

## Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

### Local

**March 6, 2012**  
Boston Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Meeting



**March 7, 2012**  
Audio Conference  
Data Mining  
JFK Federal Building,  
Boston, MA



**March 13, 2012**  
Regional Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Bentley University  
Waltham, MA.



### National

**July 29 - Aug 1,  
2012**  
AGA Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
San Diego, CA



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## President's Message



February was not good to our Boston sports teams. The Patriots lost to the New York Football Giants (for those of you old enough to remember Howard Cossell) and two of the Red Sox key players, Tim Wakefield and Jason Varitek, announced their retirement. February also marked the only time in its 54-year history that the Daytona 500 was cancelled.

But don't despair. All is well. March is finally here and the forecast calls for – you guessed it - snow. What else is new?

The Chapter's education committee continues to serve up high quality low cost education sessions for our members. On March 7, 2012 an audio conference on "Data Mining" is being held JFK Federal Building in Boston. Registration information is available at the Chapter's website <http://www.agaboston.org/>. Additionally, final arrangements are being made for the Regional Professional Developmental Conference on March 13, 2012 at Bentley University in Waltham. Registration and session information can also be found at the Chapter's website. Sign up today as sessions are filling up fast and some have already been closed due to being at capacity.

The nominating committee is finalizing the slate of officers for next year. Members will be voting on the new officers at the PDC. We are always looking for new member involvement in the Chapter activities and encourage everyone to consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Joe Valchuis, Howie Olsher, Dave LeBlanc, Ernie Almonte or me.

The Chapter continues to build on the momentum that has grown over the past several years and is on the verge of a reaching significant milestone. As of February, the Chapter had over 300 members.

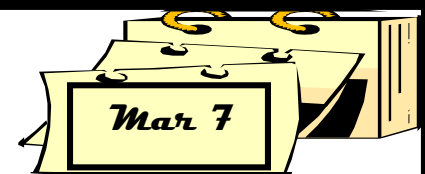
This moves our Chapter into the 'large' Chapter category (Group A). Getting to this point would not have been possible without the hard work of the membership committee, co-chaired by Howie Olsher & Shannon Parven– and the efforts of all our members.

I hope to see all of you at the Regional PDC.

*Shawn Warren*

### Save the Date!

Audio Conference  
Data Mining  
JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA



## **Boston Chapter AGA 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 13, 2012

**President Elect**  
**Suzanne Bump**

Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

**Treasurer**  
**Patricia Rydlak**

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 Membership**

**Shannon Parven**

Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

**Vice President for Planning**

**Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE**

US Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General

**Vice President for Communication**

**Barry Ahearn**

Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

## ***Boston AGA Annual Awards 2012***

### ***AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD***

To recognize an agency that has made significant contributions to AGA

2012 Winner - **Office of the Massachusetts State Auditor**

### ***ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD***

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

2012 Winner – **Kenneth Woodland, CGFM**  
**Office of the Massachusetts State Auditor**

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD***

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

2012 Winner – **Daniel Bonnette, CPA**  
**McGladrey & Pullen, LLC**

### ***CHAPTER EDUCATOR AWARD***

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

2012 Winner – **Robert Carnegie,**  
**R Carnegie Associates**

### ***PRESIDENT'S AWARD***

2012 Winner – **Julia P Burns, CGFM**  
**David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS**  
**Joseph Valchuis, CFE, CFS**

### ***WALTER FRESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

To a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program

2012 Winner – **Nichlas M. Romano**

### ***GEORGE E. BRADY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

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.

