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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## When in February & March...



By the time you read this message, a lot has transpired, and for AGA Guam Chapter, it was one of the busiest times of the program year as we just completed the Guam Professional Development Conference (GPDC) and Certified Government Financial Manager month (CGFM) post-pandemic.

Time to consider, what was significant for most of us? Easter is around the bend; a time for rebirth and reflection.

### The Throwback:

Let us step back for a moment to talk about what most people celebrate in February other than numbers and some serious chapter stuff. For most of us, it is a celebration of love, giving or receiving flowers, chocolates, and gifts to signify our affection for each other. When I was growing up as a teenager, there is one favorite quote

that resonates in my mind to this day which goes, "When you open yourself to love, it opens the doors to pain, but it is better to love despite the pain it may bring." It is very real and telling that when we subject ourselves to love, there is risk and uncertainties, and in financial terms, there are so many probabilities.

In one's lifetime, we have heard about soulmates, true love, great love, etc., and so many definitions and categories exist. From a personal perspective, we probably are in differing stages; some of us are with our soul mates and destiny, some of us are still pursuing love and giving it a second chance, and some can be at a stage to be determined and still searching. From a professional perspective, love can mean giving our best to our job, making sacrifices, and showing dedication. Yet, it often turns out to be favorable, or sometimes it can turn out to be the opposite. I recently read an article about similarities between job search and dating, and when you finally have a job, it is like marriage. The follow-up work is how you can stay married, live happily, and be committed to making it work from both sides of the spectrum.

**In The Now:**

A 3-day GPDC transpired on the second week of February, which marked the 12<sup>th</sup> AGA Guam Chapter biennial conference, entitled Finance 3.0: Beyond Financial Management. Again, thanks to the committee and volunteers who was co-chaired by Dr. Ricky Hernandez and Professor Jason Katigbak, who reported that we have about 100+ in-person attendees and an average of 4.6+/- on overall section evaluation feedback. Our membership committee has recruited and reinstated several new members from the event.

Apart from the Government of Guam line, and autonomous and semi-autonomous gencies,

it was also attended by private sectors and our visitors from FSM. A variety of interesting topics from various speakers also highlighted the events. For more event pictures, please check out our newsletter and social media postings.



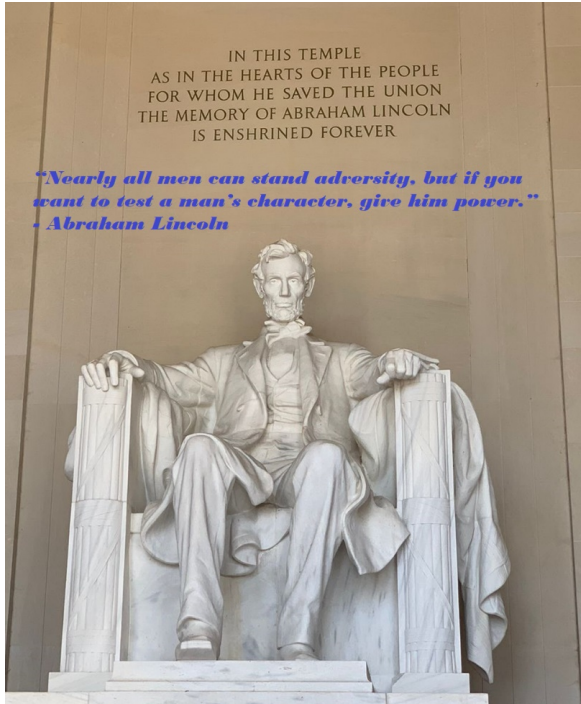
Welcoming Ms. Melinda Miguel, AGA National President and Dr. Billy Morehead, AGA National Past President & GPDC 2023 Speaker with Maripaz Perez, Past president and Dr. Ricky Hernandez, Education

We were also delighted to be visited by current National President Melinda Miguel and past president Dr. Billy Morehead despite their hectic schedule with the National Leadership Training 2023 happening in just a few weeks. The last national president who visited was John Lynskey during Ms. Frances Daniele's program year in 2018. Though their visit was brief, we still find the time to have a courtesy visit with Acting Gov. Lt. Joshua Tenorio, Office of the Public Accountability, Public Auditor BJ Cruz, and Sen. Jose San Agustin of the Ways and Means Committee. The dialogue highlighted the work and partnership of the AGA Guam Chapter and national in advancing government accountability in the community.

