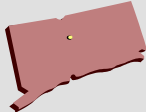


Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Regional

June 15, 2007

Hartford Chapter Educational Seminar



National

June 24 - 27, 2007

AGA's 56th Professional Development Conference - Nashville, TN



Sept. 10 - 11, 2007

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



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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION**
June 24–27, 2007 • 24 CPE hours
Nashville Convention Center • Nashville, TN

Saddle up, dust off your best pair of boots and get ready for PDC 2007!

Join us in Music City, USA for AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition– *the* government financial management education and networking event of the year!

Staying current with changes in government financial management is a huge challenge. Let AGA help. With dozens of educational sessions social events and exhibitors available, the PDC is an authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today's constantly changing environment.

Offering 24 CPE hours, the PDC is a valuable event for all government finance professionals, whether you are handling the detail work on the front lines, or managing a team amid difficult political and financial realities.

The PDC offers exceptional training opportunities. Learn about the newest research in the field. Find out about tools and techniques that have advanced the profession. Hear dynamic speakers. Meet the top leaders from federal agencies, state and local governments, the private sector and academia. Take part in small-group discussions, explore the issues facing the profession and find some answers.

The PDC is also about networking. Take advantage of the many receptions and social events that are planned, and enjoy the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, historical landmarks, good food and fun that Nashville has to offer. Bring your family and explore the Nashville Zoo, Adventure Science enter and other attractions.

The stage is set for a Grand Ole Opportunity. Don't miss this outstanding educational and networking event...

Register today!

**Boston Chapter of the AGA
End of Program Year Appreciation Dinner
Chart House, Boston, MA
May 24, 2007**

The chapter was host to over fifty members and guests at our appreciation dinner. This was an opportunity to get together and celebrate another successful year and recognize our award winners.



**Lifetime Achievement Award Winner
Richard Donaldson, CGFM and Howie
Olsher, CGFM**



**President's Award Winner Joseph
Valchius, CFE and Chapter President
John Beveridge, CGFM**



**Annual Achievement Award Winner
Ron Twing**



**Brady Scholarship Award Winner
Lauren Blodgett and her mother,
Chapter Member Judy Blodgett**



**President's Award Winner Maria
Mamakos and Chapter President
John Beveridge, CGFM**



**President-Elect Wallace (Al) Franklin,
CGFM and Chapter President John
Beveridge, CGFM**

Boston AGA National Awards 2006 - 2007 Program Year

CHAPTER EDUCATION AWARD

2007 winner - Boston Chapter
(Group B)

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AWARD - PLATINUM LEVEL

2007 winner - Boston Chapter
John Beveridge, CGFM, President

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARD - GOLD LEVEL

2007 winner - Julia P. Burns, CGFM
Boston Chapter,
Regional VP New England

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD - HONORABLE MENTION

2007 Winner - Boston Chapter (Group B)
David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, Editor



**Community Service Award Winner Kim Rapoza, CGFM
and Director of Scholarships and Awards Bill Muench,
CGFM**

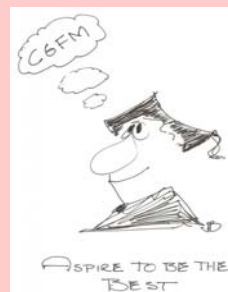
President's Message

Hats Off to Those Who Encourage Others

May and June are great months for graduations from high schools and colleges around the country. Commencement speakers talk of new beginnings, of new chapters and challenges worthy of every graduate's energy and desire. Every student, each with their own story and their own dreams, sits before career's gate. Nearby parents and teachers watch and listen with proud admiration. Each student has benefited along the way, and at various times, from a guiding hand and encouraging comment. Yet, the best of good mentorship does not end with the handing out of diplomas.

The most valued professional organizations and businesses incorporate mentorship within their operational culture. AGA embodies mentorship through training, networking, community outreach, and straight forward helping of our colleagues to develop, and cope and grow with change. AGA's focused effort on early career development is worthy of your attention, and you have the knowledge and experience to share with those entering the profession. We also know that mentorship helps those who have been in the profession. Not unlike the new graduates, our colleagues have their own story and dreams. We have each benefited from the sharing of ideas and good advice. Simply, by strengthening each other, we strengthen our organizations and ourselves.

