

## Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

### Local

**December 12, 2007**  
Audio Conference  
Anatomy of Fraud  
Federal Reserve Bldg.  
Boston, MA



**December 13, 2007**  
Annual Holiday Party  
& Charity Fundraiser  
Maggiano's Little  
Italy.  
Boston, MA



### National

**Feb. 21-22, 2008**  
National Leadership  
Conference  
Washington, DC



**July 27-30, 2008**  
AGA National  
Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Atlanta, GA



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## President's Message

December is a very busy and exciting month. Not only does it mark the end of 2007; but it is also the beginning of the holidays, the start of winter, and time to think about taxes. With everything else, it also signifies the halfway point as my year as Chapter President and a very active year of AGA activities. Now is also the time to think about the 2008-2009 AGA year.

December includes the following holidays, which hold special significance to many members of our community:

Hanukkah (Hebrew for "dedication") is the annual festival of the Jewish people. Also known as the Festival of Lights or Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah is celebrated on eight consecutive days. This year, it begins on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights or Feast of the Maccabee.

Christmas is the annual Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Most members of the Christian faith celebrate Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The official Christmas season, popularly known as either Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas, extends from the anniversary of Christ's birth on December 25 to the feast of Epiphany on January 6.

Kwanzaa, (matunda ya kwanza, Swahili for 'first fruits'), a holiday observed by African communities throughout the world, celebrates family, community and culture. It is a seven-day holiday that begins December 26 and continues through January 1. Kwanzaa has its roots in the ancient African first-fruit harvest celebrations from which it takes its name. However, its modern history begins in 1966 when African-American scholar and activist Maulana Karenga reintroduced it to America.

To commemorate these holidays, we have scheduled our annual Holiday Party and Charity Fundraiser luncheon on December 13, 2007 at Magianno's. We are again asking attendees to bring an unwrapped toy for donation to Christmas In the City to assist families in need within the city of Boston. The fee for the luncheon also includes a \$5 donation to the charity and we will also have items up for bid to raise money.

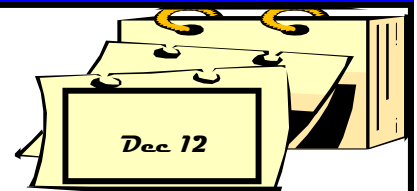
This year we will not be having a raffle but instead have opted to have a silent auction. We are anticipating some great items such items as restaurant gift certificates, a signed photo of Red Sox pitcher John Lester, a signed children's book "Great Joy" by Newbery Award winning writer Kate KiCamillo, tickets to the Science Museum and the New England Aquarium, among many other items. I hope that we can reach the numbers we've had in attendance in past years. I look forward to seeing each of you on December 13<sup>th</sup> and extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a happy and safe holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*Wallace Alan Franklin*

## Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Anatomy of Fraud.  
Federal Reserve Building Boston, MA

To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at  
Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at  
617-727-6200.



# Boston Chapter - AGA

*December 13, 2007*

*Maggiano's Little Italy  
Restaurant Park Plaza  
Boston, MA*

Registration: 11:30

Session: 12:00 - 1:30

Cost:

Members \$ 25

Non-Members \$ 35

Planned Menu:

(served family style)

Mushroom Ravioli  
Mozzarella Marinara  
Caesar Salad  
Maggiano's Salad  
Lasagna  
Chicken & Spinach  
Manicotti  
Eggplant Parmesan  
Chicken Marsalla  
Tiramisu  
Nonna's Pound Cake

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](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)

## Boston Chapter Annual Holiday Party



The Boston Chapter of the AGA will host it's annual Holiday Party / Charity Fundraiser on **December 13, 2007**.

**Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant** in Boston is always a great host with excellent food. This event is our major annual charitable fundraiser.

This year, we are sponsoring an auction table at our Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon. Items will include gift certificates, admission tickets to the Museum of Science and Aquarium, wine and other prizes. We will donate the proceeds from our auction to **Christmas in the City**, a local organization that provides a fun-filled party for children (and their parents) from local homeless shelters.

