

## Calendar of Events

### Boston Chapter

#### April 13, 2006

Spring Workshop at the O'Neill Federal Building on *Interviewing the Auditee* presented by John Sullivan of the SAO

#### June 2, 2006

Annual Awards Dinner aboard the Spirit Elite with a cruise around Boston Harbor.

### New England Region

#### April 11, 2006

Maine Chapter Meeting with guest speaker Rebecca Grant, Program Manager, Maine State Retirement System

### National

#### June 18-21, 2006

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

#### September 25-26, 2006

National Internal Control and Fraud Conference in Atlanta, GA

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## Interviewing the Auditee

### Spring Workshop on Thursday, April 13, 2006

*It's the Question, Not the Answer* -- a short course on interviewing

While the answer is important to drawing conclusions, the question is of critical importance to obtaining the "right" evidence to meet interview and engagement objectives.

This course is designed to:

1. emphasize the importance of prior planning for an interview
2. highlight adequate note taking and interview review techniques
3. remind participants of the various methods of soliciting and developing necessary information employed during an interview, and
4. introducing state-of-the-art thinking about successful interviewing

This course will be conducted in a lively and engaging manner designed to maximize audience participation and educational discovery.

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**John F. Sullivan** has been teaching adults for over 40 years, as an Officer in the US Army, an Assistant Professor at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, and at Northeastern University and Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts. For a number of years, he ran his own consulting company specializing in educating adults in private industry, at such companies as Stone and Webster Engineering, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and Merkert Enterprises.

He currently develops and teaches a variety of business/auditing related courses

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## Spring Workshop

<b>Date</b>	Thursday, April 13, 2006	<b>CPE</b>	4.0 CPE hours
<b>Time</b>	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Registration 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Program	<b>Place</b>	O'Neill Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA (Please Note: Food and beverages are <u>not</u> allowed in the auditorium.)
<b>Price*</b>	Members: \$40 and Non-members: \$50	<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> .
<b>Program</b>	John Sullivan of the MA State Auditor's Office will present <i>Interviewing the Auditee</i>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	April 6, 2006

## President's Message

As we start this month, I'm looking forward to take out the bicycle and put away the skis and sleds. Instead of using shovels and boots I'd rather take out the garden tools. Please no more of the white stuff. Instead I'm sure we'd all prefer to see green grass, furry animals and leaves on the trees.

For education this month we will have a half-day session on the topic of Interviewing the Auditee at the O'Neill Federal Building in Boston. Our presenter is John Sullivan of the Mass State Auditor's Office. The last training session of the program year and therefore the last scheduled opportunity to win the trip to the PDC in San Diego.

Last month we had our annual Regional Professional Developmental Conference at Bentley College in Waltham, MA. Registrants were able to select from four courses in the morning and from four more after lunch. We were extremely pleased to have AGA's National President, Sam M. McCall, CGFM come in from Tallahassee and speak to the conference participants. We thank our presenters and all of our volunteer members who worked that day to make this conference a great success for the chapter. Special thanks to our training committee, chaired by Kathie Still who came up with a fantastic year of training sessions and meeting for all of us.

At the conference the members elected a great slate of officers for next year headed by our previously elected Incoming President, John Beveridge. We thank these people in advance for their service.

I want to personally thank and recognize Kathie Still our VP of Education and Training and Kim Rapoza our Treasurer for serving in these jobs the past few year's. I don't think many people know how much work they have done behind the scenes for the chapter. Even though these two ladies won't be doing these jobs next year we know they will still be very involved in the chapter and it's business. Most of this is because we won't let them step out of the picture because they are too valuable.

The Red Sox start their season this month on their annual quest for a World's Series Title. It's been over one year since their last championship. That sounds a lot better than saying over eighty years.

Till next month, thanks for your support.

— DAVE

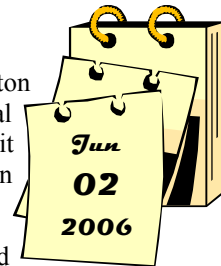
*p.s. Check out the starting letters of the first ten lines of this message!*



## Save the Date!

On Friday, June 2, 2006 the Boston Chapter will host its Annual Awards Dinner aboard the Spirit Elite! Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

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 online at [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org).



