

Calendar of Events

Boston Chapter

October 20, 2005

Fall Seminar, *The Many Faces of Fraud*, at Lombardo's in Randolph

November 17, 2005

Chapter Lunch Meeting at The Harp featuring *GASB 45*

December 8, 2005

Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon

January 19, 2006

Winter Seminar at Volpe Center in Cambridge

February 16, 2006

Winter Workshop

March 14, 2006

Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley College, Waltham

April 13, 2006

Spring Workshop

May 2006

Annual Awards Dinner

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Fall Seminar

The Many Faces of Fraud

The Boston Chapter of AGA will present a full day of training on many aspects of fraud on October 20th. This session will offer you four separate presentations of fraud risk factors, investigative techniques, and case studies/examples of investigations with which our presenters have been involved.

The Fall Seminar is a joint training with the Greater Boston Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Alan Ryder, CPA, CFE who is with the Rhode Island State Auditor's Office, will offer a session on Fraud Risk Factors. Alan will also discuss a case involving fraud within a municipality. He will be followed by a presenter from the Boston HHS-OIG's Office, telling us about Health Care Fraud, specifically Medicare.

In the afternoon, a member of the Division of Unemployment Assistance Benefit Integrity Group will be offering a session on investigation fraudulent UI claims. We will then wrap up the day with a session presented by Bill McDermott, who is a former FBI agent, now employed by Deloitte & Touche.

Fall Seminar

Date and Time	Price
Thursday, October 20, 2005 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Members: \$75 Non-members: \$100
Program	Registration
<i>The Many Faces of Fraud</i>	Register by contacting Howard Olsher, CGFM at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org .
CPE	Registration Deadline
7.0 CPE hours	October 17, 2005
Place	
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA	

November Training Update

Our November training was set to be one half day covering the subject of "What's happening at Homeland Security?" Well, we have all seen the destruction of Hurricane Katrina and how this natural disaster has affected all of us.

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President's Message

Columbus Day will soon give us the first three-day weekend of the fall season. Then we end the month with a day of "dressing up" on Halloween. Some times I think this has become more of an adult holiday than one for the kids. Doesn't matter, as I've always said, "that growing older is mandatory but growing up is optional."

The first training session of our program year was held last month. This was a monthly lunch meeting where Bill Yazbek covered the topic of Changes to SAS 99. It was very well received and, as always, we are very grateful to Bill for volunteering to speak to our members and guests.

The next training scheduled is the full day of fraud training later this month at Lombardo's. More information about this and future sessions can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Our Membership Director, Sue Tefft, has been working hard contacting our new members, identifying and resigning the people who let their membership lapse, and working with the rest of the Executive Committee to figure out new ways to increase chapter membership. On a day-to-day level, Sue moved over to the Massachusetts Department of Education as a financial analyst this past June. Please contact Sue with any thoughts our ideas regarding membership. Her phone number and e-mail address are in the Directors list in the newsletter.

It's never too early to think about recognizing our members and co-workers who have excelled in certain areas. Our Awards and Scholarship Director, Bill Muench, is already planning our annual awards dinner in May 2006. Summary details of the Awards the Boston Chapter presents are listed in this newsletter. Also, please give serious thought to the national awards and who in our organization may be deserving of nomination.

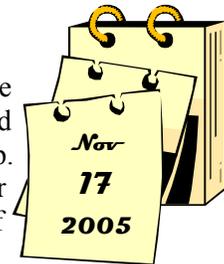
We are hoping for a long spell of Indian Summer, as we don't need crank up the heat yet. Even though last winter I skied for the first time since high school (no I'm not saying how long ago that was!), I'd rather carry the golf clubs than the toboggan for a while long.

Until next month, thanks for your support.

- DAVE

Save the Date!

On Thursday, November 17, 2005, the Boston Chapter will hold its second Chapter Lunch Meeting at The Harp. Eric S. Berman, Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will present *GASB 45*.



To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200 or www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

SOX...SOX...SOX

No, I'm not talking about the Red Sox. I'm asking you to look down at your feet. Unless you're wearing open-toed shoes or sandals, you probably are wearing a nice pair of socks. Hopefully they match. If not, you probably have a similar pair at home.