2012 Winner – **Patrick A. Sousa**

**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Regional Professional Development Conference  
Program**

**Keynote and Opening Remarks**

**AGA National Issues - Richard Bunch, CGFM, AGA National President**

**AM Sessions**

**LinkedIn as an Administrative & Investigative Tool**

Dave Gowel and Abigail Bratt, RockTech

**Ethics - Why Good Leaders Turn Bad**

Richard Bunch, CGFM, AGA National President

**Writing Techniques for Auditors...And Non-Auditors!**

Joanne Feierman, Seminars in Communications

**Comprehensive Audit Resolution Oversight Initiative (CAROI)**

David LeBlanc, CGFM, Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education

**IT Controls**

Dean Nelson, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

**Keynote Afternoon**

**Steven Grossman, Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General**

**Leadership - Ernest Almonte, CGFM, Boston Chapter President Elect**

**PM Sessions**

**GASB Update**

Greg Driscoll, KPMG

**Cloud Computing**

Geoff Clarke, KPMG

**“Stretch to Grow” Best Practices for Productive Goal Setting**

Bob Carnegie, R Carnegie Associates

**Fraud**

Jo-Anne Corvese, DCAA

**Introduction to Governmental Accounting**

Scott Warnetski, KPMG

**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Regional Professional Development Conference  
Program Concurrent Sessions Descriptions  
Morning Sessions**

**LinkedIn as an Administrative & Investigative Tool**

Dave Gowle the CEO of RockTech and the author of “The Power in a Link: Open Doors, Close Deals, and Change the Way You Do Business Using LinkedIn” . Gowle co-founded RockTech with Mark Rockefeller to build software that helps corporations increase productivity through quicker adoption of underutilized technology.

**Ethics - Why Good Leaders Turn Bad**

Many business failures in recent years, and even the worldwide economic crisis, have been attributed to a failure of ethics in our leaders and in our society. This session will examine ethical principles and discuss some common factors that lead to the fall of good leaders.

**Writing Techniques for Auditors...And Non-Auditors!**

This program focuses on writing effective audit findings and other documents. We help participants see that “fancy writing” is not useful in communicating results. In fact, it can cause confusion. Class exercises focus on how to write clear sentences and create a logical flow of information, even when the issues are complex.

**Comprehensive Audit Resolution Oversight Initiative (CAROI)**

The concept of the Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative (CAROI) began with the US Department of Education’s realization that education programs improve when federal, state, and local education officials work together effectively to resolve issues identified through audits.

CAROI is a collaborative method that provides alternative and creative approaches to resolve audit findings as well as their underlying causes. CAROI is now being used by a number of federal oversight departments and their grantees.

The goal of CAROI is to improve programs and performance at state and local levels through better use of audits, monitoring, and technical assistance. One way in which this is done is through the federal and state governments working together to help solve recurring problems identified through single audits as well as audits from the Office of Inspector General (OIG). CAROI's efforts in this area are exhibited by the various audit resolution agreements.

**IT Controls**

This session is designed to introduce you to the Cloud, give you a basic understanding of what it is and how it works and to provide you with a summary of the things that should be keeping you up at night, whether you are a user or an auditor.

The next generation of computing, the “Cloud” has arrived. You see it every day on television in commercials from Apple and Microsoft. So what is the Cloud and why should I care? Many of you might be working in the Cloud every day and not even know it. This next generation of computing resides not within the hard drive on the computer you have sitting in front of you every day but rather in a network of servers somewhere under someone else’s control.

**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Regional Professional Development Conference  
Program Concurrent Sessions Descriptions  
Afternoon Sessions**

**GASB Update**

This session will provide an overview of GASB's current standard-setting activities. Recently issued GASB pronouncements to be covered include the following: (a) GASB Statement No. 60, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements, (b) GASB Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, (c) GASB Statement No. 62, Codification of Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements, and (d) GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.

The session will also address a number of relevant GASB projects currently under deliberation, including the following: (a) Postemployment Benefit Accounting and Financial Reporting, (b) Reporting Items Previously Recognized as Assets and Liabilities: Omnibus, and (c) Economic Condition Reporting: Fiscal Sustainability

**Cloud Computing**

An overview of what comprises the Cloud and the types of services offered, potential benefits to be realized by moving to a Cloud service, organizational and technical risks to be addressed before and after migration, and good practices being observed by those organizations using or considering use of Cloud based services.