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Upon completion, participants will have a renewed appreciation of the techniques traditionally employed in interviewing as well as a number of new techniques which they will be able to add to their interviewing skills.

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for the Office of the State Auditor, while he continues to teach part-time for Boston University.

John and his wife live in Salem, Massachusetts, have two children and four grandchildren all of whom live in Marblehead, Mass.

**C**ongratulations to our incoming Chapter Officers! They were elected at the Regional Professional Development Conference (Bentley College) on March 14, 2006.

President - Elect:

**Wallace Alan Franklin, CGFM, CGA**  
Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor

Secretary:

**Richard Sullivan, CPA**  
Powers & Sullivan, CPA

Treasurer:

**Maria Mamakos**  
Massachusetts Department of Education

Vice President for Education and Programs:

**Julia P. Burns, CGFM**  
Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller

Vice President for Planning:

**Christine F. Donohoe**  
Massachusetts Port Authority



Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming the following new and transfer members to the Boston Chapter:

**Pete M. Gonzales, Jr., CPE, CFE**  
USPS / OIG  
(transfer from the San Antonio Chapter)

**Thomas Holak**  
MA Office of the State Auditor

**John Quinn**  
MA Office of the State Auditor

**Lourdes Rivera**  
U.S. Department of Labor

**Elaine C. Schmied, CGFM**  
Dept. of the Navy  
(transfer from the Cleveland Chapter)



**Go for Growth!  
Membership Update**

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 251 Active Members
- 24 New Members
- 3 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 14 Suspended Members

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

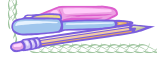
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- Susan Tefft, CGFM ..... 3
- William J. Walsh, Jr..... 1
- William H. Withrow ..... 1

**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!

**Member News**

**Kimberly D. Rapoza, CPA**, Chapter Treasurer, recently passed (on her first attempt) *Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting Examination*—the second of three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program. Congratulations, Kim!

**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 March 31, 2006 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,050	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,525	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	5,200	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	8,576	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	3,725	3,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	44,275	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	2,850	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>74,201</b>	<b>20,000</b>	

**Boston Chapter Balance Sheet  
February 28, 2006**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 8,794
Savings Account	8,144
Certificates of Deposit	<u>12,822</u>
Total Cash	\$29,760
Accounts Receivable	
Winter Seminar, Volpe Bldg	\$ 1,230
Winter Workshop, Fed Reserve Bldg	<u>1,504</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 2,734</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$32,494</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>32,494</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$32,494</u>

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**October 30-31, 2006**

National Performance Management Conference at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL

"Some people see things that are and ask, Why? Some people dream of things that never were and ask, why not? Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that."

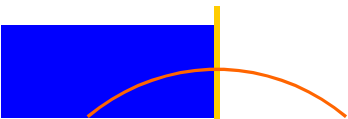
- George Carlin



**Look for a GASB Survey**

The Financial Accounting Foundation has engaged the National Research Center to conduct a public opinion survey regarding the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The survey is an important element of the GASB's efforts to communicate with its constituents and engage them in the standards-setting process.

AGA members may be randomly selected to participate in the survey, which will be administered in the latter part of March. If you receive the survey, you are strongly encouraged to respond promptly.



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



Chapter members **State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci** and **Joseph Valchuis, CFE** of the Office of the State Auditor presented the AGA - Boston Chapter with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Proclamation that March is Certified Government Financial Managers Month.

**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/)
- COSO..... [www.coso.org](http://www.coso.org)
- 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)
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers ..... [www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html)
- National Assoc of State Treasurers ..... [www.nasact.org/community/nast.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nast.html)
- National State Auditors Association..... [www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html)
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council ..... [www.ec3.org](http://www.ec3.org)





### CGFM Profile: Marlene K. Dorenkamp

When Marlene K. Dorenkamp became president of AGA's Des Moines Chapter, she wanted to set an example for her fellow chapter members, give herself an injection of confidence and show that attaining the CGFM credential was "doable."

