

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

August 8, 2007

Audio Conference - Performance Management & Reporting - Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA



National

Sept. 10 - 11, 2007

AGA's National Internal Control and Fraud Conference - Atlanta, GA



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President's Message

What does July 1995 and July 2007 have in common? I was starting my year as President of the Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants then and I am again now. A lot of things still remains the same and are different. The Boston Chapter was, and still is, a great organization to be associated with. I was following a great prior year President, Susan Perna-Damon in 1995 and I am following a great President, John Beveridge in 2007. It was a great challenge in 1995 to continue the same outstanding year as had been before me, and it will be a great challenge to follow John's year in 2007-2008.

In 1995 I was an Audit Manager for the Office of the State Auditor. In 2007, I am retired. I will serve as the first retired President of the Chapter. But, since we have such a GREAT group of supporting officers and committee members, the upcoming year should run as smoothly as it did for me in 1995-1996. When I agreed to come back as President this year, I saw this opportunity as a nice way of keeping in touch with the Boston Chapter members and friends. I have seen, over the years, so many great supporters of the Boston Chapter fade out because of retirements and maybe this can be the start of keeping past members active after retirement.

During last year's "program year", we provided a total of 3,438 CPE hours to 604 attendees. We had one lunch meeting, five seminars, two full days and three half days, one Regional Professional Development Conference, and three audio conferences provided by AGA National. In addition, we had our annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Fundraiser at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant and our annual Awards and Chapter Appreciation Dinner at the Chart House in Boston. The Boston Chapter was represented by eleven members at the AGA National PDC in San Diego, and six members at the AGA Section Leadership Meeting in Indianapolis.

The Boston Chapter just received National awards at the AGA National PDC in Nashville; National Education Award for Group B, Julia Burns, CGFM Chapter Vice President Education, Chapter recognition Award Platinum Level, John Beveridge, CGFM – Chapter President, Regional; Vice President Recognition Award Gold Level, Julia Burns, CGFM, New England RVP; and National Newsletter Award Group B Honorable Mention, David LeBlanc, CGFM – Newsletter Editor.

As I stated in my July 1995 President's message, I was looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and I hope all of us will have an enjoyable and educational experience with the Chapter. That same message applies in July of 2007. As you can see, providing 3,438 CPE hours to 604 attendees will be quite a challenge, but with the help of everyone, we will not only match that level, but will exceed it.

Wallace Alan Franklin

Boston Chapter AGA At the 2006 National Professional Development Conference in Nashville, TN

On June 24 - 27 the Boston Chapter of the AGA was represented by 10 members at the AGA National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Nashville. This was the largest PDC ever, with a reported 1,800 attendees

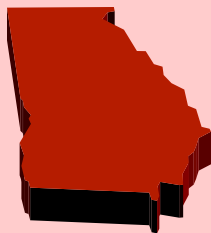
John Beveridge, Al Franklin, Julie Burns, Kelly Lanier (chapter scholarship winner), Mike Armstrong, Kim Rapoza, Nick Dahl, Kathie Still, Brock Romano & Bill Kilmartin were in attendance from the chapter. Julie Burns doubled up as a presenter at the PDC.

The Chapter was also well represented at the awards podium this year. The chapter and its members won four national awards. National President Jeff Hart presented the Chapter with the National Education Award for Group B. **Dave LeBlanc** was the winner of the Group B Honorable Mention Award for the Chapter Newsletter. Chapter President **John Beveridge** accepted another Platinum Level Chapter Recognition award for Boston and **Julie Burns** was recognized at the Gold Level for her work as Regional Vice President.

The attendees participated in a number of classes and workshops over the four days and networked with a number of their contemporaries from around the country, and around the world.

Next year, it's off to Atlanta.

See you at the PDC in 2008.



Well, Howdy Y'all!!!

I would like to thank the AGA Boston Chapter for sponsoring my registration in Nashville at the AGA 56th Annual Professional Development Conference the last week of June 2007. I received this for winning the drawing after attending at least five of the chapter's training sessions in the last program year.

While in Nashville, I was able to attend many informative sessions, as well as take in some local sites. I particularly enjoyed the general sessions given by Bethany McLean, author of *The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron*, Scott Klososky, entrepreneur and visionary of the phrase "Geek Is Chic", and last but not least, Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. All were very knowledgeable in their area, as well as fascinating to listen to. Additionally, the conference provided the opportunity for me to meet AGA members from other chapters and learn more about some of the AGA members from our own Boston chapter.

There are many memories from Nashville that I will remember fondly, and lessons learned that I would like to share:

- Don't forget your business cards at home/work;
- The Tennessee Walk LOOKS easier to learn than it is;
- Elvis wasn't the only singer to make it big in Tennessee;
- Sweet Tea MUST be served with every meal, and
- What happens in Nashville, stays in Nashville.

I encourage every one to participate in the AGA Boston training sessions in order to be considered for next year's drawing, and if you're not a member, you should join so that you too can be considered for the drawing!! It's a great opportunity you don't want to miss.