However, some people aren't fortunate enough to have even this most basic item that most of us take for granted. The Boston Chapter wants to help.

We are asking everyone who attends the Fall Seminar to bring **at least** one new pair of socks to be donated to an appropriate charity. It doesn't matter if they are for men, women or children.—They can all be used.

Unlike books or can goods that we have collected in the past, these are easy to carry and won't be a heavy burden.

In addition, each person who brings in a pair of socks will be entered into a raffle for a certificate to a future training.

Technical Articles

We would like to include technical articles in future issues of the *Boston's Beacon*. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact Julie Burns at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us.



TRIVIA QUESTION!

Television:

In the 1960's television show, *Bewitched*, the character name of the daughter was Tabitha. What was the character name of the son?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.



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

- Peter Babachicos, CPA**
U.S. Department of Transportation
- Philip McDonald, CGFM**
VA Office of Inspector General

Member News

Kimberly Rapoza, CPA (Boston Chapter Treasurer) recently earned the designation of Certified Public Accountant. Kim works for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Audit Services.

Congratulations on this achievement, Kim!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 232 Active Members
- 8 New Members
- 0 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 19 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2005:

- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM..... 3
- Kimberly Rapoza..... 1
- William H. Withrow..... 1

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 [Julia Burns@osc.state.ma.us](mailto:Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us).



Thanks!

In the September issue of *Boston's Beacon* the Boston Chapter Balance Sheet included an error under Total Assets. They were reported as \$29,236; however, the correct Total Assets were \$26,682. My apologies for any confusion.

- the Editor


TRIVIA ANSWER!
 Adam

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 September 30, 2005 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,535	3,000	118%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	725	725	18%
Certification	4,000	1,525	1,525	38%
Communications	3,000	3,217	3,000	107%
Membership	3,000	1,300	1,300	43%
Community Service	2,000	2,500	2,000	125%
Awards	1,000	2,250	1,000	225%
Total	20,000	15,052	12,550	

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

Assets	
Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 4,393
Savings Account	9,621
Certificates of Deposit	<u>12,679</u>
Total Cash	\$26,693
Accounts Receivable	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$26,693</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>26,693</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$26,693</u>

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New England Region

October 25, 2005

The Maine Chapter is sponsoring "Governmental Environment" of the Government Financial Manager Training Series.

October 26-27, 2005

The Maine Chapter is sponsoring "Governmental Financial Management Control" of the Government Financial Manager Series.

May 16-18, 2006

The Maine Chapter is sponsoring "Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting" of the Government Financial Manager Series.

National

November 14-15, 2005

National Performance Management Conference at the Portland Marriott Downtown, Portland, OR

June 18-21, 2006

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

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Comments should be forwarded to Julia. Burns@osc.state.ma.us.

AGA — Boston Chapter Annual PDC Scholarship

The Boston Chapter of the AGA is awarding one paid, annual registration fee to the Association of Government Accountants 2006 Annual Professional Development Conference. (Value is approximately \$900.) The conference is to be held in San Diego, CA on June 18-21, 2006.

To be eligible for this award, an individual must have attended at least five (5) of the seven (7) educational sessions sponsored and held by the Boston Chapter offering CPEs from September 2005 through April 2006. The individual must be a Boston Chapter member prior to the drawing that will be held in April 2006.

The award will be drawn at random from those meeting the eligibility through the last training session in April 2006. This award is not transferable by the recipient. However, an alternate(s) will be drawn in the event that the primary recipient cannot or chooses not to attend.



CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee held a series of virtual meetings to vote on the following proposals:

1. In addition to the \$1,000 cash scholarships, the recipients of the Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship and the George Brady Memorial Scholarship will also receive a one-year membership to the AGA and the Boston Chapter.

The proposal was approved.

2. The Boston Chapter will award one paid annual membership to an individual attending the Annual Awards Dinner. The award will be drawn at random from those individuals attending the dinner. An alternate(s) will be drawn from those in attendance in the event that the primary recipient chooses not to accept.

The proposal was approved.

3. Each year the Chapter awards one reimbursement scholarship to a chapter member interested in taking a CGFM exam. The individual scholarship must be proposed and voted on by the Executive Committee. Note: If it is the first exam taken by the individual, the Chapter will also reimburse the CGFM application fee.

