

Welcome to the
2017-2018 AGA
OKC Chapter
Year!

Please welcome
Riley Shaull as
our 2017-2018
Chapter Presi-
dent!

We are looking
forward to a
great year of
education and
networking!

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OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

Letter from the President

Welcome Back,

Hello, fellow OKC chapter members. I have just returned from the National PDT held in Boston, MA. I always enjoy the training and networking with fellow government financial managers, but this year was special for many reasons. First, I was recognized as a National Executive Committee member, but more importantly, the OKC chapter was recognized for all its hard work last year.

Chandra Heitzinger picked up the National Chapter Education Award, the National CGFM Award, and the Chapter Recognition award for being a Platinum Chapter, the highest award obtainable. Wait, I am not finished, Melissa Forrestier picked up the National Chapter Award for Community Service. Upon my return to OKC, I was speaking with a fellow AGA member who was asked if she was still involved with AGA. Telling her friend from Baton Rouge, LA that she was, her friend stated that the "OKC chapter won everything at the National PDT". I can't imagine the pride my fellow AGA member felt, but I know the pride I felt sitting there hearing the OKC chapter being recognized for its accomplishments. When you run into Chandra and Melissa at the meetings, be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

That being said, now we must work on repeating the process, and this year **Let's Be Bold**. We have the right to stand up and be proud of our past accomplishments, but we must be **Bold** and work hard to repeat those accomplishments this year. I have **Bold** plans for the coming year, and I will need everyone's help in making those plans come to life. Please join me September 13, 2017 at the Will Rogers Theatre as we begin this **Bold** journey together!

Chapter President,

Riley Shaull

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

September 13, 2017
 October 18th, 2017
 January 17th, 2018
 February 21st, 2018
 April 18th, 2018

AGA OKC Chapter PDT Conferences

November 15th, 2017 (8 hours CPE)
 March 21, 2018 (8 hours CPE)

AGA Officer Meetings

Open to all AGA Members

5:30pm—6:30pm
 OESC Commission Room #5 West
 August 28th, 2017
 October 9th, 2017
 November 6th, 2017
 January 8th, 2018
 February 12th, 2018
 March 12th, 2018
 April 9th, 2018

AGA OKC Chapter Website

www.agacgfm.org/oklahomacity

Social Media

Facebook

“Association of Government Accountants—Oklahoma City”

We will post upcoming events on our website and Facebook page

WILL ROGERS THEATRE

& EVENT CENTER



THE TASTING ROOM



September 13th, 2017

1 Hour - CPE Luncheon

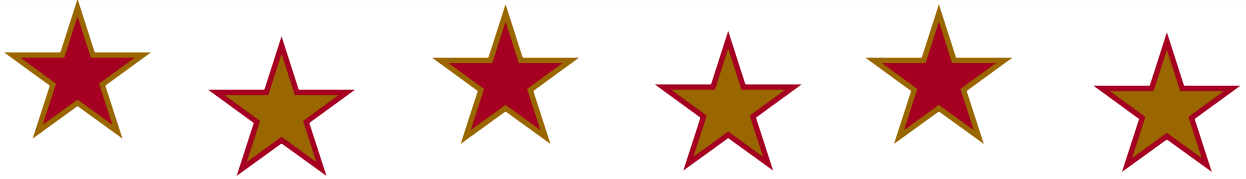
**Speaker: Craig Moody, Rail Programs Division Manager
Oklahoma Department of Transportation**

*Network with Peers
\$15.00 for members
\$20.00 for non-members*

*11:30am to 1:00pm
Don't miss it!!*

*The Tasting Room
4322 N. Western
Oklahoma City, OK*

CGFM News



Congratulations to our newest CGFM's!

Mr. Fred Mensah
Mr. Larry T. Smith
Ms. Denise R. Edmond
Mr. Joe Hausknecht

A CGFM Story....

**Congratulations to Denise Edmond!
Here's Denise's Story**

My CGFM Story,

I began my journey to become a Certified Government Financial Manager in 2015, and passed exam one that year. I wanted to know more about state and federal government, and I believed the CGFM designation was the best way to do that. I continued to study on and off for exam two, but became discouraged by some of the stories I was hearing about how difficult it was, so I stopped.

