

# Hawaii Kukala



## End of Year Social & Upcoming Events!



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AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.



## President's Message

### Aloha kakou!

Great news! AGA National will be presenting the Hawaii Chapter with the prestigious platinum chapter award for fiscal year 2014-2015! Thanks to the outstanding leadership of Immediate Past President Edwin Young, the Hawaii Chapter ascended to AGA National's highest attainable level. Way to go, Edwin!

In addition, the chapter received honorable mention for its website. These awards would not have been possible without the devotion, dedication and commitment of many members including Dallas Weyand III (Chapter President's Award), Shena Bocalbos, Ryoko Lung and Debra Mott (Chapter Distinguished Contributions Award), Bowha Kang (Emerging Leader Award), Sean Nakamura (Distinguished Chapter Member Award), Robert Hatanaka (Chapter Loyalty Award), Mabel Yeung (Program and Education Award) and Ross Okumura (Community Service Award).

Thanks also to Val Shintaku for planning another classy social to close out the fiscal year. The event was held on June 24th at the Pacific Club, featuring ono pupus, lovely centerpieces created by the talented Felipe Tan, and enjoyable dinner music by Deja Blu.

As we embark into the new fiscal year, I trust you are finding contentment and satisfaction in your work (or studies for our student members), community service, and personal lives.

Plans are underway for an exciting year, kicking off with a luncheon meeting at the Plaza Club downtown on Monday, July 27th, with State Attorney General Douglas Chin as our guest speaker. You don't want to miss this one! If you have not already done so, please sign up for what is expected to be a memorable and informative presentation. More information will follow on our upcoming luncheon meetings.

Registration has begun for the two-day Government Professional Development Training at the Hale Koa Hotel on September 9th and 10th. Please be sure to sign up by July 31st for the early bird discount. Many thanks to Kerry Yoneshige and his team for planning and organizing the seminar, and securing highly acclaimed national and local speakers. I am confident you will find great value in the seminar, increasing your professional competence and providing you with opportunities to network with your peers.

Stay tuned for more information in the forthcoming months on the Hawaii Chapter's community service projects, offering fun, food and fulfillment.

Finally, I would like to leave a thought with you from motivational speaker William Arthur Ward. He stated, "Greatness is not found in possessions, power, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service and character."

## **Early Bird Registration – Last Chance!**

Early registration for the AGA Hawaii Fall Training Seminar on September 9 and 10 closes July 31<sup>st</sup>!

Register by that date to save \$50 on registration!

Application:

<http://www.agahawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/AGA-2015-Training-Seminar-Registration-Form.pdf>

Brochure:

<http://www.agahawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/AGA-2015-Training-Seminar-Brochure.pdf>

See information on the speakers below.

### **2015 Government Professional Training Seminar** Presented by the AGA Hawaii Chapter Kerry Yoneshige, 2015 Seminar Chair

The AGA Hawaii Chapter will be presenting the 2015 Government Professional Training Seminar on September 9 and 10, 2015 at the Hale Koa Hotel. Attendees will earn 16 CPE and at least 14 yellow book CPE. We are excited to have the following keynote speakers covering the topics noted:

| <u>Speaker/Organization</u> | <u>Topic</u>                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| James Dalkin/GAO            | Yellow and Green Book Updates |
| Gilbert Tran/OMB            | Uniform Guidance/OMB Updates  |
| David Bean/GASB             | GASB 68 and Updates           |
| Ronald Heller               | Ethics                        |

In addition to the keynote speakers, we will have Mr. Roy Amemiya, Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu and Mr. Wesley Machida, Director, Department of Budget and Finance, State of Hawaii as our luncheon speakers.

For more details on the speakers and topics, please go to our website at <http://agahawaii.org/> for the seminar brochure and registration form or use the links above. Register by July 31<sup>st</sup> to save \$50 and we look forward to seeing you in September!!!

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## Luncheon Announcement – July 27, 2015

Please join us for an exciting "*Fraud and Ethics in Government in 2015 - Lunch & Learn*" with Hawai'i Attorney General Doug Chin.

**When:** Monday, July 27th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Plaza Club 900 Fort Street Mall Honolulu, HI 96813

**RSVP By:** Monday, July 20, 2015



AG Doug Chin graduated from Stanford University and received his law degree from the University of Hawaii. Prior to becoming attorney general, Chin was the managing director of the City and County of Honolulu from 2010 to 2013, and a Honolulu prosecutor for 13 years, during which he tried nearly 50 jury trials. In private practice, Chin was a law partner and eventual managing partner at Carlsmith Ball in Honolulu. Chin has also

been a board member for the American Judicature Society since 2007, during which he has served on several task forces related to courts systems and justice.

CPE Credit Hour(s): 1

Cost: \$25 for members (includes \$10 subsidy for AGA Hawaii members); \$35 for non-members

Lunch: A buffet style lunch will be provided.

Food for attendees, will be pre-ordered and the Chapter is obligated to pay for the cost of people responding. Therefore, if you cannot attend, please find a replacement or notify us by the RSVP deadline.

Parking: \$6 for 2 hours at Plaza Club. AGA Hawaii will subsidize \$3 parking for members.

