

**Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter
Annual History Report 2006 – 2007**

Chapter Executive Committee

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Career Day..... Mary T. Leyden, CGFM
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Special Meetings

December 7, 2006

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

May 24, 2007

Special Business Meeting and Annual Awards and Chapter
Appreciation Dinner at Chart House, 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:

Lunch Meeting

September 21, 2006

Pension Reform, State and Federal Perspective 1 CPE hour
Joseph Connarton
Public Employees Retirement Board
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA

Seminars

October 19, 2006	<i>Fraud and Ethics</i> David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA, New York Office of the Comptroller Lombardo's Restaurant, Randolph, MA	7 CPE hours
November 15, 2006	<i>Life Cycle of Federal Grants</i> Kathie Still, CGFM - Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller Richard Sullivan, CPA, Powers & Sullivan, LLC Carol Patey, GAO O'Neill Federal Building, Boston, MA	4 CPE hours
January 18, 2007	<i>SAS 112, Yellow Book Updates and Fiscal Challenges</i> Shawn Warren, CPA, KPMG Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA, RI State Auditor Liz Keating, Hauser Center Volpe Federal Building, Cambridge, MA	7 CPE hours
February, 15, 2007	<i>Evaluating Controls in the IT Environment</i> John Beveridge, CGFM, CFE Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA	4 CPE Hours
April 12, 2007	<i>Computer Forensics</i> William Farwell Deloitte & Touche Volpe Federal Building, Cambridge, MA Held Jointly with Organization of Certified Fraud Examiners	4 CPE Hours

Conference

March 13, 2007	Regional Professional Development Conference Bentley College, Waltham, MA Jeffery Hart, CGFM, AGA National President Keynote Speaker	8 CPE hours
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Concurrent Sessions:

Professional Ethics
Dr. Christopher Bauer

Adventures in White Collar Crime
William Rose, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Boston Office

Emerging Trends & Best Practices in Financial Management
William Kilmartin, CGFM, Accenture

Lifetime Fitness & Health
Patricia Mann, PhD, MA, BS, RN

Data Analysis for Beginners Using ACL
John Beveridge, CGFM, CFE, Robert Buchanan & Joseph
Valchuis, CFE, Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor

Regulating Native American Casinos (Gaming Fraud)
Edward (Ned) Pickett, Jr., Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission

Money Laundering & Financial Interviewing
Mark Vespucciu, & Ryan Talbot, Special Agents IRS

During the program year the chapter provided a total of 3,438 CPE hours to 604 attendees.

Audio Conferences – AGA National

February 28, 2007	<i>Internal Controls</i>	2 CPE Hours
March 13, 2007	<i>Procurement Fraud</i>	2 CPE Hours
May 9, 2007	<i>Ethics</i>	2 CPE Hours

Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA

AGA National PDC – San Diego

The Boston Chapter was represented by eleven (11) members at the PDC. Three of the chapter's members (Bill Kilmartin, Marty Benison & Eric Berman) were featured speakers.

AGA SLM – Indianapolis

The Boston Chapter was represented by six (6) members at the SLM. These individuals hold regional offices and chapter president elect and president elect designee positions.

Community Service

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

July 2006	Bay State Games
October 19, 2006	Sock Collection for the Father Bill's Place and Rosie's Place
December 7, 2006	Gift drive and raffles for the benefit of Christmas in the City
February 2, 2007	National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

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 \$500 gift to Christmas in the City; cash donations to Father Bill's Place and Rosie's Place; a \$100 gift certificate to the auction table at the National Professional Development Conference in Nashville. The chapter also voted and made a \$500 chapter challenge for the AGA National Community Service Fund.

Chapter Awards and Scholarships

Chapter Agency Award - Massachusetts Department of Education

Mel Partol Award – David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, Massachusetts Department of Education

Lifetime Achievement Award, Richard Donaldson, CGFM, US General Accountability Office

Annual Achievement Award – Ronald Twing and Peter Bates, Massachusetts State Auditors Office

Chapter Community Service Award - Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, CPA, US HHS OIG

President's Awards Julia P. Burns, CGFM
Maria Mamakos
Joseph Valchuis, CFE
David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship – Eric A. King, University of Pennsylvania

George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship – Lauren E. Blodgett, Boston College

National Awards

National Education Award (Group B) – Boston Chapter

Chapter Recognition Award Platinum Level – John Beveridge, CGFM, Chapter President

Regional Vice President Recognition Award Gold Level – Julia Burns, CGFM,

National Newsletter Award (Group B Honorable Mention) – David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

Early Careers

The Chapter awarded two \$1000 college scholarships this year and awarded AGA student memberships to our two academic scholarship winners. In addition, the chapter scholarship to the National PDC in Nashville was won by an early career member.

Two members of the Chapter Executive Board (Treasurer and Auditor) were Early Career Members.

Membership

The AGA – Boston Chapter welcomed 25 new members and ended the program year with 248 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.
- The Chapter awarded an AGA membership to the top membership recruiter of the year.
- The Chapter awarded a \$1000 college scholarship to a member (or immediate family member).
- The Chapter awarded AGA memberships to our two academic scholarship winners.
- The Chapter awarded an AGA membership to the winner of our photo scavenger hunt.
- Every new member was given a voucher to use toward the price of a future chapter event.
- All members could attend the Audio Conferences free of charge.

Certification

March of 2007 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 a CGFM scholarship for a member of the chapter. Barry Sims, CGFM, CPA was awarded the chapter's annual scholarship.

Two Boston Chapter members Barry & Sharon Sims took and passed the CGFM exam on their first attempt.

Chapter Committee Members

Auditor.....	Kelly Lanier
Bylaws and Procedures	Nick Dahl, CGFM, Chair
Communication	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM – Newsletter Editor and Daniel Simmons – Webmaster
Community Service	Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, CPA, Chair Julia P. Burns, CGFM Christine Donohoe David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

Early Career	Mary Leyden, CGFM, Career Day Chair
Membership	Susan Weeks, CGFM, CPA, Chair
Nominations.....	Wallace Alan Franklin, CGFM, Chair David A. LeBlanc, CGFM Howard N. Olsher, CGFM, CFE
Scholarships and Awards.....	William Muench, CGFM, CPA, Chair Sandra Commerford Raymond Fitzgerald, CGFM Diane Ledwell, CGFM
Education	Julia P. Burns, CGFM, Chair Wallace A. Franklin, CGFM Pete Gonzales, CPA, CFE David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, John Mahoney, CGFM Howard N. Olsher, CGFM Susan Perna-Damon, CGFM, CPA, Kathleen A. Still, CGFM Shawn Warren, CPA John Wilkes, CGFM William Yazbek, CGFM

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 May 31, 2007, the chapter had total assets of \$44,208

New England Region Committee Members

Regional Vice President.....	Julia P. Burns, CGFM
Regional Vice President Elect (designee)	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
Development and Assistance.....	Jane Gustowski, CGFM, CPA
Education Coordinator	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
Certification Coordinator.....	Joseph Valchius, CFE