"I thought that it would be good incentive for others if I went ahead and took it and let them know if it was achievable," Dorenkamp said. That she did, by passing the three examinations and becoming the first chapter member to become a CGFM through the exam process.

It took Dorenkamp one year to study and pass the exams, finishing up in November 2005. When she achieved her goal, the chapter did not overlook it. The current chapter president, Michelle Wendel, and other members recognized her at last November's Chapter Executive Committee meeting with a certificate and cupcakes. The next month, the chapter presented her with a scholarship, to defray some of her costs, and a cake in her honor.

Dorenkamp, who is also a CPA, used AGA's three study guides to prepare. She also organized a study group with two other members. Once a week, they would set aside an hour to study, helping them stay focused. Some of the material was very familiar. At the time, she was working in the school finance arena with the state Department of Education, and needed a strong understanding of the financial reporting requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement 34. Her success on the exams did, in fact, give her a boost. "It really did help," she said. "It gave me confidence that I knew the answers to some of the questions. I knew more than I thought I did."

She encourages anyone going into governmental accounting to consider the CGFM. "I think it's an excellent way to get that background. When I went through school, they had one governmental accounting course and that was it."

Dorenkamp had success using the study guides, while other CGFM candidates like to take the three preparatory courses and use the study guides to complement what they learned. She said the study guides have a lot of good information, reviews at the end of each chapter, and an appendix with reference materials to learn more.

Her advice for CGFM candidates is to make a goal and schedule the exams. Don't procrastinate and lose momentum. That way, the exams are on the calendar and it's easier to stay on track. "I made a goal when I first started that I would have it done by a certain time, and that kept me motivated and kept me going."

- by Christina M. Camara

Only a selected few people can make a perfect score on this one! The answers are elsewhere in the newsletter, but don't cheat.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind\_\_\_\_\_?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the \_\_\_\_\_ Show.
3. Get your kicks \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. After the twist, the mashed potatoes, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the\_\_\_\_\_.
7. N\_E\_S\_T\_L\_E\_S, Nestlé's makes the very best \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "Satchmo" was America's "ambassador of goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was \_\_\_\_\_, and he always ended his television show by saying, "Good night, and\_\_\_\_\_."
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their\_\_\_\_\_.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to\_\_\_\_\_.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit The Russians did it; it was called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50s and 60s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist; it was called the \_\_\_\_\_.



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

Title: Sports

The street "Yawkey Way" borders Fenway Park. What was the street known by before it was renamed for Tom and Jean Yawkey?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

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

### AGA — Boston Chapter Annual PDC Scholarship

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

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.

With one training session to go there are currently six (6) members that have already qualified to win this scholarship, six (6) other members are eligible to win this scholarship if they attend April's training session. Additionally there is 1 non-member eligible. All she has to do to complete her eligibility is to attend one more session and become a member prior to the April Training Session.

The award will be drawn at random from those meeting the eligibility criteria 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 virtual meetings on March 3 and 15, 2006 to vote on how the chapter would use the two hotel scholarships offered to us by AGA National. The scholarships will be used in the following order:

1. The first room will be offered to the winner of the PDC scholarship as selected from those people that qualify by attending the prescribed number of chapter trainings.
2. The second room will be offered to any national PDC award winner from the Boston Chapter. If we are fortunate enough to have multiple winners then we can decide by need if employers will not subsidize.
3. If either of these rooms are offered and go unused then the room will be used by either the Chapter President or President Elect to defray the chapter expenses.

This order of use will be in place for 2006 only. Since it appears that this offer from National may be a permanent item, the next Chapter Executive Committee should address this issue and vote on a policy to be followed in future years.

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

### National Professional Development Conference - Community Service Raffle

Every year at the AGA National Professional Development Conference there is a four day raffle held by the Community Service Committee. Last year's raffle raised over \$17,000 for charity.

Last year, the Boston Chapter donated a Red Sox World Series Championship hat, a Patriots Super Bowl Championship hat and a Legal Seafood Gift Certificate. The raffle will be held again this year. The chapters were asked for their charity choices and AGA National heard from over 60 chapters providing them with their charity of choice for this year's PDC community service raffle ballot.