For more information on this and other AGA Hawaii chapter events, visit [www.agahawaii.org](http://www.agahawaii.org).

Please register/RSVP using the Evite system through your email invitation.

If you have any questions or know of others who would like to register, please contact Wei Lum [wei@accountancy-plus.com](mailto:wei@accountancy-plus.com) or 808-596-4105. Thank you!

## Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) at Kansas City, Missouri on May 15, 2015

Pamela Young, President

Attending AGA's Sectional Leadership Meeting, SLM, in Kansas City, Missouri for the second year in a row was a charm. Like last year, much information was presented to assist chapter leaders in Section 3 (Northwest, West Coast and the Pacific Rim) more successfully perform their responsibilities and duties.

At the SLM, Executive Director **Ann Ebberts** reported that AGA is developing new marketing materials, refreshing the national website, revitalizing the organization, bringing in more young members, acquiring a new email service provider, and focusing on educational programs, courses, events and webinars including free CPE. She encouraged us to think broadly about who can be a member, considering other professionals (not just accountants and auditors), stay relevant in the marketplace, focus on issues impacting our members such as the human capital crisis, internal controls, the DATA Act (Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, making information on federal expenditures more easily accessible and transparent), and bring events and educational opportunities to the local chapter. Finally, she reported that the National Board of Directors will be voting on a \$10 dues increase at July's Professional Development Training (PDT) in Nashville, Tennessee.

The theme for National President-Elect **John Homan** is "Celebrating the Government Workforce" for fiscal year 2015-2016. Although frequently overlooked by the media for their dedication, skill, integrity, competence and efficiency, the government workforce delivers some of the most innovative solutions at their work sites. At the same time, workers at all levels of government are facing unprecedented challenges. During his tenure, he would like to help improve morale and media perception of the government workforce. Other areas of focus will be the early career members, the future leaders in financial management and AGA, international expansion, and the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program, the preferred designation for federal GS-12 positions and higher.

AGA Field Representative and Past National President **Bobby Derrick** made a number of recommendations: (1) Develop relationships. At the maximum, we are separated by six degrees (steps) from everyone else in the world. By being introduced to someone, the power of transfer comes into play. (2) Successful leaders delegate, delegate, delegate! (3) Personal invitations are crucial for member involvement in chapter activities and leadership positions. In addition, ideas were offered on the following topics: Establishing a student chapter, having successful chapter executive meetings, general membership meetings and community service projects, and enhancing the chapter's long-term viability.

## SLM Meeting, continued

**Susan Fritzlen**, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, suggested posting chapter seminars on the events calendar of AGA's national website, and having a career section on chapter websites.

**Jill Murphy**, Membership Manager, reported that five hotel scholarships were awarded to Young Professionals for July's PDT in Nashville. Plans are underway to double the number of such scholarships for next year's PDT. Similarly, accounting students will be granted scholarships to attend National Leadership Training conferences.

Other breakout sessions included the following topics: Endowments/scholarships, education, chapter administration, membership and chapter leadership.

More information on the SLM may be found on the chapter website at <http://www.agahawaii.org/>.

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## Hawaii Chapter Position Opening

Interested in participating in chapter leadership?

**President-Elect** – Roles and Responsibilities: FY16-17 President.

Shadows President in FY15-16. Attends *Professional Development Training* in July 2016.

**If interested in the position listed above, please contact Pamela Young at**

[agapam808@gmail.com](mailto:agapam808@gmail.com)

# End-of-Year Social Event

June 24, 2015 at the Pacific Club



## 2015-2016 Hawaii Chapter

### Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| President                | Pamela Young, City and County of Honolulu |
| President-Elect          | TBD                                       |
| Treasurer                | Sean Nakamura, Accuity LLP                |
| Secretary                | Robert Hatanaka, KKDLY, LLC               |
| Immediate Past President | Edwin Young, City and County of Honolulu  |

### Directors:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Donn Nakamura    | Mark Chandler   |
| Valerie Shintaku | Cindy Yee       |
| Wei Lum          | Dwayne Takeno   |
| Ross Okumura     | Kerry Yoneshige |
| Ralph Kanetoku   | Bowha Kang      |
| Amy Surratt      |                 |

### Committee Chairs:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| By-laws & Policies       | Cindy Yee                                  |
| Community Service        | Ross Okumura / Dwayne Takeno               |
| Luncheon Programs        | Wei Lum / Raelynn Gaspar-Asaoka            |
| Media                    | Mark Chandler / Amy Surratt                |
| Membership               | Donn Nakamura / Mabel Yeung                |
| Networking / Aloha Event | Valerie Shintaku                           |
| Newsletter               | Debra Mott / Shena Bocalbos                |
| Nominations              | Ralph Kanetoku / Wei Lum                   |
|                          | Dallas Weyand / Edwin Young / Pamela Young |
| Student Relations        | Robert Hatanaka / Bowha Kang               |
| Social Media             | Bowha Kang                                 |
| Website                  | Ryoko Lung / Sherilyn Sakamoto             |
| Citizen Centric Report   | Ryoko Lung / Krystle Hara                  |
| Awards                   | Pamela Young                               |