

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

April 8, 2009

Audio Conference: The Future of Government Auditing
Federal Reserve Bldg., Boston, MA



April 14, 2009

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting



April 16, 2009

Spring Workshop Forensic Accounting
JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA



National

June 21 - 24, 2009

AGA National Professional Developmental Conference
New Orleans, LA



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President's Message

On March 10th, the Boston Chapter held its annual Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley University. This year's successful event hosted nearly 200 participants and speakers. I've heard some very positive feedback and I hope that everyone enjoyed the conference. The Chapter Education Committee, chaired by Julia Burns, designed an excellent program once again. My sincere thanks go out to the many people who participate on the Education Committee and Chapter Executive Committee. We are all volunteers and appreciate the tremendous effort on behalf of our members. I would also like to thank other chapter members and friends that helped as moderators or with the many tasks that this day entails. Many of the speakers also volunteer their time and we appreciate this.

The month of March was designated as "CGFM Month" by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick. Our thanks go to Joe Valchuis, our CGFM coordinator and next chapter President, who worked to get the proclamation approved. If you have thought of earning a professional certification and would like more information about the CGFM program, please call Joe Valchuis and he would be glad to send you information and walk you through the application steps. The Boston Chapter offers up to 5 scholarships per year for chapter members to pay for the exams.

During the month of April, we have two education sessions scheduled. On April 8th we will host an audio conference at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston entitled "The Future of Government Auditing". As usual, the audio conference is free for members and \$20 for non-members. Each participant will earn 2 CPEs for this session. On April 16th, we will have a 1/2 day morning session at the JFK Federal Building, entitled "Computer Forensics". Fred Howell, Senior Security Specialist for the Bose Corporation, will be presenting. Member cost will be \$15 and non-member cost is \$60. Participants will earn 4 CPEs for this session and a continental breakfast will be served.

Don't forget that the deadline for Boston Chapter scholarships applications is April 24th. In these difficult times, who can afford to pass up the opportunity for \$1,000 towards education?

We decided that our Chapter Appreciation Dinner should be held in a different type of setting. This year the dinner will be held at the Museum of Science on June 19th. Participants will be able to tour the museum after 5:00 pm with a buffet dinner starting at 6:00 pm and then the chapter awards and scholarships will be presented. The parking is free and the first 50 participants who sign up will be given passes for a future trip to the Omni Theatre for all registered guests. We hope you will consider attending. Bring a friend, your children and enjoy yourselves. Thanks for another great month!

Kim Rapoza

Save the Date!

Audio Conference - The Future of Government Auditing. To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200.



Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Audio Conference

“The Future of Government Auditing”

Date: April 8, 2009

Location: Federal Reserve Building
Boston, MA, Room AVI

Registration: 1:30

Session: 2:00 - 4:00

CPEs: 2 Will Be Awarded

Cost: Members Free, Non-Members \$20

Registrations due by 4/06/09, To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher @ sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule - the future of auditing.

Auditing has evolved over the years with many different types of audits being developed - financial, performance, follow-up, managerial, operational, etc. Some believe auditors have become too cozy with the auditees and have sacrificed their independence for cooperation and expediency, while others view auditing from a “gotcha” mentality whereby it is the role of the auditor to find as many things wrong as necessary and catch the bad guys.

To share their practical experiences in auditing and views towards the future of auditing are **Jeanette M. Franzel, CGFM, CPA**, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office; **David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA**, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York; and **Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA**, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for questions & answers.

Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Spring Workshop

“Computer Forensics”

Date: April 16, 2009

Location: JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA,

Registration: 8:00

Session: 8:30 - 12:00

CPEs: 4 Will Be Awarded

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$60

Registrations due by 4/14/09, To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher @ sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

We are extremely pleased to have Fred Howell, MBA, CISSP, as our featured presenter for the day. Fred is a Senior Information Security Specialist for the Bose Corporation in Framingham, MA and consults with local, state and federal governments on in IT security.

Four CPE's will be awarded for this half day of training - Computer Forensics and the Information Superhighway seminar. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

There is no public parking available at the JFK Building. For transportation you should use the MBTA Blue Line - Bowdoin Station or the Green Line - Government Center Station. There are also public garages in the area. All bags must be x-rayed and metal detectors are in use at the public entrance.

Any individual that may require special accommodations for the disabled at any Boston Chapter Training should communicate this and include the Information in their registration prior to the event.

