

## Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

### Local

**Feb. 3, 2009**

Chapter Executive  
Committee Meeting



**Feb. 11, 2009**

Audio Conference:  
Building Fraud Risk  
Assessment into  
Audit Planning  
Federal Reserve Bldg.  
Boston, MA



**Mar. 10, 2009**

Regional Professional  
Developmental Conf.  
Bentley University  
Waltham, MA



### National

**Feb. 19 - 20, 2009**

National Leadership  
Conference  
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington, D.C.



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## President's Message

Brrrrr....welcome to a good old fashioned New England winter. As I write this, the wind chill is heading south of zero and I'm exceptionally ready for some blue Caribbean water (in March). On January 15<sup>th</sup>, John McKeever, provided approximately 60 AGA members and friends with a full day of training at the Volpe. Fortunately the weather was with us and the day was very well received. Our thanks go out to John McKeever for traveling up from Connecticut once again.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> the Boston Chapter will once again host an AGA National-sponsored audio conference entitled *Building Fraud Risk Assessment Into Audit Planning*. As an added bonus, William Rose, FBI Special Agent (ret.), will speak (in person, not on the audio conference) on the subject of unethical conduct. As usual, these audio conferences are free to members and \$20 for non-members. Because of the additional speaker, you will earn 3 CPE's for this event.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Boston Chapter will again provide members and friends with our annual Regional Professional Development Conference (RPDC) at Bentley University. We have many great speakers including Sam Mok, CGFM, National President and Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA, Auditor General of Rhode Island. Ernie is also the first government member to be the Chairman of the AIPCA. Please come to Bentley to support the Boston Chapter. I am asking all members who will be attending to invite a friend who has never been. An early-bird discount will be available for any non-member who registers before February 15<sup>th</sup>. Member rates have been reduced to \$50. This is a full day, including a sit-down luncheon.

In reading the text of President Obama's speech on Inauguration Day, I thought part of his speech described AGA members perfectly.

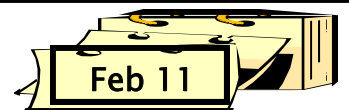
*In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated **but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.***

Those who work in government or with the government know that your jobs will never provide you with riches or fame but we truly carry the nation in many ways with our labor. I am proud to work beside my colleagues who have chosen government as a career as well as our AGA members. Here's to us!

*Kim Rapoza*

### Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning. 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 Audio Conference

*“Unethical Conduct”  
“Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning”*

*Date: Feb. 11, 2008*

*Location: Federal Reserve Building  
Boston, MA, Room AVI*

*Registration: 12:30*

*Speaker: 1:00 - 2:00*

*Session: 2:00 - 4:00*

*CPEs: 3 Will Be Awarded*

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

*Registrations due by 2/09/09, 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.*

**AGA**, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new topic to our audio conference schedule, the role that fraud risk planning plays in an organization.

All professional standards require auditors to consider exposures from misconduct, wrongdoing and fraud. Requirements may include brainstorming sessions during audit planning, discovery based testing and analyzing red flags surfaced to determine the true cause. But too often, practical limitations of time and other resources get in the way of full on the job implementation.

To share his expertise in fraud auditing is **John J. Hall**, CPA, a consultant, speaker and seminar instructor. He helps clients create a comprehensive anti-fraud environment; identify and assess areas of exposure to wrongdoing, misconduct and fraud; strengthen fraud prevention and detection controls; and enhance personal and professional effectiveness. John also helps clients handle incidents of wrongdoing, misconduct and fraud.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic.

As a free bonus **William Rose**, Special Agent FBI (ret.), will speak from 1:00 - 2:00 on the subject of “Unethical Conduct.” This will include the setting of fraud procedures from the top down and its effect on employees as well as possible results.



## CGFM NEWS

To recognize the accomplishment of achieving the CGFM designation, AGA plans to publish a list of the active CGFMs on their website. The list will include the name, state and AGA chapter (if applicable).

Those CGFMs who do NOT want to have their name published as part of this listing should contact AGA's Office of Professional Certification by e-mail or fax (703.562.0361) by Feb. 28, 2009.

