

**Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter  
Annual History Report 2004 – 2005**

**Chapter Executive Committee**

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

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Career Day..... Mary T. Leyden, CGFM  
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**Chapter Meetings with Guest Speaker**

Chapter Lunch Meetings were held at The Harp Restaurant, Boston. Each chapter meeting included a special guest speaker discussing a timely topic. The dates and speakers were as follows:

September 23, 2004	Lori Boward, CFO Massachusetts Lottery Commission <i>State Lottery Operations – Computer Security</i>	1 CPE hour
April 21, 2005	Dennis Treece, Director of Corporate Security Massachusetts Port Authority <i>Security Briefing Update for the Airport and Seaport</i>	1 CPE hour

## Special Meetings

December 9, 2004

Special Business Meeting and Annual Holiday Luncheon at  
Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Boston

May 12, 2005

Special Business Meeting and Annual Awards Dinner at  
Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Boston

## Seminars

October 21, 2004

*Over-and-Under Auditing and Ethics* 7 CPE hours  
Arthur A. Hayes, Jr., CGFM, CPA  
Tennessee Comptroller's Office  
Lombardo's Restaurant, Randolph, MA

November 18, 2004

*Identity Theft / Identity Fraud* 4 CPE hours  
Herbert Osgood, MA Registry of Motor Vehicles  
Cheryl Swyer, US Postal Inspection Services  
Peter Blanchard, Massachusetts Bankers Association  
U.S. Secret Service Representatives  
Deloitte and Touche, Boston, MA

January 20, 2005

*COSO: A Tool for Fraud Identification  
And Prevention* 7 CPE hours  
John McKeever, Contemporary Business Concepts  
Volpe Building, Cambridge, MA  
Held Jointly with Organization of Certified Fraud Examiners

## Conference

March 15, 2005

Regional Professional Development Conference 8 CPE hours  
Bentley College, Waltham, MA  
*Monitoring Sub-recipients, Techniques in Managing Tax  
Collections IRS / DOR, The Trickle Down Effect of Sarbanes-  
Oxley Act on the Public Sector, Innovative Technologies for  
Increased Performance, New CPE Rules and Internal Audit.*

### **Community Service**

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

July 2004	Bay State Games
November 18, 2004	Food drive to fill a Thanksgiving Basket for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans
December 9, 2004	Gift drive and raffles for the benefit of Christmas in the City
June 8, 2005	WGBH Channel 2 Auction

### **Special Chapter Contributions**

The chapter contributed \$50 to the Thanksgiving Basket for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans; \$100 donation to Lazarus House Ministries; \$500 gift to Christmas in the City; and a \$75 Legal Seafood's gift certificate, Boston Red Sox championship hat and New England Patriots championship hat to the raffle table at the National Professional Development Conference.

### **Chapter Awards and Scholarships**

Chapter Agency Award	Massachusetts State Auditor's Office
Mel Partol Award	Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE
Annual Achievement Award	Sandra Comerford
Lifetime Achievement Award	William J. Yazbek, CGFM
Chapter Community Service Award	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
President's Award	Kimberly D. Rapoza
Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship	David W. Irwin
George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship	Stephanie Lew

### **AGA Lifetime Awards**

Salvatore Luciano  
Nicholas Carone (posthumously)

### **Membership**

The AGA – Boston Chapter welcomed 26 new members and ended the program year with 243 members.

To increase and enhance membership the chapter awarded one scholarship to the National PDC to a chapter member that attended a predetermined number of chapter sponsored training sessions. The chapter also randomly awarded an AGA membership to an individual attending the annual awards dinner.

## Certification

The AGA – Boston Chapter supported the CGFM program by sponsoring a CGFM scholarship for a member of the chapter. Susan Tefft, CPA was awarded the chapter's annual scholarship. She passed the exam this year.

## Chapter Committee Members

Auditor.....	Maria Mamakos
Bylaws and Procedures .....	Wallace A. Franklin, CGFM, Chair
Communication .....	Julia P. Burns, CGFM – Newsletter Editor and Daniel Simmons – Webmaster
Community Service .....	Margaret E. Carr, CGFM, CPA Kimberly Rapoza Julia P. Burns, CGFM Christine Donohoe David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
Early Career .....	Mary Leyden, CGFM, Career Day Chair
Membership .....	Susan Tefft, CGFM, CPA, Chair
Nominations.....	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, Chair Nick Dahl, CGFM Howard N. Olsher, CGFM
Scholarships and Awards.....	William Muench, CGFM, CPA, Chair Maryann Costello Nicholas Dahl, CGFM Raymond Fitzgerald Diane Ledwell, CGFM Kenneth Simonds
Training .....	Kathleen A. Still, CGFM, Chair Julia P. Burns, CGFM Wallace A. Franklin, CGFM Thomas Hedderick, CPA Mary Ellen Kelley David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, Howard N. Olsher, CGFM Susan Perna-Damon, CGFM, CPA, Kathleen A. Still, CGFM Shawn Warren, CPA William Yazbek, CGFM

**Publications**

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

**Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2005, the chapter had total assets of \$29,236.

**New England Region Committee Members**

- Regional Vice President-Elect..... Nicholas Dahl, CGFM
- Immediate Past Regional Vice President ..... Kathleen A. Still, CGFM
- Community Service Coordinator ..... Julia P. Burns, CGFM
- Development and Assistance..... Jane Gustowski
- Early Career Coordinator ..... Nicholas Dahl, CGFM
- Education Coordinator ..... David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

**National Recognition**

The Boston Chapter was awarded Platinum designation in the 2005 Chapter Recognition Program.

Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE was awarded the 2005 National Chapter Service Award for Group B.

The Boston Chapter was awarded First Place in the Group B for its website.