We are asking attendees to please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or personal hygiene items to the luncheon. These items will help **Christmas in the City** ensure that each of their guests receives a holiday gift.



## **Boston Chapter Education Recap**

On November 8, 2007 over 80 Boston AGA Chapter Members and guests attended the our Fall Workshop at the JFK Federal Building in Boston.

The seminar had two different sessions discussing the many "Faces of Fraud".

**Bill Rose**, FBI Special Agent on the subject of Identity Fraud.

**June Foley & Linda Marlo** of the Massachusetts State Police also discussed facets of Identity Theft.

The audience was very interactive with the speakers on what is both a professionally interesting subject, but also one that has very personal ramifications.

Everyone came away a little wiser and more aware of what has become a very serious issue on a national and international scene.

All attendees were awarded four (4) CPEs for participating in this workshop.



On November 14, 2007 a dozen Boston AGA Chapter Members and guests attended our Audio Conference at the Federal Reserve Building in Boston.

The subject of the audio conference was Conducting Performance Audits Efficiently.

Sharing their expertise in performance auditing were Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, Director of Audit Services for the City of Portland, Oregon; and Leslie Tanaka, CPA, City Auditor for the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii.

All of the attendees were well entertained and enlightened. Two (2) CPEs were awarded for this educational event.

## **Upcoming Training Event Winter Seminar**

### **Computer Forensics, Credit Card Fraud & E Commerce**

**Date:** Thursday, January 17, 2008

**Time:** Registration 8:00

AM Session 8:30 - 12:00

Lunch is not provided

PM Session 1:00 - 4:30

**Location:** Volpe Federal Building  
Cambridge, MA

**Cost:** Members \$ 60.00  
Non-Members \$ 75.00

**CPEs Offered:** 7

**Speaking will be:**

**Fred Howell**  
Bose Corporation  
Computer Foresics

**Bruce Sullivan**  
VISA  
Credit Card Fraud

**Pat Davis**  
Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller  
PCI Compliance

**Also invited are speakers on Digital Rights  
Management and Data Leakage**

**Registration information for this session is  
available on the newsletter cover page and on  
the Chapter website.**





## Planned calendar of events Program Year 2007 - 2008



**August 8, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Performance Management  
& Reporting  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-1  
2 CPEs**

**September 20, 2007**

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - VA Fraud Case Study  
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA  
1 CPE**

**October 11, 2007**

**Fall Seminar - Investment, Lottery and  
Medicaid Fraud and Financial Crimes  
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA  
7 CPEs**

**November 8, 2007**

**Fall Workshop - Data Mining / Identity Fraud  
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs**

**November 14, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Tools for Performance  
Audit Efficiency  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-1  
2 CPEs**

**December 12, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Anatomy of Fraud  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-4  
2 CPEs**

**December 13, 2007**

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

**January 17, 2008**

**Winter Seminar Credit Card Fraud/ Computer  
Forensics  
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA  
7 CPEs**

**February 6, 2008**

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

**February 14, 2008**

**Winter Workshop - Homeland Security Issues  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs**

**March 5, 2008**

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

**March 11, 2008**

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

**April, 10, 2008**

**Spring Workshop— Immigration / Customs  
Enforcement  
TBD  
4 CPEs**

**May 7, 2008**

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

**May 2008**

**Chapter End of Year  
Appreciation Dinner  
TBD, Boston, MA**





## Upcoming Training Event Audio Conference Anatomy of Fraud

**Date:** Wednesday, December 12, 2007

**Time:**           **Registration**   **1:30**  
                          **Session**           **2:00 - 4:00**

**Location:**   **Federal Reserve Building,  
Room AV 1 - Boston, MA**

**Cost:**           **Members**           **Free**  
                          **Non-Members**   **\$ 20.00**

**CPEs Offered:**       **2**

**Speaking will be: David L. Cotton, CGFM, CFE, CPA, Chairman of Cotton & Co.; and David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA, Director in the Division of State Government Accountability, Office of the New York State Comptroller.**