Calendar of Events Program Year 2008 - 2009

September 10, 2008

**Audio Conference - Fraud Prevention & Detecting
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

September 18, 2008

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - Transportation Issues
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA
1 CPE**

October 23, 2008

**Fall Seminar - Fraud & Ethics
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs**

November 12, 2008

**Audio Conference - Internal Controls
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

November 20, 2008

**Fall Workshop - Auditing in a
Hostile Environment
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

December 4, 2008

**Annual Holiday Party
and Charity Fundraiser
Magianno's, Boston, MA**

January 15, 2009

**Winter Seminar - Internal Controls: Tools for Fraud
Identification in Today's Fiscal Environment
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

February 11, 2009

**Audio Conference - Unethical Conduct & Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

March 10, 2009

**Regional Professional Development Conference
Bentley University, Waltham, MA
8 CPEs**

April 8, 2009

**Audio Conference - Government Auditing
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

April 16, 2009

**Spring Workshop - Computer Forensics
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

May 13, 2009

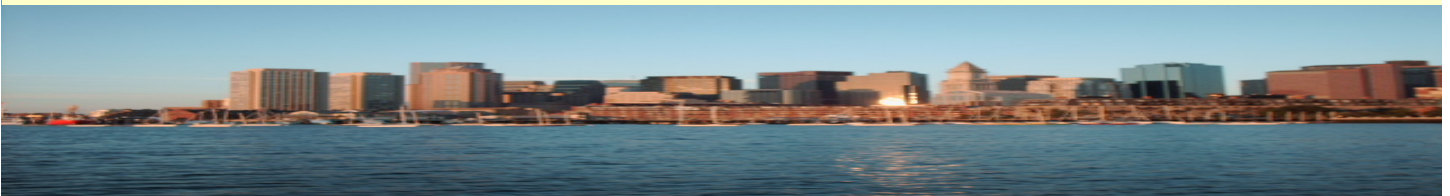
**Audio Conference - Ethics
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

June 4 2009

**Co-sponsored with NEIAF
Promoting Accountability and Transparency under the
Recovery Act
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs**

June 19 2009

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
Boston Museum of Science, Boston, MA**





Welcome!

Join us in the “Big Easy” June 21–24, 2009, for AGA’s 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)—*the* premier education and networking event of the year.

The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today’s constantly changing environment. Hear from top-notch speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

AGA has been a leader in providing the best training for more than 58 years, and this is the place where it all comes together. Offering 24 CPE hours, timely topics and an impressive line-up of speakers, PDC 2009 promises to be one of the Association's best.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and techniques to help your agency achieve its mission.

In addition to an excellent technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you’re here, please be sure to experience all the music, culture, history and fine dining New Orleans has to offer.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez—register today!

This year's conference activities will take place at two hotels, the Marriott New Orleans and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. For your convenience, both hotels are located on Canal Street and are directly across the street from each other. We have reserved a block of rooms at the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel to accommodate PDC attendees. The AGA room rate is \$120 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are only guaranteed until **May 29**, or until the block is sold out. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

To make a reservation, please call your preferred hotel at 800.228.9290 (Marriott) or 888.627.7033 (Sheraton) and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.



CGFM NEWS



Interested in the CGFM certification? Sign up for AGA's special Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, and Friday, June 19, 2009. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on June 20-21, 2009. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This is a special limited enrollment offer for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Examinations and need extra reinforcement of the material. The Intensive Review Course is **not a substitute** for the three instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, it is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations. Attending previous courses or studying using CGFM Study Guides before participating in this event is strongly encouraged. The cost of this course is not included in the PDC registration fee.

Registration: To participate in this event, individuals must:

- 1) Apply for the CGFM Program (submitting CGFM application form, fee and college transcript) .
- 2) Pre-register for this event by submitting the Intensive Review Course Registration Form and appropriate fee. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

The complete application for the CGFM Program must be submitted **BEFORE** or **TOGETHER** with the Intensive Review Course Registration Form. Registrations for this event will not be confirmed until after the CGFM application is accepted. Cancellations must be received by May 28, 2009; refunds will not be granted after this date.

Deadline: Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so we encourage you to sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after **June 4, 2009**.

Location: The Intensive Review Course and the CGFM Examinations will be held at the University of New Orleans, Kirschman Hall, located at 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148.

