Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter Annual History Report 2012 – 2013

Chapter Executive Committee

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Special Meetings

December 6, 2012 Special Business Meeting and Annual Holiday Luncheon and

Charity Fundraiser at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Boston,

MA

Chapter Meetings with Guest Speaker

Chapter meetings, seminars and conferences include a special guest speaker(s) discussing a timely topic. The dates and speakers were as follows:

Seminars

October 18, 2012 The Many Faces of Fraud 7 CPE hours

Lombardo's Randolph, MA

Allie Alland of the MA State Auditor's Office, Bureau of Special

Investigations discussed Public Assistance Fraud

Anthony C. Scalice, USAF, Acquisition Fraud Counsel, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate conducted a session about Acquisition Fraud

Boston Chapter President Ernest A. Almonte, CGFM, CPA, Almonte Group LLC talked about Predictive Modeling

Fred Howell, Bowes Corp. held everyone's attention with an informative session about Personal Device Fraud

January 17, 2013 Prevention and Detection of Governmental 7 CPE hours

Fraud and Contract and Procurement Fraud

Volpe Federal Transportation Bldg., Cambridge, MA

Sebastian (Ben) Lorigo, CFE retired executive director of the

Office of Integrity and Oversight (OIO),

April 25, 2013 Writing with Impact 7 CPE hours

Volpe Federal Transportation Bldg., Cambridge, MA

Dan Strohl

Conference

March 14, 2013 Regional Professional Development Conference 8 CPE hours

Bentley University, Waltham, MA

Keynote Speakers

Evelyn Brown, CGFM - AGA National President John Lenihan, Zoo New England President and CEO

Ronald Meldonian, CPA, DCAA Northeast Regional Director

Concurrent Sessions:

Track 1A & B

Our Professional Journey

Evelyn Brown, CGFM - AGA National President

Track 2A & B

The Leader Within

Linda Gover - AGA Northeast Regional Vice President

Track 3A & B

Social Media as an Investigative Tool

Martin Cohan, Deputy Chief, Peabody Police Department

Track 4A & B

Ethics

Daniel Bonnette, CPA - McGladrey & Pullen

Track 5A & B Statistical Operations Lee Giesbrecht – VA OIG Audit Division

Track 6A & B

Ripple Effect – the federal Government's Financial Position Scott Bell, CGFM - AGA National Senior VP, US Treasury Jack Reagan, CPA - CliftonLarsenAllen

Track 7A & B
Computer Aided Auditing Techniques
Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE – Mass Dept of Elementary &
Secondary Education

Track 8
Statistical Operations
Lee Giesbrecht – VA OIG Audit Division

Track 9

Transportation Infrastructure and Security Paul MacMillan, Chief - MBTA Michael Dinning – Volpe Transportation Center Dennis Treece - Massport

Track 10
Gaming
Lynda Hartzell, CPA - McGladrey & Pullen

Track 11 Risk Assessment Shawn Warren, CPA - KPMG

Track 12 Single Audit Update Barbara Cavello, KPMG

Track 13 Learning about your Learning Style Robert A. Carnegie, R. Carnegie Associates

Track 14
Citizen Centric Reporting
Relmond Van Daniker – AGA National Executive Director
Craig Hall – AGA Boston Chapter Director of Accountability

Audio Conferences – AGA National (held at JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA)

September 19, 2012	Yellow Book Updates Shawn Warren, CPA - KPMG	2 CPE Hours 1 CPE Hour
December 12, 2012	Ethics Gerry McDonough – Mass State Auditors Office	2 CPE Hours 1 CPE Hour
January 9, 2013	Government Financial Management	2 CPE Hours
February 27, 2013	Internal Controls Darryl Wegner - FBI	2 CPE Hours 1 CPE Hour
May 22, 2013	Ethics Ernest A. Almonte, CGFM, CPA	2 CPE Hours 1 CPE Hour
June 5, 2013	Performance Management Mark Fine, ANF	2 CPE Hours 1 CPE Hour

During the program year the chapter provided a total of 5,623 CPE hours to 901 attendees.

AGA National PDC - San Diego

The Boston Chapter was represented by eight (8) members at the PDC.

The chapter won three (3) awards at the PDC:

Chapter Recognition Award, Platinum Level – Shawn Warren, CPA, Chapter President

RVP Recognition Award, Platinum Level – Jane Gustowski, CPA, New England Regional Vice President

Highest Membership Growth in Group A

AGA SLM – Los Angeles and Louisville

The Boston Chapter was represented by three (3) members at the SLMs. These individuals hold national, regional and chapter leadership positions.

Community Service

Aug 2012

The Boston Chapter actively participated in a variety of community service projects throughout the program year.