Another highlight of February was the virtual general membership meeting and training. We were graced by our guest speaker Ms. Tonirose Concepcion - Associate Professor of Guam Community College, who presented the Pivot Tables and Macros in Excel - another effective way to keep us current and sharpen our tools and know-how to streamline our work in analyzing financial data.

We were also pleased to announce that our very own member Ms. Dafne Shimizu-Mansapit was the recipient of AGA's 2023 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award, which recognizes local government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies, and systems within the past year. For more information on the award and related press release, please see the link. [https://www.guampdn.com/money/rev-and-tax-director-dafne-mansapit-shimizu-gets-national-leadership-award/article\\_ed6e18b8-b498-11ed-9f75-c3df2906b66e.html](https://www.guampdn.com/money/rev-and-tax-director-dafne-mansapit-shimizu-gets-national-leadership-award/article_ed6e18b8-b498-11ed-9f75-c3df2906b66e.html)

As this is an annual award – who do you think will be our best nominee for 2024 – a financial management professional whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments, and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our association, and improved our communities.



#### Take Aways:

Since February was also Abraham Lincoln's birthday, I will share one of my favorite quotes from him: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Taken from many reviews and write-ups with his famous quote, adversity is you have a very limited option, but with power, it is limitless, and I urge you to take a deeper dive into the meaning of this quote.

My profile photo was taken at one of the memorable weddings I attended, as I witnessed their endearing love for each other, which was built for many years before they decided to tie the knot. As my friends know me, my favorite occasion to attend is weddings. These events are testimonies of two former strangers deciding to join together and profess their unconditional love and desire to live happily ever after.

Same with our job as finance professionals, we often feel married to our work, committed, and dedicated to delivering our best. Despite the odds, we pledge to carry the task, work unconditionally, and excel in our chosen craft. For AGA student members, fall in love with what you do, and be committed and determined in pursuing your dreams because it will be rewarding in the end.

And for some of you who are still in the February mode, here are some of the recommended movies that I recently watched, which you may consider as a rewarding break from the busy audit and budget season 1) Uyare and 2) From Scratch.

Let me close with the most famous quote of all time about love: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

-1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NIV



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## General Membership Meetings

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**General Membership Meetings are typically held every fourth Wednesday of the month.** For this program year, as restrictions ease, we hope to have more in-person events to give us an opportunity to network and meet one another. See below for our projected schedule of speakers. Kindly note dates/topics may be subject to change.

Date	Topic	Delivery Method
July 27, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm	Energy Leadership with an EDGE; Explore, Dream, Grow & Excite (1 CPE) <b>Pam Sherman</b>	Virtual
August 24, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm	A.B.C.'s of Behavioral Forensics: Applying Psychology to Financial Fraud Prevention and Detection (1 CPE) <b>Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope</b>	Virtual
September 28, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm	Guam First Time Electoral Candidate Forum - in Career Planning & Leadership	Virtual
October 26, 2022 7:30am-10:30am	Tips & Tricks in MS Excel when dealing with numbers - Working Smart Not hard (1 CPE) <b>Chris Duenas</b> Knowing Your Niche & Maximizing Your Earning Potential (1 CPE) <b>Jane Kwok</b>	In-Person/Virtual ( <i>RIHGA Royal Laguna Guam Resort – Breakfast Meeting/Training</i> )
November 16, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm	Revenue & Taxation: Major Developments and its Role in Guam's Economy (1 CPE) <b>Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, CPA</b>	Virtual
December 14, 2022	Christmas Party (Hosted by Young Professional Committee)	In-Person VIP Restaurant
January 25, 2023	Balancing & Managing Finances as you start the New Year or Look forward to Retirement (1 CPE) <b>Brian Matanane, NSSA, AIF</b>	Virtual
February 8-10, 2023	*Guam Professional Development Conference*	In-Person
February 22, 2023	Pivot Tables and Macros in Excel (1 CPE) <b>Tonirose Concepcion</b>	Virtual
March 22, 2023 11:30am-1:00pm	Updates from the Guam Ethics Commission, (1 CPE) <b>Jesse Quenga</b>	Virtual
April 26, 2023 11:30am-1:00pm	Exceeding Customer Expectations (1 CPE) <b>BW Consulting</b>	Virtual
May 24, 2023 11:30am-1:00pm	Psychological Safety in the Workplace (1 CPE) <b>Paul Marshall AGA National</b>	Virtual
June 28, 2023 7:30am-10:30am	Installation of Officers / Project Mgmt (2 CPEs) <b>Jojo Guevara</b>	In-Person



