



Calendar of Events

Boston Chapter

May 12, 2005

Annual Awards Dinner at
Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

June 8, 2005

Community Service Project:
WGBH Channel 2 Auction

July 2005

Community Service Project: Bay
State Games

National

July 10-13, 2005

National Professional Development
Conference at Orlando World
Center Marriott, Orlando, FL

June 18-21, 2006

National Professional Development
Conference at San Diego Marriott
Hotel & Marina, San Diego, CA

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Annual Awards Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Chapter Awards

MA State Auditor's Office

Agency Chapter Service Award

Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE

Mel Partol Memorial Award

Sandra Comerford

Annual Achievement Award

David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

Chapter Community Service Award

Kimberly D. Rapoza

President's Award

William J. Yazbek, CGFM

Lifetime Achievement Award

Chapter Scholarships

David W. Irwin

Walter Frese Scholarship

Stephanie Lew

George E. Brady Scholarship

AGA Lifetime Awards

Salvatore Luciano

Nicholas Carbone (posthumously)

Annual Awards Dinner

Date

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Time

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Registration and
Cocktails
6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards
Ceremony

Place

Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

Menu

Appetizers: Mushroom Ravioli al Forno
and Garlic Bread

Salads: Caesar and Maggiano's Salads

Pastas: Fettuccine Alfredo with
Broccoli and Lasagna

Entrees: Chicken Parmesan and Chicken
Marsala

Desserts: Apple Crostada and Tiramisu

Price

Members: \$25 and Non-members: \$30

Registration

You can register by contacting Howard
Olsher, CGFM at 617-727-6200 or online
at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

President's Message

Hello, again!

After a long winter season, Spring has finally arrived in New England! Isn't it wonderful to see the forsythia and lilac in bloom?

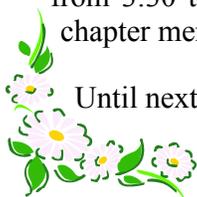
Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Harp Restaurant on April 21st for a buffet lunch and program. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Dennis Treece, Director of Corporate Security at Massport for a wonderful interactive session!

Please join us on May 12th at Maggiano's Little Italy for the Chapter's Annual Awards Dinner and special chapter meeting. We'll be presenting Chapter Awards to the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office, Howard Olsher, Sandra Comerford, Dave LeBlanc, Kim Rapoza and Bill Yazbek. We'll present \$1,000 scholarships to David Irwin and Stephanie Lew. In addition, we'll honor two Boston Chapter members—Sal Luciano and Nick Carbone (posthumously)—with AGA Lifetime Awards. We'll also take the opportunity to recognize our Past Presidents and Chapter Executive Committee members.

We'll hold a special chapter meeting at the Annual Awards Dinner to vote on proposed changes to the Chapter Bylaws. (Please Note: A summary of the proposed changes are listed in the next column.) And, one Awards Dinner attendee will be chosen at random to receive a free AGA and Boston Chapter membership!

Congratulations to the Boston Chapter's top sponsor, Mary Ellen Kelley! She sponsored 8 new members this program year.

Don't forget that we'll be volunteering at the WGBH Auction. Boston Chapter members and friends will be volunteer bid takers on Wednesday, June 8th, from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Consider joining fellow chapter members at this fun event!

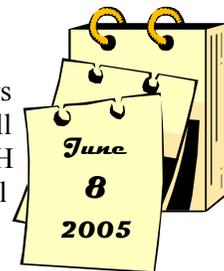


Until next month...

Julie

Save the Date!

On Wednesday, June 8, 2005, members and friends of the Boston Chapter will be volunteer bid takers at the WGBH Channel 2 Auction. Additional information is on page 7.



To register please contact Kim Rapoza at 617-565-2019 or Kimberly.Rapoza@oig.hhs.gov.

Mark your calendar for this annual fun event!

Proposed Changes to the Chapter Bylaws

At the Annual Awards Dinner on May 12th, the chapter membership will be asked to vote on the following proposed changes to our bylaws. (Please note: The entire proposed Bylaws by visiting our website at www.aga-boston-chapter.org and clicking on the Bylaws link.)