It was unanimously agreed that Kimberly Rapoza, CPA would be awarded the CGFM Scholarship for 2005-2006.

4. The Boston Chapter will send a \$100 donation to AGA Hurricane Relief Fund.

The proposal was approved.

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2005.

Meet the Chapter Executive Committee...

Wallace Alan Franklin, CGFM, CGA, began his career in government auditing in July 1974 with the Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor (OSA) as a Junior Field Auditor. Since that time, he has been promoted to the position of Audit Manager assigned to the Lancaster Office of the OSA. In addition to his employment with the State Auditor's Office, Mr. Franklin was the Town Accountant for the Town of Lancaster (part-time position) from 1978 until his retirement from the Town in 2002.

Mr. Franklin is responsible for overseeing audits assigned out of the Lancaster Office in the central Massachusetts region, which can cover the area anywhere from Wayland in the east to Warren in the west and Tyngsboro in the north to Bellingham in the south. Mr. Franklin's areas of audits include state colleges, state hospitals, correctional institutions, housing authorities, and Department of Mental Health contracts with private vendors. He has also assisted Attorney General and various District Attorneys in fraud investigations.

Mr. Franklin joined AGA in 1978 and is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) from AGA. When the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors and Accountants Association started their own certification program in 1985, Mr. Franklin was one of the first participants of the Certified Government Accountant (CGA) designation, after passing their first certification exam.



Wallace A. Franklin,
CGFM, CGA

Mr. Franklin has been an active member of AGA since he joined the organization in 1978. He has held numerous Chapter positions including Chapter President Elect 1994-1995, Chapter President 1995-1996, and Immediate Past President 1996-1997. He has been on various committees such as the Director of Scholarships and Awards in the early 90s, Training Committee since 1994, Director of Registration 1995-1997, Director at

Large 1998-2003, and Director of Bylaws and Procedures 2004 to present. In addition to the Boston Chapter, Mr. Franklin has been active at the National level, as New England Regional Vice-President Elect from 1996-1997, Regional Vice-President 1997-1998 and member of the AGA National Budget and Finance Committee 1999-2002.

On a personal note, Wallace was born in Indiana and attended Indiana Central College in Indianapolis for two years prior to entering the military. He served in the Army Security Agency at Fort Devens where he met his wife of 38 years, Miriam. In 1969, after being discharged from the Army, the Franklins moved to Massachusetts where Wallace continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Accounting from Lowell Technological Institute in December 1973. The Franklins have been married for 38 years and have three sons, Scott, David, and Michael, and have one grandchild and three step-grandchildren.

September Lunch Meeting

On September 15th, twenty members and guests listened to a presentation on the subject of SAS 99 by long-time chapter member, Bill Yazbek, at the Harp Restaurant in Boston. One CPE was awarded for this lunch meeting.

Bill, who came out of semi-retirement from Deloitte and Touche, to do this session discussed many facets of fraud, the auditor's reporting requirements and management's responsibilities. Bill worked many years as a Senior Manager at Deloitte and before that at GAO. He gave many real life examples of situations of fraudulent behavior and the auditors interactions in the circumstances.

Even though Bill and his wife just returned from a trip to Aruba and he's getting to spend more time with his grandchildren, he's still keeping involved in the audit community. We're also hoping to keep him involve with the AGA!

On behalf of the Chapter, we thank Bill for his time and sharing his experience.

AGA-Boston Chapter's 2004-2005 Annual Report Is Available Online

The Annual Report for the 2004-2005 Program Year is available on the chapter's website. Please take a moment the next time you are online to read about our accomplishments last year. The direct link to the report is <http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org/2004-2005%20Chapter%20History.pdf>.

There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.
 - John Adams

Update Your Member Contact Information

Have you checked your contact information on the 'Member's Only' page of National Office's web site at www.agacgfm.org? If your answer is no, please take a moment 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!

Around the New England Region

The New England Region's Chapter Officer Workshop was held September 16-17, 2005 at the Courtyard in Woburn. Regional Vice President **Nick Dahl** led the interactive workshop.