## Member Benefits

**Due to the financial constraints that a number of our members and their employers are currently facing, the Boston Chapter of the AGA has instituted price reductions through the end of the current program year.**

**We have lowered member pricing to \$15 for any CPE - generating half day workshop and full day seminar (except our Regional PDC at Bentley College) for the rest of this program year. We will maintain the non-member pricing at its current rate.**

**For Bentley, the cost for our members will be \$50 for eight (8) CPEs. Non - member rates will remain at \$130, with the exception of an “early-bird discount” for non-members that register by February 15, 2009. This “early bird” discount will reduce the non-member cost to \$100.**

**As always, AGA Audio Conferences that the chapter sponsors will be free for our members.**

*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.*



**Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter  
Regional Professional Development Conference**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2009  
**Location:** Bentley University, Waltham, MA  
**Cost\*:** Member – \$50  
           Non-member “Early Bird Registration” – \$100; Non-member – \$130  
**CPE:** 8 CPE Hours  
**“Early Bird Registration” Deadline:** February 15, 2009 (This deadline is not negotiable.)  
**General Registration Deadline:** March 3, 2009

\*Due to the financial constraints that many of us are experiencing, the AGA – Boston Chapter has instituted price reductions for the 2009 Regional PDC. The member price has been discounted to \$50. And, we have implemented an “Early Bird Registration” that reduces the price for non-members to \$100 for registrations received by February 15, 2009.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the seating limitations, sign-up for specific sessions will be on a first come/first served basis. Using the Track Numbers, please indicate your preferred morning and afternoon sessions. Also indicate a second choice for both sessions, in case your preferred choice is full.

Individual Attending	Morning Preference	Morning Second Choice	Afternoon Preference	Afternoon Second Choice	Amount Enclosed	Amount To Be Billed
AGA Membership Number _____ (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 6		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 7		
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To Register: (A) Online: [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)

(B) Mail: Julia P. Burns, CGFM  
 Office of the Comptroller  
 1 Ashburton Place, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Boston, MA 02108  
 Phone: 617-973-2452  
 Fax: 617-727-2163  
 e-Mail: [Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us](mailto:Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us)

Make checks payable to AGA – Boston Chapter  
 Fed Id # 04-2625265  
 and send to Kelly Lanier  
 MA Dept. of Elementary and  
 Secondary Education  
 75 Pleasant Street  
 Malden, MA 02148

Agency Vouchers and Training Forms will be accepted for billing. Please enclose this form with your registration.

**MEMBER REGISTRATION POLICY:** Members must provide their AGA membership number when registering for the RPDC to receive the Member Price of \$50.

**“EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION” POLICY:** Non-members who register by February 15, 2009 will receive a discounted “Early Bird Registration” of \$100. This deadline is not negotiable.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations received up to March 3, 2009 are fully refundable. Substitutions can be made at any time up until the day of the conference. Individuals who do not cancel on or before March 3, 2009 are not eligible for a refund. No-shows will be individually responsible for full payment.

**NOTE:** In case of inclement weather conditions, contact Bentley University at (781) 891-2020 for an updated, recorded message regarding campus closing.



**Association of Government Accountants – Boston Chapter  
Regional Professional Development Conference  
March 10, 2009  
Preliminary Program**

Track	Description	Presenter(s)
Keynote	TBD	Sam Mok, CGFM, AGA National President
1	TBD	Ernest A. Almonte, CPA, CGFM, RI Auditor General
2	GASB Update	Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council Member
3	Ethics	Bobby Derrick (invited)
4	Putting and Keeping Professional Relationships on Track	Robert A. Carnegie, MBA
5	State Treasurer Panel – <i>Current Topics for State Treasurers</i>	Beth Pearce, VT Treasurer's Office; James MacDonald, MA Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General (invited); and RI Office of the State Treasurer (invited)
Keynote	TBD	TBD
6	The Cost of Security and Prevention vs. the Cost of Catastrophe	Michael Dinning, Executive Director of Business Development, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Volpe Center; Paul MacMillan, MBTA Transit Police Chief; and U.S. Coast Guard (invited)
7	Accounting Standards Boards – <i>GASB, FASB and IASB</i>	Eric Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Matthew Jaques, Security and Exchange Commission, Boston Office; and Joseph Valchuis, CFE, MA Office of the State Auditor
8	Food and Nutrition Decisions for a Healthier and Longer Life – This two-part presentation will discuss our changing taste for food and what it might mean for us as we age.	Joseph M. Carlin, Nutritionist, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging
9	TBD	Robert A. Carnegie, MBA
10	Closing the Loop – Control Evidence / Audit Evidence	John Beveridge, Deputy State Auditor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts





## ***Boston Chapter Education Recap***

### **Internal Controls: Tools for Fraud Identification in Today's Fiscal Environment**

We were extremely pleased to have national speaker John McKeever as our featured presenter for the day. John spoke on Internal Controls and Fraud and how it currently relates to Sarbanes Oxley, COSO, Bailouts and current regulations.

John has always been a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and has been a highlight on our training calendar in the past.