The six charities with the most votes and therefore will be collected for are:

American Cancer Society  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Make-A-Wish  
 American Red Cross  
 St. Jude's Children's Hospital  
 Salvation Army



## Let's go Phishing

- by Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE of the AGA Nashville Chapter



“Nathan, I did something stupid” When a co-worker approached me with those words one day, my mind instantly starting reeling. Did their computer crash? Did they lose a network cable? Did they not follow instructions in an email for an update (since we all know how specific and easy-to-follow IS emails can be, I knew this couldn't be it)?

As my co-worker began to unfold the details of this supposed act of stupidity, daylight began to glimmer on what had transpired. This innocent, unsuspecting co-worker had received an email from what appeared to be their Internet Service Provider (ISP). The email was requesting verification of username and password information for their account. The email contained a link that you could click on and be directed to a screen where your username and password information could be entered and “verified”.

What my co-worker soon realized was that this was not a genuine attempt from his ISP to verify his personal information but a “phishing” attempt to deceive them into giving their personal information to a fraudulent source. Thinking on their feet, my co-worker quickly changed their password so that the information could not be accessed by this unknown fraudulent source. Was this a phishing attack or could it have been a legitimate attempt by a legitimate source to verify confidential information? While I cannot say for certain, it is better to be safe than sorry when it comes to safeguarding personal information.

In light of these events, I began to think that the general public may not be aware of the term “phishing” – what it is, why it's bad, how it occurs, and how to prevent it. When I hear the word “phishing”, I used to think of sitting on the bank of the Tennessee River with a pole and some worms waiting for a fish to take the bait. But now when I hear the term “phishing”, I think of a fraudster sitting at home waiting for an unsuspecting victim to take the bait by replying to their email and offering access to personal, confidential information.

### What is Phishing?

*Phishing is e-mail fraud where the perpetrator sends out legitimate-looking e-mails that appear to come from well known and trustworthy Web sites in an attempt to gather personal and financial information from the recipient.  
Definition provided by searchsecurity.com*

That's a good textbook definition – but what does a “phish” email look like? I sometimes receive mail from a known source such as my bank or my Internet Service Provider informing me of promotional items. However, fraudsters will also send you an e-mail disguising them as a known source. In the e-mail, they will typically say that your account had been recently compromised. They will also say that they need to verify your account information and for you to click on the link provided and enter your information to confirm it is correct.

### Real World Example

Most of us are probably familiar with the website Amazon and there is a good chance that most people reading this article have used this website to make purchases on one or more occasions. When shopping on Amazon, a user is asked to create log in information including a user id and a password. Exhibit 1 shows an email that was received by a co-worker which appears to be from Amazon.com. The email received is requesting the user to verify their account information by clicking on the link and entering their user id and password. The email was forwarded to me by my co-worker and I proceeded to investigate its validity. When I clicked on the link provided in the email, I was redirected to the following website:

