

## Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

### Local

**March 1, 2011**  
Boston Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Meeting



**March 15, 2011**  
Regional Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Bentley University  
Waltham, MA.



### National

**May 3 - 4, 2011**  
AGA Federal  
Performance  
Conference  
Arlington, VA



**July 11 - 14, 2011**  
AGA Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Atlanta, GA



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## President's Message



Well, Punxsutawney Phil did not predict another six weeks of Winter. And it appears that, once again, his prediction is not completely accurate for New England. The good news is that according to my trusty Day Timer, Spring will arrive on March 20th!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the February audio conference due to weather conditions. But importantly for education this month is our **main event**, the Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley University is on March 15th. AGA National President **Lisa Casias** is our opening speaker and will present one of the five morning sessions. Other confirmed speakers include Luncheon Keynote Speaker, **Suzanne Bump**, MA State Auditor and Afternoon Keynote Speaker **Jim Hummel**, Investigative Reporter.

Presenting in breakout sessions will be **Marcia Buchanan**, GAO, **Mark Abrahams**, The Abrahams Group, **Christopher Kelly**, Assistant Attorney General for MA, **Scott Warnetski**, KPMG, **Bobby Derrick**, AGA, **Frederick Beebe**, MA School Building Authority, **Robert A. Carnegie**, R. Carnegie Associates, **Tammie Brown**, US HHS and **John Beveridge**, of the MA State Auditor's Office. The conference offers attendees 8 CPE hours and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Details regarding the conference and registration information are elsewhere in this newsletter and on our web site.

Also at the conference we will have a brief chapter meeting with the important function of electing the chapter officers for next year. President Elect, **Shawn Warren**, CPA has chaired the nominating committee and come up with an impressive slate of candidates for your consideration.

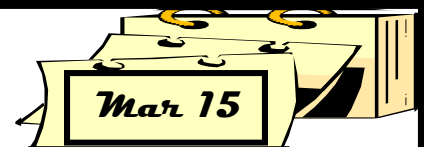
Next month the chapter will co-host a full day of training with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum at the Federal Reserve Building in Boston. We are extremely pleased to have **David Walker**, former Comptroller General of the US and **Ernie Almonte**, former Auditor General of Rhode Island and former chair of the AICPA as speakers.

Nominations for Chapter Awards are due in April. Please take the time and consider who may be worthy of this recognition. Spring Training has started for the Red Sox. Next month is the upcoming draft for the Patriots and the Bruins and Celtics are looking sharp heading toward the playoffs. Hopefully they all have as good a season as the chapter has had. Until next month.....

*Bill Kilmartin*

## Save the Date!

Regional Professional Development  
Conference Bentley University  
Waltham, MA.



**Boston Chapter of the AGA  
Regional Professional  
Development Conference  
March 15, 2011  
Bentley University**

**Morning Session**

Opening Remarks,  
**Bill Kilmartin**, Boston Chapter President

Morning Keynote AGA National Issues  
**Lisa Casias**, AGA National President

Track 1  
How ARRA Has Affected State and Local  
Governments  
**Lisa Casias**, AGA National President

Track 2  
Yellow Book Update  
**Marcia Buchanan**, GAO

Track 3  
GASB Update and Performance Management  
**Mark Abrahams**, The Abrahams Group

Track 4  
Computer Forensics / Personal Devices  
**Christopher Kelly**, Assistant Attorney  
General for MA

Track 5  
Governmental Accounting 101  
**Scott Warnetski**, KPMG

**Afternoon Session**

Lunch Keynote Speaker,  
**Suzanne Bump**, MA State Auditor

Afternoon Keynote Speaker  
**Jim Hummel**, Investigative Reporter

Track 6  
Ethics  
**Bobby Derrick**, AGA

Track 7  
School Building Assistance and Its Financing  
**Frederick Beebe**, MA School Building Authority

Track 8  
Building a Productive and Motivated Team  
**Robert A. Carnegie**, R. Carnegie Associates

Track 9  
A-133 Updates  
**Tammie Brown**, US HHS

Track 10  
Assessing IT Risks for Audit Planning and Fraud  
Prevention  
**John Beveridge**, MA State Auditor's Office

**Cost: Member General – \$75;  
Member Early Bird Paid Registration” – \$65;  
Member Group Registration” – \$65**

**Non-member General – \$130;  
Non-member Early Bird Paid Registration” – \$115;  
Non-member Group Registration” – \$115**