Seven CPE's were awarded for a full day of Internal Controls and Fraud training.. This was our first session of the new calendar year and the first session with our reduced member pricing.

## **Community Service News**

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project to collect travel size toiletry items that will be donated to a local charity. Please bring donations to any of our upcoming chapter events. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance on this project.



## **Job Shadow Day 2009!**

On Monday, February 2, 2009 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" will celebrate the 11th Annual Job Shadow Day!

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

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

A number of our members stated that their offices will participate this year.

## **The Dallas AGA 2009 PDC**

### ***"The Impact of Accountability: Challenges Affecting Government"***

When: Thursday and Friday  
April 23-24, 2009

Where: Renaissance Dallas  
Richardson Hotel  
900 East Lookout Drive  
Richardson, TX 75082

CPE: 16 Hours

Cost:	<b>2-Day</b>	<b>1-Day</b>
AGA Member	\$295	\$185
Non-Member	\$365	\$255
Retiree	\$195	\$125

Registration:

Online registration: Go to [www.regonline.com/aga](http://www.regonline.com/aga)  
(Credit Card Payment Only)

Mail-In/Fax: Complete the registration form and send it to:

Dallas Chapter—AGA  
ATTN: Erica Estrada  
1301 Young Street, Suite A938  
Dallas, Texas 75202  
FAX: 214-767-1350

Deadline for Registration is COB,  
Friday April 17, 2009

### **Confirmed Speakers**

**Sam Mok**, National President, AGA  
**Gene Dodaro**, U.S. Comptroller General, GAO  
**Steve Fields**, President NGA  
**Terry Hammond**, Executive Director, NGA  
**Sharon Ormsby**, Section Chief of Financial Crimes,  
 FBI  
**Greg Pellegrino**, Global Managing Director, Deloitte  
 & Touche Public Sector,  
**Brian Sontag**, State Auditor, Washington State  
**Stephen Morgan**, City Auditor, Austin City Auditor's  
 Office  
**Nancy Valley**, Partner, KMPG

## Calendar of Events Program Year 2008 - 2009

**September 10, 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 & Ethics  
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA  
7 CPEs**

**November 12, 2008**

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

**November 20, 2008**

**Fall Workshop - Auditing in a  
Hostile Environment  
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA  
4 CPEs**

**December 4, 2008**

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

**January 15, 2009**

**Winter Seminar - Internal Controls: Tools for Fraud  
Identification in Today's Fiscal Environment  
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA  
7 CPEs**

**February 11, 2009**

**Audio Conference - Unethical Conduct & Fraud  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**March 10, 2009**

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

**April 8, 2009**

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

**April 16, 2009**

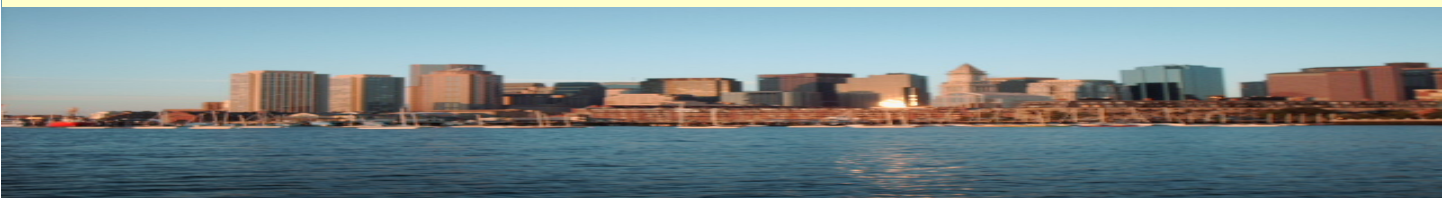
**Spring Workshop  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs**

**May 13, 2009**

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

**June 19 2009**

**Chapter End of Year  
Appreciation Dinner  
Boston Museum of Science  
Boston, MA**



### FY 2009 GEORGE E. BRADY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

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.

**Background:** The late George E. Brady was a member of AGA from 1957 until 1996. He served as the Boston Chapter President of AGA (1964-1965). He was the first person to have government service recognized as public accounting experience by the licensing board. George retired in June 1973 as Chief of the Boston Branch Office, Contract Audit Division, Auditor General, USAF after 31 years of government service.

**Eligibility:**

Applicant must be an AGA Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member (spouse or dependent child).

Applicant must be enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

**Award Criteria:** Recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, reference letter, and writing ability.

**Application Submission:** To apply for this scholarship, please complete the application and submit via e-mail submit via e-mail: ([wmuench@dcaa.mil](mailto:wmuench@dcaa.mil)) or mail for receipt by no later than April 24, 2009 to:

AGA - BOSTON CHAPTER FY 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS  
C/O WILLIAM A. MUENCH  
10 JORDAN ROAD  
HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01748-2650

**Award Date:** The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at our year-end Annual Appreciation Dinner, June 19, 2009. The recipient will be notified by May 15, 2009.

