

## Calendar of Events

### Boston Chapter

**November 17, 2005**  
Chapter Lunch Meeting at The Harp featuring *GASB Update* presented by Eric Berman, CPA

**December 8, 2005**  
Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston to benefit Christmas in the City

**January 19, 2006**  
Winter Seminar at Volpe Center, Cambridge with Mark Abrahams and Jay Fountain presenting *Accountability Reporting*

**February 16, 2006**  
Winter Workshop at the Federal Reserve Bank on the topic of *GASB 45*

**March 14, 2006**  
Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley College, Waltham

**April 13, 2006**  
Spring Workshop

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## *GASB Update*

### Chapter Meeting on November 17, 2005

Eric Berman, Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth will update us on the standards that are required to be implemented for FY05 financial statements (*GASB 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*) and for FY06. FY06's statement implementation includes Statement 42, (*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*) Statement 44, (*Economic Condition Reporting -*

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**Eric S. Berman, CPA**, was appointed Deputy Comptroller for the Massachusetts Office of the State Comptroller in August of 1999. He is responsible for three Bureaus, including the Financial Reporting and Analysis Bureau responsible for preparing the Commonwealth's two independently audited financial statements, the Accounting Bureau responsible for the management of the Commonwealth's capital project funds and Commonwealth debt, preparing and negotiating a number of cost plans with the federal government, establishing and maintaining spending

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## November Chapter Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Thursday, November 17, 2005	<b>Place</b>	The Harp Restaurant, 85 Causeway Street, Boston, MA (across the street from the O'Neil Federal Building)
<b>Time</b>	11:30 - 12:00 Registration and the opportunity to network	<b>Price</b>	Members: \$15 and Non-members: \$20
	12:00 - 12:30 Lunch	<b>Registration</b>	You can register by contacting Howard Olsher, CGFM at 617-727-6200 or online at <a href="http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org">www.aga-boston-chapter.org</a> .
	12:30 - 1:30 Program	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	November 14, 2005
<b>Program</b>	<i>GASB Update</i> presented by Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller		
<b>CPE</b>	1.0 CPE hour		

## President's Message

We are hitting a month where we have two official holidays. For those of us in the government sector, hopefully this means more than two days off and long weekends.

For Veteran's Day we should remember all of those who have served and those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. These people serving overseas love to receive letters from folks back home. We have also been told that newspapers and magazines are treated like gold.

The trivia regarding Veteran's Day is that it signifies the signing of the treaty ending the First World War. The treaty was signed in a railway car on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The second holiday which, of course, is Thanksgiving means more than just family, turkey and football. We all have something to be thankful for whether health, family, friends, etc. and I hope you can think about whatever it means for you. President Lincoln established this national holiday in 1863.

For education this month we have a lunch meeting at the Harp restaurant in Boston on November 17th covering the topic of GASB Update. Speaking will be Eric Berman, Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Details regarding the session and registration information are elsewhere in this newsletter and on our web site.

We are working to line up items for our Community Service fundraising raffle at our Holiday Party in December. Please think about any items you might like to donate as a prize to help us in this program. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit "*Christmas in the City*." We will also be collecting toys and personal hygiene items to be donated to the program. If you are not a professional shopper, you might want to help with a cash donation. At this time of year this is always a "one size fits all" item that can be used by a great cause.

Another Community Service point is, if you can, this is a perfect time to pick a cause for a program you can support and see where you can help out. Whether it's a shelter, food pantry, kids program, etc. There are many good programs looking for volunteers. Remember, it doesn't have to be a job on the front lines. A lot of these organizations can use fiscal help as well.

The Patriots are holding their own. We all know how the Red Sox season ended. On the local college front, Boston College is doing well as the "Token Yankee" member of the ACC this year. (Sorry, both of my children attended Big East schools!) It's OK for the skiers to start getting their fix with some snow up north. Just don't want it in my driveway yet.

Till next month, thanks for your support.

- DAVE

## Save the Date!

On Thursday, December 8, 2005, the Boston Chapter will hold its Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy. We have chosen Christmas in the City as our local charity again this year.



To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at [Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us) or via phone at 617-727-6200 or [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org).



## Christmas in the City

The idea of Christmas in the City was formulated by John "Jake" and Patricia "Sparky" Kennedy. They wanted to expose their children to those people less fortunate than them.

The first Christmas in the City event in 1989 brought 165 children with their parents in tow from various shelters throughout the City of Boston to City Hall. Each child was given an individually purchased gift, taken from their wish list, from Santa. Entertainment and a holiday meal were also provided.