Prior attendance of CGFM training course(s) or purchase of the CGFM Study Guides is not required but is strongly encouraged.



FY 2009 GEORGE E. BRADY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter 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 that is enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

Background: The late George E. Brady was a member of AGA from 1957 until 1996. He served as the Boston Chapter President of AGA (1964-1965). He was the first person to have government service recognized as public accounting experience by the licensing board. George retired in June 1973 as Chief of the Boston Branch Office, Contract Audit Division, Auditor General, USAF after 31 years of government service.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be an AGA Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member (spouse or dependent child).

Applicant must be enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

Award Criteria: Recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, reference letter, and writing ability.

Application Submission: To apply for this scholarship, please complete the application and submit via e-mail submit via e-mail: (wmuench@dcaa.mil) or mail for receipt by no later than April 24, 2009 to:

AGA - BOSTON CHAPTER FY 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS
C/O WILLIAM A. MUENCH
10 JORDAN ROAD
HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01748-2650

Award Date: The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at our year-end Annual Appreciation Dinner, June 19, 2009. The recipient will be notified by May 15, 2009.

Questions: Please contact Bill Muench at 978-796-3637, E-mail: wmuench@dcaa.mil.

FY 2009 WALTER FRESE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter 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.

Background: The late Walter Frese was one of the original 59 Charter Members and one of the original nine Directors to serve on the National Board of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). Mr. Frese was the second National President of the organization, serving from 1951 to 1952. Mr. Frese's career included the United States Department of the Treasury, the United States General Accounting Office, and the Harvard School of Business.

Eligibility:

Applicants must have been accepted into or must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate/graduate student in a program relating to financial management. This will include (but not necessarily be limited to) majors in accounting, business administration, finance, information technology, and economics. In addition, graduate student applicants are considered eligible as long as the applicant is currently working in a government accounting/auditing/finance position.

Award Criteria: Recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, reference letter, writing ability, and an expressed interest in the field of government accounting, auditing or financial management.

Application Submission: To apply for this scholarship, please complete the application and submit via e-mail submit via e-mail: (wmuench@dcaa.mil) or mail for receipt by no later than April 24, 2009 to:

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Boston AGA Annual Awards – Brief Descriptions

AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

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

Eligibility: All agencies who have exhibited support for AGA

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

2008 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 in the preceding calendar year

2008 winner –Ronald Honesty, Mass Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

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

2008 winner –Julia P Burns, CGFM Mass Office of the Comptroller

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

2008 winner – Kathleen Cushing, CGFM, Mass State Auditor's Office

CHAPTER EDUCATOR 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

2008 winner – John Beveridge, CGFM Mass State Auditor's Office



Green Corner

Welcome to the newest edition of our Newsletter "The Green Corner".

Water is expensive and precious! Save up to 1,000 gallons of water per year by watering your lawn and gardening with captured rain water. Rain barrels are fairly inexpensive and directions can be found on many web-sites.

Ever been tempted to purchase one of those fancy air purifiers for your home or office? Save your money. Beautify your living / work space with houseplants. Many plants can act as natural air filters; improving your indoor air quality by absorbing contaminants and, of course, all plants contribute to healthy air by converting carbon dioxide to oxygen. Studies have shown that some common plants can be effective at removing formaldehyde, benzene, carbon monoxide and other nasty pollutants. The best plants for cleaning the air are:

Peace Lily
Areca Palm
Lady Palm
Ficus Alii
Golden Pathos
Purpose Waffle Plant
English Ivy
Purple Heath
Foxtail Fern, and
Wax Plant.

If you have pets or young children that may be prone to eating things they shouldn't, always check to see if a plant is hazardous if ingested.

Install motion sensors that turn lights off when not in use.

If you have any other tips please send them to the Newsletter Editor.

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



Diana Galatian
KPMG

Paul Russo, CPFO
City of Brockton

John Prankevicius
Massachusetts Port Authority

Nick Federico
Town of Uxbridge

Neil Cohen, CFS of the Massachusetts Inspector General’s Office, has been elected President of the Bay Colony Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists.

Anthony (Tony) D’onofrio, CGFM, has retired after 30 years of employment with the Massachusetts Office of the State Comptroller.