**Registration information for this session is available on the newsletter cover page and on the Chapter website.**

Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller of Massachusetts and member of the Boston Chapter of AGA and of the Financial Management Standards Board, testified on behalf of the AGA and the National Association of State Auditors Comptrollers and Treasurers during the Government Accounting Standards Board's public hearing on the proposed standard Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments on November 2nd in New York City. The remarks reiterated AGA's position that in general, the AGA supports the proposed standard. Comments were made though on the complexity of the proposed standards and the need for education on derivatives in general.

In addition to Eric, members of the New York City Office of Management and Budget, the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority, the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission / Bay Area Toll Authority, the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Bear Stearns, UBS, PFM Asset Management, LLC, KPMG and the firm SB and Company testified in the public hearing. A user group hearing was held earlier in the day.



### Take the CGFM Examinations Before the NLC

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the Sixth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington D.C. Whether you've found it difficult to find time to complete the three exams or just need an extra reinforcement of the material, this is your chance to get it done!

To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Monday, Feb. 18** and **Tuesday, Feb. 19** and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations **Feb. 20-21**. 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 course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and popular exam time slots are reserved quickly, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on the [AGA website](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Crystal Vanison](#) at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.

#### CGFM Profile: Kathleen Kimmel

Kathleen Kimmel was paging through a brochure of classes offered by Management Concepts, when she came across a description of AGA's Government Financial Management training series.

Kimmel, an auditor with Virginia's Auditor of Public Accounts, was looking for some "nuts and bolts" training because her governmental accounting class in college was too theoretical. When she read the course description for AGA's three classes, she thought, "Whoa, this applies to everything I do."

As a Reporting and Standards Team specialist working with local governments, Kimmel reviews Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) and conducts quality control reviews by checking the documentation of the local CPA firms that do the local government audits.