A summary of the proposed changes is listed below:

- Update the National Mission and Purpose, Code of Ethics, and Membership Types to include recent modifications.
- Modify the Chapter's Call to Meetings section to "...ten percent or 20 members, whichever is less, who have 'voting rights,' may call for special membership meetings."
- Modify the Voting Rights section to "The usual occurrence will be the voting for Chapter Officers and matters brought forward to the membership by the Chapter Executive Committee."
- Modify Chapter Governance / Chapter Officers to include "Vice Presidents for Education and Program sand Vice President for Planning shall be elected annually for one (1) year terms as provided in Article VII. The President-Elect may nominate two (2) additional Vice Presidents during his/her term as Chapter President to be elected for one (1) year terms as provided in Article VII."
- Modify Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces / Formation to "The Chapter President, upon ratification by the CEC, may establish such Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces as may be needed to assist the CEC in carrying out the programs and operations of the Chapter."

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Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming new member(s) to the Boston Chapter:

Michael Gagan
MA State Auditor's Office

Member News

Paul Rustigian, CPA, a member of the Boston Chapter since 1990, was recently promoted to the position of Audit Manager for the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service. As Audit Manager, he is responsible for developing staff and overseeing nationwide audits of the Postal Service's surface transportation network, which has annual expenditures of about \$3.5 billion.

In addition, Mr. Rustigian, was one of 16 recipients of the "Inspector General Excellence Award" presented by the

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Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 243 Active Members
- 24 New Members
- 2 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 35 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2004:

- Nicholas Dahl, CGFM..... 1
- Nick D'Alleva 1
- Wallace A. Franklin..... 1
- Mary E. Kelley 8
- Howard Olsher, CGFM..... 1
- Kathleen A. Still, CGFM 1
- Susan Tefft, CPA..... 1

Electronic Notification



To add your name to the *Boston's Beacon* electronic distribution / chapter update list, please send an e-mail to JuliaB@osc.state.ma.us. Thanks!

From the Editor...

Do you know someone in the Boston Chapter who has recently received promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share your good news with fellow AGA members?

Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue of *Boston's Beacon*.

Please forward submissions for the next issue of *Boston's Beacon* to JuliaB@osc.state.ma.us.



Thanks!

Chapter Recognition Program

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on May 1st and concludes on April 30th.

Boston Chapter credits as of March 31, 2005 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,300	3,000	110%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	4,625	4,000	116%
Certification	4,000	2,800	2,800	70%
Communications	3,000	6,477	3,000	216%
Membership	3,000	1,725	1,725	58%
Community Service	2,000	2,500	2,000	125%
Awards	1,000	1,600	1,000	160%
Total	20,000	23,027	17,525	

**Boston Chapter Balance Sheet
March 31, 2005**

Assets	
Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 6,260
Savings Account	9,582
Certificates of Deposit	<u>12,570</u>
Total Cash	\$28,412
Accounts Receivable	
Bentley RPDC - March 15, 2005	<u>\$ 6,945</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 6,945</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$35,357</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>35,357</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$35,357</u>

Memorial Day May 30, 2005



*To live in the
hearts of those
you leave
behind is never
to die.*

- Author Unknown

Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event? Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database? Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

(Member News Continued from page 3)

Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service. The awards were presented by Inspector General David Williams on February 9, 2005 at a ceremony in Arlington, VA, and the recipients represented all key functions of the OIG, including audit, investigations, legal, information systems and mission support.

The awards were presented in recognition of contributions which are "exemplary and had a significant impact on our organization's mission." The Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service employs close to 800 auditors, investigators and other professionals, and is responsible for conducting objective and independent audits and investigations related to Postal Service programs and operations. The Boston Transportation Audit Directorate staff examines the security, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of moving the mail nationally on surface networks (highway and rail).

Congratulations, Paul!

Security Briefing Update on Airport and Seaport



On April 21, 2005, thirty-eight members, potential members and friends joined us at the Harp for a buffet lunch and a *Security Briefing Update on the Airport and Seaport*.