Hats off to those who guide and encourage as mentorship's proudest moment is the success of others.



John Beveridge

Editors note: This is John's last "President's Message" and on behalf of the chapter we thank you for your service and for a very successful year.

Boston Chapter Education News



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May 8, 2007

Ms. Julia P. Burns, CGFM
Director Quality Assurance Bureau
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Office of the Comptroller
1 Ashburton Place Rm 901
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Burns:

Each year, AGA recognizes financial management professionals and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our Association and improved our communities. This year, on behalf of the AGA National Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Boston Chapter of AGA has been selected as the recipient of AGA's 2007 Chapter Education Award for Group B. Congratulations on receiving this special honor on behalf of your chapter.

We would be particularly proud to acknowledge your chapter's accomplishments in a public forum. We hope that you can join us in Nashville, TN during our 58th Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition to receive your chapter's award in person. The following documents will give you more details about the conference and the various awards presentations:

- Awards Information Sheet
- Awards Presentation Schedule
- Recipient Response Form
- Conference Registration Form

Congratulations to your chapter again and we are very impressed with their unsurpassed commitment to excellence in education. We look forward to seeing you this June in Nashville, TN.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey S. Hart'.

Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, CFE
National President

Regional Education Opportunity



Hartford Chapter Educational Seminar

A ONE DAY SEMINAR TO
PRESENT CURRENT ISSUES
& CHALLENGES

FRIDAY • JUNE 15, 2007
CITY OF HARTFORD
CONFERENCE ROOM CENTER
260 CONSTITUTION PLAZA
HARTFORD, CT

SEMINAR PRESENTERS

James R. Fountain, Jr., CPA, CMA, CGFM

James R. Fountain is retired Assistant Director of Research for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in Norwalk, CT. While at GASB, Mr. Fountain was involved with such projects as GASB No. 33 and Statement No. 34. His other projects involved development work on the financial reporting model and his participation related to developing criteria related to reporting management performance information.

John A. Rasimas, CPA

John A. Rasimas presently holds the position of Administrative Auditor within the office of Auditors of Public Accounts, State of Connecticut. In his position, Mr. Rasimas is responsible for supervising audit engagements of state higher education entities and other audit engagements, and is also responsible for recruiting new staff auditors. John's background is in government auditing standards.

Michael Rion, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael Rion, Principal of Resources for Ethics and Management, is recognized nationally for his pioneering work in ethics training that successfully bridges the gap between theory and practice. His achievements include developing the first corporate ethics training programs put in place at the Cummins Engine Company 25 years ago.

Edward F. Pickett Jr.

Edward F. Pickett Jr. is Assistant Director of Investigations for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission in Uncasville, CT. A former member of the Connecticut State Police, Mr. Pickett has extensive experience in conducting gaming related criminal investigations. He is dedicated to ensuring that the integrity of the gaming operation at the Mohegan Commission is not compromised.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

8:00 Check-in
8:25 Program Begins
8:25 – 10:05 – Speaker – Michael Rion
10:05 – 10:20 – Morning Break *
10:20 – 12:00 – Speaker – Jay Fountain
12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch Break
(Numerous Restaurants Available)
1:00 – 2:40 – Speaker – John Rasimas
2:40 – 2:55 – Afternoon Break *
2:55 – 4:35 – Speaker – Edward Pickett
4:45 Program Ends
* Refreshments provided during breaks

