

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

Feb 2, 2010
Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



March 9, 2010
Regional Professional
Developmental Conf.
Bentley University
Waltham, MA



National

Feb 18 & 19 2010
AGA National
Leadership
Conference
Washington, DC



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



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President's Message



Let me take this opportunity to again wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I hope that the New Year will include interesting challenges and opportunities to grow and help others. I want to remind everyone that AGA recognizes this month as "early career month." The opportunities for early career professionals have never been better for a challenging and rewarding career in government financial management. Did you know that 44 percent of all federal workers would become eligible to retire over the next five years? Or that in more than half the states, one in five employees will be retiring over the same time period? These statistics indicate that governments more than ever are in need of sharp financial minds, and not only for traditional audit and accounting functions. Early career members are recognized more and more for their abilities including helping managers operate complex programs and transforming government processes through technology.

The Boston Chapter will continue to provide quality training necessary including our biggest training event of the year, the Regional Professional Development Conference (RDPC). We have set aside March 9, 2010 for this special event which is again being held at Bentley University in Waltham MA. I always look forward to this conference because of the diversity of topics, networking opportunities and a chance to meet and greet fellow financial professionals. Each year the Boston Chapter strives to improve and enhance the RDPC and this year is no exception. We will be offering 8 quality CPE's along with lunch, coffee and refreshments. I want to personally thank the education and executive committee for their time, effort and energy in planning this event. Without them this event would not be possible.

I want to recognize the efforts of the community service committee. The committee is continuing its going green initiative and will be collecting travel size toiletries items for local charities, as well as used eyeglasses and cell phones for soldiers. Please be sure to look for the "going green" box at the registration table at the RDPC. The committee is also working on efforts to assist those devastated by the Haiti Earthquake. My opening paragraph mentioned the act of helping others, and Haiti is certainly a reason for helping others. My heart goes out to all those affected by this terrible catastrophic situation.

Joe Valchuis

Save the Date!

Regional Professional Developmental Conf. at Bentley
University in Waltham, MA

To register, please contact Julie Burns, CGFM at
Julia.Burns@state.ma.us or via phone at 617-973-2452





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

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Location: Bentley University, Waltham, MA
Cost: Member General – \$75; “Early Bird Paid Registration” – \$65; “Group Registration” – \$65
 Non-member General – \$130; “Early Bird Paid Registration” – \$115; “Group Registration” – \$115
CPE: 8 CPE Hours
 “Early Bird” and “Group”
Registration Deadline: February 16, 2010 (This deadline is not negotiable.)
General Registration Deadline: March 3, 2010

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		
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To Register: (A) Online: www.aga-boston-chapter.org
 (B) Mail: Julia P. Burns, CGFM
 Office of the Comptroller
 1 Ashburton Place, 9th Floor
 Boston, MA 02108
 Phone: 617-973-2452
 e-Mail: Julia.Burns@state.ma.us
 (C) Credit Card: Contact Charles McCarthy at 781-338-6508

Make checks payable to AGA – Boston Chapter
 Fed Id # 04-2625265
 and send to Charles McCarthy
 MA Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education
 75 Pleasant Street
 Malden, MA 02148-5106
 Phone: 781-338-6508
 e-Mail: cmccarthy@doe.mass.edu

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 \$75.

“EARLY BIRD and GROUP REGISTRATION” POLICY: Those who register and pay by February 16, 2010 will receive an “Early Bird” discount of Members \$10, Non Members \$15. This deadline is not negotiable. Groups of 15 or more registered at the same time will receive a “Group” discount of \$10 per Member and \$15 per Non Member. Early Bird and Group Discounts can not be combined.

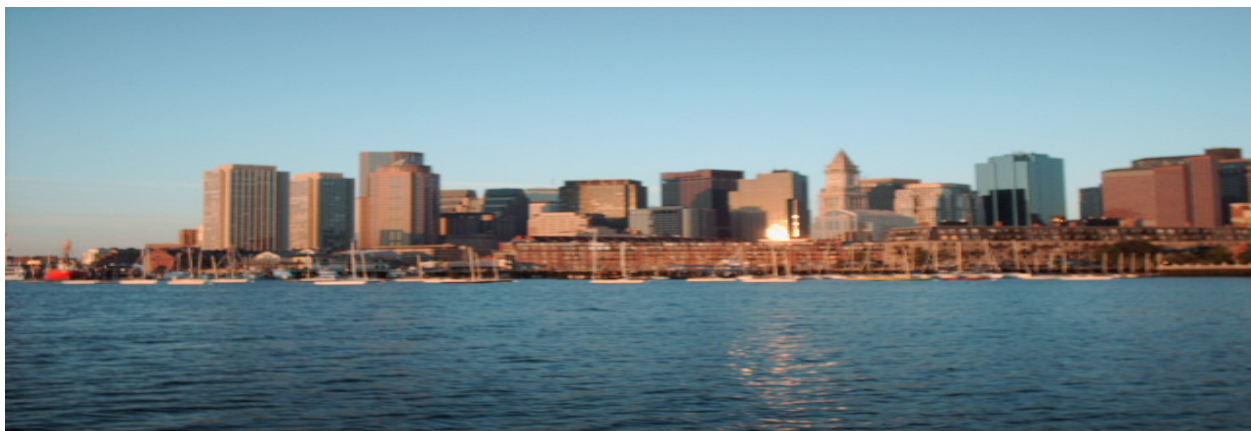
CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received up to March 3, 2010 are fully refundable. Substitutions can be made at any time up until the day of the conference. Individuals who do not cancel on or before March 3, 2010 are not eligible for a refund. No-shows will be individually responsible for full payment.