Chapter President Julia Burns, CGFM opened the session by welcoming attendees, encouraging membership, and noting upcoming events. She then introduced our guest speaker, Dennis Treece. Mr. Treece is the Director of Corporate Security at Massachusetts Port Authority. For the next hour he answered questions from the audience and gave us a better understanding of security at Logan International Airport and the seaport. Everyone enjoyed the interactive session with Mr. Treece!

The Special Membership Offer for the April Lunch Meeting was very successful. Seventeen members invited one or more potential members to the session. Thank you for your support and encouragement of AGA and the Boston Chapter!

Update Your Member Contact Information

Please take a moment or two to review and, if necessary, update your contact information. Your contact information is important because it allows us to keep in touch with you throughout the year!

Your office may have recently updated it's e-mail system and you now have a new e-mail address. Or, you may have moved to a new location within the same organization. Even if there were no changes in the past year, please check it for spelling, etc.

You can make any updates online at the 'Members Only' page of National's website at www.agacgm.org.

Thank you!

Registration Scholarship to the 2005 PDC in Orlando, FL!

Maria Mamakos was awarded the registration scholarship to the 2005 PDC held in Orlando, Florida on July 10 - 13, 2005.

As promised, Incoming Chapter President David LeBlanc, CGFM will buy her an ice cream cone on Main Street in Disney World!

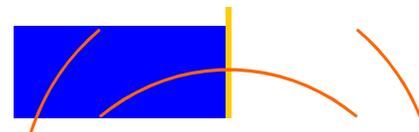
Congratulations, Maria!

Chapter History

In recognition of our 50th anniversary, we plan to document our chapter's history. Any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated. If you have information such as past newsletters, photos, names of chapter award winners and scholarship recipients, please contact Julia Burns, CGFM at JuliaB@osc.state.ma.us.

Chapter Survey

Don't forget to complete a Chapter Survey! It is located on the home page of our website at www.aga-boston-chapter.org. Please take a moment or two to give us some feedback. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.



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AGA-Boston Chapter Celebrates 50 Years!

Member Profile

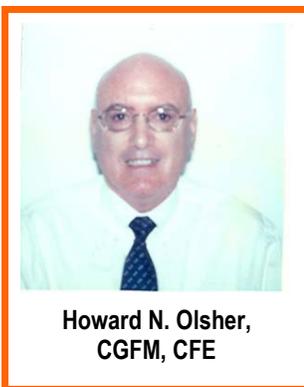
For over 30 years, **Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE** has been a member of the Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor (OSA) and for the past 17 years he has been the Director of State Audits for State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci.

Mr. Olsher is responsible for overseeing the performance of all audits conducted on departments, offices, commissions, boards, colleges, courts, institutions and the financial activities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is the reporting official to whom all cases of unaccounted variances, losses, shortages and thefts of funds or property are reported by department officials as required by the Commonwealth's "Internal Control Law" (Chapter 647 of the Acts of 1989). He has been involved in and directed numerous fraud audits and investigations whereby he works closely with the Commonwealth's Office of the Attorney General (OAG), District Attorney Offices and other law enforcement agencies.

For the past 15 years, Howard has been involved in the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and the OSA "Internal Control Campaign" to educate departments on the importance of internal controls and assist departments in the development of their internal control risk assessments and internal control plans. His other responsibilities include the coordination of OSA audit activities relative to the Single Audit of the Commonwealth that is conducted in conjunction with Deloitte and Touche, LLP.

Howard is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

For the past 20 years, Howard has actively promoted the ideals of AGA to his colleagues, staff and friends. He supports and encourages continuing professional education; keeps up-to-date on current issues, latest technologies and financial systems; supports professional guidance and certification; and is involved on committees to recognize the accomplishments of others. An example of his commitment in these areas was demonstrated when he served on the National Chapter Assistance Committee for a three-year term.