**“Stretch to Grow” Best Practices for Productive Goal Setting**

This presentation addresses how team leaders, teams, and individuals achieve success through the principles and process of Goal Setting. Learn about the psychological foundation of goal setting and the principle of “stretching to grow”. Discover how to create a motivational climate and accountability for achieving goals and how to apply goal setting in seven workplace situations.

**Fraud**

This session provides fraud awareness training. Specifically the presentation will provide insight into how the Government fights fraud. Using case examples, the presentation will address who is actually looking for fraud, what are their detection responsibilities and referral procedures, and how the Government works as a team to investigate and prosecute violators.

**Introduction to Governmental Accounting**

This course will introduce participants to the basics of governmental accounting, focusing on governmental financial statements. The course will cover items such as the governmental financial reporting entity, fund types, measurement focus and basis of accounting, and the basic financial statements. This course is geared towards accountants and auditors who wish to increase their understanding of governmental financial reporting and expect to be involved in preparing or auditing governmental financial statements.

**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Audio Conference  
Data Mining**

Date: March 7, 2012  
 Location: JFK Federal Building, Boston  
 Registration: 12:30 - 1:00 (plan for time to go through building security)  
 Live Speaker: 1:00 - 2:00  
 Audio Session 2:00 - 4:00  
 CPEs: 3  
 Cost: AGA Members Free  
 Non-Members \$25

AGA is pleased to announce a new audio conference on using data mining to combat fraud, waste and abuse. The audio conference session will be for three hours (included is one hour of a live speaker).

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) established a Data Mining Group within its Office of Investigations to identify and prioritize probable fraudulent activity in four distinct areas of the Postal Service: contracts, health care, mail theft and finance. The USPS managed more than \$33 billion in contracts in FY2009 and the OIG has previously relied primarily on hotline tips for investigative leads.

Partnering with Elder Research Inc., the USPS OIG has developed a contract fraud data mining tool by combining advanced data mining techniques, data visualization and subject matter expertise to score all USPS contracts for potential fraud, waste and abuse. To share their knowledge and expertise about data mining are **Bryan Jones**, director, Data Mining Group, Office of Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service; and **Antonia de Medinaceli**, director, Business Analytics and Fraud Detection, Elder Research, Inc.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, about 20 minutes is set aside for participants to ask the speakers questions.

*Registrations due by 3/5/12, 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](http://www.agaboston.org)*

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

**Karen Alladin**

Mass Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

**Janice Chen**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Anthony Cinquegrano**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Caitlin Hogan**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Brady Margadonna**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Ian Price**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Yvette Smith**

Mass Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

**John Stencel**

Mass Operational Services Division

**David Thomas**

Mass Office of Audit Quality Assurance

**Steven Unhao**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Steve Wong**

Mass Office of Audit Quality Assurance

**Murad Wornum**

Mass Operational Services Division

**Limei Zhong**

USHMM

**George Anastos**

MA Dept Of HHS – IT Finance Administration

**Kurt Greineder**

MA Office of the State Auditor

**Michael Lucas**

MA Office of the State Auditor

**Brendan Price**

MA Office of the State Auditor

**Donna Shannon**

MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education





## Calendar of Training Events Program Year 2011 - 2012

**September 28, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Fraud  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

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

**October 5, 2011**

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

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

**October 20, 2011**

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

**Members: \$90      Non-Members: \$125**

**November 17, 2011**

**Fall Workshop - Data Analysis & Case Studies  
JFK Federal Building, Boston, Room E275C  
4 CPEs**

**Members: \$50 Non-Members: \$65**

**December 1, 2011**

**Annual Holiday Party &  
Charity Fundraiser  
Maggianno's, Boston**

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

**December 14, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Fraud  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

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

**January 19, 2012**

**Winter Seminar - Collecting Testimonial  
Evidence, Interviewing Techniques  
JFK Federal Building, Boston**

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

**February 8, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Financial Management  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

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

**March 7, 2012**

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

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

**March 13, 2012**

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

**Members: \$90 - \$100 Non-Members: \$130 - \$155**

**April 18, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Auditing Tools  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

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

**May 23, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Ethics  
JFK Federal Building, Boston  
3 CPEs**

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

*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.*

## Community Service Notes

The Community Service Committee is again collecting donations at the March 13, 2012 Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley University. Donation boxes for **used eyeglasses, gently used business attire, pet food and supplies, and various art and craft supplies** will be located near the registration desk. These donations will be used to benefit various agencies and individuals in our area. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

### Eyeglasses:

The Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Recycle for Sight program. If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.