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

Track	Description	Presenter(s)
Keynote	AGA National Issues	William A. Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, CPM, AGA National President and Chair of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems and Finance; Assistant Professor, Delta State University Relmond P. Van Danilker, DBA, CPA, AGA Executive Director
1	Ethics	William A. Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, CPM, AGA National President and Chair of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems and Finance; Assistant Professor, Delta State University
2	Social Engineering	Darren Donovan, KPMG
3	The Impact of Federal Stimulus Funds on State and Local Governments	Shawn Warren, KPMG
4	Mortgage Fraud	William Rose, FBI Task Force
5	Emergency Preparedness	Suzanne Condon, DPH
Keynote	The Middlesex District Attorney's Office	Gerry Leone, Middlesex District Attorney
6	IT Auditing	John Beveridge, Deputy State Auditor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
7	Talent Management / High Performing Workforce	Paul Dietl, MA Chief Personnel Administrator
8	GASB Update	Eric S. Berman, CPA, MA Deputy Comptroller
9	Fraud Risk Assessment	Scott Graham, Deloitte & Touche
10	Auditing in a Hostile Environment	Ronald Meldonian, Regional Director, DCAA and Daniel Bonnette, Deloitte & Touche

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



Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Full Day Seminar

“IT Security Management”

The AGA – Boston Chapter was pleased to host a seminar on *“IT Security Management”* that was held at the JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

This seminar had discussions on a number of issues relating to IT Security and Cybercrime including data theft, mainframe security and security of personal electronics such as PDA, cell phones and Blackberries.

The presenters were Fred Howell of the Bose Corp, John Beveridge of the Mass. State Auditors Office, Stuart Lecky of the Mass Information Technology Division and the AGO Cybercrime Division.

Six (7) CPE's were awarded for this full day of training.

Annual Membership Renewals

Renewal time is here! Online renewals are available. We encourage you to help AGA **GO GREEN** and reduce our carbon footprint by renewing online. You should receive an electronic invoice on Thursday, January 14, 2010. We encourage all members to use this quick and easy online renewal method.

How to Renew Online: Access the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org. Click on 'Members Login' on the right top corner of the screen. Login using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name—no spaces), click on the gray 'billing' button above your name. All you have to do is input your credit card information and hit 'Submit.' The transaction will automatically process via our secure server and the renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in-house membership system. While you are logged into the Members Only section, be sure to take a look at your contact information and make any updates as necessary (especially your e-mail address). If you have difficulties with or have forgotten your password you may [reset it online](#).

Charles R. Melchin

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of Charles R. (Charlie) Melchin, CGFM, of Abington, MA, a member of AGA's Boston Chapter since 1988.



Charlie had retired from the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office after many years of service. Prior to that he was the audit manager for the Massachusetts Department of Education. Charlie was also a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, and graduated from Boston College class of 1957.

Charlie held many positions within the Boston Chapter including having served with distinction as Chapter President in 1990 - 1991. Even after his retirement he frequented a vast number of chapter trainings and events.

Charlie was the husband of Marie (Miller) Melchin for 51 years. He was the father of three daughters Mary Lysakowski of Ware, Maureen Tomlin of Abington and Carol Mullen of Abington and of one son, Paul Melchin of Georgetown.

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

Active CGFMs to be Published on AGA's Website

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 CGFM's 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.



Calendar of Events Program Year 2009 - 2010

August 12, 2009

**Audio Conference - Stimulus Spending Controls
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

September 1, 2009

**Audio Conference - Grants Management
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

September 2, 2009

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

September 24, 2009

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

October 7, 2009

**Audio Conference - Internal Controls for Auditors
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

October 22, 2009

**Fall Seminar - ARRA Reporting: Is it Working?
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs**

December 3, 2009

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

December 16, 2009

**Audio Conference - Trends in Occupational Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

January 21, 2010

**Winter Seminar - IT Security Management
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
6 CPEs**

March 9, 2010

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

April 15, 2010

**Spring Seminar - Co Sponsored with New
England Intergovernmental Audit Forum
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs**

May 19, 2010

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

June 2010

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
TBD**

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.