**Howard N. Olsher,
CGFM, CFE**

Howard is an active member and leader of the AGA - Boston Chapter. He has held numerous Chapter positions including Director At-Large, Secretary, Director of Chapter Recognition, President, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Director of Registration. He has also served as New England Region Vice President.

Howard has served as a member of the training committee since 1990 and has been instrumental in identifying time and informative topics and dynamic speakers for our chapter meetings and training sessions. Additionally, he has served as Director of Registration for chapter events since 1999. This year, he volunteered to organize a chapter training database for speakers.

For the past 10 years, Howard has been a member of the Chapter Nominating Committee. He actively seeks to identify chapter members who are interested in becoming leaders and, more importantly, he serves as mentor and friend to our current and future leaders.

Howard identified and nominated qualified candidates for chapter and national awards. And, this year, he was a member of the committee organized to revitalize our chapter awards.

In 1993 and 2003, Howard was awarded the AGA - Boston Chapter President's Award in recognition of his consistent support of the Chapter's goals and objectives. In 2002, he was awarded the Chapter's Annual Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding efforts at the OSA toward improving internal controls at state agencies. And, at the upcoming Awards Dinner, Howard will receive the 2005 Mel Partol Award for his outstanding contributions to the Boston Chapter.

On a personal note, Howard and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 32 years. They have a daughter, Molly, who is attending Drexel University in Pennsylvania and a son, Charlie, who is attending graduate school at Boston University. Howard and Leslie are avid bike riders...so say "Hi" if you see them on the road!



Eight States Designate March "CGFM Month"

- by Christine Camara

Thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, eight states have declared March as Certified Government Financial Manager month. Governors signed proclamations in Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. In addition, Indiana declared March as "Indiana Government Accountants Month."

David Mellem, CGFM, an AGA regional CGFM coordinator for North Central region, started the initiative last year when he received support from Governor James Doyle and Secretary of State Douglas L Follette, who declared April of 2004 as CGFM Month in Wisconsin.

"When I called the governor's office there was no hesitation," Mellem recalled. "They responded the following day."

Mellem wrote the proclamation, which briefly describes AGA, the Southern Wisconsin chapter, its commitment to government accountability, and the rigorous testing and education requirements to earn and maintain the CGFM designation. The proclamation, which was again approved this year, reads in part that the CGFM "provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency" and that chapter members are "making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Wisconsin by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements..."

Mellem said other chapter leaders and regional coordinators discussed the idea of seeking similar proclamations from governors around the country during a monthly teleconference meeting. Other AGA chapters used Mellem's proclamation as a model, and seven additional governors proclaimed March of 2005 as CGFM month.

Mellem said chapters can build on their success. "There's more we can do. I would think it would help because there's some degree of backing from the governor in promoting the program," he said. The next step for the Southern Wisconsin Chapter is to meet with one of the state employees unions to raise the idea of gaining recognition for the CGFM in hiring and promotions in state government.

To read the proclamation, please visit AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations.aspx.

Professional Development Opportunities

Information Systems Audit & Control Association

The Information Systems Audit & Control Association (ISACA) is hosting its Annual Meeting on May 26, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Boston Museum of Science.

The seminar includes Internet Security by Foundstone and includes the book *Hacking Exposed: Network Security Secrets & Solutions, Fourth Edition* by Stuart McClure, Joel Scambray and Georg Kurtz.

Price: Members — \$25 and Non-Members — \$50

More information about this event can be found at www.mos.org/doc/1006.

Institute of Internal Auditors

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Greater Boston Chapter is sponsoring the Regional IIA Conference on August 28-31, 2005 in Boston, MA.

The 2-1/2 day conference will include the best programs available in 2005, covering five tracks: Risk Management, Governance, Emerging Issues, Fraud and Technology, and Auditing Skills.

The conference incorporates world class speakers like Cynthia Cooper, Tom Warga, Ed Robinson, and Dr. Chuck Ward, with great speakers from local and national audit shops.

