

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

July 8, 2009

Chapter Executive
Committee Meeting



August 12, 2009

Audio Conference
Stimulus Spending
Federal Reserve Bank
Boston



National

September 16 - 17, 2009

AGA National Internal
Control
and Fraud Conference
Washington, DC



February 2010

National Leadership
Conference
Washington, DC



July 16 - 17, 2010

AGA Professional
Developmental Conference
Orlando, FL



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President's Message

As your new Boston Chapter President for program year 2009-2010, I am honored to serve and look forward to the many events we have scheduled for the coming year. I have worked for the State Auditor's Office for almost six years and have been a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for nearly as long. Prior to joining the State Auditor's Office I worked for a private custodial institution where I was responsible for the accounting and SEC compliance of various fixed income investments.

Through my involvement with AGA and serving in various positions on the AGA Chapter Executive Committee, I have made many professional and personal contacts that help me in my day-to-day functions as a financial governmental professional. I truly believe AGA is a great place to make things happen, network, make connections, and make a difference.

During last year's "program year", we provided numerous CPE hours to attendees through lunch meetings, seminars and audio conferences as well as our annual Regional PDC at Bentley University. 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 Museum of Science in Boston.

If you have questions about how your involvement in the AGA Boston Chapter can benefit you (and the Chapter), please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee

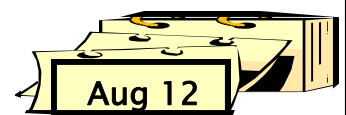
I am looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and making this an enjoyable and educational experience for all.

Joe Valchuis

Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Stimulus Spending

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



Boston Chapter AGA Chapter Appreciation Dinner

On June 19, 2009 fifty AGA members and guests met at the Boston Museum of Science for the Chapter's annual appreciation dinner.

We met in the d'Arbeloff Suite at the Museum of Science which had wonderful views of the Charles River on one side and the Zakim bridge on the other.

Guests were free to tour the museum after 5:00 P.M. and were later served cocktails and dinner by Wolfgang Puck Catering.

The museum was open until 9:00 pm. Additionally, the Chapter purchased 50 tickets to the Mugar Omni Theatre for future use. These tickets were distributed on a first come-first serve basis for those attending.

While we enjoyed dessert, the Chapter presented the 2009 Chapter Awards and Scholarships, recognized past Presidents, national award winners and AGA lifetime members.

We hope to see you next year at this event.



Members and guests attending the annual appreciation dinner

Boston AGA National Awards 2008 - 2009 Program Year

National Chapter Service Award

2009 Winner - Julia P. Burns, CGFM

National Community Service Award

2009 Winner - Boston Chapter (Group B)

Chapter Recognition Award - Platinum Level

**2009 Winner - Boston Chapter
Kimberly A. Rapoza, CGFM, CPA
President**

AGA Regional Vice President Recognition Award - Gold Level

**2009 Winner - David A. LeBlanc, CGFM,
New England Region**

Boston AGA Chapter Awards 2008 - 2009 Program Year

AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

US HHS Office of the Inspector General

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Francis Cordima, Mass. Department of Mental Health

MEL PARTOL MEMORIAL AWARD

Nicholas H. Dahl, CGFM, US Office of Veteran Affairs

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Maggie Trudel, Mass. Office of the Comptroller

CHAPTER EDUCATOR AWARD

Robert A. Carnegie

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

**Julia P. Burns, CGFM, Kelly Lanier, David A. LeBlanc,
CGFM, William Muench, CGFM, CPA, Howard Olsher,
CGFM, CFE, Joseph Valchuis, CFE**

Boston AGA Annual Awards



Matt Wilkes, Past President Charlie Melchin, CGFM and John Wilkes, CGFM



President's Awards winners Kelly Lanier and Dave LeBlanc, CGFM



Scholarship winners Maureen Cushing and Eric King



Past President Bill Lovett, CGFM, Cheryl King, Past President Peter Babachicos, CGFM and Past President Charlie Melchin, CGFM