Most participants met for dinner and networking on the evening of September 16th. The formal

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Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org
 Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/

workshop began at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. **Karen Doyle** (President) and **Jody Breton** (Past President) from the Maine Chapter; **Percy Cave** (President) and **Mike Grip** (Past President) from the Hartford Chapter; and **Dave LeBlanc** (President), **Julie Burns** (Immediate Past President), **Kathie Still** (Past President and Vice President for Education), **Jane Gustowski** (Past President and Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance) from the Boston Chapter were in attendance. **Cindy Osga** (Senior Vice President for Section I) came from Michigan—via Washington, D.C.—to attend the workshop.

Throughout the workshop everyone exchanged ideas including upcoming or potential training sessions, community service activities, offering support to each other. In addition, Each chapter acknowledge a contribution to AGA's Hurricane Relief Fund.

All attendees unanimously agreed that the workshop was very successful.

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA www.massaspa.net
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) www.cfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE..... www.acfc-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
- AGA Boston Chapter www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Hartford Chapter www.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter www.gwi.net/~aga/
- First Gov www.firstgov.gov
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board..... www.gasb.org
- Government Executive www.govexec.com
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) www.theiia.org
- IIA Greater Boston Chapter..... www.theiia.org/chapters//index.cfm/name.page/cid/13
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP) www.aippnet.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers www.nasact.org

AGA - Boston Chapter Annual Awards — Brief Descriptions

AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To recognize an agency that has made significant contributions to the AGA.

Eligibility: All agencies that have exhibited support for the AGA are eligible for the award.

Criteria: The award is given for outstanding support provided by an agency to the local Chapter or National AGA. Eligible agencies will have consistently made important contributions in support of the development and enhancement of AGA.

2005 Award Winner—Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose: To accord recognition for leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, and improving financial management in government service in the past year.

Eligibility: The individual nominated must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed. Nominees do not have to be members of the AGA.

Criteria: Selection criteria for the award will be generally limited to achievements accomplished during the preceding calendar year.

2005 Award Winner—Sandra Comerford

MEL PARTOL MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose: To recognize an individual for superior dedicated service that enhanced the Chapter.

Eligibility: Any AGA member of the Boston Chapter.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated service will be considered

on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service that enhanced the prestige of the Boston Chapter, enabled the Chapter to provide greater service to its membership, or brought a sense of continued dedication to the Boston Chapter.

2005 Award Winner—Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To annually recognize an AGA - Boston Chapter member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to volunteer community service by participating in a volunteer community service project or projects.

Eligibility: Current AGA - Boston Chapter member.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated volunteer community service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service.

2005 Award Winner—David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

CHAPTER EDUCATION AWARD

Purpose: To annually recognize an AGA - Boston Chapter member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to providing educational opportunities to the AGA and other regional groups.

Eligibility: Current AGA - Boston Chapter member.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated educational service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service.

New Award for 2006

For more information about the AGA - Boston Chapter Awards, visit our website at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

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The individuals who work day to day in Homeland Security have been involved more than most of us. So much so that we have had to reschedule this session as the presenter's first priority is the work that will continue for a while in the Gulf Coast. This presentation will now be one of the tracks offered at the Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley College in March 2006.

In November we will instead have a monthly lunch meeting covering the topic of GASB 45. Eric Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has graciously volunteered to present this subject on November 17th. Other details are available in this and next month's newsletter.

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.

Chapter History

We are documenting 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 Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us.



Earning the CGFM and Spreading the Word

When the state of Michigan employee Doreen Brown earned her CGFM certification, she naturally wanted her immediate supervisor to know about it. But she didn't stop there, asking AGA to also notify other top state officials including the governor herself.

Brown, who is an accounting manager for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget's Financial Services Division, said her goal was to spread the word about AGA's certification program.

After passing all three CGFM examinations, her achievement was announced at a staff meeting of 80 employees, it was written up in the local newspaper, and she received a letter of recognition from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

"Serving the public is one of the noblest occupations one can choose, and your career doing so speaks volumes about the greatness of your character," Granholm wrote. "From the beginning, your record of dedication shines brightly and this achievement is just another highlight in your outstanding career." Granholm went on, "Greek dramatist Sophocles once said, 'Success is dependent on effort.' Judging from the consistent quality of work and unwavering commitment you have demonstrated over the years, you are a model of effort and example of success."

