

Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

Local

April 6, 2010
Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



April 15, 2010
Spring Seminar
With the New England
Audit Forum
Volpe Federal
Transportation Bldg.
Cambridge, MA



National

April 27 - 28, 2010
AGA Federal
Performance
Conference
Washington, DC



July 11 - 14, 2010
AGA Professional
Developmental
Conference
Orlando, FL



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President's Message



Last month, the Boston Chapter held its annual Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley University. Two Hundred and sixty participants and speakers attended from the, local, state and federal governments and the private sector. I received a lot of positive feedback regarding the conference. The Chapter Education Committee, chaired by Julia Burns, planned a successful program once again. My sincere thanks go out to the members on the Chapter Education and Executive Committees. I would also like to thank members and friends that helped as moderators or with the many tasks that this day entails. All of the speakers took time out of their busy schedule to participate in the conference, which we truly appreciate.

The month of March was designated Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick. The designation of CGFM is becoming more and more prominent in today's governmental financial field. Our thanks go to State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci and his staff who assisted in getting the proclamation approved by the Governor. If you have thought of earning a CGFM certification now is the time. The Boston Chapter offers up to five (5) scholarships per year for chapter members to pay for the examination. More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation and now it's your turn! Experience the benefits of certification first hand. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of CGFMs. For more information please visit our website.

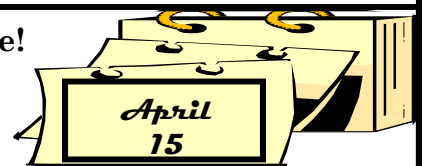
On April 15, 2010 the Boston Chapter in partnership with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum will host a Spring Training Seminar to be held at the Volpe Transportation Building Cambridge, MA. This Seminar will cover some very timely and varied topics for the members and guests of both organizations. We are honored to have a line up of speakers to include Tammie Brown of the United State Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General who will present OMB Circular A-133 Updates, Bobby Derrick, former AGA National President who's topic will cover Ethics and Carole Buncher from Buncher and Associates covering 'Dealing with Difficult Interviewees.' The seminar will be from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Seven (7) CPE's will be offered and the cost will be \$60 per attendee. Hope to see you there and bring a friend! Thanks for another great month. And for another important topic *"let's go Red Sox!"*

Joe Valchuis

Save the Date!

Boston Chapter Spring Seminar, Cambridge, MA

To register, please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM
at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at
617-727-6200.



Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Full Day Seminar

The AGA Boston Chapter and the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum (NEIAF) are pleased to co-sponsor a Spring Training Seminar to be held at the Volpe Transportation Building Cambridge, MA on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

This Seminar will cover some very timely and varied topics for the members and guests of both organizations.

Scheduled to present at this session are:

Tammie Brown of US HHS on A-133 Updates

Bobby Derrick, CGFM, former AGA National President on Ethics

Carole Buncher talking about the subject of Dealing with Difficult Interviewees

Seven (7) CPE's will be awarded for this full day of training. Cost will be \$60 per attendee. Lunch will be "on your own". Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Registrations are due by April 12, 2010. To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org

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

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

Election of Chapter Officers



Chapter officer elections were conducted at the Regional Professional Development Conference on March 9th



The Chapter Positions that were elected by the membership are

President Elect

Eric Berman, CPA

Massachusetts Office of the
Comptroller

Treasurer

Charles McCarthy

Massachusetts Department of
Elementary and Secondary
Education

Secretary

Richard Sullivan, CPA

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Vice President for Education and Programs

Julia Burns, CGFM

Massachusetts Office of the
Comptroller

Vice President for Planning

Judith Reilly

US HHS OIG

Vice President for Communication

David LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS

Massachusetts Department of
Elementary and Secondary
Education

Regional Professional Developmental Conference - March 9, 2010



John Beveridge, CGFM, Massachusetts Deputy State Auditor was an afternoon presenter covering the subject of IT



AGA National Executive Director **Relmond Van Daniker, CGFM** presented as a classroom speaker on the subject of Citizen Centric Reporting. Van also presented this topic the next day to a wider audience in Boston.



AGA National President **William "Billy" Morehead, CGFM** was our morning keynote Speaker. Billy also doubled as a classroom presenter on the subject of ethics.



Gerry Leone, the Middlesex County District Attorney was the afternoon keynote speaker discussing the key roles that our professions play in legal investigations.