<http://www.clan00.de/amazon/index.html>

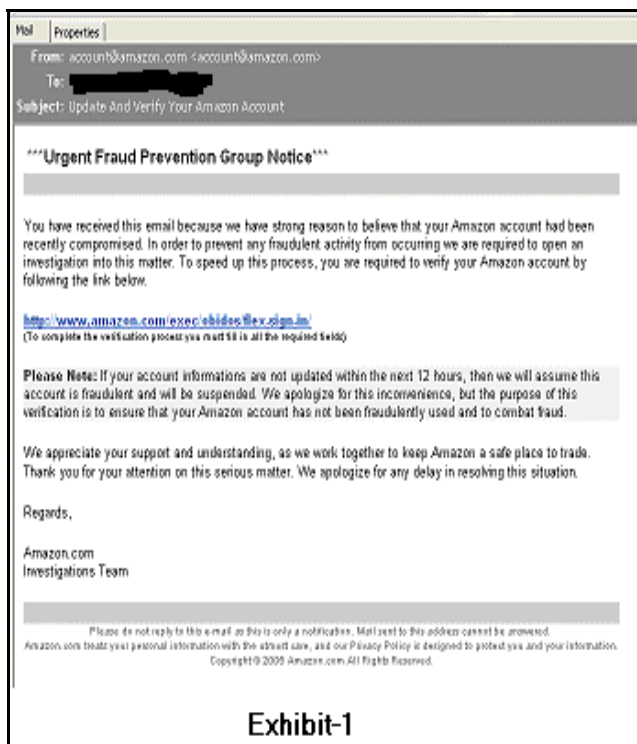


Exhibit-1

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**TRIVIA ANSWER!**

Jersey Street

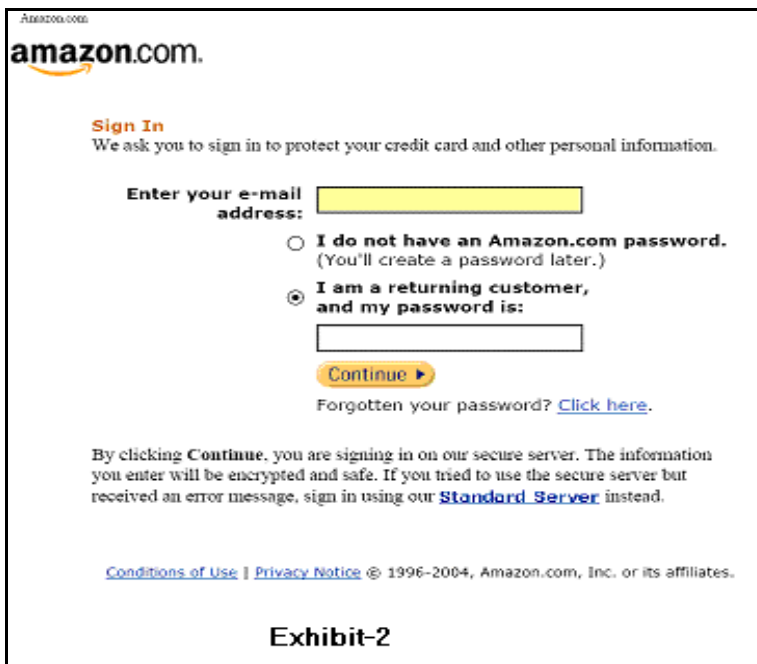
- Answers:
1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
  2. The Ed Sullivan Show.
  3. Route 66
  4. To protect the innocent.
  5. The Lion sleeps tonight.
  6. The limbo
  7. Chocolate.
  8. Louis Armstrong
  9. The Timex watch.
  10. Freddy the Freeloader, and "Good night, and may God Bless."
  11. Draft cards (the bra was also burned but this was for the "Women's Liberation Movement).
  12. Beetle or Bug
  13. Buddy Holly
  14. Sputnik
  15. Hoola-hoop

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Now compare this web address to the one at Amazon.com when you visit their site directly:

*http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/flex-sign-in/ref=gp\_hp\_si/002-2706832-4748052?opt=a&page=recs/sign-in-secure.html&response=rg/recs/recs-post-login-dispatch/-/recs/pd\_rw\_gp\_ur/ref=amb\_123983301\_1/002-2706832-4748052*

Notice that www.amazon.com does not appear in the suspected phish email link. The sender of the email set up a dummy page (Exhibit 2) that had all the looks of the real amazon.com log in page; however, the web address is a tell-tale sign that there is something "phishy" about this email.



**Annual Awards Dinner!**

Don't forget...The Chapter's Annual Awards Dinner will be on Friday, June 2nd, aboard the Spirit Elite. Join us on a cruise around Boston Harbor.

**It's Renewal Time!**

Watch your mailbox for your renewal notification for AGA and Boston Chapter membership and CGFM designation.

**What Can I Do to Protect Myself?**

- ▶ Do not click on a link in an email. Go directly to the website.
- ▶ Call the source directly and find out if this is a legitimate attempt to verify information.
- ▶ Refrain from clicking on pop-up ads.
- ▶ Be careful not to give out personal information through unsolicited emails.