**Questions:** Please contact Bill Muench at 978-796-3637, E-mail: [wmuench@dcaa.mil](mailto:wmuench@dcaa.mil).

### FY 2009 WALTER FRESE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

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.

**Background:** The late Walter Frese was one of the original 59 Charter Members and one of the original nine Directors to serve on the National Board of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). Mr. Frese was the second National President of the organization, serving from 1951 to 1952. Mr. Frese's career included the United States Department of the Treasury, the United States General Accounting Office, and the Harvard School of Business.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must have been accepted into or must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate/graduate student in a program relating to financial management. This will include (but not necessarily be limited to) majors in accounting, business administration, finance, information technology, and economics. In addition, graduate student applicants are considered eligible as long as the applicant is currently working in a government accounting/auditing/finance position.

**Award Criteria:** Recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, reference letter, writing ability, and an expressed interest in the field of government accounting, auditing or financial management.

**Application Submission:** To apply for this scholarship, please complete the application and submit via e-mail submit via e-mail: ([wmuench@dcaa.mil](mailto:wmuench@dcaa.mil)) or mail for receipt by no later than April 24, 2009 to:

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**Questions:** Please contact Bill Muench at 978-796-3637, E-mail: [wmuench@dcaa.mil](mailto:wmuench@dcaa.mil).

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



**Joseph McCann**  
Mass Turnpike Auth

**Leann Travers**  
Allocation Solutions LLC

**Judith Reilly**  
US HHS OIG

**Martin Benison, CGFM** was a featured speaker on an AGA radio show covering the topic of Intergovernmental Cooperation.

**Charles McCarthy** has accepted a position as a Supervising Auditor with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 239 Active Members
- 18 New Members
- 0 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 27 Suspended Members

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

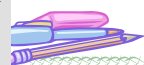
- Rachel D. Trant ..... 2
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM... .. 2
- Joseph Valchuis.....2
- Howard Olsher, CGFM ..... 2
- Kathleen Cushing, CGFM ..... 2
- Joanne St. Pierre ..... 1
- Judy Blodgett..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM.....1
- Barry Russell.....1
- Francis McCarthy.....1

### From the Editor...

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

Please forward submissions for the next issue of *Boston's Beacon* to [dleblanc@doe.mass.edu](mailto:dleblanc@doe.mass.edu).

Thanks!



### SUDOKU

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### Chapter Recognition Program

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Boston Chapter credits as of January 31, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,125	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	4,675	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	3,425	3,425	86%
Communications	3,000	7,696	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,650	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	800	800	40%
Community Service	2,000	9,125	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>39,496</b>	<b>20,255</b>	<b>92%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet January 31, 2009

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 3,584
Savings Account	12,237
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,606</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$29,427</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,750</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$33,177</u></b>

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>33,177</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$33,177</u></b>



### 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](mailto:Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us)

### SUDOKU ANSWER

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7	9	6	1	8	5	3	4	2
5	1	2	3	4	6	7	9	8
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### Salvatore P. Luciano

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of one of our veteran members, Salvatore Luciano of Peabody, MA.

Mr. Luciano was a long time Boston AGA Chapter member since 1955, as evidenced by his holding national membership #37. In 2005, AGA National bestowed upon him a lifetime membership in recognition of over fifty consecutive years of service to AGA.

We offer our condolences to his family and close friends. He will be missed by the entire AGA community.

### February Quote

*"Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead, that is where your future lies."*

**Ann Landers**



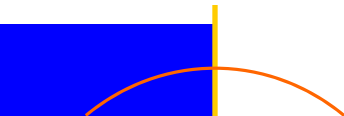
### TRIVIA QUESTION!

What famous author first coined the phrase "Nerd" in the 1950's?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

### Websites of Interest

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



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## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on January 13, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- The reports from the various committees were read and accepted.
- Secretary – Prior annual reports have been filed with the Secretary of State's Office.
- CGFM – We have 3 more potential candidates for the CGFM program. We are expecting that, once again, March will be designated as CGFM month by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Outreach has been done to Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.
- Planning – The Boston Room at the Federal Reserve Bank as been booked for the April 16<sup>th</sup> half day workshop.
- Community Service – We are planning a toiletries drive at Bentley for the Ronald McDonald house.
- Scholarships and Awards – Applications for this year's scholarships have been forwarded to the webmaster.
- "Go Green" Initiative – Discussions were held on ways that the chapter can become environmentally conscious regarding handouts for training participants. In the future, presentations will be posted to the website so that participants can print them out and bring them to the conference. In this way, we will be environmentally friendly and cost conscious. Many other organizations are doing the same.
- Nominating Committee – A nominating committee has been formed to prepare a slate of officers for election at Bentley.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.



