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Monthly Training Information

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

11:30am - 3:30 pm

Matthews 1600

1600 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD
21228

**Register
Online**

3 CPEs

Topics:

New OMB Uniform Guidance for Grants
Speakers:
Jack Reagan Grant Thornton

The Future of Government Accounting and Auditing
Speaker:
Andrew Lewis, KPMG

Cost \$35 Members
\$65 Non-Members

Reservations: www.agabaltimore.org

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Menu

- Vegetable Baked Penne
- Chicken Daniel
- Seafood Rosa
- Hot Vegetable Du Jour
- Tossed Garden Salad



February Speakers



Jack Regan is an audit partner in Grant Thornton's Global Public Sector practice and has more than 25 years of dedicated industry experience working within the federal government, state and local government, not-for-profit, and higher education sectors. He has experience in the audit and evaluation of federal, state and local government financial statements, internal controls, and accounting and financial management systems and operations. He has overseen numerous projects demonstrating his extensive knowledge of federal, state and local government accounting, financial management, auditing and budget to include developing and revising operating policies and procedures for governmental agencies and designing or evaluating financial reporting internal controls.

Jack joined Grant Thornton in January 2014. Prior to that, he was a partner in the Public Sector Practice at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for almost two years and in the Public Sector Audit practice at KPMG LLP for over 20 years, where he served as the engagement and quality control review partner on numerous audit and financial management engagements. He has extensive experience performing financial statement and regulatory compliance audits, as well as a variety of advisory services projects.

Jack is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the States of Virginia and Maryland as well as the District of Columbia. He is also a certified government financial manager and a certified internal controls auditor. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA), the Government Finance Officers Association, the Association of Government Accountants, and the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO). Jack is also a member of the finance and budget committee of ASBO and a member of the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee of the VSCPA.

February Speakers (Continued)



Andrew is a Partner at KPMG LLP, and works primarily in the government audit practice in Washington, DC. KPMG is one of the world's largest public accounting firms, and provides audit, tax, and advisory services to its clients. In his seventeen years at KPMG, Andrew has managed, supervised or participated in a number of large and complex federal, state, and local government financial statement audits.

Andrew is a Senior Fellow in KPMG's Government Institute, and has written several research articles and professional publications produced by KPMG's Government Institute including the following recent articles:

- Making Human Capital Management a Strategic Business Priority in a Changing Financial Management World (Association of Government Accountants' *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Fall 2015)
- Are You Prepared to Meet the Challenges of the DATA Act and Open the Door Wider on Government Spending? (Association of Government Accountants' *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Spring 2015)
- Digital Auditing: Modernizing the Government Financial Statement Audit Approach (Association of Government Accountants' *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Spring 2014)
- Building Public Trust through Open Government Electronic Reporting: "We've Only Just Begun" (Association of Government Accountants' *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Winter 2012)
- Moving to the Next Stage of Federal Financial Reporting: Bringing Greater Value and Transparency through "Open Government" Electronic Reporting (KPMG Government Institute white paper, July 2012)

Since 2005, he has been an adjunct professor at GW, and teaches a course on advanced government accounting and auditing in the Masters of Accountancy program. Andrew also serves on the GW Corporate Collaborative Council, and advises the Director of GW's F. David Fowler Career Center on programs and efforts to improve the competitiveness of GW students in the marketplace.

He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC, a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), and a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government (CIPP/G). He is active in the Association of Government Accountants, and currently serves on the AGA's National Executive Committee and the AGA's Finance and Budget Committee. Andrew is the past chapter president of the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter, and a Past Regional Vice President of the Capital Region. He is also the chairman of the Federal Issues and Standards Committee of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs.

Andrew is a graduate of The George Washington University. He received his Bachelors of Accountancy in 1998, with a minor in Russian Language and Literature.

November/December Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2015 **Time:** 2:00-3:00 **Location:** Social Security Administration

Call to Order

Approval of prior meeting minutes

There were not enough board members to approve the prior month Minutes so those will be voted on during the December meeting.