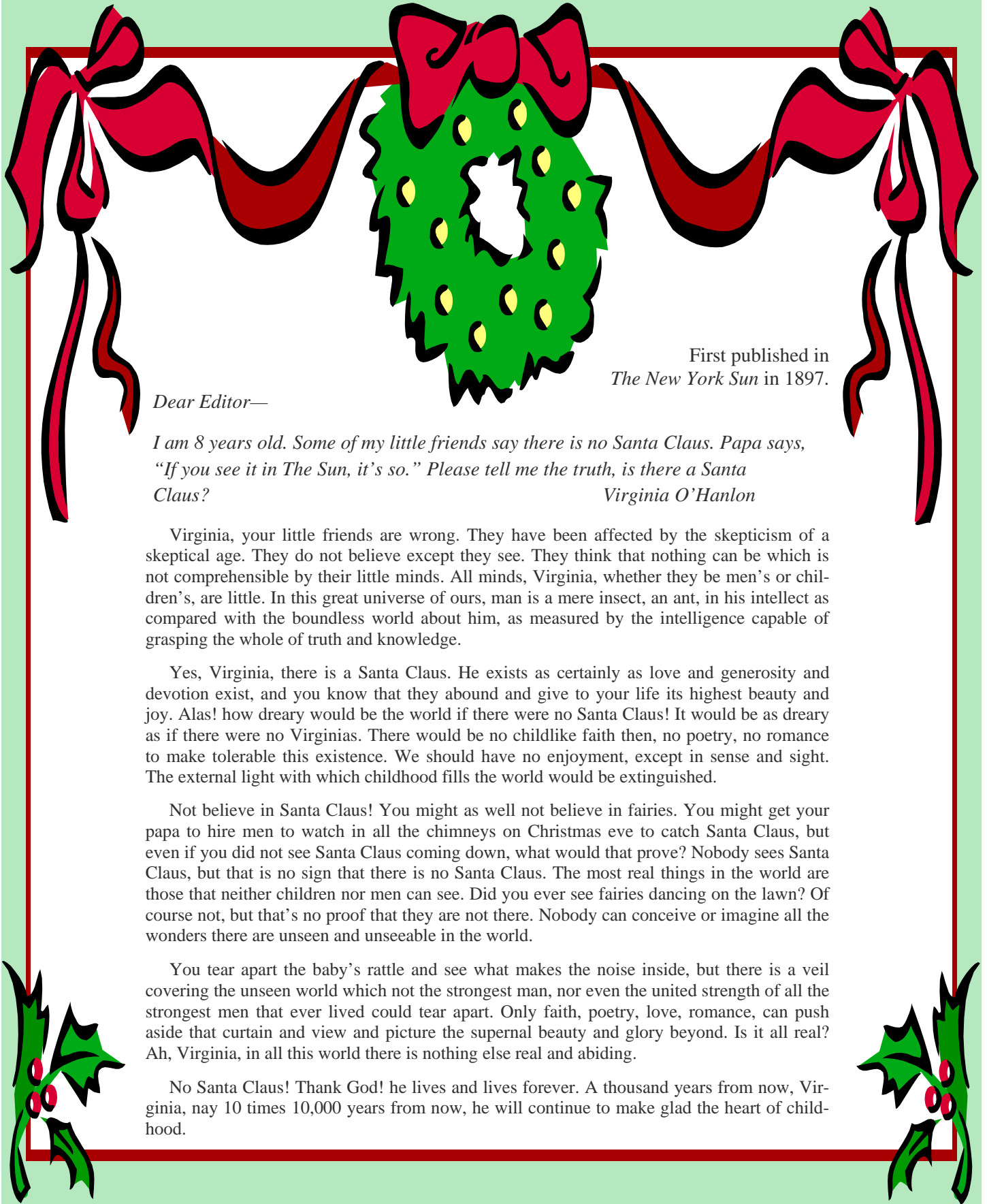
Kimmel took the three courses in Washington, D.C. over a few months. Her instructor, AGA Past National President Mitch Laine, CGFM, got high praise. "I'm a recent, nontraditional college graduate, so I appreciate a good instructor, and Mitch is a good instructor." The classes were interactive, with information and discussions stuffed into every minute.

She decided to go a step further and take the three CGFM Examinations. She received her CGFM credential in August, which earned her a bonus from her employer.

"It has given me a better appreciation for the big picture," she said. "When you're new to working in the governmental environment it's such a strange animal compared to public sector accounting."

Kimmel, who is also a CPA, worked for a CPA firm during tax season while she was completing her degree. That stint convinced her that government auditing was more to her liking. She began working for the Auditor of Public Accounts soon after graduation.

"I would absolutely recommend it," Kimmel said of her CGFM experience. She said her office hires a lot of people right out of college who could benefit from the first course at least. "It's an excellent series just to



Dear Editor—

*I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*

First published in  
*The New York Sun* in 1897.

*Virginia O'Hanlon*

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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



**Frank Cintolo**  
Massachusetts Office of  
the State Auditor

### Go for Growth!

#### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 239 Active Members
- 14 New Members
- 1 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 19 Suspended Members

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The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2006:

- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM ..... 3
- Joseph Valchuis ..... 2
- Susan Perna-Damon, CGFM ..... 1
- John Picuch ..... 1
- Patricia Raymond ..... 1
- Kathleen Cushing ..... 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](mailto:dleblanc@doe.mass.edu).

Thanks!



### Member News

**Craig Hall**, Chief Financial Officer of the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council was elected President of the 2007 Class of Robert J. Thompson Fellows for the Council of State Governments.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Boston Chapter credits as of November 30, 2007 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,025	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	3,000	3,000	75%
Certification	4,000	2,575	2,575	64%
Communications	3,000	5,744	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,700	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	875	875	44%
Community Service	2,000	2,550	2,550	100%
Awards	1,000	3,500	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>26,969</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>84%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet November 30, 2007

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 3,274
Savings Account	26,167
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,340</u>

Total Cash \$42,781

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 510

Total Assets \$43,291

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>43,291</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$43,291

### 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 Vice President of Education — Julia Burns, C G F M , e m a i l h e r a t Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

### Did you Know?



A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

The longest name in the Bible is Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)

Admiral Horatio Nelson suffered from seasickness

You're born with 300 bones, but by the time you become an adult you only have 206.