Boston AGA Annual Awards and Scholarships

This is the time of the year that we prepare to recognize and honor individuals and groups for their service and achievements. The Boston Chapter annually awards two cash scholarships each year at their appreciation dinner along with a number of recognition awards.

On this page are descriptions of the two scholarship requirements and the criteria for the various awards.

Please take the time to read thought these and give thought to those individuals and groups that you think may be worthy of recognition.

If you have any questions please contact the chapter's Awards Chair, William Muench at 978-796-3637 or wmuench@DCAA.mil

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

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

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

2009 winner - US HHS – Office of the Inspector General

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

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

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

2009 winner – Francis Cordima, Mass Department of Mental Health

MEL PARTOL MEMORIAL AWARD

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

Eligibility: Any AGA member of the Boston Chapter

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

2009 winner – Nicholas Dahl, CGFM – US Veterans Affairs, 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

2009 winner – Maggie Trudel, Mass Office of the Comptroller

CHAPTER EDUCATOR AWARD

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

Eligibility: Current AGA – Boston Chapter member

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

2009 winner – Robert Carnegie, MBA



CGFM NEWS

Nashville Chapter Secures "Preferred" Status for CGFM Applicants

Job seekers with the CGFM will have an advantage over uncertified competitors if they apply for certain positions in Tennessee's Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

AGA's Nashville Chapter was instrumental in making the CGFM a "preferred" qualification for three positions in the Office of Management Services within the comptroller's office: contract review administrator, business administration manager and legislative sourcing oversight manager.

Nashville Chapter President Karen B. Hale, CGFM, said she was asked last spring to review job specifications, titles and duties after the retirements of two long-time leaders in the Office of Management Services, including Past AGA National President Charles Harrison, CPA, CGFM.

During the reorganization, she proposed the three job specifications include the statement, "A certification as a government finance manager (CGFM) is preferred." Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson approved the change, effective Aug. 1.

The process took a few months, but it was fairly straightforward. Hale's office is full of AGA supporters and CGFMs, many of whom were involved in the CGFM's earliest stages, such as Harrison and Past AGA National President Richard Norment, CGFM, CIA. Her director, for example, is Immediate Past Regional Vice President Melinda Parton, CGFM. "We're fortunate here to have such a rich history," Hale said. "They laid the groundwork."

Katya Silver, AGA's director of Professional Certification Administration, applauds the Nashville Chapter for its work. "It is great to see the Nashville chapter's initiative and hard work pay off. What a wonderful example of AGA leadership and teamwork!"



Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization with 245 active members representing federal, state, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors and financial managers in Massachusetts; and

Whereas Awarded by the Association of Government Accountants, the Certified Government Financial Manager certification program encourages the critical need for an increased emphasis on the professional qualifications and stature of government financial managers; and

Whereas The certified Government Financial Manager program provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a three part examination requiring expertise in various financial subjects; and

Whereas Certified Government Financial Managers respond to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its educational efforts with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Massachusetts;

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2010, to be

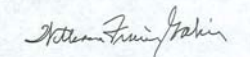
CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twelfth day of February, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency


DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Job Opportunity



The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (formerly DOE) is seeking an individual for the position of Auditor IV in the Department's Audit and Compliance Unit.

Details regarding the positions can be found at:

[https://jobs.hrd.state.ma.us/recruit/public/31100001/job/job_view.do?](https://jobs.hrd.state.ma.us/recruit/public/31100001/job/job_view.do?post-ingId=J20795&code=search.public&companyId=4&federalStimulus=no)
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Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming the following new members to the Boston Chapter:



Jennifer Telfort
KPMG

Peter Bates
Mass State Auditors Office

Edward Maguire
US Dept. Health & Human Services

Anthony Kimi
KPMG

Member News

Congratulations

Judith Reilly, an auditor for the US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General has recently passed the CPA exam.

Congratulations Judith!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

247 Active Members

17 New Members

25 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2009:

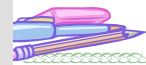
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM..... 3
- Christine Donohoe..... 1
- Julia P. Burns, CGFM..... 1
- John Mahoney, CGFM 1
- William Muench, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Armstrong..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM..... 1

From the Editor...

Do you know someone in the Boston Chapter who has recently received promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share your good news with fellow AGA members? Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue of *Boston's Beacon*.

Please forward submissions for the next issue of *Boston's Beacon* to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.

Thanks!