### Clothing Donations:

This year the committee is again 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>.



### Pet Supplies:

**Pets In Need** is a small adoption program run privately by volunteers who have joined together to save unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs. They are strictly no-kill and the organization's main goal is to take in the animals from other rescues and shelters that would otherwise be euthanized as a result of behavior problems, overpopulated shelters, or financial burden. All donations and adoption fees go directly to the animals; Pets In Need is an officially 501c3.



Beginning in 1997 and thanks to the wonderful group of supporters that seem to multiply each year, Pets In Need has grown to help more and more animals. Although the rescue program does not have a shelter facility (due to lack of funds), volunteers who foster the rescued cats and dogs are based in Dracut, Chelmsford, and Somerville, MA and Nashua, Pelham, and Amherst, NH. Pets In Need web address is [www.petsinneedanimalrescue.org](http://www.petsinneedanimalrescue.org).

Donations are gratefully accepted on behalf of the cats and dogs in foster care. Here are some items from their "wish list":

- Cat Food – When considering the nutritional needs of the cats in foster care, Friskies canned food and Purina One dry adult cat food are preferred.
- Cat Treats – The cats love any kind of treat!
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Dog Food – When considering the nutritional needs of the dogs in foster care, Purina and Beneful are preferred.

### Craft Supply Donations to Benefit Autistic Children:



Autism Alliance of Metro West has a wish list for items which will be used by children to learn through arts and crafts. These are Markers, Construction Paper, Glue Sticks, Stickers, Folders, Paints, Popsicle Sticks, Beads and Juice Boxes

For more information about the alliance visit <http://www.autismalliance.org/index.htm>



The Boston Chapter is proud to announce a new corporate sponsor

**R Carnegie Associates, Inc.**

*R. Carnegie Associates has provided training to Government organizations since 1985. Our instructors are professional practitioners in their respective fields, with a minimum of ten years working in the audit community, at the state, city, and/or federal level. We have the capacity to design, develop, and deliver a wide range of workshops relevant to audit, accounting, and investigations personnel. We can also help plan and manage agency or association conferences that assure maximum interest and participation.*

Their contact information is:

R. Carnegie Associates, Inc.  
 P.O.Box 1178  
 Upton, MA 01568  
 Toll Free Number: 1-866-529-3971

**Membership Update**

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

304 Active Members

72 New Members

20 Suspended Members

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The Boston Chapter recognizes our "new member" multiple sponsors since May 1, 2011

William Conroy..... 8

Shannon Parven..... 7

Elaine Silva..... 2

**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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8		6				5		9

**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 29, 2012 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,025	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,800	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	5,850	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	6,874	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	11,750	3,000	100%
Accountability	2,000	2,025	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	2,900	1,300	100%
Awards	1,000	1,850	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>41,074</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Boston Chapter Balance Sheet  
 February 29, 2012**

**Assets**

Cash	
Checking Account	\$25,391
Savings Account	9,976
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash \$35,367

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 1,400

Total Assets \$36,767

**Liabilities and Fund Balance**

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Deferred Revenue - Seminars	0
Current Fund Balance	<u>36,767</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$36,767



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### 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)



**Powers & Sullivan**  
Certified Public Accountants  
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### March Quote

*"A best friend is like a four leaf clover. Hard to find and lucky to have".*

**Author Unknown**

### SUDOKU ANSWER

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



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

**In the board game "Clue", which two suspects are related?**

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter

### 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)

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## Member News

**Judith Reilly, CPA, CFE** has passed part one of the CGFM Exam. One down, two parts to go.

Congratulations, Judith!!!

The following members have recently announced their retirement from state service.

