

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

Aug 12, 2008

Chapter Executive
Committee Meeting



Sept 10, 2008

Audio Conference -
Fraud Prevention
Federal Reserve Bldg.,
Boston, MA



Sept 18, 2008

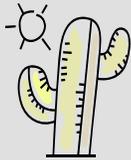
Lunch Meeting -
Transportation Issues
Harp Restaurant,
Boston, MA



National

Sept. 22-23, 2008

National Internal
Control and Fraud
Conference
Phoenix, AZ



Oct. 27-28, 2008

National Performance
Management
Conference
Seattle, WA



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President's Message

Although we are heading into the dog days of August, you may rest assured that the Chapter Executive Committee and the Community Service Committee are working in high gear to plan for the coming year. This year, we are pleased to welcome several new officers and directors to our executive committee; Scott Lennon, who will be serving as our secretary, Brenda Delasanta, who will be serving as VP of Planning and Maryann Costello who will be serving as Director of Community Service. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our immediate Past President, Al Franklin, CGFM, CGA, for his help and support in transitioning to the new committee and for his words of wisdom from experience. Al has served the chapter well as President, not once, but twice, and has done a tremendous job both times.

On September 18th we will be kicking off the year with a luncheon meeting at The Harp Restaurant in Boston. The Harp is located across from the TD Banknorth Garden and very conveniently located on the MBTA's Green Line (North Station). The topic for this meeting will be Transportation Issues with an excellent speaker, Michael G. Dinning. If you work in the downtown Boston area or plan to be in the downtown Boston area and would like to earn 1 CPE while having lunch, please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend. The cost of the this luncheon is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

This year the AGA Boston Chapter will once again offer five audio conferences for CPE credit. These quality programs are sponsored by AGA's National Office and offer 2 CPEs. As a member benefit, we offer these audio conferences free to members and for a nominal fee of \$20 to non-members. You don't have to be an accountant to know that *free* CPEs are a good deal!

At the end of July, several members of the Boston Chapter attended AGA National's 57th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Atlanta, GA. The PDC offered up to 24 high-quality CPEs with top notch speakers in their fields. The Boston Chapter donated four tickets to an Orioles vs. Red Sox game at Camden Yards on August 18th to benefit AGA's National Community Service Fund Silent Auction and Raffle. If you've ever been to a Red Sox game at Camden Yards then you know what a great time can be had. Since our beloved Red Sox represented us so well at the All-Star Game, we knew these tickets would raise a good amount of money for charity in the silent auction. I'll be sure to give you a complete update when I return. Until next month,

Kim Rapoza

Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Fraud Prevention
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, 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 At the 2008 National Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA

On July 27 - 30 the Boston Chapter of the AGA was represented by 12 members at the AGA National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Atlanta. This was the largest PDC ever, with well over 1,900 attendees.

Al Franklin, Dave LeBlanc, Marty Benison, Ernie Almonte, Shawn Warren, Julie Burns, Mike Armstrong, Kim Rapoza, Eric Berman, Joe Valchuis, Bob Carnegie, & Bill Kilmartin were in attendance from the Chapter.

Ernie Almonte was a Keynote Speaker at the PDC. **Marty Benison, Bill Kilmartin, Shawn Warren** and **Bob Carnegie** also doubled up as presenters at the PDC.

The Chapter was also well represented at the awards podium this year. The Chapter and its members won five national awards. National President Rick Fair presented **Marty Benison & Eric Berman** with President's Awards. **Dave LeBlanc** received his second Group B Honorable Mention Award for the Chapter Newsletter.

Chapter President **Wallace "Al" Franklin** accepted yet another Platinum Level Chapter Recognition award for the Boston Chapter and **Dave LeBlanc** also received the Group B Honorable Mention Award for the Chapter Website.

The attendees participated in a number of classes and workshops over the four days and networked with a number of their contemporaries from around the country, and around the world.

Next year, it's off to the Big Easy, New Orleans. See you at the PDC in 2009.



