

**Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter  
Annual History Report 2013 – 2014**

**Chapter Executive Committee**

Officers

President..... Suzanne Bump, Esq.  
President-Elect..... Martin Benison, CGFM  
Immediate Past President..... Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA  
Secretary..... Richard Sullivan, CPA  
Treasurer ..... Patricia Rydlak, CIA  
Vice President for Education  
and Programs ..... Julia P. Burns, CGFM  
Vice President for Planning..... Benjamin Howe, MPIA  
Vice President for Communication.... Barry Ahearn

Directors

Bylaws and Procedures ..... Nicholas Dahl, CGFM  
Community Service ..... Jane Gustowski, CPA  
Membership & Early Careers ..... Shannon Parven  
Scholarships and Awards..... William Muench, CGFM, CPA  
Professional Certifications ..... Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE

Chairs

Newsletter..... Barry Ahearn  
Career Day..... Mary T. Leyden, CGFM  
Webmaster..... David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS  
Accountability..... Craig Hall  
Chapter Auditor..... Shana Doiron, CPA

**Special Meetings**

December 5, 2013                      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 17, 2013                      The Many Faces of Fraud                      7 CPE hours  
Lombardo's Randolph, MA  
Gaming Fraud presented by Bill Woodworth, CPA,  
Partner, McGladrey LLP;  
Charitable Fraud presented by the MA Attorney General's Office  
Big Data presented by the MA State Auditor's Office

January 23, 2014

Over and Under Auditing            7 CPE hours  
Stress Management  
Ethics  
Arthur (Bubba) Hayes, CGFM, CPA  
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA

April 17, 2014

Uniform Administrative            7 CPE hours  
Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for  
Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. 200) , ("Super Circular")  
Shawn Warren, Audit Partner, KPMG LLP

Risk Assessment & Managing Fraud Risk  
Ernest A. Almonte, CPA, MST, CFF, CITP, CGFM,  
Chief Visionary Officer, Almonte Group LLC

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Government Auditing  
in a Period of New Federal and State Roles in Health Insurance  
Coverage  
Kay Daly, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of  
InspectorGeneral, U. S. Department of Health & Human Services  
John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care Issues, U.S. Government  
Accountability Office

Technology Challenges, Government Data Sharing, and Using  
Data Analytics to Identify Fraud, Waste, and Abuse  
Joah Iannotta, Assistant Director, Forensic Audits, U.S.  
Government Accountability Office  
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA  
Joint session with the NEIAF

Conference

March 13, 2013

Regional Professional Development Conference 7 CPE hours  
Bentley University, Waltham, MA

*Keynote Speakers*

Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA - AGA National President  
Priscilla H. Douglass, PH Douglas & Associates

Track 1A & B

Lead with a Smile

Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA - AGA National President

Track 2A & B

Ethics

Thomas Shack, Esq., Director of Resource Management,  
MA Office of the Comptroller

Track 3A & B

Fraud

Peter Scavotto, Director of the Quality Assurance Bureau,  
MA Office of the Comptroller

Track 4A & B

Performance Management

Mark Fine, Managing Director of CPAT,  
MA Exec Office of Admin & Finance

Track 5A & B

Auditing Disaster Assistance

William H. John Johnson, Jr., Audit Manager, US Department of  
Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Management Oversight

Track 6A & B

Data Privacy and Security

Andy Obuchowski, McGladrey LLP

Track 8

COSO/Internal Controls

Todd Seeberger, CIA, CFS, Audit Supervisor, NY Office of the  
State Comptroller

Track 9

Debt Issuance Panel

Colin MacNaught, Assistant Treasurer for Debt Management,  
MA Department of State Treasurer;

Track 10

IT Auditing

Geoffrey W. Clarke, KPMG LLP

Track 11

Fraud

Deborah Rocco, Special Agent, NCIS;  
Patrick Hegarty, Special Agent, DCIS;  
Vincent DeSalvo, Special Agent, USACID

Track 12

Citizen Centric Reporting

Craig Hall – AGA Boston Chapter Director of Accountability

Track 13

Preventing procrastination: just do it!

Robert A. Carnegie, R. Carnegie Associates

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

September 11, 2013	Fraud	2 CPE Hours
November 20, 2013	Tough Fiscal Times	2 CPE Hours
February 5, 2014	Government Financial Management	2 CPE Hours
May 21, 2014	Ethics	2 CPE Hours
June 11, 2014	Understanding the Data Act	2 CPE Hours

During the program year the chapter provided a total of 5,875 CPE hours to 945 attendees.

### **AGA National PDC – Dallas**

The Boston Chapter was represented by six (6) members at the PDC.

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

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

Chapter Newsletter Award, Honorable Mention Group A

Highest Membership Growth in Group A

### **Community Service**

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

July 2013	Bay State Games
Aug 2013	Volunteer for Massachusetts Stand Down for Boston area Homeless Veterans
Oct 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 (ISS) and Halloween costumes for ISS costume drive. Non-perishable foods collected for St. John's Food for the Poor.
Nov 2013	Served meals at the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Dec 2013	Gift drive and raffles for the benefit of Christmas in the City
Feb 2014	Valentines for Veterans programs
Feb 2014	National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.
Mar 2014	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 Dallas.

### **Chapter Elections**

The Chapter held its annual elections on March 13, 2014 at the Regional Professional Development Conference.

### **Chapter Awards and Scholarships**

Lifetime Achievement Award - Mary T. Leyden, CGFM,

Mel Partol Memorial Award – Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE

Annual Achievement Award – Craig Hall

Chapter Community Service Award – Marcia Luciano

Chapter Educator Award – Shawn Warren, CPA

Agency Chapter Service Award – Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor

President's Awards – Jane Gustowski, CPA

George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship – Nichlas Romano

Walter Freese Memorial Scholarship – Nicholas R. Juzyca

### **2014 National Awards Reported – Orlando PDC**

Chapter Recognition Award, Platinum Level – Suzanne Bump, Esq., President

National Treasurer's Award - David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

RVP Recognition Award, Gold Level - Joseph Valchuis, CGFM  
Northeast Regional Vice President

Chapter Website Award Second Place (Group A) - David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, Webmaster

### **Early Careers**

- The Chapter awarded two \$1000 college scholarships this year and awarded AGA student memberships to our academic scholarship winners.
- The chapter had five (5) new members this year that were Early Career Members.

### **Membership**

The AGA – Boston Chapter welcomed 39 new members and ended the program year with 340 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 2014 was designated as CGFM month by his Excellency, Governor Deval Patrick of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by the Honorable Martin Walsh, Mayor of Boston. These certificates were sent to AGA National.

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

### **Chapter Committee Members**

Auditor..... Shana Doiron, CPA

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.....	Martin Benison, CGFM, Chair Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA Brock Romano, CPA Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE Shawn Warren, 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 Martin Benison, CGFM Judith Blodgett Daniel Bonnette, CPA Stephen Bracci Suzanne Bump, Esq Bob Carnegie Valerie Colimon Jane Gustowski, CPA Ben Howe, MPIA David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS William Muench, CGFM, CPA Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE Debbie Semensi, CFS

Taneka Simmons, CPA  
Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE

**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, 2014, the chapter had total assets of \$75,430

**New England Regional Committee Members**

Regional Vice President ..... Joseph Valchuis, CGFM, CFE  
Chapter Development ..... Jane Gustowski, CPA  
Education Coordinator ..... Julia P. Burns, CGFM  
Accountability Coordinator ..... Craig Hall

**AGA National Committee Members**

National Treasurer ..... David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS  
AGA National Ethics Committee..... Johanna Salvidio, CPA