Price: Early Member Registration — \$495

For up-to-date information about the Regional IIA Conference can be found at www.iiaboston2005.org.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) is hosting an event in Boston, MA on June 27th: *Building Your Fraud Examination Practice*.

This one day, instructor led course will teach the types of fraud examination services in demand and provide practical advise on how to market your services to those who need them most. Find your niche in the anti-fraud profession.

Course leader: Ralph Summerford

Location: Radisson Hotel Boston, 200 Stuart Street

Price: Member — \$249 and Non-Member — \$299

CPE: 8 hours

More information about the event can be found at: <http://www.cfenet.com/events/EventDetail.asp?PackageID=1431&EventID=501>.



HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF BEING ON TELEVISION?

Well, here's your chance!

How: Be a Volunteer Bid Taker at the WGBH Channel 2 Auction

When: Wednesday, June 8th
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: The WGBH Studios
125 Western Avenue
Boston, MA 02134

(For directions visit the WGBH website at www.wgbh.org/auction/directions.)

Chapter Contact: Kim Rapoza at 617-565-2019 or via e-mail at kimberly.rapoza@oig.hhs.gov

Benefits of Volunteering

In addition to being a fun and enriching experience, volunteering at WGBH offers the following benefits:

- **Free One-Year WGBH Membership:** As a WGBH member, you'll receive a full-year's subscription to 'GBH, The Members' Magazine, our monthly program guide for television and radio. You'll also receive a WGBH MemberCard, your passport to savings at more than 200 organizations and retailers throughout New England and eastern Canada. If you already have a WGBH membership, we invite you to

pass it along to a friend or family member.

- **Wavelength:** WGBH volunteers also receive **Wavelength**, an insider's guide to volunteer opportunities and upcoming events, three times a year.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Events:** You'll be invited to many volunteer appreciation events, including fun potluck dinners and lunches, our Secret Sweetie Valentine's Day Lunch and the Two Collection: Art in the Afternoon preview party.

Community Service Volunteers Needed!

The AGA - Boston Chapter has always supported Community Service projects. We'd like to form a Boston Chapter team to volunteer at the Bay State Games and/or the Special Olympics. Are you interested in joining us? If so, please contact Julie Burns at JuliaB@osc.state.ma.us.



The **Bay State Games** is an amateur sports festival run each year by an organization with only two paid staff and many volunteers. This year the Games will take place on July 14-24, 2005. The Games include more than 7,000 athletes from across Massachusetts. The athletes will compete in 25 different sports including the inaugural year for badminton and baton twirling. For more information, you can visit the Bay State Games' website at www.baystategames.org.



The **Special Olympics** provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship. Special Olympics Massachusetts' athletes are now training for Summer Games' competition on June 17-19, 2005. The Special Olympics depends upon countless volunteers to training and support the athletes participating in the Games. For more information about the Massachusetts Special Olympics, please visit their website at www.specialolympicsma.org.

(Proposed Changes to Chapter Bylaws Continued from page 2)

- Modify Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces / Membership to include "e. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President-Elect, two (2) Past Presidents appointed by the President and three (3) Chapter members selected by the CEC. The President-Elect shall be the Chairperson of the Committee."
- Modify Nomination, Election and Filling of Vacancies—Officers and Directors / Nominations to "c. To be eligible for office in the Chapter, a member must be a Full Government, Private Sector Member or retired member in good standing." and "d. The Chapter Nominating Committee shall ensure that the professional backgrounds of the officer candidates are commensurate with the duties of these positions."
- Modify Dissolution to "The periods of the existence and duration of the Chapter shall be perpetual. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of this Chapter, none of the property of the Chapter or any proceeds hereof shall be distributed among the members of the Chapter. However, after payment of, or making provision for all debts and liabilities of the Chapter, all remaining assets and property of every nature and description whatsoever shall be paid over and transferred to any corporation, fund or foundation is one which organized and operated exclusively for scientific, literary, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. The receiving organization must be founded exclusively for social welfare, education and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Laws and for making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under aforementioned laws."
- Modify Liability of Officers and Indemnification / Limitation on Liability to "b. Chapter officers shall include those elected and appointed officers and directors of the Chapter, members of the CEC and those elected and appointed members of the Chapter duly constituted Committees and Task Forces."