Budget Review

The income statement was provided by Johnny through October 31st.

Committee Updates

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

By-Laws & Procedures – The chapter is currently working on making updates to the bylaws based on changes made by National.

CGFM – We have had interest from one person in borrowing exam materials.

Community Service – We will be collecting MD food bank donations at the November and December CPE meetings. The cards for the troops will be signed at the November meeting.

Communications – The committee found a new communication server for internal notifications; we do not have the full email sever listing that was in the old server, but are working to get the full list again.

Editorial – the November newsletter was just uploaded to the website and will be sent out via email shortly.

Publicity – Please provide any pictures you want uploaded to social media.

Education and Programs – We still need a speaker for March early careers and April awards meeting. Also need 2 to 3 speakers for the fraud conference.

Meetings – For the November 18 meeting we have 10 registered. Both December meetings have 1 registered. Matthew's will be the location for all meetings except for December 9 and the Fraud Conference. We are upping the kosher meal allowance to \$20 for reimbursement.

Committee Updates (Continued)

Sponsorship – We have received checks from Grant Thornton and Kearney

Webmaster – The new website is up and running. Feel free to look around and provide feedback to the committee.

New Business – No updates

Date: December 10, 2015 **Time:** 2:00-3:00 **Location:** Social Security Administration

Call to Order

Approval of prior meeting minutes

The meeting minutes for October and November were approved.



Budget Review

We have pretty much broken even for the year. We are working with KPMG to get the sponsorship check.

Committee Updates

Activities – The next reporting is due 12/31. Please provide all points to Milt for November and December.

Awards—Door prizes were handed out at the December meeting. There were no kudos awards given out.

By-Laws & Procedures – The revised bylaws were provided to the board and need to be approved by 12/31.

CGFM – We have had 7 people show interest in a CGFM study group. The committee is working to coordinate the study groups. .

Community Service – A \$250 donation was made to the MD food bank. Cards were submitted through Adopt a Platoon Program. We are planning to volunteer at the Easter Egg Hunt and Kickball game for the Men's civic Association.

Committee Updates (Continued)

Early Careers – The committee was combined with the membership committee.

Editorial– We have issued the December newsletter. The next newsletter will be issued in January.

Education and Programs – The goal for future ISACA joint meetings is to feature one speaker focusing on IT and another on accounting/finance.

Meetings – The upcoming joint meeting with ASMC will focus on cyber awareness and effective writing. February is the New OMB guidance for grants. The ethics and fraud training is in May. The committee is working to the flyer out for the fraud conference to organizations which support us.

Membership—The committee is working to obtain contact information for the University of Baltimore accounting department to reach out to classes and honor society. The committee also plans to reach out to CMS for membership expansion.

New Business – No updates

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker	CPE'S	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
2/17/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<p>Topic - New OMB Uniform Guidance for Grants Speakers: Jack Reagan, Grant Thornton</p> <p>Topic - The Future of Government Accounting and Auditing Speaker: Andrew Lewis, KPMG</p>	3	\$35	\$65
3/16/2016 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<p><u>Early Careers Meeting</u> Topic - TBD Speaker: Olga Mason, Grant Thornton</p> <p>Topic: Generations At Work: How to Manage Them Speaker: Nat Alston, The Horizon Group</p>	2	\$25	\$35
4/20/16 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Matthews 1600	<p><u>Awards Meeting</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: IBD</p>	1	\$10	\$20
5/18/16 Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Maritime Institute	<p><u>All Day Ethics and Fraud Training</u> Speaker: Gary Bauer</p> <p>Topic - Ethics Speaker - John Homan, National President of AGA</p> <p>Topic - Issues & Challenges in Government Accountability Speaker - John Grasso, SSA, OIG</p> <p>Topic - TBD Speaker - David Buckley (tentative), KPMG</p> <p>Topic - TBD</p>	4 1 1 2	\$160	\$200

We are always looking for new topic ideas and speakers. Please contact us with any suggestions you made have.

