

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

June 4, 2009

Federal Stimulus
Package Seminar
Volpe Federal Bldg.
Cambridge, MA



June 16, 2009

Chapter Executive
Committee Meeting



June 19, 2009

Chapter Appreciation
Dinner
Museum of Science
Boston, MA



National

June 21 - 24, 2009

AGA National
PDC
New Orleans, LA



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President's Message

Is it June already? I can't believe how fast this year has flown by. On May 13th, 18 members and non-members participated in an audio conference on the subject of *Ethics in the Workplace*. The audio conferences this year have been very successful due to timely topics and a reasonable price (free for members). We hope you will join us again next year as the chapter plans to purchase several of the audio conferences once again.

This year, we are pleased to offer you one an additional educational event on June 4th at the Volpe Transportation Center in Cambridge, MA, in conjunction with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum (NEIAF). Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details.

AGA National's Professional Development Conference (PDC) will be held in New Orleans this year from June 21-24. The PDC is an excellent opportunity to earn high quality CPE's from noted experts in their respective fields. We have a lot to be proud of this year. At the PDC, the chapter and several of its members, including Julia Burns, VP of Education, and David LeBlanc, Regional Vice President and VP of Communication, will be honored with national awards. A complete list of the awards can be found on pages 6 & 7.

Although many of our member agencies have faced difficult fiscal challenges this year, the Boston Chapter came through for its members by reducing rates so that our members' training needs were met. Thanks to the prudent chapter management of the past, we were able to weather this storm. Next year will bring new fiscal challenges as state budgets have not improved but I'm sure the chapter will continue to do what we can to support our members' needs.

Last month I mentioned the Chapter Executive, Education, and Scholarships and Awards Committees. This month, I would like to thank the wonderful work of the Community Services Committee. This important committee did an excellent job this year. We had a lot of fun and helped others in the process.

Our Chapter Appreciation Dinner will be held this year at the Museum of Science on June 19th. Participants will be able to tour the museum after 5:00pm with cocktails and registration beginning at 6:00 pm and a buffet dinner starting at 6:30pm. During dessert, our chapter awards and scholarships will be presented. The museum is open until 9:00pm. The parking is free and guests who register early will receive Mugar Omni passes for a later date, until our supply of 50 passes is given out. The cost for members is \$35 and \$20 for children under 12.

Kim Rapoza

Save the Date!

Federal Stimulus Package Seminar
To register, please contact David Duff at
David.Duff@oig.hhs.gov or online at www.auditforum.org



**Boston Chapter AGA
Educational Opportunity
Co-Sponsored with the New England
Intergovernmental Audit Forum**

**“Promoting Accountability and Transparency Under
the Recovery Act”**

Date: June 4, 2009

Location: Volpe Federal Transportation Building
Cambridge, MA,

Registration: 7:45 — 8:45

AM Session: 9:00 - 12:00

Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 (on your own)

PM Session: 1:00 - 4:00

CPEs: 6 Will Be Awarded

Cost: Members and Non-Members \$50

Registrations due by 6/01/09, To register please contact David Duff at David.Duff@oig.hhs.gov, online at www.auditforum.org or by mail at:

Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Room 2425
JFK Federal Building
Attn: David W. Duff, Boston, MA 02203

The morning session will be conducted by Stan Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO, and Nancy Valley, Partner, KPMG. They will discuss the national implications of the Stimulus Act.

The afternoon session will have a variety of presenters discussing the Act from the programmatic and recipient perspective. Invited departments represented include the US Department of Transportation, the Federal Reserve Bank, US Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid.

There is no public parking at the Volpe Building. For transportation you should use the MBTA Red Line - Kendall Station or there are public garages in the area. All bags must be x-rayed and metal detectors are in use at the public entrance. Name tags or Federal IDs must be worn while in the building.

**Boston Chapter AGA
Chapter Appreciation Dinner**

Date: June 19, 2009

Location: Museum of Science,
1 Science Park, Boston MA

Registration: begins at 5:00 pm

Cost: Adults \$35, Children \$20

Please join us for this unique event in the d'Arbeloff Suite at the Museum of Science. The suite has wonderful views of the Charles River on one side and the Zakim bridge on the other side.

Guests are free to tour the museum after 5:00 P.M. with a visitor's pass obtained by registering in the lobby with an AGA representative.

Cocktails are from 6:00-6:30 P.M. in the d'Arbeloff Suite and dinner, by Wolfgang Puck Catering, will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Parking in the museum garage is complimentary. Just be sure to bring your parking ticket inside so it may be validated.

The museum is open until 9:00pm. Additionally, the chapter has purchased 50 tickets to the Mugar Omni theatre for future use. These tickets will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis for those registering early for the event, while the supply lasts.