Community Service Activities

Do you participate in community service activities?
For example:

- Avon Walk for Breast Cancer
- Bay State Games
- Boston Marathon for a special cause
- Habitat for Humanity
- Pan-Mass Challenge
- Project Bread—Walk for Hunger
- Rosie's Place
- Special Olympics
- Walk for the Whisper
- Women's Lunch Place

If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Julie Burns at JuliaB@osc.state.ma.us.

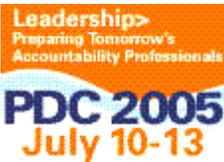
AGA Membership: Did You Know Chapters Offer Outstanding Networking Opportunities?

With more than 80 chapters nationwide, AGA offers many ways for you to give back to your community. Through participating in local fundraisers, charity events and volunteer projects, you not only help your community, but are able to network with other chapter members.

The New England Region has three local chapters: Boston, Harford (www.agahartford.org) and Maine (www.home.gwi.net/~aga).

News from National

2005 Professional Development Conference and Exposition



AGA invites you to attend its 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, to be held July 10 - 13, 2005, in Orlando, FL.

Leaders refuse to be left behind. They are well educated on the newest developments in the field and eager to learn as much as they can. Leaders want to make a difference. There is no better place to get the knowledge you need than at AGA's Professional Development Conference and Exposition.

No visit to Orlando is complete without experiencing the unparalleled fun and excitement of the Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort and Sea World Orlando. Bring your family to Orlando and enjoy special discounts on admission tickets to major theme parks.

National President-Elect Designate Hart Appoints Eckert to NEC

AGA National President-Elect Designate Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, has appointed Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Comptroller Harvey C. Eckert to serve on the National Executive Committee.

"I feel very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Eckert's caliber joining our national governing body," said Hart, who will become National President-Elect in July and National President in 2006. "I am truly looking forward to working with him to accomplish the important goals of AGA and our profession."

Eckert, a member of AGA's Central Pennsylvania Chapter, manages six comptroller offices and four bureaus to verse all comptroller-related activities for 45 commonwealth agencies. He has worked for the commonwealth for more than 20 years.

He has served as Past President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT); Immediate Past Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) representing the National Governor's Association (NGA); and Past President of the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC). In 2001, he received the NASC's Louis L. Goldstein Leadership Award in recognition of his leadership in government financial management in both Pennsylvania and the United States.

Annual Membership Renewals were Due March 31: Renew Online Today

Annual membership renewals were due to be paid by March 31, 2005. If you have not submitted payment, please do so promptly to avoid a lapse in your member benefits.

To expedite your renewal, you have the option of renewing online via the password protected members only section of the AGA website (www.agacgfm.org). Once on the AGA homepage click on 'Members Only' on the left menu. Login using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name – no spaces), click on the gray 'Billing' button at the top right hand corner of the screen. Your renewal fees will automatically appear (this will include your CGFM renewal if applicable). Input your credit card information and hit 'Submit.' The transaction will automatically process via our secure server and the updated renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in-house membership system!

While you are logged into the members only site, be sure to take a look at your contact information and make any updates as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800-AGA-7211 or via e-mail at agamembers@agacgfm.org.

Chapter Newsletter Editor and Website Contests

It is time once again for the annual Chapter Newsletter Editor Contest and the Chapter Website Contest.

The Newsletter Editor competition is designed to bring recognition to chapters producing the best newsletters in each chapter group. A first-place winner and an honorable mention winner will be awarded in each chapter group. All newsletters will be judged on Content (80 Points) and Presentation (20 Points). The Chapter Website Contest began on April 25, 2005. The judges are looking for websites that are informative, have working links, contain updated information and present a chapter identity. A first-place recipient and an honorable mention recipient will be awarded in each chapter group.

The Newsletter Editor and Website Awards will be presented during the 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, July 10–13 in Orlando, FL.

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