The growth of the program has been spectacular. The current edition of the Christmas party is held at the Bayside Expo and will host over 1500 children. There will be games, rides and performers along with a seven-course meal...and, of course, Santa.

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



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

Old Time Radio:

In the Jack Benny show, the great Mel Blanc played the voice of Jack's violin instructor. What was his character's name?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.



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

**Barry Sims**

Internal Revenue Service

**Kenneth Woodland**

MA State Auditor's Office

### 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 the Chapter's Director of Registration—Howard Olsher, CGFM at [Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us).

### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 234 Active Members
- 10 New Members
- 0 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 19 Suspended Members

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

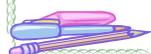
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### From the Editor...

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!

### Member News

**Julia P. Burns, CGFM**, Immediate Past Chapter President, recently accepted the position of Director of the Quality Assurance Bureau at the Massachusetts State Comptroller's Office.

Congratulations, Julie!



### TRIVIA ANSWER!

Professor LeBlanc (Sorry, I had to fit this one in. Nepotism, you know!)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Boston Chapter credits as of October 31, 2005 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,675	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	1,975	1,975	49%
Certification	4,000	2,275	2,275	57%
Communications	3,000	4,165	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	1,575	1,575	53%
Community Service	2,000	26,275	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	2,250	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>42,190</b>	<b>14,825</b>	

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet September 30, 2005

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 2,907
Savings Account	9,625
Certificates of Deposit	<u>12,702</u>
Total Cash	\$25,234

Accounts Receivable	
Lombardo's	\$ <u>849</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ <u>849</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$26,083</u>

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>26,083</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$26,083</u>

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**June 2, 2006**

Annual Awards Dinner aboard the Spirit Elite

**New England Region**

**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

**February 2-3, 2006**

National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

**June 18-21, 2006**

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

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*the Statistical Section*) and Statement 47 (*Accounting for Termination Benefits*.) Note that Statement 42 already has a direct impact in governments that have been hard hit by this past summer's natural disasters. We'll also do a quick review of what lies ahead - namely OPEB.

**Integrating Internal Control with Performance Management**

This report explores the impact of emerging issues on CFO operations, discusses issues candidly with peers and related functional communities and shares findings within the federal community. To view the report, go to [www.agacgfm.org/research/downloads/CFOAGASurvey2005.pdf](http://www.agacgfm.org/research/downloads/CFOAGASurvey2005.pdf).

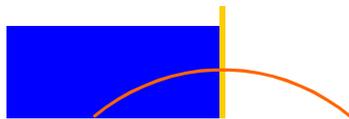
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and revenue authorizations for 155 state departments, maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the Commonwealth's ledgers for 130 funds and the Revenue Bureau, which manages the receivables and federal aid billing for the Commonwealth. He is also in charge of the financial relationships between the Commonwealth and 61 authorities and schools of higher education.

Mr. Berman is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, AICPA, MA Society of CPAs and is the Chairman of the Government Accounting and Auditing Committee of the Society. He has been nominated twice for AICPA Outstanding CPA in Government Award. He serves on GASB's Derivatives project and GASB's Environmental remediation project. He also chaired NASC's task force on other post employment benefits (OPEB). As part of GASB Statement 34 Implementation Team, he recently was awarded the Manuel Carballo Award for Excellence in Public Service.

***The Lord gave us two ends—one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one you use the most.***

- Ann Landers



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**Websites of Interest**

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

## Meet the Chapter Executive Committee...



**Kimberly D. Rapoza, CPA**

**O**ur chapter Treasurer for the past 3 years, Kimberly D. Rapoza, CPA works for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Inspector General, Office of Audit Services in Boston. Prior to joining

HHS as an auditor in 1998, she worked for 13 years at the Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Boston. Recently promoted to Senior Auditor at HHS, Kim's work has included financial and performance audits of the Medicare program.

Shortly after joining the AGA in 1997, Kim was awarded the Boston Chapter's Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship. She has since been the recipient of several awards from the Boston Chapter including a Special Achievement Award and the President's Award. Kim has enjoyed her work with the Boston Chapter and encourages members to get involved in the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC):

*"With every chapter member that gets involved in the CEC, the chapter gets stronger and more vital, professional relationships are built, ideas are exchanged and all members benefit from better training programs that suit the needs of the chapter at large. Members must understand that they are the chapter and their input is needed and welcomed on every level."*

Kim's academic achievements include an Associate's degree from Massasoit Community College, Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Eastern Nazarene College and a Master of Science degree in Management from Bridgewater State College. She has recently become a Certified Public Accountant and will be sponsored by the AGA Boston Chapter to take the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exams in the near future.