New CGFMs can follow Brown's example. Consider announcing the accomplishment to the governor, treasurer, controller and/or state auditor. AGA sends out information about CGFM with every personalized letter that is sent. It's a great way to raise awareness of the CGFM designation.

Brown noted that Granholm had previously shown support for the CGFM by signing a proclamation naming March as CGFM Month in Michigan. Brown's Greater Lansing Chapter has also been active in encouraging members to earn their CGFM. In fact, the chapter reimbursed Brown for \$500 of the costs of her examination fees and preparation materials.

Howard Pizzo, Past Chapter President and Director of Financial Services, is also a new CGFM, having earned his certification during the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Florida in July. Pizzo and other chapter members are actively promoting the CGFM in Michigan, and Brown is helping co-workers who are studying to earn their certification. "We have a lot of interest," she said.

If you are a new CGFM, be sure to fill out and return your supervisor notification form to National Office so we can notify others of your accomplishment. Forms are mailed with the new CGFM packages. AGA chapters can contact Katya Silver (ksilver@agacgfm.org) about ways to recognize new CGFMs and educate others about the CGFM certification.

CGFM Chapter Promotion

by Katya Silver, Director of Professional Certification Administration

From September 1st to November 30th AGA National will give a discount of \$20 to CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive the \$20 discount,

1. The complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of bachelor's degree) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2005.
2. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion—Boston Chapter" written on the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM program?"

Important Notes:

- A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in January.
- The application must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter—Boston Chapter—on the application form in order to receive the discount.
- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the discount.

But that is not all...

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted in the three-month period of September - November 2005 will also receive \$20 x the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

CGFM application form can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>. Please contact Katya Silver at ksilver@agacgfm.org if you have any questions.

Professional Development Opportunities

New England Public Finance Conference October 17-18, 2005

Information Management Network is proud to announce its Third Annual New England Public Finance Conference.

The October 17-18th conference is at the Hilton Boston Back Bay, 40 Dalton Street, Boston, MA. The conference offers a varied fee schedule. — The rate for Government on or before September 30, 2005 is free. After September 30th, the rate is \$50. Registration includes a luncheon and cocktail reception on the first day. Attendees are eligible to earn 11.5 CPE credits.

For more information, please Andrew Kiernan, Account Manager at 212-901-0557 ext 110 or via e-mail at akiernan@imn.org.

New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum October 27-28, 2005

The fall meeting of the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum will be held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel in Groton, CT on October 27-28, 2005.

The conference agenda begins with a welcome by Catherine Provencher, NEIAF Chairperson and New Hampshire Deputy State Auditor. The workshops include **Dealing with the Media** presented by Paul Anderson, Managing Director—Public Affairs, U.S. Government Accountability Office; **Sarbanes Oxley—Impact on Government** presented by Dan Dennis, Managing Partner, Daniel Dennis & Company LLP and Shawn Warren, Partner, KPMG LLP; and round table discussions. Attendees will earn 9 CPE hours.

Registrations are due by October 17th. You can register online at www.auditforum.org and submit the registration fee of \$100 with a credit card. If you do not choose to register online, you can mail a registration form (available for download on the website) with a check or government purchase order. Registration includes breakfast and lunch on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. Guests are welcome to join any meals at the costs listed on the registration form.

If you have any questions, please call Richard Donaldson, NEIAF Executive Director at 617-788-0589.

ACFE Anti-Fraud Event in Boston November 7-8, 2005

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) is hosting a seminar in Boston on November 7-8:

Investigating by Computer. This seminar will teach attendees how to use the computer and Internet to effectively conduct fraud examinations and locate information. As part of this instructor-led course, attendees will study legal issues affecting computer investigations, learn the most productive way to conduct public records searches online, discover how to use data analysis tools effectively, and become skilled in the development and preservation of computer evidence.

This interactive, informative seminar is a NASBA approved CPE learning opportunity, which provides up to 16 hours of CPE credit.

Early registration fee for members is \$500 and non-members is \$600. The deadline for early registration is October 10, 2005. Regular registration fee for members is \$595 and non-members is \$695.