Community Service Notes

The Community Service Committee held their first meeting of the program year. This meeting was to establish the chapter's Community Service Plan and calendar of events. The contact information for the members of this year's Community Service Committee is as follows:

Maryann Costello (CostelloM@oig.tras.gov) [Chair]
Julia Burns, CGFM (Julia.P.Burns@state.ma.us)
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Maggie Trudel (Maggie.Trudel@state.ma.us)

Our next chapter sponsored Community Service Event will be a "socks collection" at the Chapter Training Day at Lombardo's on Oct 23, 2008. The annual collection of socks this year will be for the guests of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Please bring new socks with you to Lombardo's. A collection box will be set up to accept donations on the training day. These socks will be donated to a worthwhile charity just before the cold weather sets in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider taking part in the following events:

Leukemia & Lymphoma Walk Assumption College - Oct 19, 2008.

The Light The Night[®] Walk is an evening fundraising walk that celebrates and commemorates lives touched by cancer. Its goal is to help cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. If anyone is interested in walking in the Light The Night[®] Walk please contact a member of the community service committee. Additional details can be found at http://www.lightthenight.org/site/c.itJZJ7MOIwE/b.838017/k.9D75/Walk_Site_Details.htm

Homeless Veterans Project November 11, 2008.

The veterans of this country have proudly served us and now we have an opportunity to proudly serve the Veterans lunch. We need 7 volunteers to serve lunch on Veterans' Day to the guests of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Boston. If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the community service committee.

Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants at the AGA National Professional Developmental Conference in Atlanta



Boston Chapter member Marty Benison, CGFM receiving the National President's Award from AGA National President Rick Fair



Boston Chapter member Dave LeBlanc, CGFM received the National Group B Newsletter and Website Awards from AGA National President Rick Fair



Boston Chapter member Bob Carnegie who was a presenter at the AGA Professional Developmental Conference



A view looking down from the host hotel at the PDC in Atlanta



Aroostook County President Colette Cormier and incoming Boston Chapter President Kim Rapoza, CGFM at one of the PDC Sessions

Planned Calendar of Events Program Year 2008 - 2009

September 8, 2008

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

September 18, 2008

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

October 23, 2008

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

November 12, 2008

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

November 18, 2008

**Fall Workshop
JFK Federal Building
4 CPEs**

December 4, 2008

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

January 15, 2009

**Winter Seminar
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

February 11, 2009

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

February 12, 2008

**Winter Workshop
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

March 10, 2009

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

April 8, 2009

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

April 16, 2009

**Spring Workshop
JFK Federal Building
4 CPEs**

May 13, 2009

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

May 2009

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
TBD, Boston, MA**



Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council Recognized By *CIO* Magazine As One Of The Cio 100 Award Honorees

June 23, 2008—IDG's *CIO* magazine announced the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council as a recipient of the 2008 CIO 100 Award. The 21st annual award program recognizes organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology (IT). The CIO 100 award is recognized by the news media as a leading information technology (IT) award. The Massachusetts DD Council was one of only eight governmental organizations in the nation and the only governmental entity in Massachusetts among the CIO 100.

"The CIO 100 honors organizations that have used technology in innovative ways to generate value to the business," said Abbie Lundberg, Editor in Chief of *CIO* magazine. "Unlike other top lists, it's not just about who's biggest—it's about who's doing the most interesting and relevant things." The Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council was selected for its leadership and innovation in development the DD Suite (Developmental Disabilities Suite) online data management system. Massachusetts was noted for leading a national partnership of 37 state Councils utilizing the unique system to manage and report their project data for the federal government.

Daniel Shannon, Council Executive Director stated that "For a small public agency like ours to be among the top organizations in the country is a tremendous achievement. It's a great honor to be acknowledged for our efforts."

The 2008 CIO 100 awards will be presented on August 26 at the conclusion of the tenth annual CIO 100 Symposium® and Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony will also unveil the recipients of the CIO 100 Plus One awards. Craig Hall, Chief Information Officer, (member of the Boston Chapter, AGA) will accept the award on behalf of the Council. "This recognition demonstrates the leadership Massachusetts continues to provide in offering technology-based solutions in an increasingly competitive environment," Hall said. "It's a great honor to represent the public sector, where innovation and creativity are not always as visible."

Lester P. Slater Jr.

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of Lester P. Slater Jr., CGFM, of Warwick, RI, a member of AGA's Boston Chapter since 1971,

Les had retired from the U.S. Government Accountability Office after 35 years of federal service. He worked as an audit manager and staff manager for the Boston Regional Office.

