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Upcoming Events

All Day Fraud and Ethics Conference

**May 18, 2016
Maritime Institute**





President's Message

Dear Members –

What an exciting time for the Baltimore Chapter! The chapter has continued to serve our members with great opportunities for affordable, relevant CPE, chances to volunteer within the community, and events such as attending the Orioles game. These are just a snapshot of what our chapter has accomplished this year. We also implemented some changes this year by revamping our chapter website and introducing our first evening meetings. We hope that these changes will only make our chapter stronger for the future.

As the 2015-2016 program year is coming to a close, I just wanted to thank all of our members for their continued support throughout the year. Because of all of you, our chapter has seen increased participation in our educational meetings, larger contributions to various charities, and increased membership. I could not have served as your President without the support of all our members and the hard work of our board. It was truly an honor to serve as your President this year and I look forward to continuing to support our chapter.

Sincerely,

Kelly

AGA Baltimore Chapter President 2015-2016





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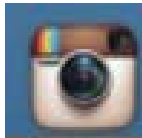
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ANNUAL ETHICS AND FRAUD TRAINING 8 CPEs (including 4 for Ethics)

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

Gary Bauer, Gary Bauer Ethics
(Ethics)

John Homan, National President of AGA
(Issues & Challenges in Government Accountability)

John Grasso, SSA, OIG, Office of Investigations
(SSA's Operation Recoil Case)

Jesse Mortin, KPMG
(Federal Government Related Fraud Issues: Prevention and Detection)

PRICING

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

AGA Members*: \$160 after April 22th

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

Non-Members: \$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 Awards Luncheon

On April 20, 2016, the Baltimore Chapter held its Annual Awards and Scholarship luncheon at Matthews 1600. Kelly Stankus, President, issued three Presidential Awards.

Excellence in Leadership– Mark Silvestri



Excellence in Contribution– Tamekia Davis



Future Leader– James Switzer



Congratulations!

AGA Awards Luncheon

On April 20, 2016, the Baltimore Chapter held its Annual Awards and Scholarship luncheon at Matthews 1600. There were three scholarship recipients.



Alyxandra Ann Cash, a student with Washington College studying Business Management with a concentration in Accounting. She is a member of the Sigma Beta Delta Business Management Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society



Brooklynn Brooks-Grey (her mother accepted in her absence), a student with Coppin State College studying Accounting. She is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants and the founding member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Judi Neff, a student with Stevenson University studying Accounting. She is on the Stevenson University Varsity Field Hockey Team from Fall 2014 to present and is a member of the Accounting Association and member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Congratulations!

AGA CFO Survey

Grant Thornton is a proud sponsor of the AGA CFO Survey

The 2015 CFO Survey, *The CFO Act at 25: Perspectives from Two Decades of CFO Surveys & Prospects for the Future*, provided a retrospective look at the CFO Act over the past 25 years and can be found at

<http://www.grantthornton.com/issues/library/survey-reports/public-sector/2015/CFO-Survey.aspx>



SURVEY SERIES

The CFO Act at 25: Perspectives from Two Decades of CFO Surveys & Prospects for the Future



Corporate Partner Advisory Group
November 2015

Stay tuned for the release of the 2016 Survey. Your input is valuable to the government financial management community.

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: TBD Speaker: Beverly White-Seals, Community Foundation of Howard County	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	4	\$160	\$200
		Topic - Issues & Challenges in Government Accountability Speaker - John Grasso, SSA, OIG	1		
		Topic - SSA's Operation Recoil Case Speaker - Jesse Morton, KPMG	1		
		Topic - Federal Government Related Fraud Issues: Prevention and Detection	2		

March Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2016 Time: 2:00-3:00

Location: Social Security Administration

Call to Order

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Approved

Budget Review

The treasurer provided the board with updated financials through February. We are currently breaking even once the remaining is collected from the January meeting.



Committee Updates

Accountability – The committee chair will be presenting the Chapter CCR at the April Meeting.

Activities – The 3rd quarter points are due at the end of March.

Awards – April is the awards meetings. The committee is processing the applications for the scholarships.

CGFM – There has been no word on the CGFM proclamation. Considering placing an ad in the local newspaper and Putting CGFM ribbons on nametags at the fraud conference.

Community Service – The Catonsville Men's Civic Association along with AGA with host an Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday a week before Easter at Lurman Woodland Theater.

Communications – Registration and member survey sent out.

Editorial – The committee is working on the next newsletter.

Education and Programs – The March meeting is set for Matthews.

Meetings – no updates.

Membership – A group is going to the University of Baltimore to speak with the accounting students. A networking hour Will follow at City Café. Promotional material will be available. A special thanks to the membership committee for Sending out a survey. We will get extra points for having a promotional table/material at meetings.

Sponsorship – Becker would like become a Bronze sponsor. They will pay extra for a booth at the National Fraud Conference..

Webmaster – No updates

New Business – none

AGA WEBINARS

Looking for convenient and affordable training? AGA webinars make earning CPE hours easy.

These live events feature experts speaking on emerging issues in the field to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance. Each webinar is held on a Wednesday from 2– 3:50 p.m. ET and is worth up to 2 CPEs.

AGA members pay just \$49. Group registration options are available.

May 11—Ethics

Being ethical, and understanding ethics and ethical principles is of growing importance in today's workplace, in both the public and private sectors. We will discuss various ethical situations that arise, as well as the risks and rewards of being ethical. We will talk about the appropriate actions to take and the correct methods to use. This webinar will cover approaches to ethical challenges in the workplace. We'll discuss policies, procedures and the methods to handle situations and ethical challenges that we encounter.