**Trivia Answer**

**Dr. Seuss**



## Just a Thought

Never run out of altitude, air speed and ideas at one time.

Digital Wisdom: Affirm brain on-line before opening mouth.com.

There is a technical meteorological term for a sunny, warm day which follows two rainy days. It's called a "Monday".

A babysitter is a teenager acting like an adult while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. At times it bears a very close resemblance to the first.



"THE COMPUTER SAYS I NEED TO UPGRADE MY BRAIN TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH IT'S NEW SOFTWARE."

## News from National

### Call for National Awards Nominations

Who do you know that deserves special recognition for contributions to our field? Please help us acknowledge financial professionals at the federal, state and local level and private sector who are leading the way. (You might even consider nominating yourself.) Note that nominees do not have to be AGA members.

The federal leadership awards include the Distinguished Federal Leadership Award, the Elmer Staats Award and the Andy Barr Award. The state and local leadership awards are the Excellence in Government Leadership Award, the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award, the Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award, and the Private Sector Financial Excellence Award.

These awards will be presented at AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference, set for **Feb. 19–20, 2009** in Washington, D.C. Submit your nominations today. Contact Michiyo Wheeler or 703.684.6931, ext. 321, with questions.

### Third Annual National Community Service Project Set for April 27- May 1, 2009

Community service and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of what AGA is about. The dates for our Third Annual National Community Service project are April 27-May 1, 2009, again sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festivals. We will seek lodging in the beautiful, new University of New Orleans dormitory (two-bedroom, furnished apartments) with a rate of only about \$20 per night, per person.

Due to popular demand, we have created a second opportunity next year to experience what it's like to work with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans. Since AGA's National PDC is in New Orleans June 21-24, 2009, we will also have a one-day community service event with Habitat on Thursday, June 25, the day after the PDC ends. For this event, we will seek to extend AGA's special hotel rate to include this extra night. We hope you will pencil in these dates on your calendar and join us for some of the fun!

### AGA Announces Four New Courses

Four new AGA-sponsored courses are designed to help financial managers and auditors add value to government performance. The courses are presented in cooperation with The Auditor Roles in Performance Measurement Project Team of The Institute of Internal Auditors, which developed the courses under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. These courses can be customized to an organization's needs, to immerse participants in high-value audit skills and to provide additional ways to apply them. The four courses include:

*A New Service Model: Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement*

*Assessing the Reliability and Relevance of Performance Information*

*Assessing the Quality of Performance Information and Performance Reports*

*Auditing Performance Management Systems*

Read more details about these and other AGA-sponsored training courses at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org), or contact AGA Director of Education Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307.

### Finalists Announced for AGA Government Finance Case Challenge

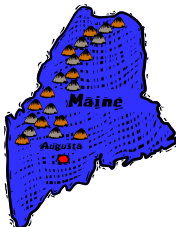
AGA would like to congratulate the **University of North Carolina at Pembroke** and the **University of Nebraska at Omaha**. Both have been named as the finalist teams in AGA's Second Government Finance Case Challenge.

Both teams will join AGA at our upcoming National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington, D.C. Feb. 19-20, 2009. Each team will offer a 20-minute presentation about their case response. This year's case asked our 17 entrants to design a Citizen-Centric Report for a city in North Carolina. Follow the results of the competition.

## 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/](http://www.gwi.net/~aga/)

### The Maine Chapter has an upcoming Training meeting scheduled.

On **February 10, 2009**, Wayne Jortner will be discussing the Role of Public Advocate's Office

For more information, contact Suzanne Hammer at 623-6747 or email at [suzanne.hammer@maine.gov](mailto:suzanne.hammer@maine.gov)

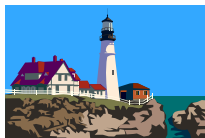
### News:

Jenny Boyden has been nominated to become the next AGA Regional Vice President Elect for New England.



### Aroostook County Chapter

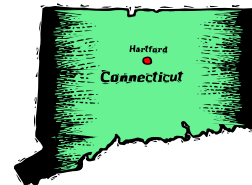
The Aroostook County's next major chapter event is scheduled for February,



They're calling it a "**Membership Mardi-Gras**"!!!! It is planned as 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](http://www.agahartford.org)

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

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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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