

Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

Local

November 8, 2011
Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



November 17, 2011
Fall Workshop
Data Analysis and
Case Studies
JFK Federal Building,
Rm. E275C
Boston, MA



National

Nov. 3 - 4, 2011
Performance
Management
Conference
W Hotel
Seattle, WA



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President's Message



We are hitting a month where we have two official holidays. For those of us in the government sector, hopefully this means more than two days off and long weekends.

For Veteran's Day we should remember all of those who have served and those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. These people serving overseas love to receive letters from folks back home. We have also been told that newspapers and magazines are treated like gold.

The second holiday which, of course, is Thanksgiving means more than just family, turkey and football. We all have something to be thankful for whether health, family, friends, etc. and I hope you can think about whatever it means for you.

For education this month we have a workshop at the JFK Federal Building in Boston on November 17th covering the topics of Data Analysis and Case Studies. Details regarding the session and registration information are elsewhere in this newsletter and on our web site.

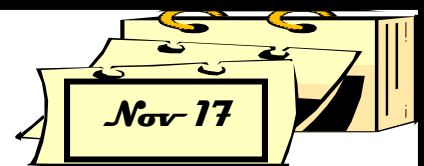
We are working to line up items for our Community Service fundraising raffle at our Holiday Party in December. Please think about any items you might like to donate as a prize to help us in this program. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit "**Christmas in the City.**" We will also be collecting toys and personal hygiene items to be donated to the program. If you are not a professional shopper, you might want to help with a cash donation. At this time of year this is always a "one size fits all" item that can be used by a great cause. Another Community Service point is, if you can, this is a perfect time to pick a cause for a program you can support and see where you can help out. Whether it's a shelter, food pantry, kids program, etc. There are many good programs looking for volunteers. Remember, it doesn't have to be a job on the front lines. A lot of these organizations can use fiscal help as well.

The Patriots are holding their own. We all know how the Red Sox season ended. No Celtics for the foreseeable future and the Bruins are starting slowly. It's OK for the skiers to start getting their fix with some snow up north, but why did we have to get it this early in the year. I just don't want it in my driveway yet. Till next month, thanks for your support.

Shawn Warren

Save the Date!

Fall Workshop - Data Analysis and
Case Studies
JFK Federal Building, Rm. E275C
Boston, MA



Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Fall Workshop Data Analysis & Case Studies

Date: November 17, 2011

Location: JFK Federal Building
Boston
Room E275C

Registration: 8:00 - 8:30
AM Session: 8:30 - 12:15

CPEs: 4
Cost: AGA Members \$50
Non-Members \$65

Registrations due by 11/15/11, 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*

The Boston Chapter of the AGA is pleased to announce a half day workshop to be held on November 17th. This workshop will encompass Data Analysis & Case Studies.

Speaking at the session will be:

Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, of US HHS OIG about the subject of Hospital Audits.

Judith Oliveira, US SSA, OIG on How to use Internal Data in new ways to Identify Improper Payments.

Hope to see you there and bring a friend.

Boston Chapter AGA Educational Recap Fall Seminar *“The Many Faces of Fraud”*

The AGA – Boston Chapter recently held its annual “*The Many Faces of Fraud*” Seminar at Lombardo’s in Randolph, MA on Thursday, October 20, 2011. There were almost 150 members and guests in attendance for this event.

This year the annual fraud conference focused on fraud auditors, computer fraud, and individual fraud. Our speakers included:

A panel discussion of auditors on Fraud by Darren Donovan of KPMG, David LeBlanc, CGFM of the Mass Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Steven Ricciardi of the US Secret Service

Christopher Kelly of the Mass Office of the Attorney General spoke on Computer Fraud and it’s effect with personal electronic devices.

Frank Jacobs of the Mass Office of the State Auditor’s Office spoke on Client Fraud and the operations of the Bureau of Special Investigations.

Neil Cohen of the Mass Office of the Inspector General talked about a number of Issues and Cases from the Mass. OIG files.

The final session was by Bill Daly speaking about the operations of ANF’s Anti-Fraud Task Force .