FY 2010 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) or mail for receipt by no later than April 16, 2010 to:

AGA - BOSTON CHAPTER FY 2010
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, in June 2010. The recipient will be notified by May 7, 2010.

Questions: Please contact Bill Muench at 978-796-3637, E-mail: wmuench@dcaa.mil.

FY 2010 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) or mail for receipt by no later than April 16, 2010 to:

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Job Shadow Day 2010!

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" will celebrate the 12th 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.

Community Service Committee Accepting Donations at Bentley 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 will be collecting used eyeglasses, and old cell phones at Bentley University on March 9, 2010. Look for our "Go Green" Box at or near the registration desk. 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 in advance for your assistance on this project.

The Community Service Committee is also collecting donations for the Quincy Animal Shelter. This is a 100% volunteer run "no kill" shelter. At the RPDC at Bentley University a box will be available near the registration table where we will be accepting cat and dog food and related supplies. Please visit their web sit at <http://www.quincyanimalshelter.org/> for more details. Thank you again in advance for your generosity.

Social Networking

AGA is trying to get as many members as possible to connect with us on [LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=1049477&trk=anet_ug_hm) (http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=1049477&trk=anet_ug_hm), [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandria-VA/Association-of-Government-Accountants/59915723319#/pages/Alexandria-VA/Association-of-Government-Accountants/59915723319?v=wall) (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandria-VA/Association-of-Government-Accountants/59915723319#/pages/Alexandria-VA/Association-of-Government-Accountants/59915723319?v=wall>) and [Twitter](#).

We are looking to build our national presence on these sites.

Please join us and post comments, share pictures, share testimonies and get updates on events. In the future AGA will be awarding incentives for members who participate online.



Let AGA Transport You to New Horizons in Networking

Did you know that you and your chapter can stay connected with AGA through Facebook? With AGA members of all career levels and backgrounds embracing the growing trend of online networking, AGA is increasing its presence on sites like Facebook.

[The AGA page on Facebook](#) keeps its subscriber base current with a feed of recent financial management news, upcoming events and articles, plus photos and announcements.

Facebook is one of the premier networking sites on the Web, allowing users to join networks organized by city, workplace, interests and region to connect and interact with other people. As the New Year approaches we look to new ways to engage members. As leaders in the AGA community, we encourage you to become a fan of AGA on Facebook today. With your support, we hope to grow AGA's Facebook fan page to well over 1,000 members in 2010.

So, get online today to check out AGA on Facebook to see what's new at your professional Association. Get exclusive content, find friends, view photos and much more!

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 the editor dleblanc@doe.mass.edu. Thanks!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

243 Active Members

12 New Members

25 Suspended Members

Membership Sponsors

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



Did You Know?

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

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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 January 31, 2010 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,050	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,275	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	3,800	3,800	95%
Communications	3,000	7,556	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,550	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	750	750	38%
Community Service	2,000	4,425	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	34,956	20,550	93%

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

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$10,666
Savings Account	9,964
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>
Total Cash	\$20,763
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 1,360</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$22,123</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>22,123</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$22,123</u>

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@state.ma.us.

Cool Things about a Car that goes faster than the speed of light

- Sleep till noon; still get to work by 8:00 AM
- Lunch break in Paris
- Boston to Las Vegas in 2 nanoseconds
- That deer in your headlights is actually behind you.
- License Plate: Me = mc2

SUDOKU ANSWER

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

January Quote

"A word to the wise ain't necessary. It's the stupid ones that need the advice."

Bill Cosby



TRIVIA QUESTION!

To whom did Mahatma Gandhi write for advice on diet and exercise?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA www.massaspa.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) www.cfenet.com
- Association of Certified Fraud Specialists (CFS) www.acfsnet.org
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter www.agaarostookcounty.org
- AGA Boston Chapter www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Hartford Chapter www.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter www.gwi.net/~aga/
- 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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Comments should be forwarded to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.

CEC Meeting Highlights



The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on January 5, 2010. The following items were discussed:

- The Education Committee discussed its planning for the upcoming year, highlighting the full day seminar planned for January at the JFK Federal Building.
- The majority of sessions were finalized for the Regional Professional Developmental Conference at Bentley University in March. Discussions are still in play regarding the pricing structure to be applied.
- Voted to co-sponsor the Spring Seminar in April with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum. Agreed that the Forum would coordinate all speaker facilitation and the Chapter will be handling registrations and physical logistics. Both organizations will advertize the session. All expenses and revenues will be shared equally.
- Discussions were held regarding the number of sessions that the chapter holds during the year.
- CGFM Coordinator reports were presented and received.
- The nominating committee started work to prepare a slate of officers for the 2010 - 2011 program year.
- Treasurer's and membership reports were presented and received.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

Trivia Answer

Strongman
Charles Atlas.