Les was the husband of Janice L. Slater and father of LCDR Neysa M. Slater-Chandler, USNR (Ret.), and her husband MAJ Daniel K. Chandler, USA (Ret.) of Alexandria, VA.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

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The Program Year in Summary
Wallace Alan Franklin
President 2007-2008

As the final duty and pleasure of my tenure as President of the Boston Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to summarize the past year.

We began the year's activities on August 8, 2008 with an audio conference held at the Federal Reserve Building. Throughout the year, we had five additional audio conferences presented by AGA National. These audio conferences were available to AGA members at no cost and attendance at the sessions gave every attendee the opportunity to earn 2 CPE credits. If a member attended each audio conference, they would have earned 12 CPE's during the year at no cost.

In September, we held our only luncheon meeting at The Harp. For a nominal fee, members received lunch and had the opportunity to earn one (1) CPE and hear Tim Bond, VA Special Agent, present a case study.

In November, February and April, AGA Boston presented half-day workshops on the topics of "Identity Fraud and Proactive Data-Mining for Financial Crimes", "Homeland Security", and "Immigration and Customs Enforcement". Each workshop was worth four (4) CPE's for a total of another 12 hours of continuing education.

October found us at Lombardo's in Randolph for seven (7) hours of training with speakers presenting information about Investment Fraud, Fraud in the Lottery, and Medicare Fraud.

In March our Regional Professional Development Conference was held at Bentley College. As usual, we had five concurrent sessions running in the morning and five in the afternoon. This year, we added a little curve to our usual agenda and were privileged to have as our morning keynote speaker Richard Fair, State Auditor for New Jersey and AGA National President. Gregory Sullivan, Massachusetts Inspector General, served as our afternoon keynote speaker. The day earned attendees 8 CPE credits. The topics covered at the Regional PDC included "A State Auditor Panel", "GASB Update", "Computer Security", "Performance Auditing", "Finding Fraud", an "Ethics Panel", "Managing Multiple Generations", and "E-Commerce".

Along with the educational sessions, we also managed to get in a bit of social time. Our Holiday Charity Luncheon was held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston and was attended by 27 people. As always, the food was spectacular, and we managed to raise a total of \$1,000 that was donated to Christmas in the City (\$135 raised by Attendee Ticket cost, \$539 raised by the auction, and \$326 voted from the Chapter Executive Committee to even out the contribution), along with the various toys donated by attendees. Of course, who could forget the afternoon snowstorm that crippled the area that day leaving many of our attendees taking hours to get home because of the clogged roadways.

For the year, we had 281 member attendees, and 296 non-member attendees for all of our events. The total CPE's we offered this was 40 hours and would had been 47 if we did not have to cancel our full day session in January.

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The Program Year in Summary (cont.)

The Chapter Executive Committee had a very busy year also. We held 12 meetings, which followed the Chapter Training Committee meetings and voted on 24 motions which affected the Chapter. Because we didn't always have a majority of members present, we did many of our votes by e-mails.

My concern during the year was to give back to the membership. Therefore, we started the year with a vote to purchase AGA Boston Chapter shirts for members of the Executive Committee and offer the shirts to membership at cost. Our second idea was to give each member a brief bag with the AGA Boston Chapter logo printed on it. We ordered 250 bags and handed them out at various training sessions. For those unable to attend sessions we mailed the bags to their home.

The other major Chapter expense voted on by the CEC was to send members to assist on the AGA National Community Service project hosted by Jeff Hart, AGA National Immediate Past President. Four members from the Boston Chapter, Kathleen Cushing, Jane Gustowski, Maureen Cushing and I went to New Orleans and worked for Habitat for Humanity building new homes for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

The CEC also voted to send \$100 to the National Community Service program in memory of George Dimitrakis, past Chapter President (1972-1973) and a fixture at the end of the year awards dinners, and the holiday luncheons. Everyone who knew him will miss George.



My fellow members, as you can readily see, it was a very busy year filled with educational opportunities, social events, and even the opportunity to give back to those much less fortunate than ourselves. It has also been, for me as Chapter President, a very rewarding and enriching experience to have had the opportunity to once again take the reigns of the Boston Chapter. Words just can't seem to express my gratitude to the members for giving me the opportunity to serve as President this past year and to the Chapter Executive Committee and the various Directors for their hard work, dedication, support and encouragement. Once again, my sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone.