Seven CPE’s were awarded for this full day of fraud training.



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
Volpe Federal Building, Cambridge
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.



The Boston Chapter of the AGA
will host its annual
Holiday Party / Charity
Fundraiser on **December 1, 2011.**

Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in Boston is always a great host with excellent food. This event is our major annual charitable fundraiser.

This year, we are sponsoring a raffle at our Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon. Items will include gift certificates, admission tickets to sporting events, museums, wine and other prizes. We will donate the proceeds from our auction to **Christmas in the City**, a local organization that provides a fun-filled party for children (and their parents) from local homeless shelters.

We are asking attendees to please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or personal hygiene items to the luncheon. These items will help **Christmas in the City** ensure that each of their guests receives a holiday gift.

Registration: 11:30

Session: 12:00 - 1:30

Cost:

Members \$ 20
Non-Members \$ 25

Planned Menu: (served family style)

Mushroom Ravioli
Mozzarella Marinara
Caesar Salad
Maggiano's Salad
Lasagna
Chicken & Spinach Manicotti
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Chicken Marsalla
Tiramisu
Apple Crostada

Veteran's Day



On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect.

On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a statute which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.

Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle
Thursday, December 1, 2010
at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

The Association of Government Accountants - Boston Chapter is pleased to announce its annual Charity Raffle for the benefit of *Christmas in the City**. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or "an arm's length" for \$10.

The following is a list of raffle items donated as of October 25th:

JFK Library and Museum – 4 "Two for One Admission" Passes

Middleton Golf Course – 1 Round of Golf for 2 Persons (weekday only)

Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame – Buy One/Get One Admission Ticket

New England Aquarium – 2 admission passes

England Patriots Charitable Foundation – Patrick Chung autographed football

New England Revolution Charitable Foundation – 2 tickets to any regular season 2012 soccer game

Pats Peak – 2 Passes for 1 Lift Ticket (not valid weekends or holiday periods)

Plimoth Plantation – 2 Admission Passes

Salem Wax Museum – Salem Hysteria Passes (two free passes for two admissions to The Salem Wax Museum of Witches & Seafarers and the Salem Witch Village)

Salem Witch Museum – 2 Complimentary Passes

Southwick's Zoo – 2 Complimentary General Admission Passes

Zoo New England – 4 Complimentary Admission Passes

And the following items have been donated by AGA – Boston Chapter members and friends:

Decorative Collector's Plate

\$25 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card

Round of golf for 3 at Ipswich Country Club including lunch

\$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card

2 "Mystery" Bottles of Wine

Note: The Massachusetts Lottery Commission must be notified of winners of prizes valued at more than \$25.

Member News

The following members were recently elected to the Executive Committee of the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum

Suzanne Bump
Massachusetts State Auditor

Michael Armstrong
US HHS OIG

Joanna Aalto
Massachusetts School Building Authority

Maureen Duddy
US DHS OIG

John Mahoney
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Steve Burbank
US EPA OIG

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

282 Active Members

50 New Members

21 Suspended Members

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.

Thanks!



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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 1st and concludes on May 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of October 31, 2011 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,600	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	2,450	2,450	61%
Certification	4,000	3,775	3,775	94%
Communications	3,000	3,932	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	3,975	3,000	100%
Accountability	2,000	2,025	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	1,300	1,300	65%
Awards	1,000	1,850	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	22,907	19,525	89%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet October 31, 2011

Assets	
Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 7,723
Savings Account	9,976
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>
Total Cash	\$17,699
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 8,545</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$26,244</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Deferred Revenue - Seminars	830
Current Fund Balance	<u>25,414</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$26,244</u>



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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



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October Quote

"A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works."

Bill Vaughn

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



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What Civil War general graduated first in the West Point class of 1829?