SEND EMAIL to
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Community Events



Have community service ideas for an event or a cause?
Contact [Susan DeLabio](#)



AGA Leadership News

Renewals, Renewals, Renewals!!

It's time— the first email reminder will go out Jan. 21. Members may log in and renew online or print an invoice. Renewal deadline is March 31. [Renew](#) | [View Membership/Retention tools](#)

PDT 2016 Awards of Distinction

Nominations for chapter and individual awards at PDT 2016 are due March 30, including two new awards recognizing government transparency efforts. Don't delay — [nominate today](#) !



Young Professionals PDT Scholarship Program

The Young Professionals Focus Group annually selects five young professionals to attend the PDT in July. Recipients act as ambassadors for attendees and assist AGA throughout the training event. Includes complimentary registration and hotel. [Applications](#) due March 1.

Calling all Students!

Scholarship money is available for AGA members and their family members pursuing studies in a financial management discipline such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, electronic data processing, information resources management or public administration. [Apply by April 15](#)

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.

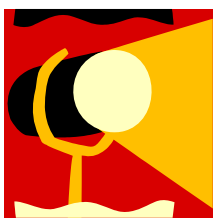
AGA also offers free members-only webinars on a wide range of topics. The free webinars are held from 2-3:50 p.m. and offer 2 CPE.

February 17th– Fraud Prevention

Information coming soon....

AGA NATIONAL 2015-2016 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

March 9	Grants
March 23	Internal Controls
April 13	DATA Act
April 27	Fraud Prevention
May 11	Ethics
June 1	Government Financial Management



Member Spotlight: Jough Loosmore

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

Systems Accountant at Social Security Administration

2. What was your first job?

United States Army, retired after almost 23 years.

3. Where did you complete your formal education?

BA in Accounting from the College of Notre Dame, and an MBA from Morgan State University.

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

Four years, when I started in Government I felt that I needed to network with other Government Accountants.

5. What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?

The monthly meetings. Great chance to meet new people and see people that I work with outside the work environment.

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

I live a dual life. Accountant by day and musician at night.

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 teach and play music.

8. What is your favorite travel destination and why?

New Orleans. Great food, great people and lots of history and music.

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

Integrity. I inherently trust people and am always happy when I find my trust has not been misplaced.



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Central Maryland
Chapter

ISACA-CMC Spring 2016 Seminars - Database Security and Mobile Technologies

When

Database Security & Audit: April 25-26, 2016, 8 am - 4:30 pm
Securing & Auditing Mobile Technologies: April 27-28, 2016, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Where

Conference Center at Maritime Institute
692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090, USA USA

[View Event Summary and Registration](#)

Database Security & Audit - A Cyber Security Perspective (14 CPEs)

This is a 2-day seminar from April 25-26, 2016. The focus of this session will be on the audit, control, and security issues related to the use of database management systems in today's business environments.

Securing & Auditing Mobile Technologies - A Cyber Security Perspective (14 CPEs)

This is a 2-day seminar from April 27-28, 2016. This seminar will focus on the audit and security issues related to the use of Mobile Technologies.

Cost per seminar:

Member: \$600.00

Non-Member: \$750.00

\$50.00 discount if paid by 3/31/2016

Student: \$300.00 (no additional discount)

NOTE:

Discount offered if attending both events.

April 25-28, 2016

Member: \$1,200.00

Non-Member: \$1,500.00

\$250.00 discount if paid by 3/31/2016

Student: \$600.00 (no additional discount)

Total CPE's

14 per seminar / up to 28 total

Registration Deadline

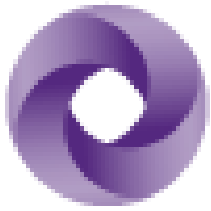
Friday, April 15, 2016



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