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



**AGA**™ **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Guam Chapter **WED, FEB 22, 2023 • 11:30AM • VIRTUAL**  
[HTTPS://AGAGUAM.CNF.IO/](https://agaguam.cnf.io/)

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**TONIROSE CONCEPCION**  
Associate Professor - Guam Community College

Topic:  
**Pivot Tables and Macros in Excel**

**Learning Objectives:**

- Prepare data for a pivot table
- Create a pivot table
- Analyze data from a pivot table
- Insert a pivot chart
- Create and run a macro

**Field of Study:** Computer Software & Application - Non-Technical

**CPE:** 1 hr.

**Cost:** Virtual attendance is free.  
CPE for AGA/GSCPA members is free.  
CPE for non-members is \$15.00.

Join us on **Conferences I/O** for our virtual February General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Be sure to check-in/out of the session to ensure you get your credit.

Tonirose Concepcion, Associate Professor at Guam Community College, will be discussing about pivot tables and run a macro in excel.

Don't forget that your general membership meeting attendance counts towards your eligibility for the PDT Raffle at the end of the Program Year.

### Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

**CEC Meetings** are held every second Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm. Click [here](#) to view approved CEC Meeting minutes.

## GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The **12th Biennial Guam Professional Development Conference (GPDC)**, hosted by the AGA Guam Chapter and the Guam Society of Certified Public Accountants was held at the Westin Guam Resort on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, through Friday, February 10, 2023. This biennial conference was a three-day in-person event dedicated to advancing government accountability. The theme for this conference is “Finance 3.0: Beyond Financial Management”.

Day 1 of GPDC: February 8, 2023





## GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Day 1 of GPDC: February 8, 2023 (continues..)



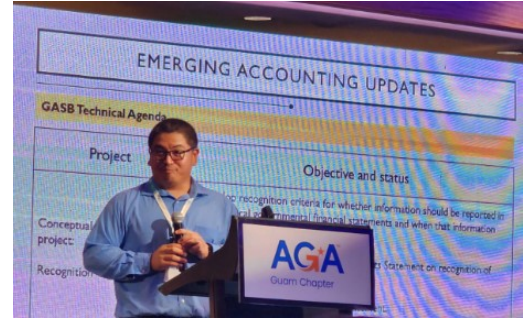
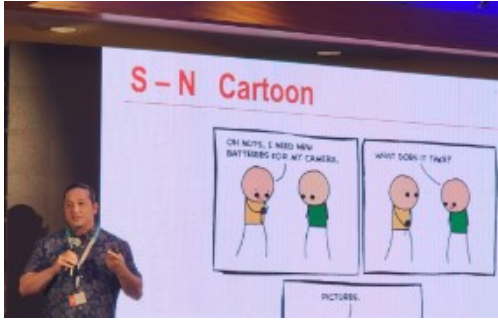
Day 2 of GPDC: February 9, 2023





# GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Day 2 of GPDC: February 9, 2023 (continues...)





# GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Day 3 of GPDC: February 10, 2023







February

<b>25 YEARS</b>	
Timothy J.W. Fung, CGFM	Retired
<b>19 YEARS</b>	
Maripaz Nogoy Perez, CGFM, CGAP, CICA, CIA, CFE	Guam Power Authority
<b>18 YEARS</b>	
Pamela R. Aguigui	Guam Power Authority
Jorna Ballon	Guam Power Authority
Corazon R. Montellano	Consultant
Felisa Arellano Regalado	Guam Power Authority
Leilani B. Villegas	Guam Power Authority
<b>15 YEARS</b>	
Barbara Teresa M. Molarte	Research Corp. University of Guam
<b>12 YEARS</b>	
Zita T. San Agustin	Guam Power Authority
<b>10 YEARS</b>	
Zenaida A. Valencia	ORSP, University of Guam
<b>7 YEARS</b>	
Marisol M. Andrade, CGFM	Guam Office of Public Accountability
<b>6 YEARS</b>	
Margie Lorenze F. Castro	Ernst & Young LLP
Frederick D. Jones	Guam Office of Public Accountability
<b>4 YEARS</b>	
Al John L. Manlucu	Deloitte and Touche LLP

**MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**  
Member Anniversaries



# MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## Member Anniversaries

3 YEARS	
Janessa RC Blas	Guam Waterworks Authority
Jorizaira R. Borja	Guam Power Authority
Mary Jane G. Camacho	Port Authority of Guam
Semjelfh Rew D. Davis	Port Authority of Guam
Jerricho C. Garcia, CGFM	Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority
Samuel J.O Mantanona	Burger Comer Magliari
Mark C. Natividad	Student Member
Dorianne B. Reyes	Guam Waterworks Authority
Gladys Jean Ocampo Sazon	Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
Koleena Faye D. Soto	Guam Waterworks Authority
Mardave Jose L. Toledo	Judiciary of Guam
2 YEARS	
Kennelle Denise M. Camacho	Student Member
Danielle S. Lee	Student Member
1 YEAR	
Mariah J.C Castro	Deloitte and Touche LLP
Loeda Dalmacio	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Agana
Sheena M. Miranda	-Not Listed-
NEW	
Barbara Suarez Banayat	Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
Joann Blas Conway	Port Authority of Guam
Jasmine Rose Johnny	-Not Listed-
Christina V. Martin	-Not Listed-
Gi Young K. Reyes	Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
Sanora Salvador	-Not Listed-
Truc Quang Van	Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Renew your Membership Early & Recruit New Members**



**/ YP MEMBER PROMOTIONAL RATE**

The AGA Guam Chapter will pay \$25 per prospective YP member while the balance will be paid for by the applicant or applicant's employer.

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**THIS INITIATIVE WILL RUN FROM AUGUST 2022 TO APRIL 2023**

The promotional rate will be given to a maximum of 30 prospective applicants for Program Year 2022-2023.

For more information, contact any membership committee director or email: [agaguamchaptermembership@gmail.com](mailto:agaguamchaptermembership@gmail.com).

