



September 2026



Words From Our Chapter President

I hope everyone is settling well into the new program year! Thank you to everyone who joined us at Stone Werks in August for our social happy hour. It was a great, relaxed evening to reconnect with fellow members, and I appreciate everyone who came out to network and enjoy some appetizers and drinks together. That said, I'll admit I was hoping for a bit more participation from the chapter, and I'd love to see even more of you at our upcoming events. Every member's presence helps make our chapter stronger and more connected.

As we kick off the new year, we have some great CPE opportunities lined up over the next few months. In September, we're excited to welcome Dr. Stacy Y. Evans, Director, OLLU, who will present on Practical Agent AI for Financial Managers. This will be an in-person event on 9/18, and a flyer with all the details will go out in the next few days. Be sure to keep an eye out and mark your calendars.

Following that, in October, Mario Hernandez, Sr. Legal Counsel, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), will join us for a TWC Update. In November, Professor Gilbert Barrera of Texas A&M San Antonio will present on Forensic Accounting. We'll wrap up the year with two great events in December: a volunteer day with the San Antonio Food Bank and our Annual Toy Drive.

I'm looking forward to seeing and engaging with all our members at these upcoming luncheons and volunteer events. Thank you again for your continued support of the AGA San Antonio Chapter. I hope to see even more familiar (and new) faces as the year continues.

Julio Elizondo
President, AGA San Antonio Chapter

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Upcoming Presenters:

September '26
Dr. Stacy Y.
Evans
Director
OLLU



October '26
Mario Hernandez
Sr. Legal Counsel
TWC



November '26
Gilbert Barrera
Texas A&M
San Antonio



December 2026
Annual Toy Drive &
Luncheon
San Antonio Food Bank
Volunteer Day

Next Meeting: September 18, 2026

Featuring Dr. Stacy Ybarra Evans, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence, OLLU Presenting on Practical Agentic AI for Financial Managers



Dr. Stacy Ybarra Evans is a recognized educational leader, researcher, and AI literacy strategist whose work focuses on the intersection of pedagogy, equity, and the rapidly evolving landscape of agentic AI. Serving as the Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at Our Lady of the Lake University, she designs innovative learning systems that prioritize human development and critical thinking in an era of increasing automation.

A leading voice in AI policy and educational technology, Dr. Evans completed the Aspen Tech Policy Hub's Influencing AI from the Outside program. She is a certified MATRIX AI Scholar (UTSA/NSF) and a MagicSchool AI Pioneer, holding a Playlab AI micro-credential in AI Tool Design and Prompt Engineering for Educators from Relay GSE/ISTE. Expanding her expertise in emergent technologies, she recently completed the 2026 CADS Applied AI Workshop at Texas State University and was invited to the exclusive 2026 Google AI Educator Series in New York.

Dedicated to shaping the future of inclusive and effective learning environments, Dr. Evans serves on several national advisory boards, including the SXSW EDU 2026 Advisory Board, Microsoft Customer Advisory, the Macmillan Learning Accessibility Advisory Board, and the Blackboard Strategic Advisory Board, while also contributing to the Blackboard Assessment Working Group.

Monthly Meetings

Future Meetings

In-Person (+ Virtual) CPE Meetings

Usually 1st Fridays , **12 Noon**
Meet & Greet ,Light Lunch, (\$15);

12:30 - 1:30 pm
Presentation for 1 CPE (Free)

Join us monthly for an educational presentation for 1 CPE. The presentation is FREE with an in person lunch cost of only \$15 (optional).

Presenters receive a complimentary lunch.

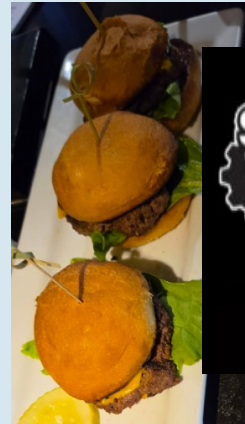
Presentations are usually held every 1st Friday. There will be a lunch meet & greet with the presenter prior to the presentation. You may also join us virtually. Virtual attendees will need to answer questions throughout the presentation in order to receive the CPE credit.