Thanks again y'all,

Kelly Lanier

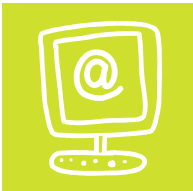




The Boston Chapter of the AGA is looking for a volunteer to be the Chapter Webmaster. Experience with either “Dreamweaver” or “Front Page” software is a major plus.

The Webmaster would be expected to periodically update the chapter’s web site with information and materials received from the Vice President of Communication. Some update requests will be of a time sensitive nature.

We offer excellent working conditions, friendly atmosphere, and a creative environment with the highly lucrative offer of no pay for the position. If you have a background in this type of work with the interest of assisting the chapter please contact David LeBlanc at 781-338-6485 or by email at dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.



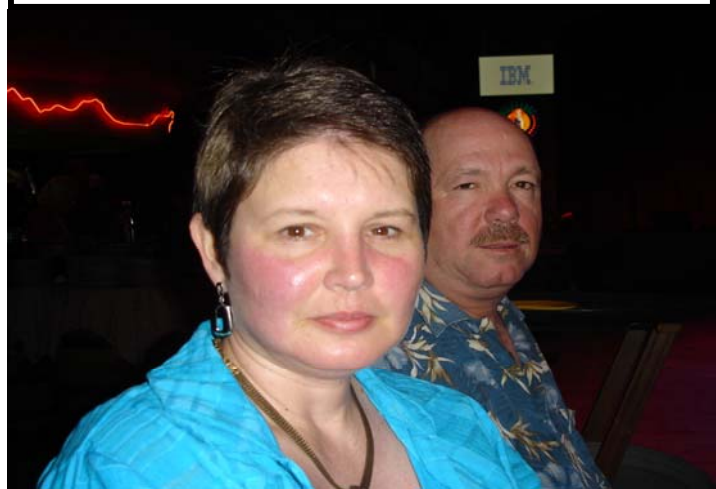
Boston Chapter President Elect Wallace “Al” Franklin, CGFM receiving the Chapter’s Platinum Recognition Award from AGA National President Jeff Hart



New England Regional Vice President Julia Burns, CGFM receiving the Region’s Recognition Award from AGA National President Jeff Hart



Hartford Chapter President Percy Cave, CGFM attending one of the many functions sponsored by AGA at the Professional Developmental Conference



Boston Chapter President Elect designee Kim Rapoza, CGFM attending one of the functions sponsored by AGA at the Professional Developmental Conference

Planned calendar of events Program Year 2007 - 2008

August 8, 2007
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

September 20, 2007
Chapter Lunch Meeting
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA
1 CPE

October 18, 2007
Fall Seminar
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs

November 14, 2007
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

November 18, 2007
Fall Workshop
TBD
4 CPEs

December 13, 2007
Annual Holiday Party
and Charity Fundraiser
Magianno's, Boston, MA

December 12, 2007
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

January 17, 2008
Winter Seminar
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs

February 6, 2008
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

February 14, 2008
Winter Workshop
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs

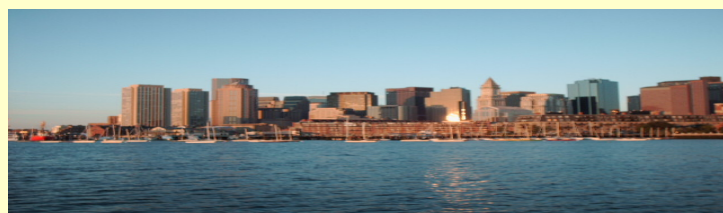
March 5, 2008
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

March 11, 2008
Regional Professional Development Conference
Bentley College, Waltham, MA
8 CPEs

April, 10, 2008
Spring Workshop
TBD
4 CPEs

May 7, 2008
Audio Conference
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs

May 2008
Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
TBD, Boston, MA



Boston Chapter of the AGA Past Presidents

1954	Dennis O'Brien
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1963 1964	S. Frederick Calhoon
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1978 1979	Jeanne Kahn
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1992 1993	Thomas Cargill
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1997 1998	Howard Olsher, CGFM
1998 1999	Robert Mello, CGFM
1999 2000	Jane Gustowski
2000 2001	Kathleen Still, CGFM
2001 2002	Nicholas Dahl, CGFM
2002 2003	Julia P. Burns, CGFM
2003 2004	Chapter Executive Committee
2004 2005	Julia P. Burns, CGFM
2005 2006	David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
2006 2007	John Beveridge, CGFM

Alson A. Castonguay

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of one of our veteran members, Mr. Alson A. Castonguay of Newport, RI.

Mr. Castonguay was a long time Boston AGA Chapter member since 1960, as evidenced by his holding national membership #75.

In 2006, AGA National bestowed upon him a lifetime membership in recognition of over forty five consecutive years of service to AGA.

We offer our condolences to his family and close friends. He will be missed by the entire AGA community.