AGA NATIONAL 2015-2016 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

May 11

Ethics

June 1

Government Financial Management



Member Spotlight: Toya Strand



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

One year. Most of my career has been in the federal sector; as a civilian employee and as federal contractor. I was a member before while working for the federal government. I believe that AGA provides great insight in the world of accounting from the government standpoint. It is also important as a regular part of my job to be kept abreast of those accounting changes in the public sector.

What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?

Networking with others in the industry.

What is something most people do not know about you?

I donated my bone marrow in 2002 to a complete stranger.

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

Travel the world part of the year and the remaining time provide interior design for model homes.

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

Provide Audit Readiness support for the federal practice. I have been doing this for 15 months.

What was your first job?

Auditor for Arthur Bell & Associates

Where did you complete your formal education?

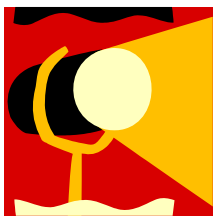
Morgan State University

What is your favorite travel destination and why

Caribbean. I love the warm weather, crystal clear blue water, and white sand.

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

Resilience. Anyone, who can have major set backs in life and still reach their fullest potential is one to be admired.



Member Spotlight: Jacob MacDonald

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

I joined Grant Thornton, LLP's Global Public Sector in 2011. I have mostly worked on full-scope Federal financial statement audits since I joined the firm. I currently provide full-scope financial statement audit services to a Department of Defense client.



in the government accounting, auditing, budgeting or Information Technology industry I recommend that you join early in your career to set yourself apart from your peers. Start building that invaluable network ASAP, and stay active!

What is something most people do not know about you?

I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

What was your first job?

I started working when I was about 14 years old as a factory laborer at a fastening company. I worked there during the summer and on certain weekends throughout the year until I got a job as a part-time teller in high school.

Where did you complete your formal education?

I graduated from Penn State University's Smeal College of Business in 2011.

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

I joined the AGA in January 2012 as a resume booster and have been a member since.

What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?

Joining the AGA was an easy decision. Networking, CPE and leadership opportunities are a few of the many benefits that AGA membership has to offer. If you are a professional

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

If my current income remained fixed for the DC area, I'd move to a location with a low cost of living to reduce my expenses; therefore, I'd be able to more quickly pay off any debt and save for vacations, events, etc. I'm from York, Pa, which has a much lower cost of living than DC and Northern Virginia. If I moved back home it would be a win-win situation, because in addition to retaining more of my income, I could see friends and family more often. Heck, I might even continue to work and benefit from two incomes.

What is your favorite travel destination and why

Some of my friends and I travel to Colorado annually to snowboard – 2016 was our third trip. It doesn't get much better than great friends and snowboarding!

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

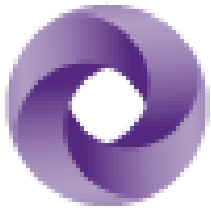
I admire accountability, because everyone should be responsible for their own actions.



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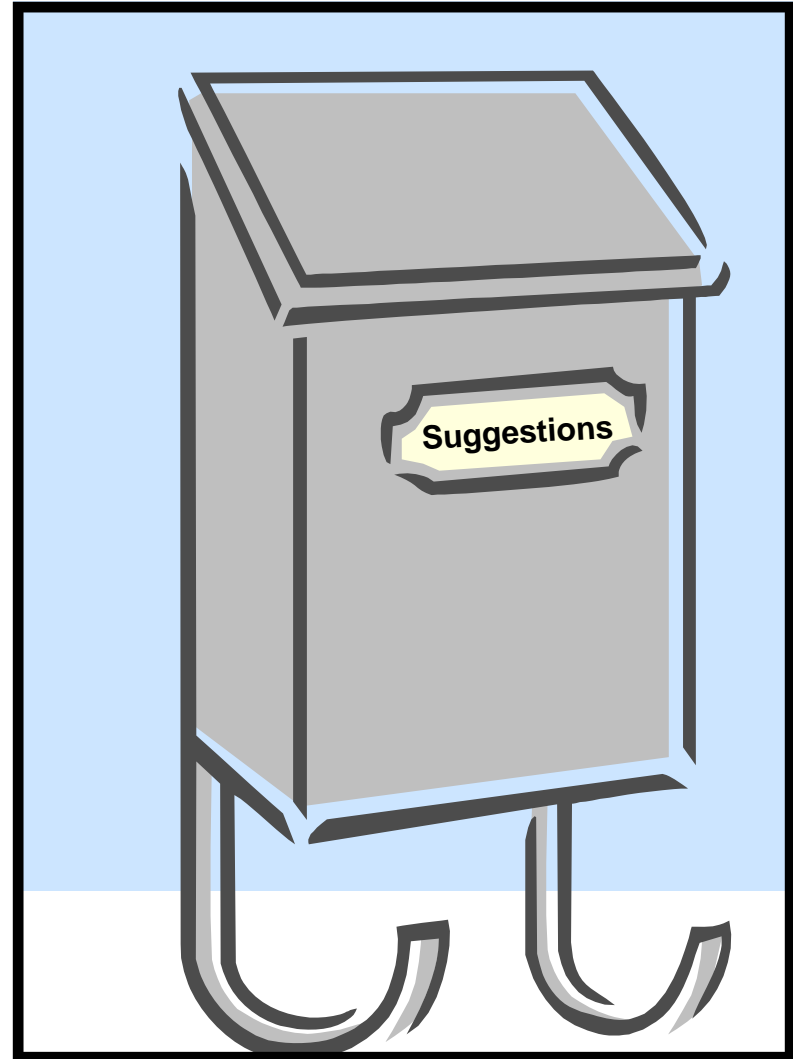
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Do you have any submissions or suggestions for the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting places?



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