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

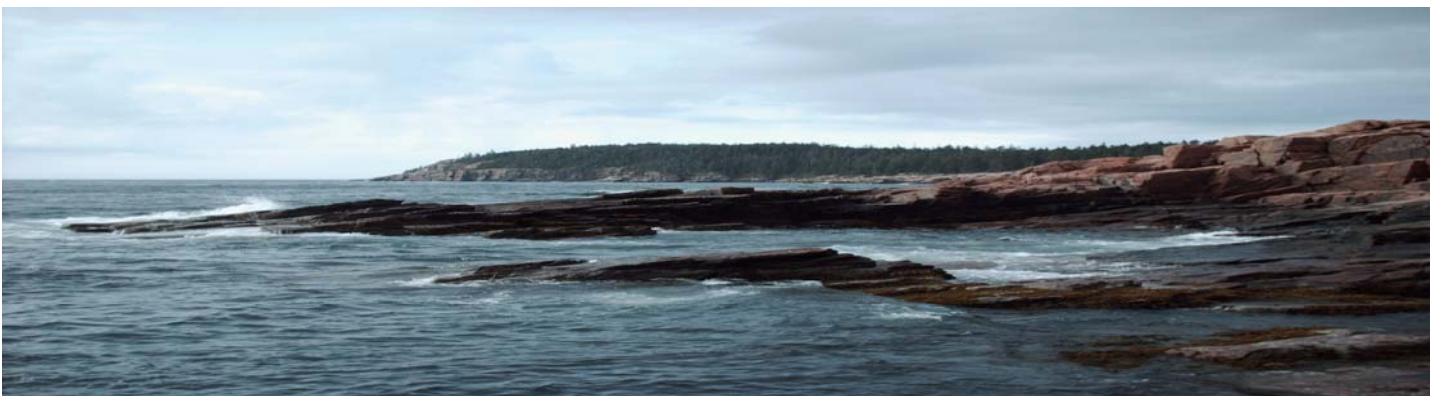
AGA Members \$110.00
Non-Member - \$130.00

Return completed registration forms along with payment made payable to AGA Hartford Chapter prior to June 8, 2007. Form should be mailed to:

Charles Heaven and Company
Attn: E. Melaragno, CPA, CGFM
207-231 Bank Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

For questions, FEIN # or directions contact Percy Cave at (860) 240-8121

Parking will be available in the Constitution Plaza north garage off Talcott Street, Htfd. Take elevator to the plaza level; ask security for directions to the Htfd Conference Room. Parking is included in the registration fee.





CGFM NEWS

What is the best way to study for the CGFM Examinations?

The best way to study depends on your knowledge, experience, time and location constraints and individual preferences. Start by reviewing the contents of each CGFM Examination in the "What Do Exams Cover?" section of AGA website (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/default.aspx>).

"How Do I Prepare?" section of AGA website (www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare) offers a couple of ways to prepare for the CGFM Examinations, including:

-- instructor-led courses (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/instructorcourses.aspx>) - six days of comprehensive courses in government financial management offered in conjunction with Management Concepts.

-- self-study guides (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx>) - the guides used in the instructor-led courses can also be used for individual self-study.

-- a list of resource materials (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studymaterials.aspx>) - these resources can help you find information on specific topics.

Review each choice to determine what would work best for you. Your local AGA chapter may provide additional support (study groups, etc.) to help you prepare for the examinations. In addition, AGA is once again offering an Intensive Review Course and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations at its Professional Development Conference in Nashville in June. Visit http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm to learn more.

If you have any questions, call the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 306.



Boston Chapter Member News

Congratulations to each of these individuals

Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA, Auditor General of Rhode Island, will become vice chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. His term will begin in October and will last for three years, with Mr. Almonte serving one year as vice chair, one as chair, and a final year as past chair.

Martin J. Benison, CGFM, Comptroller of the Commonwealth, was presented with one of the NASC President's Awards during the recent 2007 NASC Annual Conference.

A. Joseph DeNucci, Auditor of the Commonwealth, was honored by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) for his efforts to "improve the quality of life for those seniors and families who reside in state-aided public housing developments."

Julia P. Burns, CGFM had been appointed as Director of the Accounting Bureau in the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller.

Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller of the Commonwealth, spoke on "Preparing for OPEB" at the recent NASC Annual conference.

Membership Anniversaries

In 2007 we would like to recognize the following AGA Boston Chapter membership milestones

50 Years

Joseph B. D'Alessandro

40 Years

Jacintho J. Farea, CPA
(Boston Chapter President, 1987 - 1988)

35 Years

Lester P. Slater, Jr. CGFM

30 Years

William J. Yazbek, CGFM

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



Lauren Blodgett
Boston College

Eric King
Univ. of Pennsylvania

Maureen Harris, CGFM
Transfer from Washington, DC Chapter

Go for Growth! Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

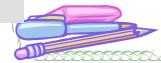
- 250 Active Members
- 2 New Members
- 1 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 0 Suspended Members

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!