You know you're getting older when your idea of weight lifting is standing up.

The world's largest consumer of sugar is Coca-Cola.

In Winchester MA, tightrope walking is illegal unless you are in a church.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights make a left.

### December Quote

"Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxi cabs and cutting hair."

*George Burns*



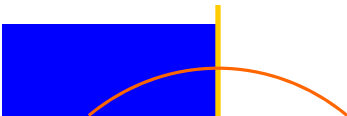
### TRIVIA QUESTION!

If you added up the total number of gifts received in the "Twelve Days of Christmas", how many gifts would you receive?

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 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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## News from National



### AGA's Education Department Announces New Single Audit Course

Many entities have questioned the quality of Single Audits that are conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. In June 2007, the Audit Committee of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency issued a report to OMB on the results of its National Single Audit Sampling Project. After reviewing a statistical sample of 208 Single Audits, they found that more than half the reports were either unacceptable or "of limited reliability."

AGA is offering a two-day course that focuses on the needed areas of improvement identified by the project. *Single Audits (A-133): Bridging the Expectation Gap* will cover many concerns about Single Audits, internal controls, federal crosscutting requirements and specific program requirements. Bring this course, which can be customized to meet your needs, to your local organization by calling Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307



### 2008 National Leadership Conference

Make plans to attend the Sixth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) Feb. 21 – 22, 2008 in Washington, D.C. This year's theme, "Dynamic Leadership for Changing Times," will explore the ever-changing field of government financial management.

Staying up to date on new regulations, while maintaining a clear vision of government transformation, can be accomplished through the best training.



### Governing Focuses on Using Performance Measures to Improve Efficiency

Two articles in *Governing* magazine about performance reporting are worth reading. The first, by **Shelley Metzenbaum**, talks about how agencies can improve effectiveness and efficiency using performance measurement by exploring the possibilities afforded by problem counting and characterization. Her article is titled, [Count Your Blessings? Sure, But Count Your Problems Too.](#)

A second article by **Jonathan Walters**, [Data on the Beat](#), focuses on how the Chicago Police Department uses an extensive database to gather, store, cross-reference and retrieve massive amounts of information on crime and criminals. Walters, a staff correspondent for *Governing*, introduced his new book, *Measuring Up 2.0*, at the PMC.

### Case Challenge Under Way

The AGA National Office has begun marketing its first-ever Government Finance Case Challenge to colleges and universities, began October 15. AGA aims to educate colleges about career options in government financial management; inform colleges about AGA and invite them to participate in this free event.

We need your assistance with this effort. If your chapter has a connection with a local college or university, please consider contacting the institution to introduce this competition. Find more information on [AGA's website.](#)



## News from National

### AGA's 2007–2008 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign *We Have a Dream*



We have a dream at AGA, and you can help make it happen and be rewarded in Atlanta. We have a dream of a stronger, more visible Association with more power to help you achieve your professional dreams. Participate in the *We Have a Dream* campaign and become eligible for fantastic prizes, including AGA Dollars, Bose audio equipment, meeting registrations and getaways.

We invite each AGA member to recruit at least one new member in this year's recruitment campaign. Show your enthusiasm with firsthand accounts of how your AGA membership has been a great investment in your professional development and career. The excitement is contagious. AGA is on track to enjoy positive net growth for the third year in a row, and with your help we can do it.

**Remember, EVERYONE who sponsors a new member is eligible for prizes and recognition in the *We Have a Dream* campaign.** We encourage all of our members to get involved and be a sponsor during this campaign.



### 2008 PDC Hotel Now Accepting Reservations

It's time to look ahead to the 2008 PDC in Atlanta! Next year's conference will take place July 27 – 30 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis.