**O**n a personal note...Born and raised in Taunton, Massachusetts, Kim and her husband Charlie have been living in Brockton for over 20 years.



## Veteran's Day

Thank you to all who have served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Services.

## CEC Meeting Highlights



The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on October 25, 2005 to discuss and vote on the following items:

1. Agreed to disburse the four bags of socks collected at the October training session to various shelters in the Boston area.
2. Reviewed the training calendar and the excellent lineup of speakers for the Regional Training Conference in March.
3. The President-Elect is establishing a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers.
4. Discussed and agreed upon a proposal by the Chapter President to hold the upcoming Awards Dinner on the Spirit Elite as a dinner cruise in Boston Harbor.

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2005.

## AGA — Boston Chapter Annual PDC Scholarship

The AGA-Boston Chapter 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.

### “The Many Faces of Fraud”

The Boston Chapter of AGA presented a full day of training entitled “The Many Faces of Fraud” on October 20, 2005. This session offered four separate presentations on fraud risk factors, investigative techniques, and case studies / examples of investigations which our presenters have been involved.

The morning started with Alan Ryder, CPA, CFE of the Rhode Island Auditor’s Office, conducting a session on Fraud Risk Factors. Alan also discussed a case involving major fraud within the City of Baltimore.

The second session was presented by members of the Boston HHS-OIG’s Office, talking to us about Health Care Fraud, specifically Medicare. Michael Armstrong, CPA, Colleen Martin, and John Sullivan reviewed with us a number of topics where there was fraud perpetrated by health care providers and other industries against government funded programs.

In the afternoon, Debra Tucker and David (DC) Rand of the Division of Unemployment Insurance offered a session on investigating fraudulent UI claims. There was a lot of interest regarding new systems being used to cross-reference inter and intra state claims with data sharing arrangements with other state and federal departments.

Batting clean up was Bill McDermott, who is a former FBI agent, now employed by Deloitte & Touche. Bill used his vast experience and knowledge to entertain and educate the attendees in many cases involving identity fraud and public sector fraud.

If you have attended our sessions at Lombardo’s in the past, you know that the location is convenient and the facility and food make for a great day. Members of the Boston Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners were invited to join us for this session. Seven CPEs were awarded to the eighty-seven attendees.



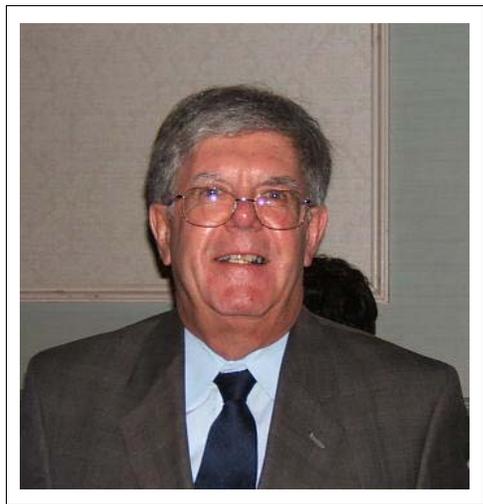
**Debra Tucker and David Rand**



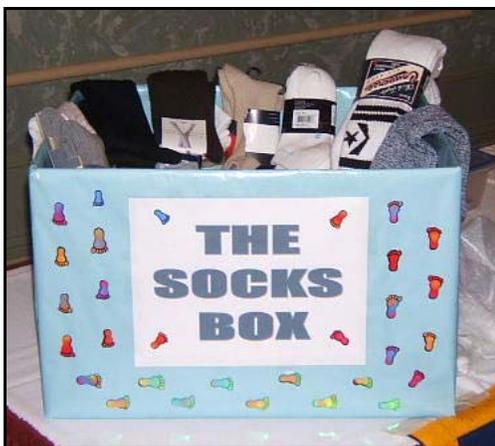
**Bill McDermott**



**Michael Armstrong, CPA, Colleen Martin and John Sullivan**



**Alan Ryder, CPA, CFE**



## October Community Service Event

The Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants held a clothing collection in conjunction with their training session at Lombardo's on October 20th.

We asked everyone who attended the October Training to bring at least one new pair of socks to be donated to an appropriate charity. The members and non-members who attended filled the large collection box that we set up on the registration table...and we had bags of socks to donate.

One of the donors, Frank McCarthy of US HHS OIG, won a drawing for a \$25 certificate to be applied to a chapter future training event.