VP of Education Julie Burns, CGFM and Educator award Winner Robert Carnegie

Member News

The following Boston Chapter members were recently elected to the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum's Executive Board:

Michael Armstrong, Maureen Duddy, Stephen Burbank, CGFM, A. Joseph DeNucci, David LeBlanc, CGFM, Fredrick Bebee, CGFM and John Mahoney, CGFM

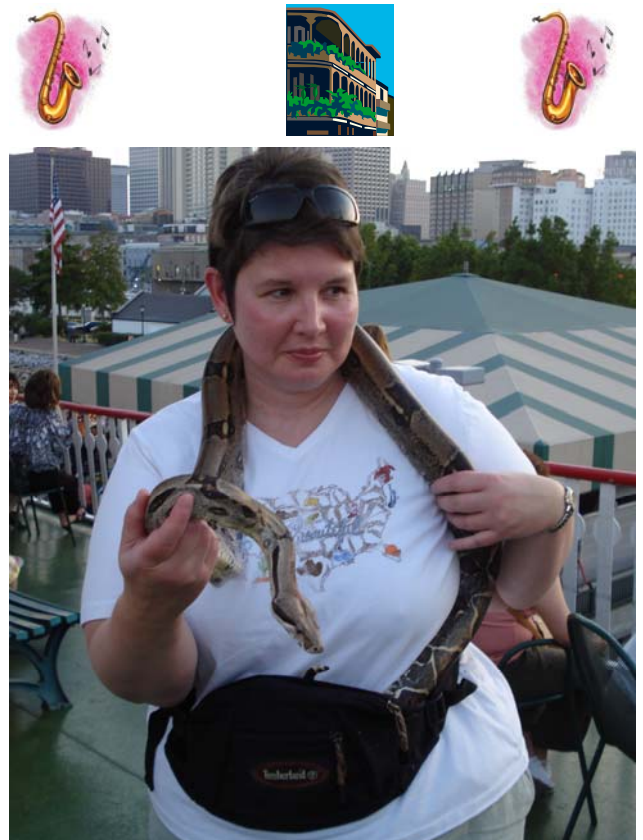
Community Service

The Boston Chapter donated a faux Nantucket basket for auction at the AGA National PDC for the community service fundraiser. Included in the basket was:

- \$100 Legal Seafoods Gift Certificate
- Framed 5" x 7" print of a watercolor "Make Way For Ducklings" signed by the artist
- Make Way For Ducklings book
- Hand Made Copper Weather Vane in the shape of a clipper ship (suitable for Christmas ornament) done by a New England artist
- T-Shirt with "Boston" on the front and a small lobster in the middle
- Tea towel with lobsters on it.
- 2 Lobster Lollipops
- 1 Bag Boston Baked Beans



Boston Chapter VP of Education Julie Burns, CGFM and Chapter President Kim Rapoza, CGFM at the AGA PDC in New Orleans



When they suggest you wear a boa on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, I'm not sure that this is what they had in mind.

Calendar of Events Tentative Program Year 2009 - 2010

August 12, 2009

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

December 16, 2009

**Audio Conference - Trends in Occupational Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

September 2, 2009

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

January 21, 2010

**Winter Seminar
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

September 24, 2009

**Fall Seminar - Fraud
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs**

February 11, 2010

**Winter Workshop
TBD
4 CPEs**

October 7, 2009

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

March 9, 2010

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

October 22, 2009

**Fall Workshop #1 - ARRA Reporting
TBD
4 CPEs**

April 15, 2010

**Spring Workshop
TBD
4 CPEs**

November 19, 2009

**Fall Workshop #2
TBD
4 CPEs**

May 19, 2010

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

December 3, 2009

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

June 2010

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
TBD**



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



Shawna Rozowski
KPMG

Larissa Serebryanaya
Mass Office of the Comptroller

Robert Mahoney
KPMG

Membership Sponsors

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2008:

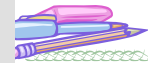
- Rachel D. Trant 2
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM... .. 2
- Joseph Valchuis.....4
- Howard Olsher, CGFM 2
- Kathleen Cushing, CGFM 2
- Joanne St. Pierre 1
- Judy Blodgett..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM.....2
- Barry Russell.....1
- Francis McCarthy.....1
- Julia P. Burns, CGFM.....4
- Vincent Donovan, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Gagan.....2
- William Muench, CGFM..... 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!



