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## *Upcoming Events*

### **January Training**

January 20, 2016  
Matthews 1600

### **February Training**

February 17, 2016  
Matthews 1600

## AGA Baltimore Wishes You a Happy New Year!

# 2016





## *President's Message*

Dear Members –

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we begin a new year, I just want to take a moment to thank everyone for your continued support of our chapter. We have had a lot of exciting things happening to wrap up 2015 and I hope to keep the momentum going into 2016. We have several educational programs lined up for 2016 including our all day fraud training in May which will include a presentation from the National President. 2015 has shown increased participation in our monthly training events and I hope participation continues to rise. We strive to provide relevant topics and speakers that will help our membership advance in their career paths.

Our chapter is also working on setting up some study groups for the CGFM. If any member is planning to take the exam in 2016 and would like to be a part of a study group please reach out to our CGFM chair, Kristen Schnatterly.

Be on the lookout for announcements for membership events including happy hours and community service events. Our chapter continues to plan various events to allow for great networking opportunities for our members. I am looking forward to a very successful second half to our program year. I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Kelly*

AGA Baltimore Chapter President 2015-2016





# Staying Connected with AGA



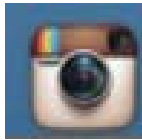
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# January Training Information

Register  
Online

Wednesday, January 20, 2015

11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Matthews 1600

1600 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228

3 CPEs

## *Joint Meeting with ASMC:*

**Cyber Awareness**

**Srgt. First Class Desmond M Burgess**

**Effective Writing**

**Jennifer Elder, The Sustainable CFO**

**Cost \$35 Members  
\$65 Non-Members**

**Reservations: [www.agabaltimore.org](http://www.agabaltimore.org)**

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

### Menu

- ♦ Lasagna
- ♦ Chicken Marsala
- ♦ Seafood Annapolis
- ♦ Garden Salad
- ♦ Hot Vegetable Du Jour
- ♦ Warm Rolls

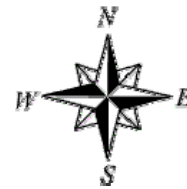
## Directions to Matthews 1600

### **From I-95**

Take exit number 47B toward Catonsville/UMBC  
Merge right onto MD-166 Rolling Road  
Proceed to dead-end and take left onto Frederick Road  
Located on right hand side of road.

### **From I-695**

Take exit #13 Frederick Road west (MD 144) towards  
Catonsville. Proceed thru Catonsville past public library and  
thru Rolling Road (MD 166) intersection traffic light. Located  
on right had side of the road.



# January Speakers



**Sergeant First Class (P) Desmond M. Burgess**, born in Florence, SC, enlisted into the military July 17, 2003. He holds 3 degrees from American Military University; Associates degree in General Studies February 2012, Bachelor degree in Sports and Health Science August 2013, and Masters in Sports and Health Science February 2015, and is currently on track to graduate with his Doctorates in Organizational Leadership December 2017. His military education includes: Warrior Leadership Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leadership Course, Battle Staff, SHARP, Master Resiliency Trainer, Army Basic Instructor Course, Defense Training Management System Course, Observer Controller Trainer Academy, Training Management Course, and Physical Security Basic Course.

Prior to SFC (P) Burgess's current assignment, he served as the Signal Support Systems Chief for 352<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Command G6 under the US Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) (October 2013 – November 2014) As an operations NCOIC and S-6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 312<sup>th</sup> Regiment Training Support under 1<sup>st</sup> Army Division East, Fort Meade, Maryland (Apr 2011 – Sep 2013) and as a Harris, SINCGARS, Blue Force Tracker, and MBITR instructor to over 3000 deploying service members, 174<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst (Apr 2010 – Mar 2011). He also served as an information management officer, 408<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion, Fort Totten, New York (Sep 2005 – Mar 2010), during which he the time he deployed several times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom under the following campaigns; Iraqi Governance (Sep 2005 – Dec 2005), National Resolution (Dec 2005 – Dec 2006) Iraqi Surge (June 2008 – Dec 2008) and Iraqi Sovereignty (Jan 2009 – July 2009) His first assignment was served as a Radio Transmitter Operator, 854<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Kingston, New York, (July 2003 – August 2005).

SFC Burgess awards/decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, Army Commendation Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> award, Army Achievement Medal 7<sup>th</sup> award, Army Good Conduct Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> award, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal 2 Stars, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Bronze Hour Glass, and 2 device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with 3 Device, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge 2<sup>nd</sup> Award.

SFC Burgess currently serves as the Signal Support Systems Chief at the 200 MP Command G6, Fort Meade, Maryland. He is married to Mrs. LaQuita S. Burgess.



**Jennifer Elder CPA, CMA, CIA, CFF, CGMA** is a keynote speaker, trainer, and business coach. For more than 25 years, she has been helping individuals and businesses find their hidden strengths and core values that make their organization and their people awesome.