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CGFM NEWS



CGFM CPE requirements

In order to maintain their CGFM designation in an active status, CGFM's must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics, pay the annual renewal fee by March 31 and meet the following continuing professional education (CPE) requirements:

- complete at least 80 hours of CPE every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
- maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

The two-year CPE cycle is based on the year the CGFM was awarded. For a list of cycles, please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx.

Determining if CPEs are applicable: continuing professional education hours that would satisfy the CGFM Program's requirement must be in government financial management topics or related technical subjects applicable to government financial management areas.

The CGFM is initially responsible for determining whether a topic or subject qualifies as acceptable CPE. To help one make that determination, the CGFM should consult the CPE Requirements booklet (available online at http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe_requirements.aspx), including a listing of more than 50 topics and subject areas that could qualify for government financial management CPE hours. Additional questions should be referred to the Office of Professional Certification - 703.684.6931, ext. 305.

Maintaining proper documentation: CGFM's need to maintain documentation to substantiate their statements of completed CPE for a minimum of three years. This documentation may be requested by AGA as part of a CPE audit or a reactivation process.

The proper backup documentation must clearly state the individual's attendance or completion of the CPE activity. Examples of such documentation include: a certificate of attendance or completion, a certificate of CPE hours earned, a grade report or an official letter from the event sponsor or employer stating that the CGFM has attended the event.

The documentation must include the following information:

- sponsoring organization,
- location of the activity,
- title of the program,
- individual's name,
- completion date (or dates attended), and
- number of CPE hours earned.

For more information on the requirements to maintain a CGFM in an active status, please visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/>



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



Lauren Blodgett
Boston College

Eric King
Univ. of Pennsylvania

Amanda Cullen
Mass State Auditor's Office

Go for Growth!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 250 Active Members
- 3 New Members
- 1 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 0 Suspended Members

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

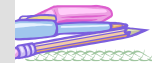
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM 2
- Joseph Valchuis 1

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.

Thanks!



Member News

Congratulations

Darlene Costa-Brown recently passed Examination #1, Governmental Environment, the first of three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirements of the CGFM program

"Way To Go Darlene!"

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 1st and concludes on March 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of June 30, 2007 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	1,825	1,825	61%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	450	450	11%
Certification	4,000	950	950	24%
Communications	3,000	2,324	2,324	77%
Membership	3,000	1,200	1,200	40%
Early Career	2,000	525	525	26%
Community Service	2,000	550	550	28%
Awards	1,000	3,500	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	11,324	8,824	40%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet June 30, 2007

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 4,891
Savings Account	26,625
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,187</u>

Total Cash \$44,703

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 165

Total Assets \$44,868

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>44,868</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$44,868

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 Director of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

July Quote

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson



Why do we?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What is engraved on the book held by the Statue of Liberty?

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

Register Now for AGA's Upcoming Fraud Conference

Registration is now open for AGA's Second Annual National Internal Control & Fraud Conference, to be held September 10-11, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

With a theme of "Combating Fraud: Strategies for Success," the conference will focus on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Hear from leaders in government and private industry who will discuss the latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes, and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens.

The "Fraud Conference" will bring together leaders from all levels of government, the private sector and academia. In addition to an outstanding technical program, this event offers unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas and share best practices with colleagues and friends.

Register today and secure your place at AGA's newest educational and networking event!

Case Challenge Under Way

The AGA National Office has begun marketing its first-ever Government Finance Case Challenge to colleges and universities, set to begin Oct. 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](#).



AGA White Paper Outlines Top Issues in Accountability Profession



For the third year, AGA brought together more than 100 leaders in government financial management at its annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to discuss challenges facing the profession. The result of the wide-ranging discussions is the 2006 White Paper. It outlines how four task forces plan to tackle issues in **Human Capital, Education & Research, Performance Reporting** and **Citizen-Centric Government**. The task forces reported on the progress they have made and also developed new initiatives to move the profession forward.

Read the White Paper at <http://www.agacgfm.org/downloads/2006WhitePaper.pdf>

Around the New England Region

Maine Chapter Meetings

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker

Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

Held once each month, typically following the Chapter Meetings They are held as needed during the summer months. Minutes will be posted in the following month's newsletter

Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/

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



CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on June 12th, 2007. The following items were discussed.

- Plans were made for attending and representing the chapter at the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Nashville TN on June 24-27. This is AGA's 56'th Annual Conference.
- Discussions for next year's training calendar were discussed along with tentative dates and subject matter.
- Members of the Executive Committee voted and approved on a new credit card processing machine. This will save time for member's registering for training and other events. It will also be a cost saver for the chapter. AGA National will no longer be directly providing credit card services for the chapters
- Treasurers and Membership Reports were presented and received.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 .

Only great minds can read this.

This is strange, but interesting!

fi yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a graet mnid too

Cna yuo raed tihs? Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can.

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Trivia Answer

July IV, MDCCLXXLI
(July 4, 1776)

(The official name of the statue is "*Liberty Enlightening the World*")

Haven't we all had one of these days?

It might have been easier to turn up the air conditioning.



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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