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Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 226 Active Members
- 4 New Members
- 34 Suspended Members

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 June 1st and concludes on May 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of June 30, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	1,050	1,050	35%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	1,025	1,025	26%
Certification	4,000	650	650	16%
Communications	3,000	1,285	1,285	43%
Membership	3,000	1,000	1,000	33%
Early Career	2,000	25	25	1%
Community Service	2,000	0	0	0%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	8,585	6,035	27%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet June 30, 2009

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 2,429
Savings Account	4,237
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,690</u>

Total Cash \$20,356

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 1,970

Total Assets \$22,326

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>22,326</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$22,326

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@state.ma.us.

Community Service News

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project to collect travel size toiletry items that will be donated to a local charity. Please bring donations to any of our upcoming chapter events. We had a nice collection at the Regional PDC at Bentley University and want to continue our efforts. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.

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July Quote

"If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion."

George Bernard Shaw



TRIVIA QUESTION!

How many colors are there in a rainbow?

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 Aroostook County Chapter www.agaarostookcounty.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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CEC Meeting Highlights



The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on June 16, 2009. The following items were discussed:

The annual filing with the Secretary of State will be completed by Kim Rapoza.

Treasurer-Charles McCarthy will be taking over as our new treasurer.

Planning: In the next few weeks, Kim will be booking our events as far ahead as allowed. Bentley has already set aside the date.

Registration: Museum of Science dinner has 50 people registered.

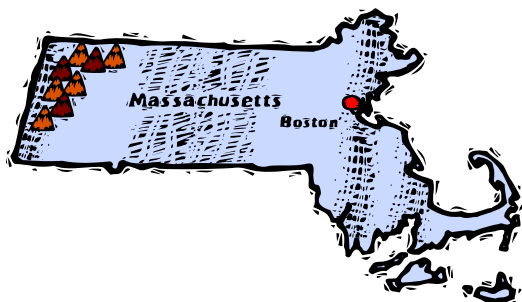
Community Service: For the National Community Service Charity, the Boston Chapter selected the American Cancer Society. Kim will inform Renee Gilman of our selection.

Scholarships and Awards: Several people will be presenting awards at our annual appreciation dinner.

Other Agenda Items: Our chapter National Community Service Donation will be between \$100 to \$200 dependent on the chapter challenge program.

Budget- A budget will be incorporated for the chapter in the 2009-2010 program year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2009.



The Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) is hosting its 49th Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum in Burlington, Vermont, August 2 – 5, 2009

The theme of this year's annual meeting is "The Fiscal Crisis: Navigating the Turbulent Economy".

For meeting and registration information please contact Pamela Stanley at 646-383-5711.

CSG/ERC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization serving legislative, executive and judicial branch officials from the ten Northeastern states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and six Eastern Canadian provinces.

CSG/ERC promotes region-wide initiatives, facilitates inter-branch cooperation, advocates on state-federal issues, and educates policymakers and the public on regional priorities and trends.



Trivia Answer

Seven

News from National

Internal Control and Fraud Conference

Join AGA at its Fourth Annual Internal Control & Fraud Conference, set for Sept. 16–17 in Washington, D.C.

Do your part to boost public confidence in the integrity and professionalism of government financial managers by learning the latest information on preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse.

AGA's Internal Control & Fraud Conference, worth 14 CPE hours, will focus on the responsibilities of all accountability professionals in ensuing a good system of internal controls to lower the risks of wrongdoing.

Community Service Project in New Orleans

AGA National President-elect Billy Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, and other AGA leaders worked at AGA's "Third-and-a-half" Annual National Community Service Project on **June 25**, the day after the PDC ended.

