

Greetings, fellow members! We're off to a great start in this year's AGA programming!

Congratulations to Yvette Hauser, last year's President, for being awarded the Silver Chapter Award by AGA. Ask her to see the plaque I accepted on her behalf while attending the AGA PDC in Atlanta.

Congratulations to Charles Pride, Jr., for earning his CGFM certification. Chuck is moving ahead to earn his BS in Accounting from USI and joins John Bower as two of our chapter members to have passed the CGFM exam most recently. CGFM is the hallmark of AGA and is being recognized more and more as the most essential of certifications in government accounting.

We had our first chapter luncheon of the year on August 7<sup>th</sup>, with a presentation by David Reynolds, Controller for the City of Indianapolis, and a lesson in "City Financial Management" in our continuing education program, earning 1 CPE. We hosted our first Audio Conference of the year on August 20<sup>th</sup> orchestrated by AGA: "Everything You Wanted to Know about Performance Reporting, But Were Afraid to Ask!" earning 2 CPEs. Mark your calendars for Audio Conferences coming up on September 10<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. And, of course, our chapter luncheon is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> in the State Library.

We continue to foster community service through our August "Back Pack Attack," collecting school supplies for children, and our September assistance with the public library book sale. This year we will be teaming with members of the Indianapolis Chapter AGA (the federal chapter) in expanding our outreach with exciting programs in the coming year; more on that later on.

As I mentioned last month, we have appointed Co-Chairs for most of our committees. Please offer your time and talents to any of our committees when called upon; this is everyone's chapter and we should all be willing and ready to pitch in to help. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer early and get ahead of the rush! It makes every task a small one and we get more from our membership by giving more.

Visit our updated website at [www.agacentralin.org](http://www.agacentralin.org) and notice the new "Members by Company" section. Check back frequently for new and current information on what's happening in the Central Indiana Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, *Advancing Government Accountability*.

Thanks to you, members, for making our chapter events part of your calendar and action plans. Many thanks to our committees, as well, who are working hard to bring you the very best we can offer for your membership dollar. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at [JFRihm@sboa.IN.gov](mailto:JFRihm@sboa.IN.gov), or any of our Committee Chairs.

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