Detailed information about the seminar can be found at <http://www.cfenet.com/events/EventDetail.asp?PackageID=1455&EventID=519>.

Greater Boston Chapter of the IIA November 15, 2005

The Greater Boston Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors is hosting a seminar entitled **Privacy... Authentication...Biometrics...Information Assurance** on November 15th.

The speakers are Mark Cohen and D. Kern. The sessions are Privacy, Authentication...authorization techniques, How Biometrics Drives Business Value and Information Assurance.

The seminar is on November 15, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bentley College, Waltham. Attendees will earn 7.0 CPE hours. The fee for members is \$75 / non-members \$125 / students \$94 / Retirees \$94.

Detailed information can be found at http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/13/event_id/7473.



News from National

AGA Marks 55th Anniversary

AGA celebrated its 55th anniversary on September 14, by doing what it does best—advancing government accountability. The Association celebrated its birthday by presenting its prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) award to 10 federal agencies at a black-tie event in Washington, D.C., where the association was incorporated on September 14, 1950.

The Federal Government Accountants Association, now AGA, was founded by Robert W. King, the Association's first National President. King gathered a small group of federal colleagues together to form an accounting organization with a goal of improving government financial management. While the Association has changed its name, opened its ranks to state and local government finance professionals and grown tremendously, that goal remains the same today.

On its anniversary, the Association focused not on itself, but on the 10 federal agencies that received the CEAR Award for their fiscal year 2004 Performance and Accountability Reports. Their achievements were applauded at a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C.

National Performance Management Conference

The Performance Reporting Conference is planned for November 14-15, in Portland, Oregon. This conference is intended to provide insight into how reports could be prepared by having entities who have participated and/or won recognition in AGA's program share how they implemented and operate their performance systems.

Sessions will present how reports can be used to improve operations, build public trust, and be used for outsourcing and budget justification. The conference will have a nationwide perspective. Program participants and award recipients will be prominently displayed. And when possible Certificates will be presented at the conference. However, we anticipate that not all award recipients will be able to attend, so those will be received in their locale. And as available we will display photos of presentations at their locale.

AGA will offer opportunities for vendors to sponsor at the conference, to allow entities visibility as to what products and services are available to support their performance reporting efforts.

For more information about AGA's Service Efforts & Accomplishments Certificate program for state and local government agencies, visit the National Office website at www.agacgfm.org.

Call for Nominations for AGA's National & Regional Leadership Team

Deadline: October 28, 2005

If you're interested in shaping Association programs, advancing your profession, and representing members' interests in the government accountability community then submit your nomination TODAY for these National Board of Directors positions:

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services—Section 1 and IV
- Regional Vice Presidents-Elect

Those elected will take office on July 1, 2006 and serve for three years.

Contact Rosanna Ortiz at rotriz@agacgfm.org for more information.

Hurricane Katrina

The thoughts of the entire AGA family are with our friends in Louisiana and Mississippi, where we have several vital chapters and many members. AGA will report any news about our AGA members in this hard-hit region, so please logon to www.agacgfm.org for updates.

AGA Announces Hurricane Relief Effort

Hurricane Katrina has devastated an entire region of the nation, where AGA has several chapters and many members. As a result, the Association is coordinating a fundraising campaign to assist those in need. The Association is collecting donations, which will be distributed to AGA Chapters in affected areas. The chapters will then determine how best to use the funds. AGA members are urged to make donations to the AGA Hurricane Relief Fund, which will directly benefit AGA members in need.

Make your checks payable to AGA, note "Hurricane Relief Effort" in the memo and send them to AGA, 2208 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301-1314. If you would like to make a contribution via credit card, please contact John Harris with the Finance Department at 703-562-0360 or fax your information to 703-519-0039. Donations are tax deductible. (AGA Federal Tax Id #53-0217158) Because the need is urgent and immediate, please send your donation as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Membership Application

New Member Check here if renewing

I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.

male / female

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Job Title Dept.

Organization

Employer: (Government):

- Federal State County City International
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Responsibility Area:

- Accounting Budgeting Financial Management Management Academia
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- Friend/Co-Worker AGA/Chapter AGA Conference Employer AGA Website
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Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

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III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable) Member ID #

IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.
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Dues

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