Thank you to all who donated and made this event a success.

## 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](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org).



## Chapter Shows Hard Work Can Result in CGFM Recognition

- Katya Silver, Director of Professional Certification

AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter proves that persistence pays off.

The chapter's CGFM Committee recently celebrated another success in gaining recognition for the CGFM—this time in a new accounting specialist series in the state's Uniform Classification System. This success follows the chapter's work in 2003 to obtain CGFM recognition in the auditor series.

"When the auditor series was completed, we knew it would pave the way for CGFM recognition in other classifications," said Vandee DeVore, CGFM, a past president of the chapter who was active in both efforts. The changes in the accounting specialist series became effective Oct. 1, 2005.

As is the case for the auditors, the CGFM is recognized as equal to a bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience in the new accounting specialist series.

DeVore said the effort took two full years of research and discussion. A group of government financial managers requested that the new accounting specialist series qualifications include requirements for accounting degrees and credit for various certifications, including the CGFM.

DeVore, who is central payroll manager for the Division of Accounting within the Missouri Office of Administration, said the new requirements support the state's shift in emphasis away from accountants as those who merely keep records and process transactions to those with a diverse range of responsibilities and technical skills. The shift to a more educated and experienced work force is one that's taking place throughout corporate and governmental accounting. The Sarbanes-Oxley corporate reform legislation, for example, outlined more stringent requirements for accounting professionals.

"These qualifications will allow government financial managers to be better prepared to serve the administration and promote an accountable environment to the taxpayers of the state," DeVore said. "This change will move the State of Missouri forward by meeting these high standards of the profession."

For more information about Missouri's success, please contact Vandee DeVore at [Vandee.Devore@oa.mo.gov](mailto:Vandee.Devore@oa.mo.gov) or 573-522-5863.



## CGFM Chapter Promotion

- 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](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org) if you have any questions.

## Professional Development Opportunities

### 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](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/13/event_id/7473).

### Greater Boston Chapter of the ACFE November 18, 2005

The Greater Boston Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is hosting **Financial Crimes and the New England Task Force** in Boston on November 18, 2005.

Special Agent Jill Leavens of the U.S. Secret Service will present the training session at the Federal Reserve Bank Building from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Attendees will earn 3 CPE hours.

The cost for paid (Greater Boston Chapter of the ACFE) chapter members is \$15 and \$30 for non-members.

For more information, visit [www.acfe-boston.org](http://www.acfe-boston.org).

### Southern New England Chapter of IIA 2005-2006 Educational Programs

The Southern New England Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors is pleased to offer the following educational programs during the 2005-2006 Chapter year:

November 15, 2005 — **Financial Statement Analysis / Fraud** presented by Drew Davis

December 8, 2005 — **Quality Assessment, Part II** presented by Mike Piazza

March 2006 (date TBD) — **Performance Audit / Managing Change** presented by Jeff Berk

For more information, visit [www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?act=home.page&cid=51](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?act=home.page&cid=51).

### What Qualifies as Acceptable CPE?

CPE programs are structured educational activities with learning objectives designed to maintain or enhance participants' knowledge and skills in areas applicable to performing audits or attestation engagements, including subjects directly applicable to government auditing, the government environment, or the specific or unique environment in which the entity operates.

### Programs and Activities that Qualify

The following programs and activities qualify for CPE hours, provided they are in subjects or topics that qualify as GAGAS CPE:

- a. Group programs, including:
  - Internal training programs (e.g., courses, seminars, workshops);
  - Education and development programs presented at conferences, conventions, meetings, seminars, and meetings or workshops of professional organizations;
  - Training programs presented by other audit organizations, educational organizations, foundations and associations;
  - Web-based seminars and structured programs of study;
  - Audio conferences;
  - Accredited university and college courses (credit and noncredit);
  - Audit organization staff meetings when a structured educational program with learning objectives is presented (e.g., that portion of the meeting where a structured educational program is used to teach auditors about how auditing standards apply to their work or topics related to government environment);
- b. Individual study programs, including:
  - Web-based courses;
  - Correspondence courses, individual-study guides, and workbooks;
  - Courses given through Internet web casts, televised presentations, DVD, CD-ROM, audiocassette tapes, videotapes, and computer programs;
- c. Other professional activities, subject to the limitations as follows:
  - Serving as a speaker, panelist, instructor or discussion leader at programs that qualify for CPE hours;
  - Developing courses or the course materials for programs that qualify for CPE hours; or
  - Publishing articles and books that contribute directly to the author's professional proficiency to perform audits or attestation engagements.