July 2012	Bay State Games

Volunteer for Massachusetts Stand Down for Boston area

Homeless Veterans

Oct 2012	Craft donations collected for Autism Association of Metro West, Animal shelter donations collected for Pets In Need. Eyeglasses collected for the Lions Club. Gently used professional clothing collected for the Career Closet, Interfaith Social Services (ISS) and Halloween costumes for ISS costume drive. Non-perishable foods collected for St. John's Food for the Poor.
Nov 2012	Served meals at the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans
Dec 2012	Gift drive and raffles for the benefit of Christmas in the City
Feb 2013	Valentines for Veterans programs
Feb 2013	National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.
Mar 2013	Craft donations collected for Autism Association of Metro West, Animal shelter donations collected for Pets In Need. Eyeglasses collected for the Lions Club. Gently used professional clothing collected for the Career Closet, Interfaith Social Services. Non-perishable foods collected for St. John's Food for the Poor.
	In lieu of speaker gifts a donation was sent to The Wounded Warriors Project

In addition, the Chapter has recommended to and encouraged that its members use their unique skills to work in many youth organizations and to serve on their boards or as financial managers of many non-profit and volunteer organizations. A number of the members serve as volunteer financial professionals in organizations such as local Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's and YWCA's, New England Swimming and as treasurers of local youth sports organizations.

Special Chapter Contributions

The chapter contributed a \$1,000 gift to Christmas in the City. The chapter also voted and made a \$1,000 chapter challenge for the AGA National Community Service Fund along with a Boston Themed Gift Basket to the National Auction at the PDC in San Diego.

Chapter Elections

The Chapter held its annual elections on March 14, 2013 at the Regional Professional Development Conference.

Chapter Awards and Scholarships

Lifetime Achievement Award - Mary T. Leyden, CGFM,

Mel Partol Memorial Award – William A. Muench, CGFM, CPA

Annual Achievement Award – Shannon D. Parven

Chapter Community Service Award – Dante Zamora

Chapter Educator Award – Julia P. Burns, CGFM

Agency Chapter Service Award – Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

President's Awards – Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE Patricia Rydlak

George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship – Erin Moriarty

Walter Freese Memorial Scholarship – Kahari J. Mickens

2013 National Awards Reported – Dallas PDC

Chapter Recognition Award, Platinum Level – Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA, Chapter President

Newsletter Award (Group B, Honorable Mention) – Barry Ahearn, Newsletter Editor

Highest Membership Growth in Group A (27% growth)

Early Careers

- The Chapter awarded two \$1000 college scholarships this year and awarded AGA student memberships to our academic scholarship winners.
- The chapter had three (3) new members this year that were Early Career Members.

Membership

The AGA – Boston Chapter welcomed 50 new members and ended the program year with 348 members.

To increase and enhance membership the chapter awarded:

- The Chapter awarded a \$1000 college scholarship to a member (or immediate family member).
- The Chapter awarded AGA memberships to our academic scholarship winners.
- All members could attend the Audio Conferences free of charge.

Certification

March of 2013 was designated as CGFM month by his Excellency, Governor Deval Patrick of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This certificate was sent to AGA National.

The AGA – Boston Chapter supported the CGFM program by sponsoring up to five CGFM scholarships for members of the chapter.

Bylaws and Procedures Nick Dahl, CGFM

Communication Barry Ahearn, Newsletter Editor

David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS Webmaster

Community Service Jane Gustowski, CPA Chair

Julia P. Burns, CGFM Kathleen Cushing Benjamin Howe

William Muench, CGFM, CPA Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, CPA

Taneka Simmons Maggie Trudel

Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE

Early Career Mary Leyden, CGFM, Career Day Chair

Membership......Shannon Parven, Chair

Nominations...... Suzanne Bump, Chair

Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA

Judith Blodgett

Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE Kim Rapoza, CGFM, CPA

Scholarships and Awards...... William Muench, CGFM, CPA, Chair

Denise Lucciola, Awards Chair William Wolf, Scholarship Chair

Nick Dahl, CGFM Michael Gagan

Diane Ledwell, CGFM

Dante Zamora

Education Julia P. Burns, CGFM, Chair

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Suzanne Bump
Bob Carnegie
Jane Gustowski, CPA
David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS
William Muench, CGFM, CPA
Lisa Mayes
Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE
Debbie Semensi, CFS
Taneka Simmons
Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE
Scott Warnetski, CPA
Shawn Warren, CPA

Publications

Boston's Beacon, the Chapter's newsletter, is published monthly. AGA-Boston Chapter Annual History Report is published after the close of the program year.

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2013, the chapter had total assets of \$52,248

New England Regional Committee Members

Regional Vice President Elect	Joseph Valchius, CGFM, CFE
Immediate Past Regional Vice President	Jane Gustowski, CPA
Education Coordinator	Julia P. Burns, CGFM,

AGA National Committee Members

National Treasurer Elect	. David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS
AGA National Ethics Committee	. Johanna Salvidio, CPA
AGA National Nominating Committee	. Jane Gustowski, CPA