**PDT  
2023**

July 23-26, 2023  
Orlando or Virtual

**24 CPEs**

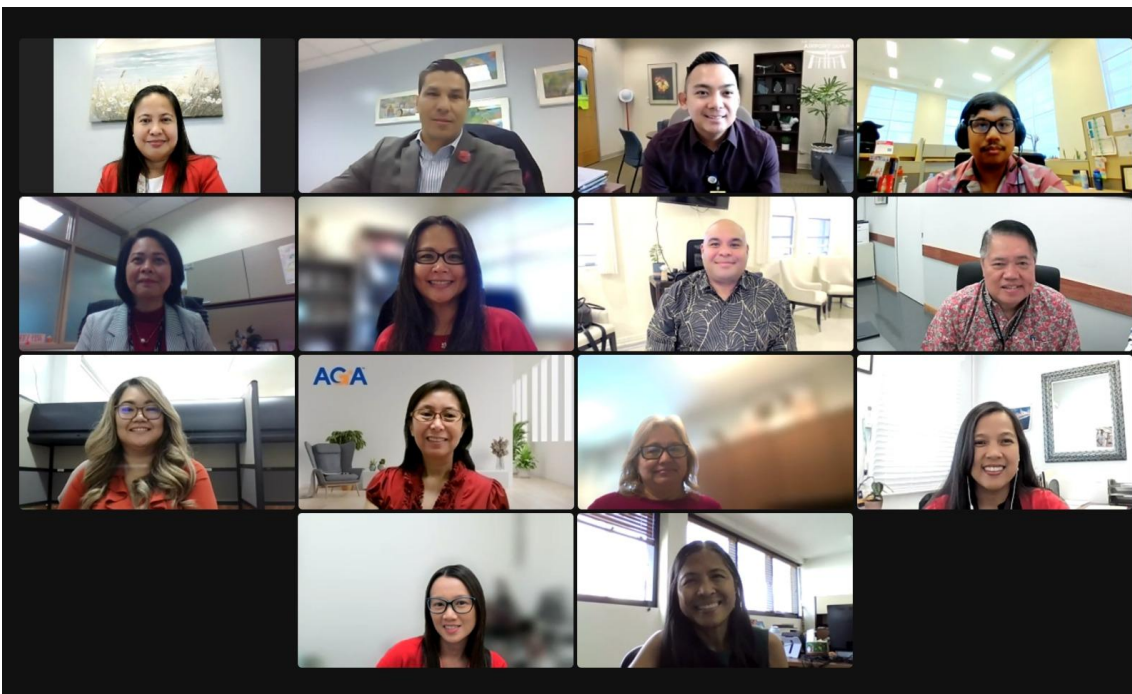
**Registration and Fees**

**Early bird deadline – Jun. 23, 2023**

March is  **CGFM™** Month!



March 13 Resolution and Proclamation for CGFM month.





## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### Young Professionals PDT Training Scholarship

The young professionals PDT training scholarship is a scholarship program that provides young professionals with the opportunity to network with and learn from a broad audience of more than 2,000 government financial management professionals and industry experts at AGA's annual Professional Development Training (PDT).

## What does the YP training scholarship provide?

### Professional Training

- Listen to top-notch speakers from federal, state and local government, academia and the private sector.
- Network and learn from experts in the field of government financial management.
- Attend PDT sessions, earning up to 24 CPEs.

### Scholarship Benefits

- Complimentary registration for the entire event.
- Hotel expenses covered (with the exception of incidentals).
- One-on-one mentor assigned to guide recipient around the event.
- Recognition during the PDT awards ceremony, including a certificate of participation.
- Invitation to the annual PDT young professionals session.
- Headshot and AGA chapter(s) displayed on AGA's website for one year.
- Featured in future AGA publications and social media.

### Applicant Requirements:

- Be a first-time PDT attendee.
- Be an AGA member in good standing.
- Be under the age of 35 as of Jul. 17, 2023, and or have 3 years or less of professional work experience.
- Work directly for the government (employee/contractor).
- Be available for the duration of PDT, and be able to assist at the AGA registration booth and other AGA activities throughout PDT.

**Questions?** Contact AGA at [scholarships@agacgfm.org](mailto:scholarships@agacgfm.org)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### AGA NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Scholarships of \$3,000 are available to rising college freshmen, undergraduate students, and graduate students. Students applicants must be pursuing degrees in accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology, and public administration to be eligible. AGA's 2023 Academic Scholarships deadline is June 11 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Click [here](#) for more information.

#### 2023 National Academic Scholarships

Ends on June 12, 2023

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA academic scholarship!

This year, AGA will award:

- **Rising college freshman:** Two scholarships (full-time)
- **Undergraduate students:** Four scholarships (full-time)
- **Graduate students:** Three scholarships (full-time or part-time)
- **Community service:** Two scholarships among any of the three categories noted above.
- \*All scholarships are worth \$3,000.

Applications are due by **Jun. 11, 2023, at 11:59 pm Eastern Time**. Questions? Email [scholarships@agacgfm.org](mailto:scholarships@agacgfm.org).



## LINKS & RESOURCES



and other member  
benefits

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 75-minutes long and offer 1.5 CPEs. Click **Free Members-Only Webinars** for more information.

**Recordings Available** Did you miss the last webinar or want to review some key takeaways on effective intergenerational communication? The recording is now available in **My AGA**, along with all our other free members-only webinars and select other recordings. Check them out today!



The **Fall 2022 Journal: Government and the Pandemic: Financial Outcomes** is out! Click [here](#) to read.

Want to contribute to **The Journal**? View the [Editorial Calendar](#) for the upcoming themes or view the Submission Guidelines for more information on articles for consideration.



"[Accountability Talks](#)" is a podcast focused on the government accountability community. These conversations will enlighten and inspire you as you navigate your career, provide fascinating insights from government thought leaders and encourage you to take part in this vibrant community.

Current Episode is Episode 105: YPs at the 2022 PDT

Guests: Leigh Anne Stacklin and Douglass MacArthur, AGA Young Professionals

On this episode, two YPs, Leigh Anne Stacklin and Douglass MacArthur, about their experience at the 2022 PDT! Check out the video Podcast at [https://youtu.be/PkzAIRaDM\\_s..](https://youtu.be/PkzAIRaDM_s..)

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