AGA and why did you join?

In May 2015 I became a member of AGA because I wanted to be associated with a professional organization that could provide opportunities for me to build my professional skills and advance my career through training, access to resources and association with the CGFM certification I'm seeking to obtain.

5. What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?

My favorite perk of AGA membership is AGA's CGFM Exam Incentives that offered current AGA National Chapter members, who completed the CGFM application requirements in April or May 2015, a CGFM exam voucher to take the Government Environment exam by November 30, 2015 for free. To compliment this offer, the AGA Baltimore Chapter offered its members reimbursement for one CGFM exam if they pass all three exams. I took advantage of this great opportunity and recently passed the CGFM Government Environment exam.



6. What is something most people do not know about you?

I have very creative and artistic abilities. I enjoy photography, art/drawing, and decorating with great attention to details. Assisting my kids on their school projects, planning holidays/parties, making lesson boards and activities for my church's

children's ministry and capturing special moments on camera/video to share with others bring me joy.

7. If you did not have to work any longer but still received your current income, what would you do with your time?

I would spend quality time with my family, which includes traveling internationally, going on cruises, staying at a luxurious waterfront hotel, going to Disneyland while staying at the Disneyland Hotel, serving on church ministries, and going to professional sporting events.

8. What is your favorite travel destination and why?

I enjoyed traveling to Chesapeake Beach where I was able to spend quality time for several days eating good food, exploring the beach, playing tennis and much more. I dream of being able to travel more and farther.

9. What is the quality you most admire in others and why?

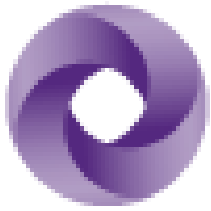
The quality I most admire in others is honesty because it establishes trust, creates value, eases one's mind (provides comfort) and plays a vital role in the accounting/auditing profession.



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