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 Boston Chapter www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter www.agaarostookcounty.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
- 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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Comments should be forwarded to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu

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

Matt Daniels

US Air Force - NATO AWACS

Suzanne Barry

Mass State Auditor's Office

Irene Cala

Massachusetts Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education

Megan Benison

Saint Michael's College

Robert Becker

Mass State Auditor's Office

Fredrick Dubois

Mass State Auditor's Office

Jack Gendzel

Mass State Auditor's Office

Samantha Lozzi

Mass State Auditor's Office

Ryan Mylrea

Mass State Auditor's Office

Steven Rosenberg

Mass State Auditor's Office

Allie Alland

Mass State Auditor's Office

Robert Dunn

Mass State Auditor's Office

Rick Giovino

Mass State Auditor's Office

Deborah Hawkins

Mass State Auditor's Office

Robert Keane

Mass State Auditor's Office

Patricia Manley

Mass State Auditor's Office

Community Service Notes

The Community Service Committee again collected donations at the October 20, 2011 Fraud Seminar at Lombardo's. Donation boxes were set up for used eyeglasses, gently used business attire, pet food and supplies, and various art and craft supplies near the registration desk.

These donations will be used to benefit various agencies and individuals in our area. The Lions Club will get the eyeglasses, the Career Closet of Interfaith Social Services in Quincy will get the gently used Business attire, Pets in Need will receive the pet supplies and the Autism Alliance of Metro West will receive the craft supplies.

Thank you to all who donated and to the committee members who collected and distributed the items.

Membership Notes

The Co-Directors of Membership recently put two proposals to a vote before the Executive Committee aimed at increasing new member participation and attracting new members. The first proposal would allow new members of the Boston AGA, retroactive to May 1, 2011, to attend one half day training or workshop session for free.

The second proposal would award a paid annual membership to the AGA and the Boston Chapter to the member who sponsors the most new members this year. Both proposals passed.

If you are a new member and would like to take advantage of the free half day training course, you may register online. Under the "Special Instructions" section of the registration, please indicate that you are a new member and are taking advantage of your free half day session. There are two half day training sessions scheduled. One will be held on November 17th and one will be held on May 10, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Howard Olsher or Shannon Parven at (617) 727-6200.

Thanksgiving Holiday Trivia

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States, while it is celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

The Plymouth Pilgrims were the first to celebrate the Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621. The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the feast and invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians also to the feast. This first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.

President George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in the year 1789 and again in 1795.

Sarah Josepha Hale, an editor with a magazine, started a Thanksgiving campaign in 1827 and it was result of her efforts that in 1863 Thanksgiving was observed as a day for national thanksgiving and prayer.

Abraham Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation on the third of October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored Thursday before last of November as Thanksgiving Day in the year 1939. He did so to make the Christmas shopping season longer and thus stimulate the economy of the state.

Congress passed an official proclamation in 1941 and declared that now onwards Thanksgiving will be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States. But it was Thomas Jefferson who opposed him. It is believed that Franklin then named the male turkey as 'tom' to spite Jefferson.



CGFM CPE Requirements



In order to maintain CGFM designation in an active status, CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics, pay the annual renewal fee by March 31 and meet the following continuing professional education (CPE) requirements:

complete at least 80 hours of CPE every two years in government financial management Topics or related technical subjects;

maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

The two-year CPE cycle is based on the year the CGFM was awarded. CPEs are applicable if continuing professional education hours that would satisfy the CGFM Program's requirement must be in government financial management topics or related technical subjects applicable to government financial management areas.

The CGFM is initially responsible for determining whether a topic or subject qualifies as an acceptable CPE. Additional questions should be referred to the Office of Professional Certification - 703.684.6931, ext. 305.

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.

The proper backup documentation must clearly state the individual's attendance or completion of the CPE activity. Examples of such documentation include: a certificate of attendance or completion, a certificate of CPE hours earned, a grade report or an official letter from the event sponsor or employer stating that the CGFM has attended the event.

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/>





CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on Tuesday, Oct 4, 2011. Please note the following:

Education: The calendar of events for the next program year was discussed and locations are being reserved. The October session on Fraud is coming together nicely.

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

Community Services: We discussed plans for the upcoming year, including collections to be made at October training session on Fraud.