While you are enjoying dessert, we will present the 2009 Chapter Awards and Scholarships, recognize past Presidents, national award winners and AGA lifetime members.

If you plan to attend, please register as soon as possible on our website at www.aga-boston-chapter.org or contact me directly at (617) 565-2019, Rapoza@comcast.net, before June 10, 2009, and be sure to include any guests that will be attending with you.

Any individual that may require special accommodations for the disabled at any Boston Chapter Training should communicate this and include the information in their registration prior to the event.

Calendar of Events Program Year 2008 - 2009

September 10, 2008

**Audio Conference - Fraud Prevention & Detecting
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

September 18, 2008

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - Transportation Issues
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA
1 CPE**

October 23, 2008

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

November 12, 2008

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

November 20, 2008

**Fall Workshop - Auditing in a
Hostile Environment
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

December 4, 2008

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

January 15, 2009

**Winter Seminar - Internal Controls: Tools for Fraud
Identification in Today's Fiscal Environment
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

February 11, 2009

**Audio Conference - Unethical Conduct & Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

March 10, 2009

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

April 8, 2009

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

April 16, 2009

**Spring Workshop - Computer Forensics
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

May 13, 2009

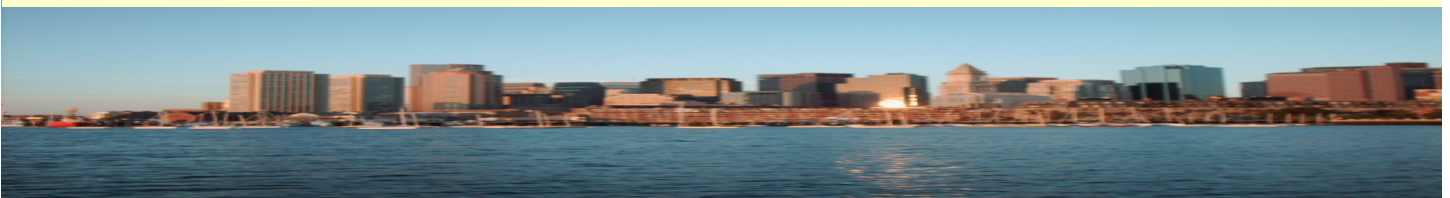
**Audio Conference - Ethics
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

June 4, 2009

**Co-sponsored with NEIAF
Promoting Accountability and Transparency under the
Recovery Act
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs**

June 19, 2009

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
Boston Museum of Science, Boston, MA**





Welcome!

Join us in the “Big Easy” June 21–24, 2009, for AGA’s 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)—*the* premier education and networking event of the year.

The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today’s constantly changing environment. Hear from top-notch speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

AGA has been a leader in providing the best training for more than 58 years, and this is the place where it all comes together. Offering 24 CPE hours, timely topics and an impressive line-up of speakers, PDC 2009 promises to be one of the Association's best.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and techniques to help your agency achieve its mission.

In addition to an excellent technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you’re here, please be sure to experience all the music, culture, history and fine dining New Orleans has to offer.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez—register today!

This year's conference activities will take place at two hotels, the Marriott New Orleans and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. For your convenience, both hotels are located on Canal Street and are directly across the street from each other. We have reserved a block of rooms at the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel to accommodate PDC attendees. The AGA room rate is \$120 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are only guaranteed until **May 29**, *or until the block is sold out*. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

To make a reservation, please call your preferred hotel at 800.228.9290 (Marriott) or 888.627.7033 (Sheraton) and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.

AGA is focusing on increasing our Early Career and Student memberships. This is important for us to bring new and young people into the organization and profession. However, there are some bridges that we may have to cross.

Members of the high school class of 2009, entering college this fall, were mostly born in 1992. For them: Billy Carter, Lucille Ball, Gilda Radner, Billy Martin, Andy Gibb, and Secretariat have always been dead.

The Soviet Union has never existed and therefore is about as scary as the student union.

They have known only three presidents.

For most of their lives, major U.S. airlines have been bankrupt.

They have grown up getting lost in "big boxes."

There has always been only one Germany.

They have never heard anyone actually "ring it up" on a cash register.

They are wireless, yet always connected.

A stained blue dress is as famous to their generation as a third-rate burglary was to their parents'.

Thanks to pervasive headphones in the back seat, parents have always been able to speak freely in the front.

A coffee has always taken longer to make than a milkshake.

Smoking has never been permitted on U.S. airlines.

Faux fur has always been a necessary element of style.

They have never had to distinguish between the St. Louis Cardinals baseball and football teams.

DNA fingerprinting has always been admissible evidence in court.

They grew up pushing their own miniature shopping carts in the supermarket.

They grew up with and have outgrown faxing as a means of communication.

"Google" has always been a verb.

Text messaging is their email.