August 2026 Social

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Stone Werks

999 E Basse Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209



AGA Members and guests at the August Social enjoyed fellowship, appetizers, and drinks together as they got to know each other better, meet new friends, and welcome a new member. We welcome our youngest student member, who joined AGA that night, Maleah Olivarez! We thank everyone who were able to make it out to this social and we look forward to our holiday luncheon and toy drive, where we can enjoy each others company again while participating in a good cause.



Teams After-Action/ Planning Meetings

Usually 3rd Tuesdays

11 am Central

Tuesday, 9/15/26, 11 am

Tuesday, 10/20/26, 11 am

Tuesday, 11/17/26, 11 am

December 2026

Holiday Break,

No Meeting

Tuesday, 1/19/27, 11 am

Tuesday, 2/16/27, 11 am

Tuesday, 3/16/27, 11 am

Tuesday, 4/20/27, 11 am

Tuesday, 5/18/27, 11 am

Tuesday, 6/15/27, 11 am

Trainings, Events & Webinars

Webinars

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/trainings/webinars/>

\$59 for Members

Communications

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 2-3:50pm ET

FREE for Members

AGA 101, Thursday, September 10, 2026, 2-2:30pm ET &

Future Ready: Building Your AI, Cybersecurity and Career Resilience

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 2-3:50pm ET

Chapter Events

Area chapter events are listed at the following link. You can Earn CPEs, expand your network, and make a difference in your local government financial management community.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/national-events/chapter-events/>

Membership

AGA San Antonio Chapter has maintained a strong core membership.

Our membership is now at **48!**

We thank all current members, new members, and those who have participated (potential future members) for your commitment and participation.

Scholarship Opportunities

The **Early Career Training Scholarship** gives rising professionals the opportunity to grow their careers, expand their networks, and gain valuable training alongside 2,000+ government financial management experts at **AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT)**—AGA's flagship annual event. This year's scholarship application is closed but be on the lookout for next years' scholarship opportunity for PDT 2027. Join our board for this 2026-2027 year to increase your eligibility.

The **National Collegiate Leadership Scholarship** offers exceptional students the chance to attend **National Leadership Training (NLT)**, where they can connect with senior leaders in government financial management and explore careers in public service. Take a look at our previous recipients and get more info here: <https://www.agacgfm.org/award-scholarship/national-collegiate-leadership-scholarship/>

Be on the lookout for applications to be accepted soon and encourage your friends & colleagues to join as a student member for free today!

"Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom." George Washington Carver



Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/webinar/strategies-for-success-for-cgfm-candidates/>
September 30, 2026 2-2:30pm ET

CGFM Courses:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/trainings/cgfm-courses/>

- AGA members **save \$75** per virtual CGFM course when they register
- Group, On-Demand, and Live Virtual options available for CGFM Course 1, 2, & 3
- CGFM **application fee** is \$90

Live Virtual:

Course 1: Governmental Environment; **Nov 5-6**, 10:30am-2:30pm ET, **\$325**

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting & Budgeting; **Sep. 15-18** 10:30am-3:30pm ET, **\$725**

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management & Control; **Oct. 6-8**, 10:30am-3:30pm ET, **\$525**

On Demand:

- Available for Purchase at <https://cgfm.learnupon.com/store> at a lower cost than live virtual **\$189 - \$599**

National Training Events

Internal Control & Fraud 2026

September 22, 2026
Washington, DC



NLT 2027

Feb. 17-18, 2027
Washington, DC



Performance Counts

May 4, 2027
Virtual Event, **FREE** for Government Employees



<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/national-events/>

Chapter Leadership Contact us at aga.satx@yahoo.com

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Jean Morris, MPAcc Education Chair/President-Elect 	Gwendolyn R. Sewell, CGFM NCC Rep/Membership Chair	Your Name Here for the 2026-2027 Year
Haleigh Heins Treasurer	Rafael Perez, CGFM, CPA Member-at-Large, Past Treasurer	Your Name Here for the 2026-2027 Year

Check out **pictures** from prior training sessions, **upcoming announcements**, & the [CCR!](#)

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<https://bit.ly/47YjOMd>



LinkedIn:

<https://bit.ly/4nQxSgw>



AGA San Antonio Website:

<https://bit.ly/3PIHgYH>