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 248 Active Members
- 29 New Members
- 27 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2008:

- Rachel D. Trant 2
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM... .. 2
- Joseph Valchuis..... 4
- Howard Olsher, CGFM 2
- Kathleen Cushing, CGFM 2
- Joanne St. Pierre 1
- Judy Blodgett..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM..... 2
- Barry Russell..... 1
- Francis McCarthy..... 1
- Julia Burns, CGFM..... 3
- Vincent Donovan, CGFM..... 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 dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.

Thanks!



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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 April 1st and concludes on March 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of March 31, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,275	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,275	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	4,375	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	9,468	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	5,100	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,150	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	10,375	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	50,018	22,000	100%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet March 31, 2009

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 4,182
Savings Account	7,237
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,606</u>

Total Cash \$25,025

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 1,970

Total Assets \$26,995

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>26,995</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$26,995

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 Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

SUDOKU ANSWER

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8	4	5	2	9	3	7	1	6
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4	3	2	9	5	6	1	8	7
5	6	8	7	2	4	9	3	1
3	2	4	1	6	9	5	7	8
7	1	9	3	8	5	4	6	2

Community Service News

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project to collect travel size toiletry items that will be donated to a local charity. Please bring donations to any of our upcoming chapter events. We had a nice collection at the Regional PDC at Bentley University and want to continue our efforts. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance on this project.

April Quote

"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."

Art Buchwald



TRIVIA QUESTION!

How many colors are there in a rainbow?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA)www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA.....www.massaspa.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE)..... www.cfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE..... www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter.....www.agaarostookcounty.org
- AGA Boston Chapter..... www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Hartford Chapter www.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter..... www.gwi.net/~aga/
- COSO..... www.coso.org
- 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/home.page/cid/13
- Information Systems Audit & Control Association www.isaca.org
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP)..... www.iappnet.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....www.nasact.org
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers..... www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
- National Assoc of State Treasurers..... www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
- National State Auditors Association..... www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council www.ec3.org

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Comments should be forwarded to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.



CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on March 3, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- Education – The chapter will offer one 2010 RPDC Scholarship drawn at random to a person who completes the 2009 RPDC online evaluation.
- CGFM – Governor Deval Patrick declared March as CGFM Month in Massachusetts. A couple of members have expressed interest in the CGFM scholarship. One member plans to take the exams at the National PDC in New Orleans.
- Planning – The April 16th workshop has been moved to the JFK Federal Building.
- Community Service – We collected travel-size toiletries at the RPDC for a local shelter/organization such as the Ronald McDonald House.
- Membership – Welcome letters and \$20 coupon for a training event were sent to all new members.
- Scholarships & Awards – Applications / nominations are currently being accepted for the Chapter's Scholarships and Awards.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.



In the Spirit of the Season

"To steal from one person is theft. To steal from many is taxation."

Benjamin Franklin

"Blessed are the young, for they will inherit the national debt."

Herbert Hoover

"The federal income tax system is a disgrace to the human race."

Jimmy Carter

"The current tax code is a daily mugging."

Ronald Reagan

"Read my lips. No new taxes."

George H.W. Bush

"I have no intention of raising taxes."

William Clinton

"The income tax created more criminals than any other single act of government."

Barry Goldwater

"The power to tax involves the power to destroy."

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall

"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law."

David Dinkins, Mayor of New York City.

"If Patrick Henry thought that taxation without representation was bad, he should see it with representation."

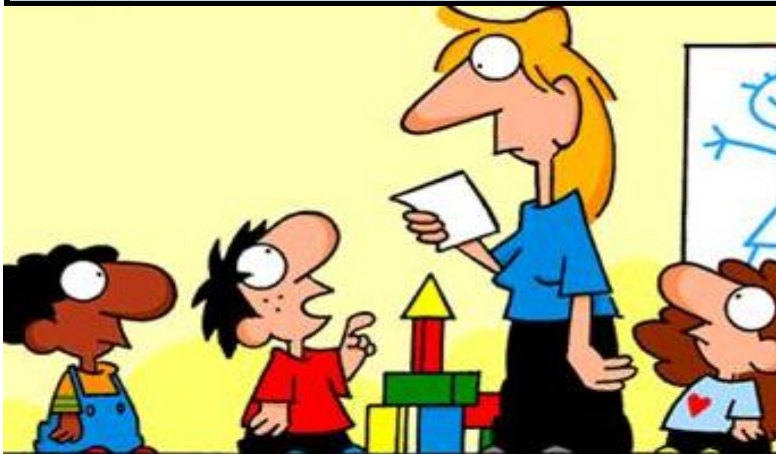
The Farmer's Almanac

"It's income tax time again. Gather up those slips, get out those tax forms, sharpen that pencil, and stab yourself in the aorta."

