
California Regional Team 2009-2010

Regional Vice President



Alex Guiang, CGFM, is the Regional Vice President for the California Region. He works for City of San Jose/Redevelopment Agency as Principal Accountant. Prior to joining the City of San Jose, Alex worked for ten years with Carlos J. Valdes & Co, CPAs/Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterHouse Coopers), progressively moving up to a managerial position. He is a holder of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant in the Philippines. Alex is a graduate of Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government's Executive Leadership Program. He is also a graduate of Government Financial Management Program of Rutgers University, Business Graduate School and attended the GFOA/University of Wisconsin's Advance Government Finance Institute. Alex is a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Alex has been active with AGA since 1997 and has served his home chapter, Silicon Valley Chapter, as chapter president (1999-2000), newsletter editor and web master. He also served AGA on a national level as member of Service Efforts and Accomplishment Committee, PDC Host Committee Member, Regional Coordinator for Education, and Regional Coordinator for Certification (CGFM). Alex has been living in San Jose, California together with his wife and 3 children since 1980's.

He said, "I decided to get involve with AGA because it gives me the opportunity to continue my professional development locally, apprise of the changes in the profession that makes my job easier, and network with people of diverse expertise."

Regional Vice President – Elect



David Bobbitt, CGFM, CPA, is the Regional Vice President Elect. His AGA home chapter is Inland Empire of California Chapter. David has held numerous positions in AGA at chapter and national level that include chapter president of Inland Empire of CA (1996), Regional Vice President of Western Region (1998), Host Committee Chair of PDC in San Diego (2006), and Regional Coordinator for Membership (2003-2009). He has been a member of AGA for twenty-seven years starting in 1987.

David is the Director of Internal Audits for Riverside Community College District. He attended Cal State San Bernardino and received a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 and Master of Business Administration in 1985. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager and Certified Public Accountant. He is proud to say that his wife is also an active AGA member.

David said, "AGA keeps me current on professional development and networking that is why I continue my membership since 1987."

Immediate Past Regional Vice President



Linda Kjeldgaard, CPA, is the Immediate Past Regional Vice President. She has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and is a Certified Public Accountant. She retired in mid 2009 from the County of San Bernardino as Supervising Accountant.

She has been an AGA member since 1999 and her home chapter is Inland Empire of California. Linda has held AGA positions at a local and national level as Chairperson of the Chapter's Hospitality Committee, Chapter President, and Regional Vice President for California Region (2008-09).

She said, "Keeping my AGA membership and participating in the activities get me to meet wonderful people and keep me up to date on current issues in the government finance profession."

Regional Coordinator for Membership & Early Career – Northern California



Emelda Lowi-Teng aka Angie is the Regional Coordinator for Membership and Early Career for the Northern California Region. She works for the California State Controller's Office as Accounting Administrator. She has been an AGA member since 1995 and hold chapter leadership positions in her home chapter, Sacramento Chapter, the most recent as the Chapter Membership Chair. She also served AGA National as member of the PDC Host Committee. Angie was one of top AGA membership recruiters and had been awarded to attend for free at the Hawaii AGA Professional Development Conference and won numerous prizes from AGA.

Angie received an Associate in Arts from Riverside Community College, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Accounting Emphasis from California Baptist University, and Bachelor of Theology from Bethel Christian College.

She said, "Because of AGA, I was able to build my self-esteem, improve my communication skills, go places, meet people and have fun doing it."

Regional Coordinator for Membership & Early Career – Southern California



Adelaida (Dely) Villanueva, CGFM, is the Regional Coordinator for Membership and Early Career for the Southern California Region. She has retired from the Controller's Office of the City of Los Angeles as Principal Accountant after working for 19 years. She is a Certified Government Financial Manager. Dely has had several leadership positions at the AGA national and local level as member of the National Committee in 2000, Chapter President of Los Angeles Chapter, and co-founder of Los Angeles Civic Center Chapter in 1998.

Dely has been very involved in the Los Angeles Civic Center Chapter since its founding from advising the chapter leadership to recruiting new AGA members. She was twice a top AGA membership recruiter of the year. She has been a member of AGA since 1994 and continued on with her membership because of her love of AGA as well as to keep her updated on her government financial management profession.

Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development & Assistance – Northern California



Rosalio (Jerry) Gandara is the Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance for Northern California. Jerry is a native of Nebraska, but has been in San Jose since 1960's. Jerry received a Bachelor Degree from the University of Nebraska and went on a Tour of Duty in Vietnam for 2 years as Commander of the Medical Services Corps. In 1969, Jerry returned from the duty and continued on in the military reserve with the rank of Captain. Thereafter, he went to Stanford University, Medical School for his PHD Molecular Physiology. While working at Stanford Medical Dialysis Center, Jerry attended Stanford University Law School and graduated in 1981. For over two years, he taught at Cal State

Hayward. He received a Master in Taxation from Golden Gate University, Master of Business Administration from San Jose State University, Master of Procurement from University of Phoenix and currently attending University of Santa Clara for his Master of Theology to become a deacon in the Catholic Church. For the last 20 years, Jerry has been working with the US Department of Contract Management Agency as Contracting Officer/Attorney.

Jerry is a member of AGA since 1995 and became president of his home chapter, Silicon Valley Chapter, in 2001. In 2005 Jerry returned as the chapter president and continued on in that position until 2007-2008. He is also AGA's Regional Vice President for California in 2007-08 and PDC Host Committee Member. Jerry is a lawyer by trade, but decided to follow his interest in government finance and love of AGA.

Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development & Assistance – Southern California



Christine Salvador, CGFM, is the Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance for Southern California. Her home chapter is Los Angeles Chapter where she was the Chairperson of Membership and Chapter Recognition Program. Christine has served AGA as a member of Host Committee for the Annual Professional Development Conference. She received a B.S. Degree in Accounting from Santa Isabel College. She is a Certified Government Financial Manager. She retired from the Office of Inspector General, US Veterans Administration, as an auditor. She now manages her own retail business but continues her AGA membership. She has been an AGA member since 1996.

She said, " I continue to maintain my membership with AGA to keep me updated on my government financial management profession as well as continue my networking with the general membership to increase my self-esteem.

Note: Information will be added for the other Regional Coordinators as they are received.