Bar codes have always been on everything, from library cards and snail mail to retail items.

Madden has always been a game, not a Superbowl-winning coach.

There has never been a "skyhook" in the NBA.

Carbon copies are oddities found in their grandparents' attics.

They grew up in mini-vans.

Reality shows have always been on television.

They have no idea why we needed to ask "...can we all get along?"

They have always known that "In the criminal justice system the people have been represented by two separate yet equally important groups."

They have rarely mailed anything using a stamp.

Brides have always worn white for a first, second, or third wedding.

Being techno-savvy has always been inversely proportional to age.

Affluent troubled teens in Southern California have always been the subjects of television series.

Small white holiday lights have always been in style.

Most of them never had the chance to eat bad airline food.

Professional athletes have always competed in the Olympics.

Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss has always been the perfect graduation gift.

Boston AGA Annual Awards

AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To recognize an agency that has made significant contributions to AGA

Eligibility: All agencies who have exhibited support for AGA

Criteria: The award is given for outstanding support provided by an agency to the Local Chapter and or National AGA. Eligible agencies will have consistently made important contributions in support of the development and enhancement of AGA.

2009 winner - US HHS Office of the Inspector General

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose: To accord recognition for leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, and improving financial management in government service in the past year.

Eligibility: The individual nominated must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed. Nominees do not have to be members of the AGA.

Criteria: Selection criteria for the award will be generally limited to achievements accomplished in the preceding calendar year.

2009 winner – Francis Cordima, Mass Department of Mental Health

MEL PARTOL MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose: To recognize an individual for superior dedicated service that enhanced the Chapter.

Eligibility: Any AGA member of the Boston Chapter.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service that enhanced the prestige of the Boston Chapter, enabled the Chapter to provide greater service to its membership, or brought a sense of continued dedication to the Boston Chapter.

2009 winner – Nicholas H. Dahl, CGFM, US Office of Veteran Affairs

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To annually recognize an AGA – Boston Chapter member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to volunteer community service by participating in a volunteer community service project or projects.

Eligibility: Current AGA – Boston Chapter member.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated volunteer community service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service.

2009 winner – Maggie Trudel, Mass Office of the Comptroller

CHAPTER EDUCATOR AWARD

Purpose: To annually recognize an AGA – Boston Chapter member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to providing educational opportunities to the AGA and other regional groups

Eligibility: Current AGA – Boston Chapter member.

Criteria: Superior and dedicated educational service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service.

2008 winner – Robert A. Carnegie

Boston Chapter AGA Annual Scholarships

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to award one (1) **Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program.

2009 Winner - Eric A. King
University of Pennsylvania



The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to award one (1) **George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to an AGA – Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member that is enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

2009 Winner
Maureen A. Cushing
Penn State University



These scholarships will be presented at the Chapter's annual awards dinner on June 19, 2009. Additionally the winners were presented with a student membership to AGA.

Green Corner

Green Tips For Golfers

- Replace all divots.
- Walk the course instead of using a golf cart.
- If you do use a golf cart, keep your cart on the designated path.
- Urge your golf course to replace its carts with electric-powered ones, which greatly reduce both air pollution and noise pollution.
- Carry your trash with you until a waste container is available.
- Recycle glass, aluminum, and plastic on the golf course.
- If your course doesn't have its own recycling program, urge them to start one.
- Adhere to local rules that may restrict access to environmentally sensitive areas on a golf course.
- Buy recyclable products (e.g., biodegradable golf tees).
- Accept the natural limitations and variations of turfgrass plants growing in a natural environment. (e.g., brown patches, thinning, loss of color).
- Be willing to play on brown grass during periods of low rain fall.
- Patronize courses that are environmentally friendly.
- Recognize that golf courses are managed land areas that should complement the natural environment.
- Respect environmentally sensitive areas of the course.
- Support golf course management decisions that protect or enhance the environment and encourage the development of environmental conservation plans.
- Support maintenance practices that protect wildlife and natural habitat.
- Encourage maintenance practices that promote the long-range health of the turf and support environmental objectives. Such practices include aerification, reduced fertilization, limited play on sensitive turf areas, reduced watering, etc.
- Commit to long-range conservation efforts (e.g. efficient water use, integrated pest management, etc.) on the golf course and at home.
- Support research and education programs that expand our understanding of the relationship between golf and the environment.
- Take pride in environmentally sensitive courses.

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 President's Awards 2008 - 2009 Program Year

Julia P. Burns, CGFM

Kelly Lanier

David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

William Muench, CGFM, CPA

Howard Olsher, CGFM, CFE

Joseph Valchuis, CFE

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



Ikem Wonodi
DCAA

Steven Gallelo
Mass Office of the State Auditor

Lisa Mayes
Mass Executive Office
of Human Services

Pamela Reilly
Draper Laboratory

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..... 3
- 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:

- 257 Active Members
- 37 New Members
- 27 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 April 1st and concludes on March 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of May 31, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,325	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,775	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	4,775	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	10,561	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	5,875	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,600	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	10,375	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	53,286	22,000	100%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet May 31, 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

22,326

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@osc.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.