With warmest regards,

Wallace "Al" Franklin



CGFM NEWS

Four Keys to Completing the CGFM

By: Amy Abbott, CGFM, CFE - AGA's Nashville Chapter

I was very happy to complete the CGFM examination process last year. Hopefully, some thoughts from my experience will help you to complete the process as well.

The first and foremost requirement to pass the exam is commitment—this process will take a commitment on your part. The best way I found to make that commitment was to schedule a test for a future date, giving myself a goal to work toward. I decided to schedule all three exams over a period of four months; this gave me a target to work toward for each exam. For me, finding a place to study was also very crucial. If I am at home, there are too many things that serve as a distraction. I made the commitment to spend time studying at the library and I found it easier to concentrate and focus in that type of environment. Setting aside a designated time each week to study may also help you make a commitment that you can live with. The bottom line is find a time and place that work for you, come up with a schedule, and stick to it!

The study guides that have been developed by AGA are very helpful. However, for my own personal learning, I developed outlines that helped me focus on the main topics and principles described in the study guides. I found that if I spent too much time on the examples and case studies in the study guides, I might lose focus on the main principles. If you understand the main concepts and principles in the guide, you should be able to apply that to any situation given on the exam. I also highly recommend using the chapter review quizzes that are at the end of each section; these will help you apply the principles and concepts that are in the text in a way you will have to do for the actual exam. Exams 1 and 3 also offer a true/false test, which I found to be another helpful study tool. The glossary in the back of each study guide will help you learn the terminology and are great to review before taking the exam. I also recommend highlighting main topics and concepts in the study guide - this will be helpful when you review the material and will help you focus on the main ideas rather than re-reading the entire text. Everyone learns differently so there are lots of different approaches. Find the way that works best for you. If outlines are helpful to you, I would definitely recommend developing one—or contact me and I'll be glad to share mine with you.

I studied and took the exams in numerical order. I found this helpful because some of the information on Exam 1 was repeated on Exam 2 and some information on Exam 2 helped me understand material on Exam 3. I don't think taking the exams in numerical order is necessary for success. If there is an area you feel particularly strong in, maybe you will want to take that exam first to build your confidence. The main point is to decide on an order that will work best for you and focus your attention on taking the tests in that order. Concentrating on one exam at a time will help you focus your efforts on the material that is necessary to pass that exam. Developing a study guide will also help you focus your attention on the material that you need to understand and know for each exam.

Everyone has a reason for wanting to take this certification. You have to find what will motivate you to start and complete the process. Maybe your office offers a salary increase for certifications or maybe you will be more likely to receive a promotion with a certification—or maybe you want to have the certification for your own personal development. Whatever your reason, find out what motivates you and use it to help you successfully complete the process.

I hope these thoughts will help you be successful in obtaining the CGFM. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me at amy.abbott@state.tn.us.



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



Mary Ann Siok
Mass Dept of Elementary
& Secondary Education

Julia Jou
Mass Dept of Elementary
& Secondary Education

James Constantino
Mass Dept of Elementary
& Secondary Education

Go for Growth!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 220 Active Members
- 4 New Members
- 0 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 34 Suspended Members

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!



Member News

This year the Boston Chapter had two winners of the AGA National President's Awards.

Martin J. Benison, CGFM – In recognition of his leadership in co-chairing AGA's Partnership for Intergovernmental Management and Accountability.

Eric S. Berman, CPA – In recognition of his outstanding leadership as AGA's GASAC representative and as a member of AGA's Financial Management Standards Board..

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2008:

- Rachel D. Trant 2
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM 1
- Joseph Valchuis 1

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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 April 1st and concludes on March 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of July 31, 2008 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,075	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	725	725	18%
Certification	4,000	850	850	21%
Communications	3,000	2,215	2,215	74%
Membership	3,000	2,550	2,550	85%
Early Career	2,000	600	600	30%
Community Service	2,000	4,950	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	19,965	12,940	59%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet July 31, 2008

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 2,477
Savings Account	17,220
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,507</u>

Total Cash \$33,204

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 2,055

Total Assets \$35,259

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>35,259</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$35,259

Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event? Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database? Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Director of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

August Quote

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby



Something to think about?