**What if I take the bait?**

If by chance you think you have received a phishing e-mail you can forward this e-mail on to uce@ftc.gov or call the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) help line, 1-877-FTC-HELP. In addition, if you think your identity has been stolen, I suggest that you get your credit report and see if any unknown activity has appeared.

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## AGA - Boston Chapter Annual Awards — Brief Descriptions

The AGA - Boston Chapter is seeking nominations for its 2006 Chapter Awards:

### 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.

Award: Plaque

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.

Award: Plaque

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.

Award: Plaque

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.

Award: Plaque

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.

Award: Plaque

New Award for 2006

Nominations are due on or before April 7, 2005 and recipients will receive their awards at the Chapter's Annual Awards Dinner on June 2, 2006. For more information, visit our website at [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org).

### GEORGE E. BRADY SCHOLARSHIP

The Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is pleased to offer one (1) George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to an AGA - Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member who is enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

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### WALTER FRESE SCHOLARSHIP

The Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is pleased to offer one (1) Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program.

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## News from National



### AGA's Annual PDC in San Diego, CA

See you in sunny San Diego on June 18-21, 2006! Keeping pace with change in government financial management has never been more challenging. Effective training is essential for accountability professionals facing an array of new regulations, accelerated deadlines and heightened expectations at every level of government.

Make plans now to attend AGA's 55th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. With the theme "Navigating the Way to Citizen-Centered Government" and offering 25 CPE hours, the PDC promises to be an excellent learning and networking opportunity for government financial managers and accountability professionals. Create your own curriculum from more than 75 concurrent sessions.

Education sessions will provide technical training, emerging trend snapshots and leadership secrets from the best in the business. Speakers will explain current regulations, describe future challenges, and share lessons learned in disaster recovery and finance, among many other topics. Concurrent sessions will be organized around the following six tracks:

- Envisioning 2015: The Future of the Accountability Profession
- Building and Sustaining Strong Internal Controls
- State and Local Governments—Challenges, Strategies and Innovations
- Improving Public Performance: Transforming Data into Results
- Intergovernmental Financial Management: Collaboration or Frustration?
- Technology, Tools and Techniques for the 21st Century

In addition to an outstanding technical program, AGA's PDC provides unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas with your peers and meet new friends. The Exhibit Hall connects you with the industry's leading suppliers, eager to showcase cutting-edge technologies, products and services to help you to become more effective.

**Chapter Leaders!** Plan to attend the workshops presented by national office staff on CGFM, Membership, Education, Communications and Chapter Development/Assistance. More information to come!

Register today and secure your place at the government financial management education event of the year!

### Chapter Newsletter Editor, Website & Community Service Photo Contests

It's time again to enter the Chapter Newsletter Editor and Website Contests, which bring recognition to the chapters that produce the best newsletters and websites in each chapter group. The newsletter editor contest begins on or about April 10, 2006. All working chapter websites will be judged during the week of April 10.

It's time for the Community Service Photo Contest and the prize is a free registration to the PDC! Mail or e-mail photos of your chapter participating in a community service event to Jessica Jones by May 1 to enter. Multiple entries are allowed.

### Registration Now Open for the PDC Golf Tournament

Start the conference off right by treating yourself to a relaxing game of golf! Join us on Saturday, June 17 for the PDC 2006 Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Club, American Golf's 27-hole championship resort golf course!

**Fee: \$35 per person**—Includes greens fees, golf cart, gratuities, range balls, breakfast, lunch and transportation. The tournament begins at 8 a.m., shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded at the end of play.

The PDC Golf Tournament is a great way to have fun and meet new people. Space is limited to 88 players, so sign up early! Go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/golf.htm> for more information.



### AGA's Internal Control & Fraud Conference

AGA is proud to announce its latest educational offering. The First National Internal Control and Fraud Conference will be held on September 25-26, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Atlanta, GA. With a theme of "Fraud Prevention and Detection: The Newest Tools and Techniques," the conference will focus on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Hear from leaders in government and private industry who will discuss the latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes, and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens. Watch for updates on the conference in the weeks ahead on AGA's website.



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- Friend/Co-Worker  AGA/Chapter  AGA Conference  Employer  AGA Website  
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- 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:

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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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