## News from National

### 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.

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](http://www.agacgfm.org).

### Annual National Leadership Conference

Join us! Make plans now to attend AGA's Fourth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) to be held February 2-3, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The NLC is an extraordinary educational and networking event designed for government financial managers by government financial managers.

As a government finance professional, you perform an important public service in often difficult circumstances. The demands made of you are many, the resources available to you often few, and we are all witnessing the rapid multiplication of rules which goes hand-in-hand with ever-increasing workloads.

In these circumstances, it pays to seek out the best training available—training that exposes you to top leaders in the field, teaches you the ins and outs of the newest regulations and trends, and provides you with unparalleled opportunities to exchange ideas with your colleagues.

AGA's National Leadership Conference provides just this sort of training. Gain the education you need to further your own career and better serve the public interest.

The NLC will bring together the biggest thinkers from all three levels of government, as well as from the private sector and academia. You will have the opportunity to earn 14 CPE hours at dynamic, comprehensive sessions, share best practices, view exhibits of the latest technological advancement and meet your peers in the field.

All this and more awaits you at NLC 2006—register today!

### Welcome to the 2005-2006 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign *Go for Growth!*

AGA's National President, Sam M. McCall, CGFM, is challenging **every** member to recruit at least one new AGA member before the close of the membership year on April 30, 2006. Current members are our best source for new members who could benefit from all that AGA has to offer! Each current member who sponsors a new member is eligible for special recognition and rewards in the **Go for Growth** recruitment campaign.

Every time a new member joins AGA, we are made stronger. More members mean more visibility in the corridors of power and more opportunities for advancement through networking and exchanging best practices. Enlighten your colleagues as to what AGA can do for them! Recruiting a new member is easy—simply call, e-mail or drop by a potential member's office and share your AGA story. Show off your enthusiasm with firsthand accounts of how your AGA membership has been a great investment in your professional development and career!

#### Recruitment Rewards

- Recruit 1 or more members, receive a *Sponsors Only* lapel pin and get your name printed in Topics.
- Recruit 2 members and start earning AGA dollars. You'll earn 5 AGA Dollars for each new member that joins. Recruit 2 members, earn 10 AGA Dollars, recruit 4 members, earn 20 AGA Dollars and so on. Dollars can be redeemed towards publications, membership dues renewals and national conference registrations.
- Recruit 6 members by December 31, 2005 and receive your next year's membership renewal **free**.
- Recruit 10 or more members by March 31, 2006 and your name is put into a fishbowl drawing for a **free** registration to AGA's 2006 Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA. Recruit 10 members, get one chance at the drawing, recruit 16 members, get seven chances and so on. The more members recruited, the more chances to win.

#### Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition

- Recruiter of the Year (1 winner)—The member who recruits the most new members in the membership year will be bestowed with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.
- Top Sponsors (2 winners)—The next two members who recruit the highest amount of new members in the membership year will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor designation and each receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.
- Chapter Overall Growth (6 winning chapters)—Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping in the membership year will each win a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

#### Rules / Eligibility

All AGA members in good standing are eligible to participate in the campaign. The campaign period includes all new members joining AGA from May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006—AGA's membership year.



# Membership Application

New Member  Check here if renewing

## I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.

male /  female

### Preferred Address

Name FIRST  LAST  MIDDLE

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

Home  Office Address

Business Phone  Business Fax

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E-mail

### Second Address

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

## II. Business Information

Job Title  Dept.

Organization

### Employer: (Government):

- Federal
- State
- County
- City
- International
- Private
- Academia
- Student
- Retired
- Private International

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Financial Management
- Management
- Academia
- Contract Management
- Grants Management
- Program Management
- Administration
- Consulting
- Information Systems
- Retired
- Auditing
- Finance
- Legal
- Student
- Other

### How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker
- AGA/Chapter
- AGA Conference
- Employer
- AGA Website
- CGFM Program
- Internet Search
- Chapter Meeting
- AGA Publication
- Direct Mail

### Age:

- Below 20
- 21 - 25
- 26 - 30
- 31 - 35
- 36 - 40
- 41 - 45
- 46 - 50
- 51 - 55
- 56 - 60
- 61 - 65
- 66+

Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

Education:  Highest degree attained:  Accreditation and Certificates:

## 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.
- Private Sector**—\$150/year —This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.
- Early Career**—\$45/year—This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience.
- Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter  Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional  Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

## V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

Charge to my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

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Card Number  Expiration Date

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