

23rd Annual AGA Washington DC Chapter Spring Training Event

April 28 – 29, 2025



Agenda – Monday, April 28

7:30am – 8:15am

Breakfast

8:15am – 8:20am

Welcome Remarks/Introduction

- **Crystal Wolf**, AGA DC Chapter President-Elect 2025

8:20am – 9:10am

M101 GAO's Role in Supporting Congress

- **Sara Pelton**, Assistant Director, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- **Berri Davis**, Director, Sikich (Moderator)

9:15am – 10:05am

M102 Preparing for Technology-Centric Solutions

- **Karin Dasuki**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- **Erica Gaddy**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Reed Waller**, Senior Consultant, Federal Financial Management, Workiva (Moderator)

10:05am – 10:20am

Coffee / Networking Break

10:20am – 11:10am

M103 How HUD is Adapting to Change and Assessing Impacts to its Control Environment

- **Rahaf Kaylani**, Senior Advisor to Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **MelaJo Kubacki**, Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Joseph Hungate**, Director, RMA Associates (Moderator)

11:15am – 12:05pm

M104 All Aboard! Lessons from WMATA on Resilience and Strategy

- **Robert (Bob) Tuccillo**, Senior Vice President, Finance, WMATA
- **Veronica Baird**, Senior Manager, KPMG (Moderator)

12:05pm – 1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00pm – 1:50pm

M105 Demonstrating Value of Financial Modernization and Innovation

- **Saesha Carlile**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation
- **Jose Fabre**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- **Jeff Ledford**, Director, The MIL Corporation (Moderator)

1:55pm – 2:45pm

M106 Challenges of Monitoring Grant Funding

- **Jessie Handforth Kome**, Former Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Kevin Love**, Director, CohnReznick (Moderator)

2:45pm – 3:05pm

Coffee / Networking Break

3:05pm – 4:45pm

M107 Virginia Ethics – AI Ethics 2025

- **Clare Levison**, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA), Inspired Responsibility

4:45pm – 4:50pm

Closing Remarks

- **Annalena Winer**, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Networking Reception

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T101 Successfully Leading Financial Management Change

- **Frank Peterson**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer-Finance, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- **William Kubistal**, Partner, Kearney & Company (Moderator)

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T102 From Icebergs to Clear Sailing: Strategies for Navigating Change and Risk

- **Thomas Brandt**, Chief Risk Officer, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board
- **Wilmer Graham**, Chief Risk Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Reed Waller**, Senior Consultant, Federal Financial Management, Workiva (Moderator)

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T103 The Resilient Leader's Playbook

- **Shepherd Brown**, Senior Accountant, OCFO Policy Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- **Ann Davison**, Former Special Assistant, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **Jay Hurt**, Former Chief Financial Officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, Department of Education
- **Davita Vance-Cooks**, Director, Guidehouse (Moderator)

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T104 Key Updates from FASAB

- **Domenic Savini**, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
- **Joshua Williams**, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
- **Julia Duquette**, Principal, Sikich (Moderator)

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T105 IT Modernization for Government Financial Systems

- **Liping Tan**, Supervisory Accountant, Army, National Guard Bureau
- **Diem Bui**, Castro & Company (Moderator)

1:55pm – 2:45pm

T106 A Day in the Life of a Non-Profit: Using Accounting to Support Those Who Count on You

- **Andrew Hullinger**, Chief Financial Officer, Horton's Kids
- **Joshua Shapiro**, Vice President, Ascella (Moderator)

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T107 Anecdotes from "The Accountant"

- **Dr. Arnold Schneider**, Professor of Accounting, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Annalena Winer**, Vice President, CGI Federal, AGA DC Chapter Spring Training Director (Moderator)

4:00pm – 4:50pm

T108 How to Lead an Organization During Times of Change

- **Atisha Burks**, AGA National Treasurer-Elect
- **Kim Farington**, Chief Executive Officer of KTech, Former Chief Financial Officer of FirstNet
- **Lloyd Farmer**, Director, 2ndWave (Moderator)

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