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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 March 31, 2010 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,275	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	7,725	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	5,075	3,800	100%
Communications	3,000	9,144	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,950	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,450	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	17,475	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	57,644	22,000	100%

**Boston Chapter Balance Sheet
March 31, 2010**

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$27,860
Savings Account	9,965
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash \$37,825

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 3,025

Total Assets \$40,850

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>40,850</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$40,850

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



Does this mean that certain music played in the car will make one's head explode

SUDOKU ANSWER

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9	7	4	8	1	5	2	6	3
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April Quote

"There is always something to be thankful for. If you can't pay your bills, you can be thankful that you are not one of your creditors."

Unknown



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What year did the Red Sox start playing in Fenway Park ?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

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

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CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on March 2, 2010. Please note the following:

- Reports of the Membership Committee, Education Committee, Planning Committee, Treasurer and Registration Committee read and accepted.
- The Nominating Committee finalized a slate of officers to be presented for election at the Regional PDC at Bentley University.
- CGFM – several new people are actively pursuing the designation. The Chapter accomplished having Massachusetts proclaim March as CGFM Month by Governor Patrick
- Community Service – we will be doing a toiletries, eye glasses, pet supplies and cell phone collection at the RPDC at Bentley University.
- Scholarships and Awards – applications are on the website and will be publicized in the newsletter.
- Go Green Initiative – after Bentley, we will begin the process of posting presenter’s presentations on our website prior to the training date so that members will be able to print and bring it themselves. This should cut down on the volume of wasted paper after sessions.
- Plans are being made for chapter representation at the Sectional Leadership Meeting in April that will be held in Baltimore. We have a number of officers and directors committed to attend.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Community Service Committee Accepted Donations at the RPDC

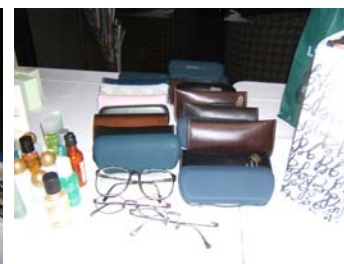
The Community Service Committee is continuing its “Go Green” focus this year. Along with its ongoing project collecting travel size toiletry items for a local charity, we collected used eyeglasses, and old cell phones at Bentley University on March 9, 2010.




Recycling these items will not only benefit the needy recipients but will help save the environment. The toiletry items will go to Father Bill’s House, the Lions Club will get the eyeglasses and “Cell Phones for Soldiers” (<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>) will benefit from the used cell phones. Thank you all for your assistance on this project.



The Community Service Committee also collected donations for the Quincy Animal Shelter. This is a 100% volunteer run “no kill” shelter. At the RPDC at Bentley University we accepted cat and dog food and related supplies. Please visit their web sit at <http://www.quincyanimalshelter.org/> for more details. Thank you all for your generosity.




TRIVIA ANSWER!

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News from National



Welcome to AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Location: Orlando World Center Marriott

Conference: July 11-14, 2010 EXPO: July 11-13, 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition— *the* premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.

Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010. Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to Dream. Learn. Achieve. – Register today!

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions, and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, **rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.** Reservations received after June 18, *or after the room block has been filled*, will only be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also [reserve a room online](#). Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

News from National

Register Today for Federal Performance Conference in April

AGA has added a new conference to its national education program this year. AGA's first Federal Performance Conference is designed to answer calls for help on this important issue. It is scheduled for **April 27-28** at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. Cost is \$395 for AGA members and \$495 for nonmembers.

AGA has lined up leaders in federal financial management and performance to describe their challenges in producing performance reports and how they are overcoming them.

Learn firsthand from the federal agencies that are successfully using performance measures to manage the delivery of services; agency staff who are creating dashboards and portals to communicate useful information; and public officials who will share their approach to producing quality performance data. Also learn the latest news on changing regulations. Sessions include:

- Getting the Most Out of Your Financial Statements, Budgets and Performance Information
- Communicating Performance Information Through Social Media
- Learning from State and Local Governments--Using Data to Manage
- Strategic Planning--Why is it Necessary and How Can the Process Foster Successful Results?
- Working Toward the Same Goal--Forming Partnerships to Create Change
- Performance Evaluations--Analyzing the Results for Better Program Management

Speakers representing the Performance Improvement Council, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and numerous federal agencies. **U.S. Sen. Mark Warner**, VA (invited) and **Shelley Metzenbaum, Ph.D.**, OMB's Associate Director for Performance and Personnel Management, are scheduled to attend the conference, which offers 10 CPE hours in addition to networking events.