The Certified Government Financial Manager

Take the CGFM Examinations After the National Leadership Conference

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 22, 2010 and Tuesday, February 23, 2010 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on February 24-25, 2010. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours.

Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website.

The CGFM Exam

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- Examination 1: Governmental Environment
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

Each of the three separate examinations is structured to require a candidate to demonstrate primarily a general familiarity, understanding and appreciation of the subject area. However, portions of each examination, particularly Examination 2, requires a more detailed knowledge of specific techniques, standards, procedures and practices unique to either the federal government or state and local governments.

News from National

AGA's First Early Career Month

To help AGA prepare for the future, we must nurture the next generation of leaders and workers capable of managing the challenges ahead. With many government employees nearing retirement, a large number of opportunities are opening for emerging leaders. This is precisely why we are dedicating the month of February to Early Career members.

AGA's Early Career membership category is a great opportunity for learning, networking and growth within the field of financial management for those who are in the early stages of their career. Early Career members represent the diversity of the field including a wide array of individual and organizational demographics.

Tell the rising stars within your place of employment about the benefits of joining AGA. You can demonstrate your support of future leaders by inviting them to attend chapter functions or by joining AGA today. For more information go to AGA's Tomorrow's Professionals page.

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.

Registration & Housing Now Open for AGA National Leadership Conference

Make plans now to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference (NLC), to be held **Feb. 18-19, 2010** in Washington, D.C.

Join us to hear from high-level government officials and industry leaders, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

Technical education sessions will focus on hot topics in government financial management and accountability, current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions and what the future holds. The NLC also features an exhibit hall showcasing the newest tools and innovations to help agencies do their jobs more easily and effectively.

In addition to an outstanding technical education program, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours, AGA's NLC is packed with opportunities to network, make professional connections and meet new friends.

Visit the AGA website for more information. Show your commitment to a more accountable future: register by fax or online today!

NLC Hotel Accommodations: AGA has reserved a block of rooms at the JW Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue to accommodate NLC attendees. The rate is \$207 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, rates are only guaranteed until Friday, Jan. 29, or until the room block is sold out.

Reservations received after Jan. 29, *or after the room block has been filled*, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly... we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability. To make a reservation, please call the JW Marriott at 800.393.2503 and mention you are attending the "AGA NLC" to receive the discounted rate.

News from National

Around the New England Region

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.

Two Universities Selected as Finalists for the AGA Government Finance Case Challenge

North Carolina State University and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville were selected as the finalist teams in AGA's Third Government Finance Case Challenge. We received entries from 23 universities. Each team constructed a four-page Citizen-Centric Report for a fictional U.S. city.

The finalist teams will attend AGA's National Leadership Conference, Feb. 18-19, 2010 in Washington, D.C. to offer a final presentation about their reports to a panel of judges.

AGA National Staff

Have you ever wondered who is on the other end of the line when you call the National Office?

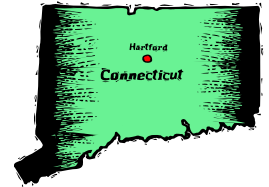
To find out, click on "Chapter Resources" in Members Only and then scroll to the bottom of the page under "National Office."

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



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.

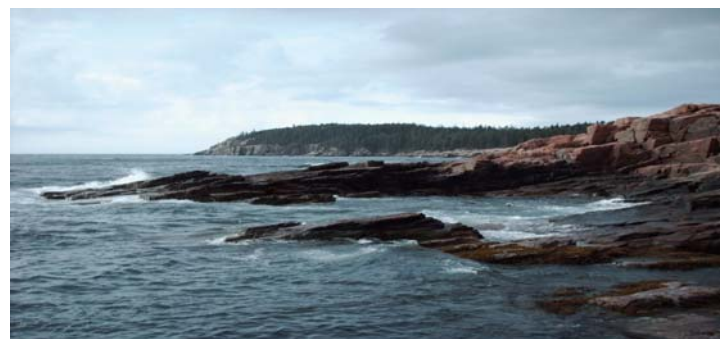
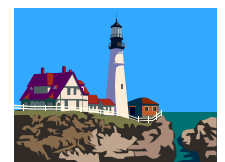
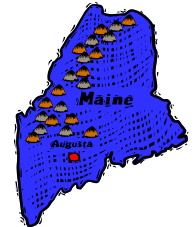
Educational trainings are scheduled for January along with participating in AGA National's Audio Conferences.

In December the Chapter conducted a community service event; The Adopt at-risk Youths - Holiday Gift Collection

Aroostook County Chapter

The Aroostook County Chapter recently held their 2nd Annual Joint ASMC/AGA Mini-PDI/PDC at the Loring Job Corps Banquet Facility.

Check their web site for upcoming events.





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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.

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