CGFM, Membership and Early Careers: Two membership proposals were passed by the committee. The first will allow new members of the Boston AGA, retroactive to May 1, 2011, to attend one half day training or workshop session for free. The second will award a paid annual membership to the AGA and the Boston Chapter to the member who sponsors the most new members this program year.

Awards: A proposal was agreed to that the annual chapter awards will be presented at our Regional PDC at Bentley University in March of 2012.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011.

Trivia Answer

**Robert E. Lee
of Virginia**

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

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.

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

News from National

61st Annual PDC Scheduled for Sunny San Diego Hotel Rooms Available

Registration and hotel information for [AGA's 61st 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's Capital Region Adds a New Chapter

AGA welcomes the new Shenandoah Valley Chapter located in Winchester, VA!

Chapter Citizen-Centric Reports Produced by 30 Chapters

Congratulations to the 30 chapters (including Boston) that earned 500 Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) credits by submitting their chapter Citizen-Centric Reports (CCR) prior to the Sept. 30 deadline. Completed reports can be found on [AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting website](#).

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 61st Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA. See the AGA web site for details

AGA's 2011 Performance Management Conference

Welcome to AGA's Seventh Annual Performance Management Conference! No conference does a better job of sharing real-life experiences, promising practices and new initiatives in the performance management and measurement field.

This year's conference is scheduled for November 3–4, 2011, at the W Hotel in Seattle, WA. The program offers something for everyone from all levels of government, the private sector and academia. Attendees have told us the PMC is the place to be for those on the front lines of performance, especially if your government is just starting its performance efforts.

Using measures to manage government activities is absolutely necessary in these somber times of reduced government revenues. Results-based performance measures provide program managers with the information they need to improve and justify government services. But communicating information to governing bodies, the media and the citizens is also critical during the economic downturn.

FREE! Pre-Conference Workshop in Performance Management

Would you like to learn more about how ready and capable your organization is to measure all aspects of performance management? Accenture is offering a free workshop to assist you to identify your agency's strengths and weaknesses so you can get a good sense of how you can use performance management.

The workshop will be held on **Wed., Nov. 2, 2011, from 10-4 p.m.** 5 CPE hours will be offered. This workshop is free to all conference registrants. There will be a cost to non-conference attendees. If you are interested in this workshop contact Evie Barry ebarry@agacgfm.org

New England Regional News

New England Region Vice President Team

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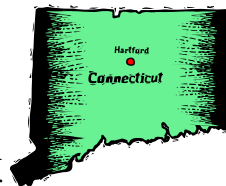
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Regional Coordinator for Education
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dleblanc@doe.mass.edu

Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

The Hartford Chapter of the AGA held a one day seminar on October 7th encompassing the following topics.

Basic Government Fund Accounting, Ethics, GASB Statement No. 54 & The Essentials of Connecticut's Wage and Hour Law

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org

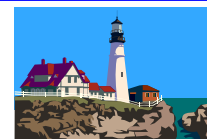


Aroostook County Chapter

The Aroostook County Chapter has scheduled their Fall Symposium for November 9, 2011.

They will be having seven speakers each do a one hour session on a variety of topics. Included in their roster is AGA National Executive Director, Relmond Van Daniker.

Aroostook County Chapter at
www.agaarostookcounty.org

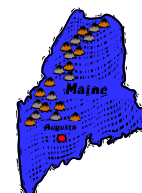


Maine Chapter Meetings

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 the AGA hosted a half day seminar on October 11th on the subject of Computer Security and Fraud.

Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/





Membership Application

New Member Check here if renewing

I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.

male / female

Preferred Address

Name FIRST LAST MIDDLE

Address Apt/Suite#

City State/Province

Zip/Mail Code Country

Home Office Address

Business Phone Business Fax

Home Phone

E-mail

Second Address

Address Apt/Suite#

City State/Province

Zip/Mail Code Country

II. Business Information

Job Title Dept.

Organization

Employer: (Government):

- Federal State County City International
 Private Academia Student Retired Private International

Responsibility Area:

- Accounting Budgeting Financial Management Management Academia
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Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

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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.

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Dues

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