**Howard Olsher, CGFM, CFE**  
State Auditor's Office

**Susan Dinkin**  
Office of the State Comptroller

**Ronald Twing**  
State Auditor's Office

We wish them well in their retirement and hope to see them at future chapter events.



## AGA and CGFM Annual Renewals Now Available Online



Thank you for your support of AGA over the past year. Get your 2012 started right by **renewing!** Don't risk letting your membership or CGFM certification lapse. Get ahead of the pack by renewing online now.

Paper copy renewals will be mailed in early February. The due date for renewal payments is **March 31, 2012**. Whether you're involved in local, state, federal government or private industry, we are getting the word out to financial professionals everywhere on the issues that matter in financial management.

It takes only minutes to renew online at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org). Your AGA ID number is the login, and your password is your first initial immediately followed by your last name, unless you have changed it.

Once you log in, you will see your AGA profile. Press the billing button to renew with a credit card on our secured server. While you are logged in, please take a moment to review your membership information and update any incorrect items. You may also print your membership card online. If you need assistance, please call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211.

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

For more information on the requirements to maintain a CGFM in an active status, please visit the following site:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/>



## Community Service Job Shadow Day 2012!



On Thursday, February 2, 2012 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" celebrated the 14th Annual Job Shadow Day!

Job shadowing is a yearlong national effort to enrich the lives of students by acquainting them with the world of work through on-the-job experiences and a carefully crafted school curriculum that ties academics to the workplace. The effort helps young people understand how what they learn in the classroom leads to success in the workplace.

National job shadowing is a coordinated effort of Junior Achievement, America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor.



## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012. Please note the following:

**Education:** The calendar of events for the next program year was discussed final arraignments were made for the RPDC next month.

**Treasurer:** The budget progress for Program Year 2011 - 2012 was discussed identifying current and future sources of revenue, along with anticipated expenditures. Receivables and collections from 2011 were discussed.

**Community Services:** We discussed plans for the group of collections that will be made at the Regional PDC on March 13'th..

**Nominating committee** was scheduled to meet after the CEC meeting.. The committee will present its slate of officers to the membership for elections at the Regional PDC.

**CGFM:** A number of individuals have expressed interest in taking the CGFM exam.

**Membership:** The Boston Chapter has exceeded 300 members. This will move the Chapter up to Group A next year.

**Awards:** Information has been prepared and disseminated to chapter members and was posted on the web site. The date for applying was extended to February 24.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

## Trivia Answer

**Miss Josephine Scarlet is the daughter of Mrs. Patricia Peacock**

## Boston Chapter AGA Website



The Boston Chapter of the AGA has a new and improved award winning 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.

Are you using social media? The Boston Chapter invites you to follow us on Twitter, like our Facebook Fan Page, and/or join our LinkedIn Group. Our moniker is – you guessed it – Boston AGA! We plan to provide periodic updates regarding education sessions, community service events, etc.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julia Burns at [BostonAGA@gmail.com](mailto:BostonAGA@gmail.com).

## Citizen Centric Reporting

The Association of Government Accountants, the thought leader for the government accountability profession, evaluates reports for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting award. AGA determines award recipients based on content, visual appeal, readability, distribution, and timeliness of reporting.

The Boston Chapter is proud to publish their very first Citizen Centric Report.

To view a copy of the Chapter's first Citizen Centric Report, please go to our website at:

[http://www.agaboston.org/files/Boston\\_Chapter\\_CCR.pdf](http://www.agaboston.org/files/Boston_Chapter_CCR.pdf)

## News from National

### 61<sup>st</sup> Annual PDC Scheduled for Sunny San Diego Hotel Rooms Available

Registration and hotel information for [AGA's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition](#) is now available online. If you are planning ahead for the PDC in San Diego, **July 29–Aug. 1, 2012**, you can [reserve a room at one of five hotels](#) near the conference site, the San Diego Convention Center. The room rate is \$133 (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are guaranteed until **July 6**, or until the block is sold out.