Frogs have it easy, they can eat what bugs them.

Advice is like Castor Oil, easy to give but dreadful to take.

Four Wheel Drive just means getting stuck in more inaccessible places.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem.

There is nothing more miserable in the world than to arrive in paradise and look like your passport photo.



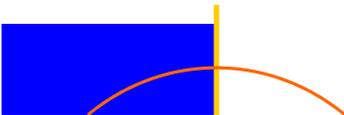
TRIVIA QUESTION!

Who was the only US President that was blind in one eye?

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
- Information Systems Audit & Control Association www.isaca.org
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP) www.iappnet.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers www.nasact.org
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
- National Assoc of State Treasurers www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
- National State Auditors Association www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council www.ec3.org



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News from National

Register Now for AGA's Upcoming Fraud Conference

Registration is now open for AGA's Second Annual National Internal Control & Fraud Conference, to be held September 10-11, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

With a theme of "Combating Fraud: Strategies for Success," the conference will focus on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Hear from leaders in government and private industry who will discuss the latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes, and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens.

The "Fraud Conference" will bring together leaders from all levels of government, the private sector and academia. In addition to an outstanding technical program, this event offers unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas and share best practices with colleagues and friends.

Register today and secure your place at AGA's newest educational and networking event!

AGA's 2008 Performance Management Conference

Make plans now to attend AGA's National Performance Management Conference, which focuses on the growing field of performance reporting.

The conference brings together government officials who are using performance reports to measure progress toward achieving their goals every year. Not only can solid performance measures help governments improve operations, but they can also communicate to citizens how tax dollars are being spent.

Join us in Seattle to learn from the leaders in performance reporting from all levels of government, the private sector and academia. Speakers will share how-tos, lessons learned and cooperative initiatives among governments. This event offers unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas and share best practices with colleagues and friends.

AGA will also recognize governments that have received AGA's Certificate of Achievement in Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) Reporting. Take the lead in improving transparency for your government agency—register today and secure your place at AGA's newest educational and networking event.

Around the New England Region

Maine Chapter Meetings

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

Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

Held once each month, typically following the Chapter Meetings They are held as needed during the summer months. Minutes will be posted in the following month's newsletter

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

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

Aroostook County Chapter

Colette Cormier, Chapter President of the Aroostook County Chapter received a National Chapter Service Award at the PDC in Atlanta for her work in establishing a new chapter in Northern Maine.

Congratulations Colette!!!



CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on July 15th, 2008. The following items were discussed:

- Secretary, Treasurer and CGFM reports were read and approved.
- Locations for all upcoming events, including audio conferences that can be booked have been.
- The chapter has applied for a raffle permit in conjunction with the holiday raffle.
- The Community Service committee held a meeting and discussed initiatives. We will be collecting toiletries for veterans.
- There was no membership report. We will be looking for a replacement as unfortunately, the incumbent cannot continue as Director.
- A discussion was held about getting more involved with nominations for national awards
- A motion was made to increase the current scholarships from \$1,000 to \$2,000. After discussion, this issue was laid on the table for a future meeting.
- A motion was made to donate \$500 to the PDC Chapter Challenge.
- \$500 was donated to the Aroostook County, ME Chapter to assist them in getting up and going.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

Scary Quotes actually heard in meetings (not CEC meetings)

- "There's more than one way to peel a cat."*
- "That woman uses olive oil like it grows on trees."*
- "He'd give you the arm off his back."*
- "We do not have a smoking cow at this point."*
- "It's our golden goose. We better figure out how to make her purr."*
- "You are in the top one hundred percent."*
- "She has four kids, and she's pregnant with her third."*
- "He'd still be alive today if he hadn't died."*
- "How many quarters can you cut an apple into?"*
- "The gunman was believed to be armed."*
- "Why don't they just put the water back in the lake when it's been through the generator?"*
- "I'm up to my earballs in work."*
- "It's a dog eat dog world, and by golly, we better make sure we're the dog."*
- "I'm up to my butt in elbows and alligators."*
- "Is your nephew a boy or a girl?"*



Trivia Answer

Theodore Roosevelt

Sudoku Answer

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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

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City State/Province

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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
- Contract Management Grants Management Program Management Administration Consulting
- 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.
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Primary Chapter Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

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