Everyone attending the conference will be housed in this hotel; AGA's room block is now open. Be sure to mention that you are attending the AGA PDC when making your reservation.

Once again, AGA will be offering two hotel scholarships to each AGA chapter.

### Chapter Challenge—Promote Government Accountability to the People and Earn Bonus Chapter Recognition Credits

AGA needs your help encouraging governments to produce and publish four-page Citizen-Centric Reports. The Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative has become one of AGA's hallmark programs. The reports, designed to be visually appealing, provide understandable information to citizens about the performance and financial condition of the government as well as demographics and future challenges. The reports answer the question, "Are we better off today than we were last year?"

So far, AGA has assisted Virginia Beach, VA; Portland, OR; the state of Oregon; Saco, ME; and Maricopa County, AZ, with pilot reports. In addition, the District of Columbia has completed a report using tools provided by AGA for guidance. Other governments are showing strong interest in the initiative.

*Tools Make It Easy* - AGA has developed a Content Guidelines Template outlining what information should be included on each page as well as a Design Guidelines Template outlining the physical layout of the report.

*Pilot Funding Available* - The Sloan Foundation also believes in this initiative and has awarded a grant to AGA to help fund additional government entities to produce citizen-centric reports. Please contact Susan Fritzlen for more information about the possibility of becoming a pilot.



## New England Regional News



### AGA MAINE CHAPTER

The Maine Chapter of the National Association of Government Accountants serves government accounting professionals by providing quality education and fostering professional development and certification. Monthly meetings provide a chance for State of Maine and local government accounting employees to meet and network, discussing pertinent accounting and management issues.

2005 marked the 55th anniversary of the national AGA while the State of Maine Chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2007. The Maine Chapter has nearly 150 members as of November 2006 with several members holding professional certifications such as CGFM, CPA, CIA and CFE.

Monthly lunchtime meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May of each year, featuring keynote speakers discussing timely topics.

Throughout the year, Maine AGA members perform several community service events, providing support to local children, veterans and homeless citizens.

Maine Chapter at [www.gwi.net/~aga/](http://www.gwi.net/~aga/)



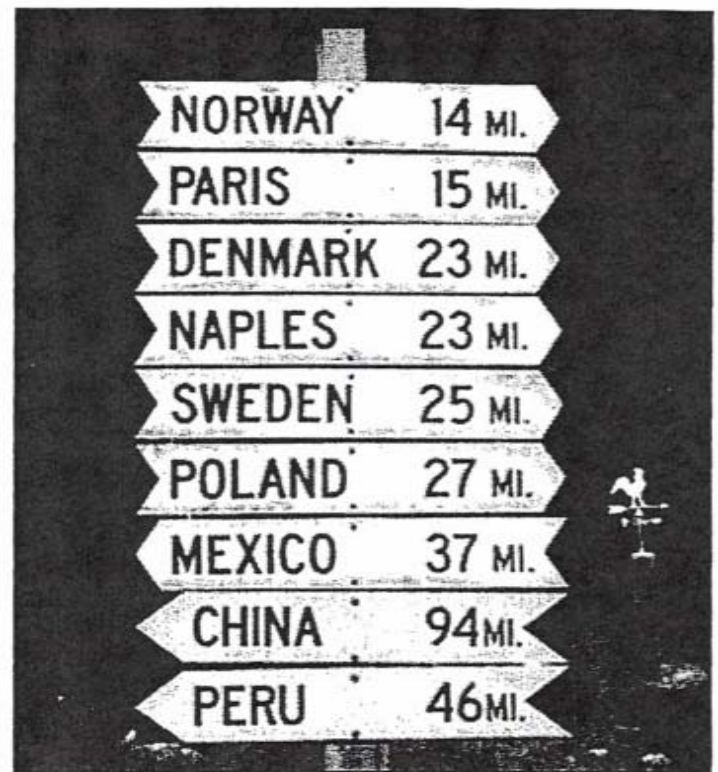
### AGA HARTFORD CHAPTER

#### 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](http://www.agahartford.org)



#### November's Newsletter asked:

**"Where in the world is this sign post located?"**

*This signpost is on Route 35 in Lynchville, ME*

*All of these are towns in Maine.*

*Ed Jeye of Homeland Security's IG staff was the first to answer with the exact location and wins a Boston AGA Chapter Polo Shirt*



### New AGA Chapter in New England!

There has recently been a lot of work going on in Limestone, ME to establish a local AGA Chapter. Limestone is 400 miles north of Boston.