This was the third consecutive year, that AGA members and their family and friends met in New Orleans to build a house with Habitat for Humanity for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Cyberspace...Changing the Way You Network

AGA prides itself in its well-developed network of government financial managers. Members can tap into that network in a variety of ways, from the traditional conferences focusing on advancing your career to the ever-evolving resources on the Web. In the last few months, we've received a lot of encouragement from members to broaden our presence on the Web. This has led to our own channel on YouTube as well as an AGA group on LinkedIn. In the coming months, stayed tuned for the introduction of AGA's very own Facebook Page.

These initiatives will complement AGA's existing networking programs. AGA is offering more places for members to make connections, find information and keep pace with what's happening at AGA. For more information on how you or your chapter can get involved in social networking, contact Rodneikka Freeman.

AGA Announces Four New Courses

Four new AGA-sponsored courses are designed to help financial managers and auditors add value to government performance. The courses are presented in cooperation with The Auditor Roles in Performance Measurement Project Team of The Institute of Internal Auditors, which developed the courses under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. These courses can be customized to an organization's needs, to immerse participants in high-value audit skills and to provide additional ways to apply them. The four courses include:

A New Service Model: Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement.

Assessing the Reliability and Relevance of Performance Information.

Assessing the Quality of Performance Information and Performance Reports.

Auditing Performance Management Systems.

Read more details about these and other AGA-sponsored training courses at www.agacgfm.org, or contact AGA Director of Education Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307.

Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

The states of Washington, Texas and Maryland, Guilford County (NC), the U.S. Agency for International Development, National Science Foundation, Idaho State Police and the City of Las Vegas are the latest governments to join a growing list of state and local governments and federal agencies who are producing four-page Citizen-Centric Reports

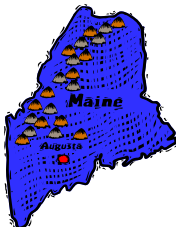
Dates Set for Fifth Annual PMC

Mark your calendar for the Fifth Annual Performance Management Conference on **Nov. 5-6, 2009** in Seattle. Do you have something to share about your entity's experience in performance management? Contact Evie Barry to see if you can participate in the program.

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.



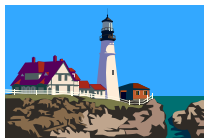
Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

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/

The Maine Chapter is hosted its annual Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2009. This was a luncheon meeting for all chapter members and guests. Information for this meeting can be found on the chapter's website.

Aroostook County Chapter

Plans are ongoing for the next chapter educational training event. Upcoming chapter elections will be announced in early June.

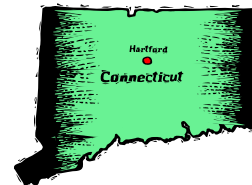


Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

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



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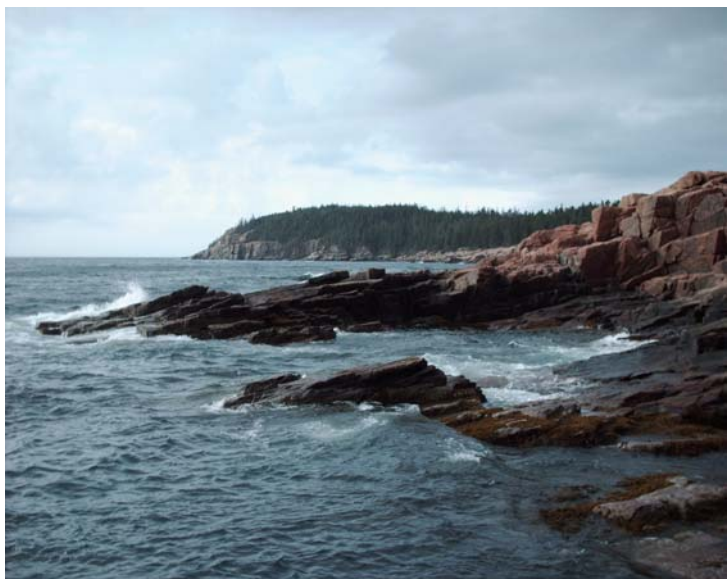
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Membership Application

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

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Second Address

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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)

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Total Amount Enclosed

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