

THE AGA PHILLY FEATURE



Philadelphia
Chapter

FEBRUARY 2026

As we step into a new year, we look forward to continued connection, professional growth, and serving our members and community.

In 2026, we remain committed to advancing excellence in accounting and strengthening leadership across government financial management.

Together, we will continue to support transparency, accountability, and innovation in the public sector.



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Meet Your AGA Philly Chapter Board Members!

Our board members are dedicated to ensuring our members are provided the latest and greatest resources to all things AGA! **Interested in becoming a board member?** Send an email of interest to Chapter President, Kyle Smith, at kyles@pgs-cpa.com

The Philadelphia Chapter is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Leadership Board. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a college student seeking valuable internship experience, we welcome you to be part of our dynamic team.

Why Join Us?

- **Community Involvement:** Make a meaningful impact in Philly & beyond.
- **Professional Development:** Enhance your skills and network with industry professionals.
- **Retired Members:** Stay active, share your expertise, and continue making a difference.

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Get Your CGFM™

CERTIFICATION!

What is a CGFM?

The **CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager)** credential, awarded by AGA, showcases expertise in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting across different government levels.

It's a respected certification that highlights specialized knowledge and experience essential for effective government financial management. CGFM opens doors to new career prospects and sets you apart as a distinguished professional in the field.



For any additional questions, please contact the Office of Professional Certification:

800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931) or cgfm@agacgfm.org

How Do I Benefit?

1. Enhanced marketability across government sectors.
2. Networking opportunities with fellow government financial managers.
3. Boosted confidence in your role.
4. Potential for employer incentives like raises, promotions, and bonuses.
5. Increased value as an employee, both in reality and perception.
6. Support for ongoing education to stay updated with the latest developments and technologies.

What Do I Need?

1. Fill out an online application and agree to AGA's Code of Ethics.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
3. Pass three CGFM examinations.
4. Gain at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

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RENEW YOUR AGA MEMBERSHIP!

Connect & Network



- Expand your network, participate in our online mentoring program!
- Volunteer to serve on [AGA committees and boards](#).
- Find a position or look for qualified candidates on AGA's Job Board
- Join the conversation on all AGA Philadelphia social media!

Continuous Learning



- Participate in educational [events](#) — learn from and meet the experts.
- Save money with registration discounts on [national](#) and chapter training events.
- Sign up for four (4) complimentary members-only [webinars](#).
- Leverage discounts on [CGFM](#) renewal and application fees.

Stay Informed



- Access online [tools](#), developed by government experts to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.
- Stay up to date through the quarterly [Journal of Government Financial Management](#).
- Learn about and share best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
- Get the latest innovations in government by tuning into AGA's [Accountability Talks podcasts](#).



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FREE AGA MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS!

Considering a career in government financial management? Want to meet government professionals in the federal, state, or local government levels?

Student membership in AGA provides you access to resources to develop your skills and expand your knowledge. Become a part of AGA to build professional connections and discover your future career while positively impacting your community and country.

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About the Host

Meet **Paul Marshall, CPA, CGFM, CIA, CICA, PMP, VP** at MIL Corporation and dedicated AGA member with 20+ years in government accountability.

He champions best practices in audits, financial reporting, and more, serving on AGA boards at local and national levels.



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AGA Philadelphia Connects with the Next Generation!



AGA Philadelphia recently had the pleasure of visiting students at **La Salle University** and **Temple University**, sharing the many opportunities AGA has to offer aspiring finance and accounting professionals.

At Temple University, Jonathan Stehle, Director of Intergovernmental Partnerships at AGA, engaged students in thoughtful discussions about careers in government finance and accounting, sparking real enthusiasm for the field and the benefits of AGA membership.

Representing the Philadelphia Chapter were President Kyle Smith, and Community Services, Meetings & Events Chair Chris Reynolds, who proudly spread the word about all the chapter has to offer.

We are grateful to everyone who made these visits possible and look forward to continuing to grow our connections with the student community. Stay tuned for more campus outreach to come!