SUDOKU ANSWER

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2	9	3	6	5	7	1	4	8
7	1	8	4	9	3	6	2	5
1	8	2	5	3	9	4	6	7
9	4	6	7	1	8	2	5	3
5	3	7	2	6	4	9	8	1
8	6	9	3	4	5	7	1	2
4	2	5	9	7	1	8	3	6
3	7	1	8	2	6	5	9	4

June Quote

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

Mark Twain



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What color is the "black box" in a commercial airplane?

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 May 19, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- Secretary - Annual Secretary of State filing will be done shortly.
- Treasurer - Treasurer is continuing to do AGA work while on maternity leave.
- CGFM - A motion was passed to purchase a set of CGFM study guides for use by chapter members who qualify for the chapter CGFM scholarship. Guidelines for usage (i.e., length of time a book may be kept) will be drawn up.
- Planning - Planning for the Annual Chapter Appreciation dinner at the Museum of Science is nearly complete. A count of guests is due on June 12th. The dinner will be an Italian buffet.
- Community Service - We are very pleased with the work that our chapter members have accomplished in the various areas of community service.
- Scholarships and Awards - Several national awards were won by the Boston Chapter or members. These awards will be given at the PDC in New Orleans. Plaques will be ordered for local chapter award winners. The committee will send letters to the scholarship and award winners shortly.
- Other Agenda Items – National Community Service - Chapter donation – Legal Seafoods Gift Certificate has been purchased. Other items will be purchased soon. As in past years, the chapter will also make a donation to the “Chapter Challenge” portion of the National Community Service fund.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2008.



THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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.

Take the CGFM Examinations Before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development (PDC) in New Orleans.

AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, June 18, 2009 and Friday, June 19, 2009 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on June 20-21, 2009. 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 participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, We encourage you to sign up early.

Trivia Answer

Orange

News from National

PDC Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction

AGA is proud to once again sponsor the National Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction. During the PDC, we'll be selling raffle tickets and hosting a silent auction for great prizes such as gift certificates, regional gift baskets, sports memorabilia and lots more. Be sure to visit the Exhibit Hall to check out the loot.

Proceeds will support the AGA National Community Service Fund as well as a charity selected by participants. Make sure to stop by the raffle booth and vote for your favorite charity

Community Service Project in New Orleans

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

This will be the third consecutive year, that AGA members and their family and friends meet 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

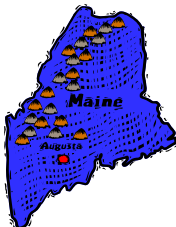
Dates Set for Fifth Annual PMC

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.



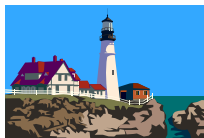
Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

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.

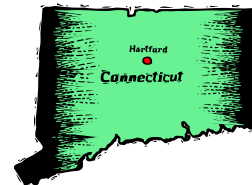


Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

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.

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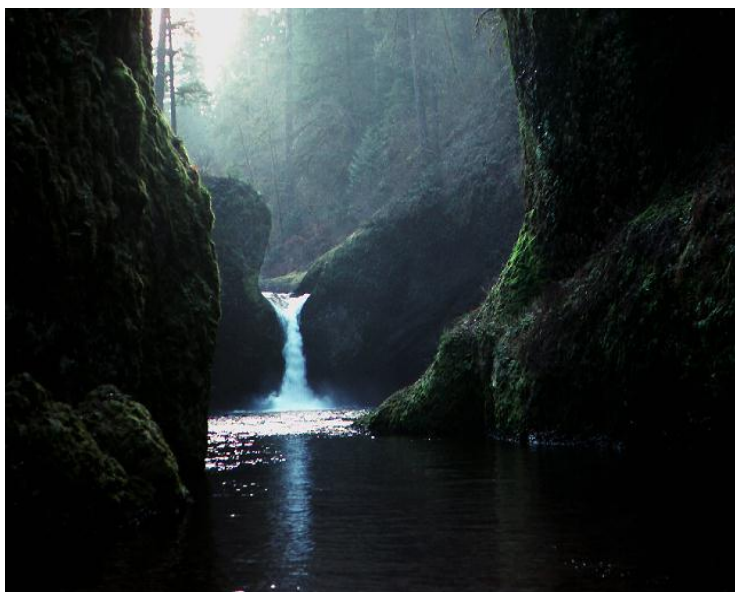
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