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 May 31, 2007 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	1,375	1,375	46%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	350	350	9%
Certification	4,000	350	350	9%
Communications	3,000	1,274	1,274	42%
Membership	3,000	800	800	27%
Early Career	2,000	425	425	21%
Community Service	2,000	0	0	0%
Awards	1,000	3,500	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	8,074	5,574	25%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet May 31, 2007

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 2,884
Savings Account	19,621
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,160</u>

Total Cash \$35,666

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 8,542

Total Assets \$44,208

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>44,208</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$44,208

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

June Quote

“Success is having to worry about every damn thing in the world, except money.”

Johnny Cash



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What are the call letters of the radio station that broadcasts the Grand Ol Opry?

(this has been the nation's longest running live radio show for over 80 years.)

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.



Hello!

The New England Region has had another successful year! The Boston, Hartford and Maine chapters welcomed 43 new members, sponsored educational events, conducted community service activities, and promoted government financial management. Each of the chapter presidents will be recognized at the upcoming Professional Development Conference in Nashville, TN.

Special congratulations are extended to the Hartford Chapter on its 40th Anniversary and to the Maine Chapter on its 10th Anniversary! Hartford was chartered on June 21, 1967 and Maine on June 21, 1997

In late April, Regional and Chapter leaders attended a meeting in Indianapolis, IN. It was a terrific opportunity to meet AGA leaders from within our region, throughout Section I, and at National Office. We exchanged ideas regarding membership, professional certification, education and much more.

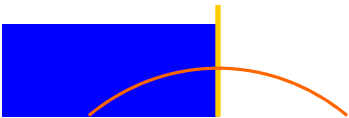
Thank you for making the 2006 – 2007 Program Year successful...and my best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Julie



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!

Fall Into Recruitment and Win!

It's time to fall into recruitment in AGA's *Reach for the Stars* member-get-a-member (MGAM) campaign! We already do have many members that have been *falling into recruitment* by sponsoring new members into AGA! Just take a look at our web site, members have already won FREE national dues for next year for having sponsored six or more new members since May 1, 2007

Every AGA member is challenged to recruit at least one new member in this year's MGAM. Our goal is to continue the positive net growth in membership that we experienced this past year. And remember to reach out to those *rising stars*— individuals just starting out in their careers, with less than three years of experience. Be sure to steer them to AGA's [Tomorrow's Professionals](#) website, which is chock full of useful information. Check out the [campaign details](#) and start *falling for recruitment* today!

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

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 May 15th, 2007 .The following items were discussed.

- Attendees of the sectional leadership conference shared the latest news from National on various subjects including their roll out of the citizen centric program. This initiative encourages governments to produce and publish an annual 'state of the government' report that is no more than four pages long.
- All officers and directors will review their individual roles in conjunction with the creation / update of the Chapter's Strategic Plan and discussed a roll out of a chapter operating plan.
- Treasurer's and Membership Reports were presented and received.
- Officers and Directors cast votes to allow for four CGFM scholarship awards.
- Preliminary discussions for next year's training calendar were discussed along with tentative dates and subject matter.
- The education committee discussed new initiatives for our newsletter. One of which was to include Chapter affiliate news and community service spotlights.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 .

Welcome to Bawstin (Boston)

For those of you who have never been to "Bawstin", this is a good guideline. We will be publishing monthly information that will be helpful if you are coming to visit or have lived here all of your life.

Police don't drive patrol units or black and whites they drive a "crooza".

It's not a traffic circle, it's a rotary.

If you take the bus, you're on the "looza crooza".

It's not a rubber band, it's an elastic.

"Going to the islands" means Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket.

If something's good, it's "pissa". If something's really good, it's "wicked piss".



TRIVIA ANSWER!

WSM

WSM radio in Nashville began broadcasting on October 8, 1925.

Owned by the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, the station's call letters reflected its owner's motto

"We Shield Millions."



Be careful as you are driving around Nashville for the AGA PDC



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
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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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