**Student (full time, proof of student status needed) - \$50**

**CPE: 8 CPE Hours**

**“Early Bird Paid” & “Group Registration” Deadline: February 28, 2011  
(This deadline is not negotiable.)**



## Candidates for Office

The Boston Chapter's Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for office. Chapter officer elections will be conducted at the Regional Professional Development Conference (Bentley University) on March 15, 2011

### **President Elect**

**Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA**  
DiSanto, Priest & Co.

### **Treasurer**

**Patricia Tanona**  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

### **Secretary**

**Richard Sullivan, CPA**  
Powers & Sullivan, CPA

### **Vice President for Education and Programs**

**Julia P. Burns, CGFM**  
Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller

### **Vice President for Planning**

**Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE**  
US Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General

### **Vice President for Communication**

**David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS**  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



## **SAVE THESE DATES! 2010 Mass ASPA PROGRAM CALENDAR**

**Tuesday March 1, 5:30 pm**

*"Budgetary and Management Practices in Massachusetts School Districts"*  
Suffolk University Stahl Center  
73 Tremont St., Boston

**Friday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.**

*"Environmental Sustainability"*  
Bridgewater State College  
Bridgewater, MA

**Wednesday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.**

*"Emerging Issues Facing Public Administration and Massachusetts"*  
University of Massachusetts at Boston

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For updates and details please check MassASPA on the web at [massaspa.vpweb.com](http://massaspa.vpweb.com) or on Facebook or contact Michael E. George, MassASPA President-Elect at [MEGeorge1@comcast.net](mailto:MEGeorge1@comcast.net) or 617-267-1694



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



*Date:* April 26, 2011

*Location:* Federal Reserve Building,  
Boston, MA

*Registration:* 8:30  
*AM Session:* 9:00 - 12:00  
*Lunch:* 12:00 - 2:00

*CPEs:* 7

*Cost:* TBA

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We are extremely pleased to have **David Walker**, the former Comptroller General of the US and chapter member **Ernie Almonte**, former Auditor General of Rhode Island and former chair of the AICPA as speakers.

More details on this session will be available in future communications and on our web site. Seven CPE's will be awarded for this Seminar.

*Registrations due by 4/24/11, To register please contact Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@state.ma.us or via phone at 617-973-2452 Or online at www.agaboston.org*

## Community Service Notes

### Donations Needed at Bentley

The Community Service Committee is accepting all donations of the following items at the March 15, 2011 Regional PDC at Bentley University:

Eyeglasses  
Cell Phones  
Sample size Toiletries  
Pet Food and Supplies  
Business Attire Clothing

Look for our "Go Green" Box at or near the registration desk. Recycling these items will not only benefit the needy recipients but will help save the environment.

The toiletry items will go to help out the Ronald McDonald House, "Cell Phones for Soldiers" (<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>) will benefit from the used cell phones and the Lions Club will get the eyeglasses

Donations are also being collected for the Quincy Animal Shelter. This is a 100% volunteer run "no kill" shelter. A box will be available near the registration table where we will be accepting cat and dog food and related supplies. Please visit their web sit at <http://www.quincyanimalshelter.org/> for more details. Thank you again in advance for your generosity and assistance on this project.

This year the committee is also collecting gently used Business Attire. Donations should be clean, pressed and ready to wear. Some appropriate items include: skirts, dresses, blouses, pantsuits, men's suits, dress shirts, slacks, ties, shoes, etc. They will then be given to the Career Closet of Interfaith Social Services in Quincy. Please check out their website at <http://www.interfaithsocialservices.org/network/career-closet> .

Thank you in advance for your assistance on these projects.

## Calendar of Events Program Year 2010 - 2011

**September 29, 2010**

**Audio Conference - Improving Program  
Performance and Accountability  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

**Members: Free      Non-Members: \$20**

**October 21, 2010**

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

**Members: \$75      Non-Members: \$100**

**November 17, 2010**

**Audio Conference - Achieving Transparency  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

**Members: Free      Non-Members: \$20**

**December 2, 2010**

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

**Members: \$20      Non-Members: \$25**

**December 8, 2010**

**Audio Conference - Risk Assessment & SAS Update  
75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA  
3 CPEs**

**Members: Free      Non-Members: \$20**

**January 12, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Data Mining  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

**Members: Free      Non-Members: \$20**

**January 20, 2011**

**Winter Seminar - Challenges to the Organization,  
Control Concepts and Fraud  
Volpe Federal Building, Cambridge  
7 CPEs**