Dave Barry

"Have you ever wondered if taxation without representation was cheaper?"

Will Rodgers



"My name was David, but that sounded old fashioned. So I shortened it to DVD!"

Trivia Answer

Seven

News from National

Dodaro to Speak at AGA Leadership Breakfast April 8--Reserve Your FREE* Spot Today!

Have your morning coffee and eggs on us! Reserve your free spot today. Network with your peers at the Meet the Financial Management Policy-Makers breakfast, set for 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. **April 8** at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. AGA's leadership breakfasts bring private sector and government executives together to exchange information, solve issues and build partnership and trust.

Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM, Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), will speak on GAO's plans to carry out its oversight role related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Recovery Act assigns GAO a range of responsibilities to help promote accountability and transparency.

Questions will be taken from the audience after the discussion. Registration, including a delicious breakfast is free for government executives but space is limited, so register today! For more information, please contact Susan Fritzlen.

Third Annual National Community Service Project Set for April 27- May 1, 2009

Community service and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of what AGA is about. The dates for our Third Annual National Community Service project are April 27-May 1, 2009, again sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festivals. We will seek lodging in the beautiful, new University of New Orleans dormitory (two-bedroom, furnished apartments) with a rate of only about \$20 per night, per person.

Due to popular demand, we have created a second opportunity next year to experience what it's like to work with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans. Since AGA's National PDC is in New Orleans June 21-24, 2009, we will also have a one-day community service event with Habitat on Thursday, June 25, the day after the PDC ends. For this event, we will seek to extend AGA's special hotel rate to include this extra night. We hope you will pencil in these dates on your calendar and join us for some of the fun!

AGA Announces Four New Courses

Four new AGA-sponsored courses are designed to help financial managers and auditors add value to government performance. The courses are presented in cooperation with The Auditor Roles in Performance Measurement Project Team of The Institute of Internal Auditors, which developed the courses under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. These courses can be customized to an organization's needs, to immerse participants in high-value audit skills and to provide additional ways to apply them. The four courses include:

A New Service Model: Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement.

Assessing the Reliability and Relevance of Performance Information.

Assessing the Quality of Performance Information and Performance Reports.

Auditing Performance Management Systems.

Read more details about these and other AGA-sponsored training courses at www.agacgfm.org, or contact AGA Director of Education Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307.

Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

The states of Washington, Texas and Maryland, Guilford County (NC), the U.S. Agency for International Development, National Science Foundation, Idaho State Police and the City of Las Vegas are the latest governments to join a growing list of state and local governments and federal agencies who are producing four-page Citizen-Centric Reports

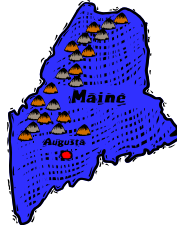
Dates Set for Fifth Annual PMC

Mark your calendar for the Fifth Annual Performance Management Conference on **Nov. 5-6, 2009** in Seattle. Do you have something to share about your entity's experience in performance management? Contact Evie Barry to see if you can participate in the program.

Around the New England Region

Maine Chapter Meetings

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker.



Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

Held once each month, typically following the Chapter Meetings. They are held as needed during the summer months. Minutes will be posted in the following month's newsletter. Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/

The Maine Chapter has an upcoming Training meeting scheduled.

On April 14, 2009, **Robin Chacon**, Director of Claims Processing with the Office of Maine Care Services (OMS) will address the change in the office's new claims management systems.

This will be a breakfast meeting at the Best Western Hotel in Augusta, Maine.

For more information, contact Suzanne Hammer at 623-6747 or email at suzanne.hammer@maine.gov



Aroostook County Chapter

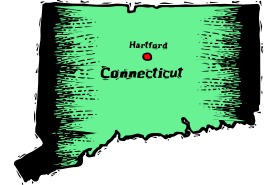
The Aroostook County's held a membership drive meeting in February, themed around the Mardi Gras.



Plans are ongoing for the next chapter educational training event.

Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

These are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May.



The meeting location is the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT.

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org

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