It looks like they have over forty applications for membership.

The paperwork should be processed in time for the Dec 14'th NEC meeting. Congratulations to everyone in making this chapter happen!





## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on November 13, 2007 . The following items were discussed.

- The evaluations from the past two training sessions were reviewed and discussions were had regarding the finalization of the training calendar.
- Notification that the AGA Sectional Leadership Meetings for our region is scheduled for April 11-12, 2008 in Cleveland, Ohio. This includes chapter representation from the Regional VP and VP designate, Chapter President, President Elect and President Elect designate and other regional officers.
- The CGFM Report was read and approved.
- The Membership Report was read and approved.
- The Treasurers Report was read and approved.
- There was discussions regarding the purchase of AGA Boston Chapter tote bags for members.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.



### Trivia Answer

**Three Hundred Sixty Four gifts  
in a twelve day period.**



## It's the cold and flu season!!!!

Forty-one percent of hiring managers said they have received unusual or suspicious sick-day alibis. When asked to share the most unusual excuses workers gave for missing work, hiring managers revealed some of their favorite alibis:

Employee was poisoned by his mother-in-law.

A buffalo escaped from the game reserve and kept charging the employee every time she tried to go to her car from her house.

Employee was feeling all the symptoms of his expecting wife.

Employee called from his cell phone, saying that he was accidentally locked in a restroom stall and that no one was around to let him out.

Employee broke his leg snowboarding off his roof while drunk.

Employee's wife said he couldn't come into work because he had a lot of chores to do around the house.

One of the walls in the employee's home fell off the night before.

Employee's mother was in jail.

A skunk got into the employee's house and sprayed all of his uniforms.

Employee had a bad case of hiccups.

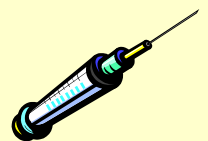
Employee blew his nose so hard, his back went out.

Employee's horses got loose and were running down the highway.

Employee was hit by a bus while walking.

Employee's dog swallowed her bus pass.

Employee was sad.







# Membership Application

New Member  Check here if renewing

## I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.

male /  female

### Preferred Address

Name FIRST  LAST  MIDDLE

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

Home  Office Address

Business Phone  Business Fax

Home Phone

E-mail

### Second Address

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

## II. Business Information

Job Title  Dept.

Organization

### Employer: (Government):

- Federal
- State
- County
- City
- International
- Private
- Academia
- Student
- Retired
- Private International

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Financial Management
- Management
- Academia
- Contract Management
- Grants Management
- Program Management
- Administration
- Consulting
- Information Systems
- Retired
- Auditing
- Finance
- Legal
- Student
- Other

### How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker
- AGA/Chapter
- AGA Conference
- Employer
- AGA Website
- CGFM Program
- Internet Search
- Chapter Meeting
- AGA Publication
- Direct Mail

### Age:

- Below 20
- 21 – 25
- 26 – 30
- 31 – 35
- 36 – 40
- 41 – 45
- 46 – 50
- 51 – 55
- 56 – 60
- 61 – 65
- 66+

Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

Education:  Highest degree attained:  Accreditation and Certificates:

## III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable)  Member ID #

## IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.
- Private Sector**—\$150/year —This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.
- Early Career**—\$45/year—This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience.
- Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter  Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional  Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

## V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

Charge to my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

Total Amount Enclosed

Card Number  Expiration Date

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