Exchange ideas with the best in the business, make new contacts and perhaps even find a solution to a vexing problem. Select exhibitors will demonstrate the latest technologies to help your agency plan and prepare for the federal reporting requirements for 2011.

Registration & Housing Now Open for the PDC

It's time to start planning for next year's PDC. Join us July 11-14, 2010 in Orlando, FL to share best practices, gain useful information, see the latest technologies and get technical training from the top government financial management and accountability leaders and industry experts. The PDC offers unparalleled opportunities for networking, exchanging ideas, connecting with colleagues and meeting new friends.

Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss this opportunity to Dream - Learn - Achieve. Register today!

The room rate is \$108/night. To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also reserve a room online.

Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Reviewers

AGA offers a **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting** for entities that prepare and distribute high quality Citizen-Centric Reports. To be eligible for the certificate, governments must incorporate into their report the program's high standards of content, visual appeal, readability, distribution and timeliness in reporting.

The number of reports that we are receiving is steadily increasing and therefore we are looking for additional members to serve as volunteer reviewers of Citizen reports that are submitted.

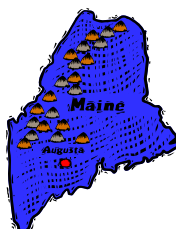
What Do Reviewers Do? Volunteer reviewers read four-page Citizen-Centric reports, evaluate them using AGA's judging guidelines and respond with recommendations for report improvements. Each report gets reviewed by three volunteer reviewers. Reviewers decide whether the report they have judged merits the Certificate of Excellence.

What is the Time Commitment? On average, reviewing/judging a report takes approximately one to two hours and it is all done electronically. Your help is needed! Please volunteer today! Interested in Being a Reviewer? Please contact Susan Fritzlen at AGA National.

New England Regional News

Maine Chapter Meetings

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker



Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

Held once each month, typically following the Chapter Meetings They are held as needed during the summer months. Minutes will be posted in the following month's newsletter. Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/

Aroostook County Chapter

The Aroostook County's held a new membership chapter event in February.

They held a "**Membership Mardi-Gras**"! It was a social event to gain new members as well as show appreciation for all of the current members.

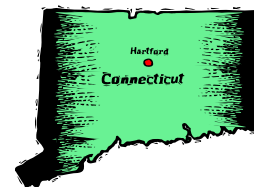


Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

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



New England Region Vice President Team

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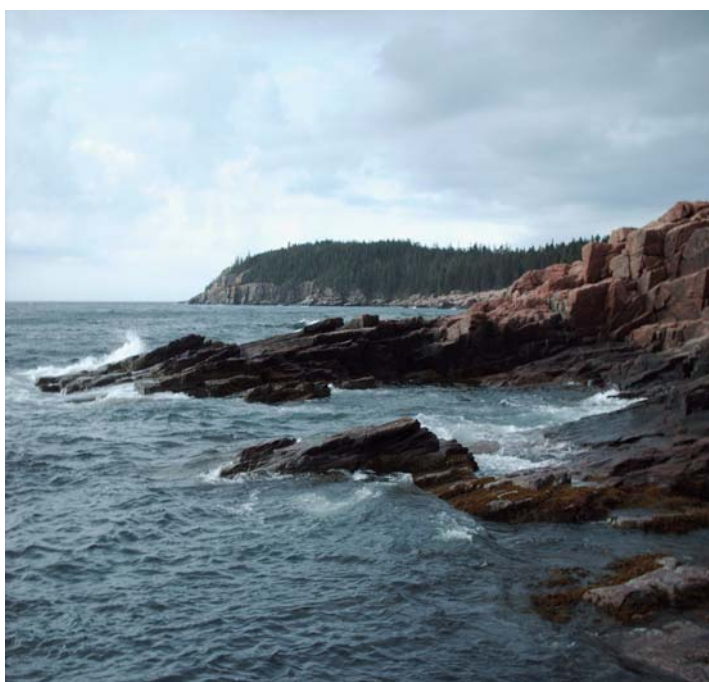
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You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on... If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this: Costello calls to buy a computer from Abbott

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

COSTELLO: Thanks I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Word.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: What word?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

ABBOTT: Money.

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Money.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: Money.

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: One copy.

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

ABBOTT: Office.



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