Known for being energetic and enthusiastic, Jennifer has conducted seminars for the Fortune 500, the US Government, State CPA Societies, and CPA firms in 44 states and 2 countries. She was named a "2015 Woman to Watch" by the AICPA and MACPA, and has been named an Outstanding Educator by the AICPA for the past 3 years.

She lives on her boat with her husband and two cats in Baltimore, Maryland.

# 2015-2016 Calendar of Events

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker	CPE'S	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
1/20/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<u>Joint Meeting with ASMC</u> Topic - Cyber Awareness Speaker: Sgt. First Class Desmond M Burgess Topic - Effective Writing Speaker: Jennifer Elder, The Sustainable CFO	3	\$35	\$65
2/17/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Matthews 1600	Topic - New OMB Uniform Guidance for Grants Speakers: Jack Reagan and Tennyle Walker, Grant Thornton Topic - The Future of Government Accounting and Auditing Speaker: Andrew Lewis, KPMG	3	\$35	\$65
3/16/2016 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<u>Early Careers Meeting</u> Topic - TBD Speaker: TBD Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	2	\$25	\$35
4/20/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<u>Awards Meeting</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	1	\$10	\$20
5/18/16 Thursday 7:30 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 - TBD Topic - TBD Speaker - TBD	4 1 1 1 1	\$160	\$200

# October Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 1, 2015      **Time:** 2:00-3:00      **Location:** Social Security Administration

## Call to Order

## Approval of prior meeting minutes

The September meeting minutes were approved as presented.



## Committee Updates

**Accountability**—The CCR was issued to National on 9/29 and is available on our website for viewing as well.

**Activities**—Points were submitted to National on 9/30. The next quarter's points are due at the end of December. The next quarter's points are due at the end of December. Early Careers should be reporting their points with the membership committee. We need to pick up 2 kudos awards from the September training at the next submission to National.

**Community Service**—The BARCS 5K is Saturday October 10th at Patterson Park, 11 am. We are still collecting supplies for BARCS as well and they will be dropped off at the center on October 11th.

**Editorial**—The committee is currently working on the October mini newsletter and it will go out early next week.

**Publicity**—committee will do a social media blast for the upcoming training in October and community service events.

**Education and Programs**—Feedback was received from the September training participants and everyone seemed to like the new location and food. We are still searching for February and Early Careers meeting speakers. The AGA National President will speak at the May fraud training.

**Meetings**—October's meeting will be held at Matthew's. We need to select the appetizers for the December evening meeting.

**Webmaster**—A full review was performed of the new website by the committee and feedback was provided to the developer. The new website will be ready by the end of October/early November.

## New Business

None

# FY2015 Statement of Activities

## Period Ending October 31, 2015

**Proceeds:**

Miscellaneous Receivables	-
Membership Dues	533.16
Meetings/Conferences Proceeds	1,506.07
Interest on Checking/CDs	30.86
CGFM Training Proceeds	-
Corporate Sponsorship	-
Miscellaneous Proceeds	-
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**Total Proceeds** **\$ 2,070.09**

**Administrative Expenses:**

Administrative	150.00
Bank Charges	-
Director's Expenses	162.42
Miscellaneous Expenses	-
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	<b>\$ 312.42</b>

**Committee Expenses:**

Awards/Scholarships	-
CGFM	-
Community Service	200.00
Early Careers	-
Editorial/Newsletter	-
Meetings/Conferences	3,625.95
Membership	75.00
Education/Programs (Speakers)	600.00
Webmaster	3,541.71
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	<b>\$8,042.66</b>

**Total Expenses** **\$8,355.08**

**Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets** **\$ (6,284.99)**



# Community Service Events

Thank you to everyone who gave donations for the Maryland Food Bank. Thanks to all of your donations, we gave a \$250 donation in the month of December. Your donations were greatly appreciated.



**Thank You!**

## AGA WEBINARS

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 p.m. and offer 1 CPE.

### January 13—Evidence-Based Policy Making— Making the Right Decision to Improve Programs

- Governments at all levels make budget and policy choices each year that have long-term effects on the services provided and dollars spent delivering those services to the public. Studies have shown that government leaders can make better decisions and achieve better results by using rigorous evidence to inform, enable and operate programs more strategically. Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative has developed a framework for governments to build and support a system of evidence-based policy making. Two researchers from Pew will discuss the framework and share examples of how it is being used across the government entities.

## AGA NATIONAL 2015-2016 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

<b>January 27</b>	<b>GASB 68</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Fraud Prevention</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Grants</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Internal Controls</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>DATA Act</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Fraud Prevention</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Ethics</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Government Financial Management</b>



# Member Spotlight: Clarence Traynham

## *What do you do and how long have you been doing it?*

My name is Clarence A. Traynham and I am an Internal Auditor Supervisor for the State of Maryland. I have been a State employee for 21 years but have been doing audits for 10 years.

## *What was your first job?*

For my first job with the State of Maryland, I was a Correctional Officer for 11 years and was promoted to the rank of Sgt. My very first job was as a bus boy for a restaurant.