Later, I received an email about another CGFM review course that was coming up in 2017. I was in! I made a decision to put everything on hold, forget all the stories I had heard and read online, and concentrate on passing exams two and three. I studied, and then studied some more. I purchased and used the practice exams. The practice exams were a great help to me. I would recommend them to any CGFM candidate, especially for exam two. I successfully passed exams two and three in June, and July 2017. I did not have to take an exam twice; I passed each on the first try.

Another thing that was a tremendous motivating factor in my success was, the ongoing encouragement from a few fellow AGA chapter members. One of them took the 2017 CGFM review course with me, and she passed all three exams and is now a CGFM too!. I hope to be an encouragement to others who desire to make the CGFM journey, by letting them know that they can make it, and it's worth it!

Denise R. Edmond, CPA, MBA, CFE, CGMA, CGFM



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.

Questions on CGFM CPE requirements?

The AGA website has a whole page of frequently asked questions that may help.

<https://www.aqacqfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/CGFM-Process.aspx>

CGFM Digital Badge is Here!

The CGFM digital badge is a new way to display your CGFM credential online, in email signatures and on social media. It's sharable with others and verifiable with one click, and it provides employers concrete evidence of your CGFM status—as well as the requirements to earn it.

Get yours today! <https://www.aqacqfm.org/CGFM-Certification/CGFMs/Digital-Badge.aspx>

CGFM FAQ's

<https://www.aqacqfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Candidate-FAQs.aspx>

CGFM Month—March 2017 Proclamation—Photo





Are you using all the great tools available to you through AGA?

Check out the AGA website at agacgfm.org to find tools to:

- Prevent fraud
- Reduce improper payments
- Improve outcomes
- Mitigate risk
- Enhance collaboration

The online library features research and reports written by experts in government finance, as well as free guides created to help government finance professionals at all levels do their jobs better.

Officers Needed

Meetings & Programs Chair
Awards Chair

Welcome to the Following New Members

January 2017

Chris Suenram

February 2017

Jerrold Bowzer

Susan Bramante

Edward Crall

Carla Merritt

March 2017

Dianna DeLany

Bethany Patterson

Lindsey Billen

July 2017

Sklyer Lusnia

Julia Southwick

Elaine Spell

August 2017

Christopher Brown

Congratulations to...

Loren Devine, CGFM: She has accepted a position as the Procurement and Facilities Administrator at the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency.

Cathy Menefee, CPA, CGFM: She has accepted a position as the Chief Financial Officer at Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.

Chandra Heitzinger: She has accepted a position as a Senior Business Analyst at the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts.

2017 Annual Treasurer's Report

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT For Fiscal Year Ending June, 2017

Beginning Bank Statement Balance June 1st, 2016		\$ 35,126.49
 REVENUES		
Membership	552.50	
Luncheons	2,785.00	
Credit Interest	18.74	
Fall Conference	7,100.00	
CGFM Class	20,810.00	
End of Year Party	105.00	
Refunds	49.65	
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 31,420.89</u>
		\$ 66,547.38
 EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	(86.25)	
Intuit	(689.95)	
Phone Swipe	(162.27)	
National Community Charity Donation	(300.00)	
EMV Card Readers	(65.02)	
CPE Luncheons	(5,977.55)	
PDT Costs	(3,742.32)	
Fall Conference	(2,985.73)	
CGFM Classes	(17,707.99)	
X-Mas Party & End of Year Party	(592.17)	
Chapter President's Present	(100.79)	
Postal Office Box & Postage	(85.80)	
Scholarship	(1,000.00)	
Chapter T-Shirts	(308.68)	
CGFM Test Scholarships	(1,000.00)	
Total Expenses		<u>\$(34,804.52)</u>
Ending Bank Statement Balance June 30th, 2017		<u>\$ 31,742.86</u>
 Uncredited/(Undebited Transactions):		
CGFM Test Scholarships (Michael J Hill check # 1013)	\$ (125.00)	
 Future Commitments/Encumbrances:		
CGFM Exam Fees	\$(5,375.00)	
Food Bank Donation	\$ (200.00)	
PDT Per diem Reimbursement Cost (Paid in July)	\$ (887.69)	
National Community Charity Donation (Paid in July 2017)	\$ (300.00)	
Total Commitments/Encumbrances		\$ (6,887.69)

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Sam Ddamba, Treasurer

2017-2018 Oklahoma City Chapter Officers

Position	Officer / Chair	AGA Registered Email
President	Riley Shaull	riley.shaull@oesc.state.ok.us
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