

5 Day CGFM
Training Class
held in OKC

March 2-6,
2020

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Letter from the President

November sped by and was a busy month for the OKC Chapter! I appreciate all the volunteers that contributed their time to the Chapter's activities. December is already whizzing by, and we're ready to welcome 2020.

The theme of the Fall 2019 issue of the Journal of Government Financial Management is "A Winning Workforce". There is an article titled, "Preparing and Retooling Higher Education for the 2020 Workplace and Beyond" by William A. Morehead, Ph. D., CGFM, CPA, CGMA; and Taylor Corso, J.D., CPA. This article focuses on human capital management issues faced by federal, state, and local government. The article describes AGA's efforts to connect students with government FM mentors. The OKC chapter's relationship with the education community has provided rewarding mentoring opportunities.

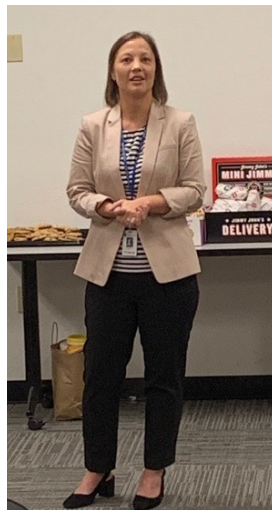
The AGA OKC Chapter hosted the 3rd annual College Outreach event November 1st. Accounting students from Cameron University and the University of Central Oklahoma attended to hear about AGA, the CGFM certification, and careers in government accountability. The chapter provided lunch to attendees and gave out three \$100 scholarships.



The following speakers and volunteers participated: Angela Pierce on careers in City Government, Carol McFarland on careers in State Government, Jennifer Coker on careers in Federal Government, Brenda Bolander on Retirement Riley Shaull on the CGFM Certification, and Brandy Murray, Chapter Treasurer.



Do you need to
update your AGA
profile? Are you
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The AGA OKC Chapter held a Fall Professional Development Training (PDT) on November 12th with 7 speakers and over 40 attendees. Special guests included Jennifer Wall from our sponsor Xerox Business Solutions Southwest, Del City High School NJROTC posting the colors, Chris Moore singing the the National Anthem, and staff from Mid-Del Schools to accept our food drive donation for the family of a Steed Elementary student.



We were privileged to welcome Ann Ebberts, the National AGA Chief Executive Officer to speak on Data Transparency. She gave various examples of organizations that are constantly researching and providing data comparisons between states . She emphasized the importance of information sharing, and the fiduciary duty all government accountants hold as we work with taxpayer monies.

Randy Ross, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board and Mayor of the City of Choctaw spoke on ethics.

JoRay McCoy, Chief Auditor with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services discussed the updates to the OK SW Accounting Manual changes that affected the state Purchase Cards.



Paul Shinn, a Senior Policy Analyst with the Oklahoma Policy Institute discussed the Oklahoma State Budget.

Lucinda Kenning, Founding Partner of Holliday Kenning gave an interactive presentation on leadership in an environment of change.

Robert Hazlewood, Branch Manager of Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) Wichita Branch Office described the changes DCAA took to transform the agency in response to a 2008 GAO report.

Lisa Raihl, the State Payroll Manager with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services discussed payroll fraud cases and new procedures being implemented to reduce the risk of fraud.



Thanks to our sponsor who went above and beyond for us at the conference.

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The end of 2019 is swiftly approaching. As you start planning your goals for this next year, consider adding a professional certification. The AGA OKC Chapter is hosting a five day CGFM training class March 2-6, 2020. The Chapter will provide reimbursement of the CGFM exam fees to CGFM class participants for each part passed within six months of the class. Register now. The class needs to be filled by January 30th to avoid cancellation.

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.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- Education — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

The Financial Systems Summit on financial systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment will be held January 9, 2020. This 6 CPE hour event is included in your membership for ***no additional charge***. Virtual attendance is available. Do you know someone that can benefit from this event? Register now.

I wish you a safe holiday season.
Jennifer Coker, CPA, CGFM, CDFM
AGA OKC Chapter President

Information & Links:

If you are interested in getting more involved in your local AGA Chapter, please attend one of the officer meetings or get in touch with one of our current officers!

Our officers work really hard to ensure the members have several opportunities each year for continuing education events, as well as networking opportunities.

Please send us any suggestions on things we can do to make this a better year for everyone!



Mark Your Calendars

AGA PDT Luncheons : 1 Hour CPE Credit

January 15, 2020
February 19, 2020
March 18, 2020
April 15, 2020

CGFM Class: March 2-6, 2020

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION THROUGH JAN 30!
EMAIL BRANDY.BAHM@OMES.OK.GOV TO REGISTER NOW.

AGA OKC Facebook page:

Association of Government Accountants- Oklahoma City Chapter
[facebook.com/agaokc](https://www.facebook.com/agaokc)

We're posting events, sharing article links, pictures, and more!

AGA OKC Chapter Website
www.agacgfm.org/oklahomacity

WILL ROGERS THEATRE & EVENT CENTER

THE TASTING ROOM

4322 N Western Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

January 15, 2020

1 Hour - CPE Luncheon
Speaker: Chris Pembroke,
CPA, Crawford CPAs

*Delicious food, catching up
with friends, and getting a
GASB update too!*

\$20.00 for members
\$25.00 for non-members

11:30am to 1:00pm

See you there!

MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS

Riley Shaull: CGFM Chair

Riley Shaull recently retired from the State of Oklahoma after twenty-five years of service. I worked for Department of Corrections, Department of Agriculture, Office of Juvenile Affairs, Office of Management and Enterprise Services, Oklahoma Teachers Retirement and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. During my career with the State I worked with and for some really great people. When I started my career with the State, I - like many others- thought that the employees of the State, Local or Federal governments were the employees no one else would hire. I have found this to be absolutely untrue, and now know that State employees are highly motivated and believe deeply in the mission of the agency and citizens they serve.

I was raised in a small town in northern Oklahoma called Tonkawa, estimated population 3,000. My parents instilled in me the need to be a lifelong student of what we call life. It was never a question of if I was attending college, but rather a question of where you would attend college. I received an early degree in Management, then 15 years later a degree in Accounting, and then 19 years later a Masters in Accounting. In between the Accounting degree and Master's degree I earned my Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certificates. My dream is to teach accounting, a dream I have since fulfilled at my Alma Mater, University of Central Oklahoma.



When I am not working or helping with the AGA I enjoy sporting events and faithfully attend University of Oklahoma home football games! I have two married daughters who have blessed me with four grandchildren: two boys age 19 and 11, and two girls age 14 and 7. I enjoy my grandkids, as you can spoil them rotten then send them back to their parents. My lovely wife Leslie and I also enjoy attending University of Oklahoma Women's basketball games and have traveled to the Virgin Islands and Bahamas to watch women's basketball.

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