## *Where did you complete your formal training?*

I received my Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Baltimore and I received an Associate of Applied Science in Accounting from Baltimore City Community College. I am a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Internal Controls Auditor.

## *How long have you been a member of AGA and why did you join?*

I have been a member of AGA since October 2006. I became a member because I wanted to learn about accounting and auditing and how it is used or performed in the government.

## *What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?*

My favorite perk of the AGA membership is the discounted prices that I pay for goods and services that AGA has to offer.



## *What is something most people do not know about you?*

The one thing that people don't know about me is I fear the unknown. I can't control the unknown and hate not knowing something.

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

I would use my time to help others. You can't get anything in this world without the help from another person. I would use my time volunteering and helping others.

## *What is your favorite travel destination?*

My favorite travel destination is Florida because I love the warm weather and Disney World.

## *What is the quality you most admire in others and why?*

The quality that I most admire in others is truth, honesty, and loyalty. If you are not true to your word, and people can't believe a word that comes out of your mouth, and if you are not loyal to the people that helped you, then what good are you to anyone.

# Welcome New Chapter Members

The AGA Baltimore Chapter would like to welcome some new members that have recently joined the 2015-2016 program year. We look forward to showing you what this chapter has to offer in the upcoming months. Please feel free to contact any of the board of directors, contact information located on the last page of this newsletter, if you have any questions or wish to get involved further in this very active chapter.

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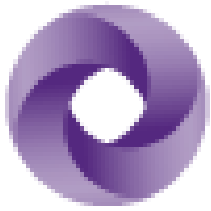
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For more information, [click here](#).

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## Did You Know...?

The CGFM logo has a new look (did you notice it above?)! The simplified design makes your designation more prominent and more easily identifiable.

Also, study groups are forming within the Baltimore Chapter. If interested, please email Kristen Schnatterly with the exam you are studying for and your preferred study time (evenings, weekends, etc.)

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## CGFM Quiz

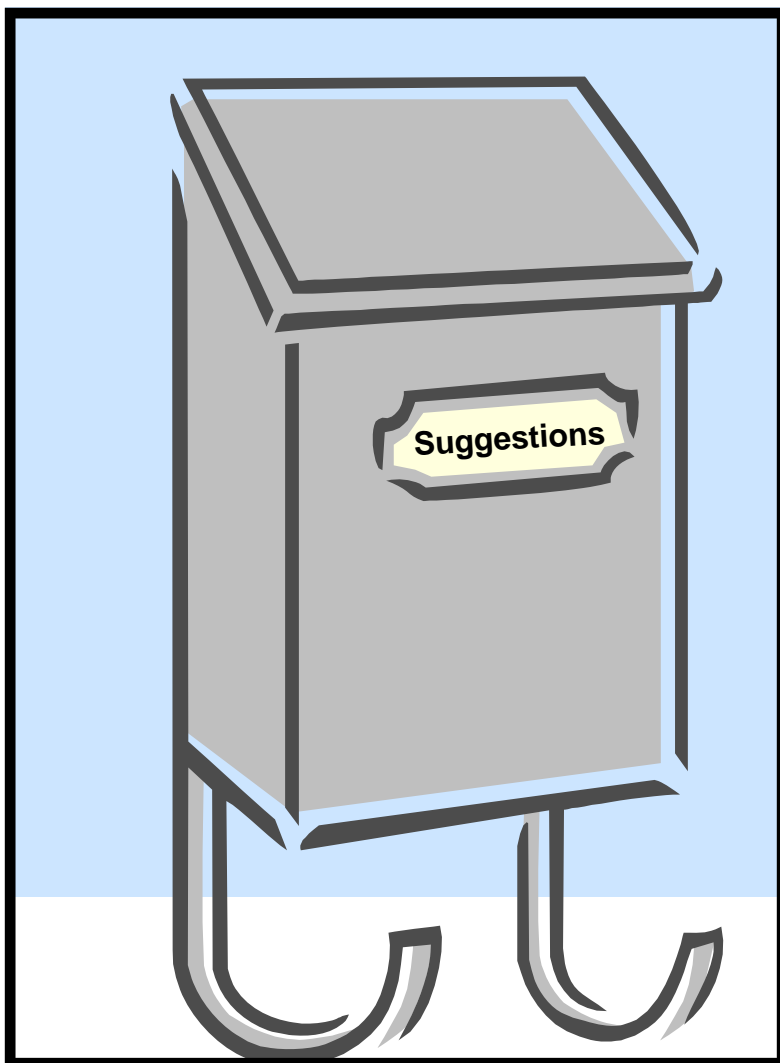
Which budget process is most appropriate for containing costs?

- A. Program
- B. Zero-based
- C. Performance
- D. Line item

Answer: (D) The line item budget sets forth the categories or objects of expenditures. By limiting the amount that is available for spending, costs can be contained. None of the other approaches specifies the things for which monies are to be spent.

# Requests for Newsletter Submissions or Suggestions

Do you have any submissions or suggestions for the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting places?



If so, email [Tamekia](#) Davis or [Renee](#) Rawlins



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