To make a reservation, please call the conference hotels directly and mention you are attending the “AGA PDC” to ensure you receive the discounted rate. All hotel rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until the hotel is sold out. Make your reservations early!

### AGA Needs Volunteers for National Boards and Committees

AGA is seeking candidates interested in filling vacancies on national boards and committees. Serving as a board or committee member might just be the most important contribution you will make to your own career and the profession. Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

**Commitment:** All board and committee terms begin July 1. Board terms run for one, two or three years, depending on the board, and committee terms run for three years.

**Qualifications:** If you are an AGA member in good standing, able to serve a full term of office, and can participate in board and committee conference calls, you are qualified to serve.

Learn more about the activities our boards and committees perform by visiting the AGA website. Contact Louise Kapelewski at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 321 for more information. Please fill out the online sign-up form by March 30.

### Fifth Annual Government Case Challenge Champions Announced

Undergraduate student teams from Old Dominion University, the University of Guam and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke presented their Citizen Centric Reports for the City of Alexandria on Feb. 16.

**The University of Guam** was selected as the case champions. Congratulations to all of our finalists

### AGA's Third Annual Federal Performance Conference

AGA's Third Annual Federal Performance Conference will challenge you to think about three vital and increasing demands:

The Administration's top priorities of improving government efficiency, effectiveness and performance. Recent major amendment changes to the Government Performance and Result Act (GPRA) of 1993, which has the Office of Management and Budget focusing on high-priority performance goals for federal agencies and Congress. Identifying core competencies for the performance management professionals.

With these challenges, the conference will bring together experts from the GPRA Modernization Act and innovative performance measurement and management leaders for compelling sessions.

Join us on April 24 - 25, 2012 and acquire new perspectives on how to run government programs with the best tools and guidance available!

### Win a Free PDC 2012 Conference Registrations & hotel accommodations

Grab your digital video camera and produce a creative & entertaining two-minute video to share your views on the value of attendance at AGA's 61<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA. See the AGA web site for details



## New England Regional News

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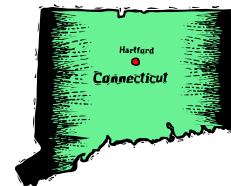
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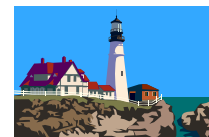
### Meetings for the Hartford Chapter



The Hartford Chapter Meetings 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

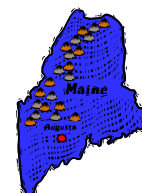


Chapter CEC Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. General Membership Meetings are held as needed.

AGA Aroostook County has adopted The Christopher Home as an on-going monthly community service project. This project continues to be a success due to all of the support provided by the Chapter.

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 of AGA is sponsoring The Bread of Life Homeless Shelter as a Community Service event. They need personal items such as hats, mittens, socks, brushes, combs, shampoo, soap, deodorant, wash clothes, towels, and detergents for the winter clientele. Adults and children visit the shelter, so all types & sizes are needed.

Maine Chapter at [www.gwi.net/~aga/](http://www.gwi.net/~aga/)





# Membership Application

New Member  Check here if renewing

## I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.

male /  female

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## II. Business Information

Job Title  Dept.

Organization

### Employer: (Government):

- Federal
- State
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- Student
- Retired
- Private International

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting
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- Financial Management
- Management
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- Information Systems
- Retired
- Auditing
- Finance
- Legal
- Student
- Other

### How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker
- AGA/Chapter
- AGA Conference
- Employer
- AGA Website
- CGFM Program
- Internet Search
- Chapter Meeting
- AGA Publication
- Direct Mail

### Age:

- Below 20
- 21 – 25
- 26 – 30
- 31 – 35
- 36 – 40
- 41 – 45
- 46 – 50
- 51 – 55
- 56 – 60
- 61 – 65
- 66+

Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

Education:  Highest degree attained:  Accreditation and Certificates:

## III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable)  Member ID #

## IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.
- Private Sector**—\$150/year —This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.
- Early Career**—\$45/year—This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience.
- Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter  Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional  Dues

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(please refer to list on the reverse side)

## V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

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