**Members: \$50      Non-Members: \$75**

**February 2, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Internal Controls  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

**Members: Free      Non-Members: \$20**

**March 15, 2011**

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

**Members: \$65 - \$75      Non-Members: \$115 - \$130**

**April 26, 2011**

**Spring Seminar - Co Sponsored with NEIAF  
Location - Federal Reserve Building  
7 CPEs**

**Members: TBD      Non-Members: TBD**

*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.*



## ***Boston AGA Annual Awards – Brief Descriptions***

### 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

2010 winner - Mass State Auditor's Office

### 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

2010 winner – John Wilkes, CGFM - Mass State Auditor's Office

### 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

2010 winner – Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, CPA – US HHS OIG

### 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

2010 winner – Jane Gustowski, CPA

### 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

2010 winner – Daniel Bonnette, CPA

## ***Boston Chapter AGA Annual Scholarships***

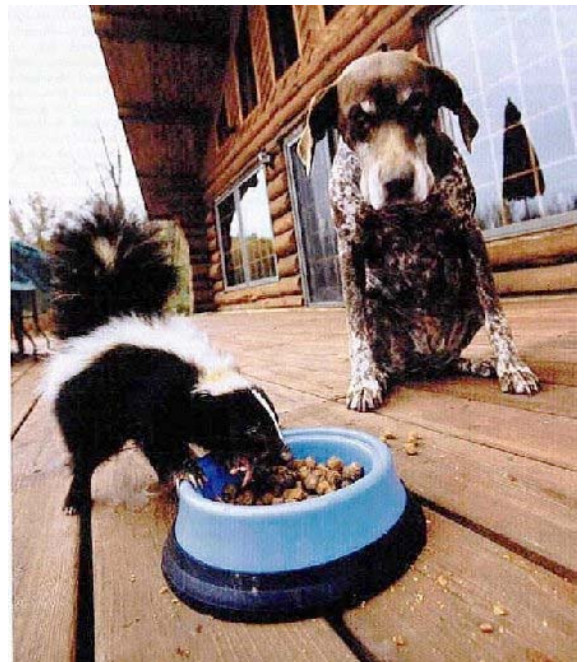


The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to offer one (1) **Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to offer 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.

Applications are available at [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)

These scholarships will be presented at the Chapter's annual appreciation dinner later this year.



This is truly a fine example of both wisdom and patience



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

**Suzanne Bump**  
Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

**Gregory Driscoll**  
KPMG

**Marcia Luciano**  
Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

**Kenneth Lupien**  
Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

232 Active Members

18 New Members

40 Suspended Members

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The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since January 1, 2010:

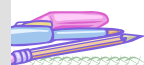
- William A. Muench, CGFM... .. 2
- Howard Olsher , CGFM. .... 1
- Julia Burns , CGFM..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM..... 1
- David LeBlanc, CGFM..... 1
- Babette Wesby Haines..... 1
- Joseph Valchuis..... 1
- Carla Flores... .. 1
- John Mahoney, CGFM..... 1

### 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](mailto:dleblanc@doe.mass.edu).

Thanks!



### SUDOKU

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

Boston Chapter credits as of February 28, 2011 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,000	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,275	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	4,000	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	7,076	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	2,675	2,675	89%
Early Career	2,000	875	875	44%
Community Service	2,000	4,075	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	2,650	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>31,301</b>	<b>20,550</b>	<b>93%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet February 28, 2011

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	
Checking Account	\$18,388
Savings Account	9,974
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$28,362
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 6,910</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$35,272</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>35,272</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$35,272</u>

### Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event? Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database?

Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Vice President of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at [Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us](mailto:Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us)



### SUDOKU ANSWER

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9	3	5	6	1	8	7	4	2
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### March Quote

**"Beware the Ides of March"**

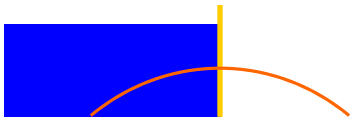
**William Shakespeare**



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

How is actress Cathleen Collins better known?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter



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Comments should be forwarded to [dleblanc@doe.mass.edu](mailto:dleblanc@doe.mass.edu)



### Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) ..... [www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)
- MA Chapter of ASPA ..... [www.massspa.org](http://www.massspa.org)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) ..... [www.cfenet.com](http://www.cfenet.com)
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE ..... [www.acfe-boston.org](http://www.acfe-boston.org)
- Association of Government Accountants ..... [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)
- AGA Boston Chapter ..... [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter ..... [www.agaarostookcounty.org](http://www.agaarostookcounty.org)
- AGA Hartford Chapter ..... [www.agahartford.org](http://www.agahartford.org)
- AGA Maine Chapter ..... [www.gwi.net/~aga/](http://www.gwi.net/~aga/)
- COSO ..... [www.coso.org](http://www.coso.org)
- First Gov ..... [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board ..... [www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org)
- Government Executive ..... [www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com)
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) ..... [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org)
- IIA Greater Boston Chapter ..... [www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13)
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum ..... [www.auditforum.org](http://www.auditforum.org)
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP) ..... [www.iappnet.org](http://www.iappnet.org)
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers ..... [www.nasact.org](http://www.nasact.org)
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers ..... [www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html)
- National Assoc of State Treasurers ..... [www.nasact.org/community/nast.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nast.html)
- National State Auditors Association ..... [www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html](http://www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html)
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council ..... [www.ec3.org](http://www.ec3.org)





## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on Tuesday, Feb 8, 2011 Please note the following:

**Education:** The calendar of events was reviewed with discussion centering on the cancelation of the February Audio Conference because of bad weather. This was our second cancelation this year. We have also focused on the Regional Professional Developmental Conference in March of 2011, where we will have three keynote speakers including the National President.

**Treasurer:** A brief review of the balance sheet was conducted. The draft budget for FY11 was also discussed identifying current and future sources of revenue, along with anticipated expenditures.

**By-laws:** We are now working on the draft update of our by-laws, to make them consistent with current reality.

**Community Services:** We discussed upcoming plans for a collection event at Bentley.

**Accountability:** We have discussed several ideas. The major action item is to find the right person for Director to drive this area, and support that person with a committee.

**CGFM, Membership, and Early Careers:** Membership renewals start next month. We are contacting suspended members via letters and telephone with the goal of making their status to be active again. Five universities/colleges were contacted to participate in the early careers initiative.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Discussions centered on creating opportunities for corporate sponsorship. Discussions included offering various levels of sponsorship (i.e. bronze, silver, gold) and event sponsorships. A discussion memo was drafted to evaluate and determine the best direction to go. The Executive Committee agreed that this is an item we wish to pursue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 1.

## Boston Chapter AGA Website



The Boston Chapter of the AGA has a new and improved website. Please change your browser favorites to the following:

[www.agaboston.org](http://www.agaboston.org)

Take a tour around the site and send your feedback, suggestions and thoughts to the webmaster or any chapter Officer or Director. Check the site often for updates and valuable information.



### Subject: FINAL EXAM

At an un-named local University, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that, the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to school until early Monday morning.

Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam.

The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They each quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thinking this was going to be easy. Then they turned the page. On the second page was written. . .

For 95 points: Which tire? \_\_\_\_\_

**Trivia Answer**

**Bo Derek**



## CGFM News



### Here are some important reminders about the CGFM renewal period that started on January 1, 2011.

#### There are several requirements to maintain the CGFM designation in the active status:

- Adhere to AGA's Code of Ethics (requirement for all CGFMs and AGA members).
- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by March 31 every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within the designated two-year cycle.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

#### CGFM renewal payment is due every year by March 31.

- You can now renew your CGFM (as well as AGA membership) online. Please log in now ([members.agacgfm.org](http://members.agacgfm.org)) to renew and check that your address/contact information is up-to-date.
- In January an electronic invoice will go out in the email, and in February a renewal invoice will be mailed to those who have not yet renewed.
- Please contact AGA if you have not renewed and have not received an invoice by the end of February. Please note that the CGFM renewal policy states that it is the responsibility of each CGFM to pay the annual CGFM renewal fee, even if that individual did not receive an invoice from AGA.

#### CGFMs can renew their designation only if they are in compliance with the CPE requirements.

- Your current CPE cycle is 1/1/10-12/31/11, during which you need to earn 80 CPE hours.
- Upon completion of your cycle, please make sure you have met the CPE requirement prior to renewing the CGFM. By submitting the annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE requirements.
- If you are unable to complete at least 80 hours in your 2010-2011 cycle, you can use a grace period of 1/1/12-3/31/12 to catch up on your hours. Any hours completed toward a deficiency in one CPE cycle cannot be counted toward the requirements for the next CPE cycle.
- CGFMs are required to maintain supporting documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request. Please do not send your CPE documentation to AGA unless it is requested.