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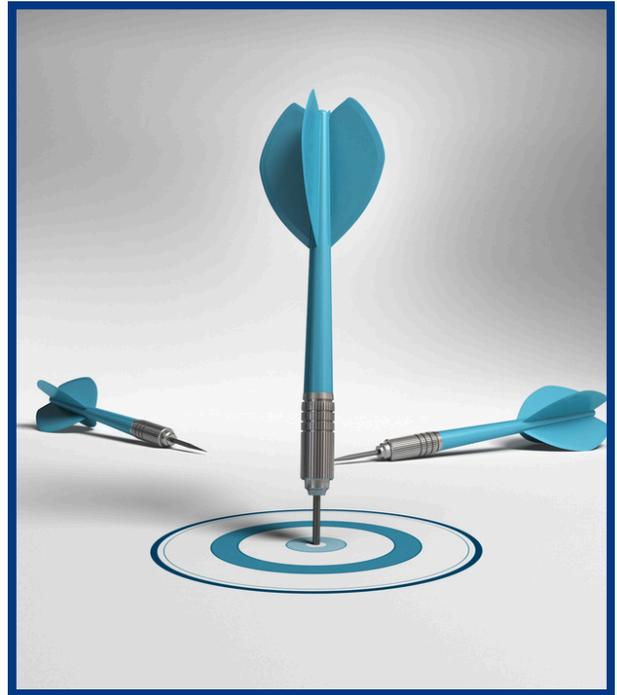
National Events

Driving Government Efficiency: Delivering Measurable Results

**Thursday, March 5, 2026,
George Washington University
Grand Ballroom
University Student Center, 3rd Floor
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052**

AGA is co-hosting a high-profile national conference in Spring 2026 alongside the Shared Services Leadership Coalition and a distinguished group of co-conveners focused on advancing efficiency and modernization across government.

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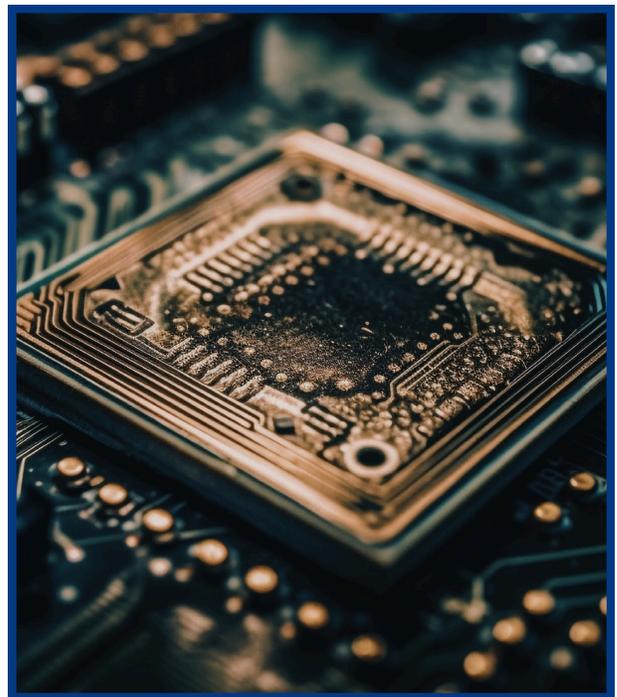


Process Intelligence Webinar

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM EST
Virtual
Field of Study: Auditing
Governmental (AUDG)
AGA members: \$59
Nonmembers: \$99
2 CPEs**

Learn about the ins and outs of
Process Intelligence in this webinar!

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National Events



Tuesday, March 17, 2026
The Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Allen Y. Lew Place NW,
Washington, DC 20001

This event brings together over 1,000 government leaders and industry experts to explore the transformation of mission delivery through IT innovation, workforce development, cybersecurity, and cloud technology. Now more than ever, digital transformation is essential to achieving efficient and effective mission outcomes across government!

FREE for AGA Members!

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National Events



July 21-July 23, 2026
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Allen Y. Lew Place NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

PDT 2026 will bring together 3,000+ financial professionals in Washington, D.C. and online July 21-23, 2026, to explore cutting-edge strategies in government financial management. Earn up to 20 CPEs, engage with leaders in the profession, and discover solutions to boost government accountability, efficiency, and innovation.

[Click Here to Register Today!](#)

PRICING	AGA Members	Nonmembers
Early Bird (Before June 2026)	\$875	\$1,075
Standard (June 27 - July 13)	\$975	\$1,175
Late (July 14 to July 23)	\$1,025	\$1,225

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