#### Only active CGFMs can use "CGFM" after their name.

- Individuals who have not met the requirements to maintain the CGFM in the active status become inactive and may not use the CGFM designation after their name.
- Individuals who have met the retired status definition, and have been approved for adjustment of their status to "retired" by AGA, may use "CGFM-Retired" after their name.

For more information on CGFM renewal, CPE requirements, inactive status and retired status please visit [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain).



## News from National

### Government Finance Case Challenge 2010-2011

The best undergraduate accounting/financial management/business students in the country were invited to compete in the fourth annual Government Finance Case Challenge, sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

AGA congratulates the Ohio Dominican University team on receiving the Government Finance Case Challenge award. Team members included: **Jay Laudick, Lindsay Shenefield, Eric St. John** and **Joshua Wolfe**.

The three finalist teams, which included North Carolina State University and the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, did an outstanding job with their reports and presentations at AGA's Ninth Annual National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. All teams constructed a Citizen-Centric Report for the fictional city of Pepperdom, VA. The 2011-2012 competition will begin in October 2011.

### Annual Federal Performance Conference

Next up is AGA's **Second Annual Federal Performance Conference, set for May 3-4** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA.

This conference, which offers 10-14 CPE hours, is targeted toward professionals working in the federal performance management and reporting arena, providing them the opportunity to discuss common challenges and solutions.

### GASB Requests Input on Emerging Issues

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is committed to addressing important emerging accounting and financial reporting issues faced by state and local governments. If you are aware of an issue for which guidance is needed, please send an [e-mail](#) to GASB.

### GASB Proposes Guidance for Applying Termination of Hedge Accounting Provisions

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued its Exposure Draft (ED), Derivative Instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 53). The deadline for submitting written comments on the ED is April 15, 2011.

GASB Statement No. 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments, provides for the use of hedge accounting for derivatives that are effective hedges. Hedge accounting entails reporting fair value changes of a hedging derivative as either deferred inflows or deferred outflows of resources, rather than recognizing those changes in investment income. The Statement requires that hedge accounting cease, and all accumulated deferred amounts be reported in investment income, when a hedging derivative is terminated.

The provisions of this proposed Statement would be effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2011. Earlier application would be encouraged.

Copies of the ED may be downloaded free of charge from [www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org).

### AGA Releases Guide to Improve Program Performance and Accountability

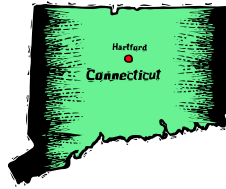
AGA's Partnership for Intergovernmental Management and Accountability (Partnership) recently released a guide that helps officials at all levels of government resolve oversight findings and identify their underlying causes.

The guide provides details on the Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative (CAROI) and provides a concrete tool to improve programs and to deal with fiscal and programmatic challenges. Access the guide or contact Helena Sims

# New England Regional News

## Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

These are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May.



The meeting location is the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT.

Hartford Chapter at [www.agahartford.org](http://www.agahartford.org)

## Aroostook County Chapter

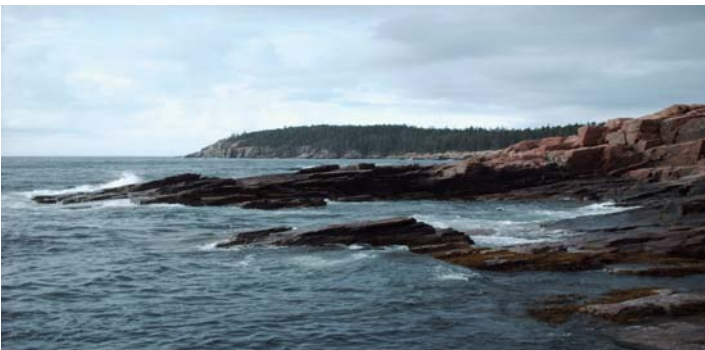
Chapter Executive Committee Meetings will be Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month starting August 12, 2010. General Membership Meetings will be held each quarter. A schedule to will announced and posted to the chapter website.



The chapter will be hosting the following audio conferences on their training schedule:

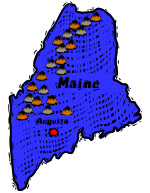
March 9 – Planning, Conducting and Reporting Performance Audit Work Even More Efficiently: Additional Tools to Improve Your Office's Performance Audit Productivity

Aroostook County Chapter at [www.agaarostookcounty.org](http://www.agaarostookcounty.org)



## 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.



The Maine Chapter will be hosting AGA National President Lisa Casias, CPA on March 14, 2011

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