

## Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

### Local

#### February 6, 2008

Audio Conference  
Internal Controls  
Federal Reserve Bldg  
Boston, MA



#### February 14, 2008

Winter Workshop  
Homeland Security  
Issues  
Federal Reserve Bldg  
Boston, MA



### National

#### Feb. 21-22, 2008

National Leadership  
Conference  
Washington, DC



#### July 27-30, 2008

AGA National  
Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Atlanta, GA



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## President's Message

For the first time, the Chapter's Education Committee had to cancel one of our scheduled training events. Because of speaker conflicts, the Winter Seminar scheduled to be held at the Volpe Transportation Center was cancelled but we are working to add the subject matter to our Regional PDC at Bentley in March.

There are a number of holidays associated with the month of February:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Groundhog Day: According to tradition, the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, leaves his burrow where he has been hibernating to discover whether winter weather will continue. If the groundhog cannot see its shadow, it presumably remains above ground, ending its hibernation. But if its shadow is visible – that is, if the sun is shining, six more weeks of cold weather will follow, and the animal returns to its burrow. There is no scientific evidence for this belief, but we all look forward to the day to determine the outcome of winter.

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day: Valentine's Day, or Saint Valentine's Day is a holiday which commemorates Saint Valentine. It is the traditional day on which lovers express their feelings for each other by sending cards, donating to charity or gifting candy. It is also a common practice to present flowers on Valentine's Day. The Holiday is named after two early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer during the Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

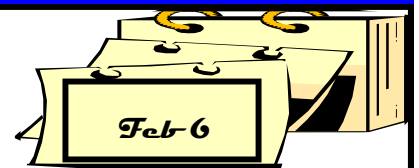
February 18<sup>th</sup> - President's Day: Originally celebrated as two separate holidays on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>, this holiday was combined to commemorate the birth of our first and sixteenth presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Washington, our first president was born on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and served as president from April 30, 1789 to March 4, 1797. Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, our 16<sup>th</sup> president, was born February 12<sup>th</sup> and was the first U.S. President to be assassinated while in office. The dates of these holidays were combined and changed to the third Monday in February creating a three-day weekend and is now popularly called President's Day.

The Education Committee has a busy February planned for the Chapter. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be an audio conference on Internal Controls from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Federal Reserve. Once again, the cost will be \$20 for non-members and free for AGA members. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, plans are to have a half-day workshop with speakers from the State Auditor's Office, DHS OIG, Coast Guard and Maritime Security Operations on subjects dealing with Homeland Security. The cost will be \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Breakfast will be available at this meeting, also scheduled at the Federal Reserve Building. Hope to see you there.

*Wallace Alan Franklin*

## Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Using Internal Controls.  
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 AGA Annual Awards – Brief Descriptions***

### **AGENCY CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD**

**Purpose:** To recognize an agency that has made significant contributions to AGA

**Eligibility:** All agencies who have exhibited support for AGA

**Criteria:** The award is given for outstanding support provided by an agency to the Local Chapter and or National AGA. Eligible agencies will have consistently made important contributions in support of the development and enhancement of AGA.

2007 winner - Massachusetts Department of Education

### **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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

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

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

2007 winner –Ronald Twing & Peter Bates, Mass State Auditor’s Office

### **MEL PARTOL MEMORIAL AWARD**

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

**Eligibility:** Any AGA member of the Boston Chapter.

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

2007 winner –David A. LeBlanc, CGFM Massachusetts Department of Education

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

**Purpose:** To annually recognize an AGA – Boston Chapter member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to volunteer community service by participating in a volunteer community service project or projects.

**Eligibility:** Current AGA – Boston Chapter member.

**Criteria:** Superior and dedicated volunteer community service will be considered on a broad basis of acts, achievements or service.

2007 winner – Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, US HHS OIG

### **CHAPTER EDUCATOR AWARD**

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

**Eligibility:** Current AGA – Boston Chapter member.

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

2007 winner – Not Awarded

## ***Boston Chapter AGA Annual Scholarships***

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to offer one (1) **Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to offer one (1) **George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to an AGA – Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member that is enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

Applications are available at [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)

These scholarships will be presented at the Chapter’s annual awards dinner later this year.

## **Job Shadow Day 2008!**



On Friday, February 1, 2008 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" will celebrate the 10th 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.



## Certified Government Financial Manager

Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

More than 13,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand - the CGFM mark of excellence in your profession.

The Boston Chapter offers reimbursement scholarships to members that pass the exam on their first attempt.

Questions regarding the scholarships may be directed to :

Joseph Valchuis, CFE  
 Chapter Director of  
 Professional Certification  
 Phone: 617-727-0025  
 E-mail: joseph.valchuis@SAO.state.ma.us



## Upcoming Training Event



### Audio Conference

## Using Internal Controls to Improve Operations

**Date:** February 6, 2008

**Time:** Registration 1:30  
 Session 2:00 - 4:00

**Location:** Federal Reserve Building  
 Room AV-1  
 Boston, MA

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

**CPEs Offered:** 2

### Speaking will be:

Janet Hayes, MBA, CPM, CICA, Director of the Management Services and Nongovernmental Compliance Division, Office of the State Auditor, State of North Carolina;

Michael L. Piazza, MBA, CICA, Principal Associate and lead consultant of Professional Development Associates and Director of Program Development and Training for the Institute for Internal Controls;

Martha J. Stearns, Central Site Director, Cleveland Center, U.S. Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

**Registration information for this session is available on the newsletter cover page and on the Chapter website.**



Can you come out and play?



## Planned calendar of events Program Year 2007 - 2008



**August 8, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Performance Management  
& Reporting**  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-1  
2 CPEs

**September 20, 2007**

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - VA Fraud Case Study**  
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA  
1 CPE

**October 11, 2007**

**Fall Seminar - Investment, Lottery and  
Medicaid Fraud and Financial Crimes**  
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA  
7 CPEs

**November 8, 2007**

**Fall Workshop - Data Mining / Identity Fraud**  
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs

**November 14, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Tools for Performance  
Audit Efficiency**  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-1  
2 CPEs

**December 12, 2007**

**Audio Conference - Anatomy of Fraud**  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
Room AV-4  
2 CPEs

**December 13, 2007**

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

**January 17, 2008**

**Winter Seminar Credit Card Fraud/ Computer  
Forensics**  
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA  
7 CPEs

**February 6, 2008**

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

**February 14, 2008**

**Winter Workshop - Homeland Security Issues**  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs

**March 5, 2008**

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

**March 11, 2008**

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

**April, 10, 2008**

**Spring Workshop— Immigration / Customs  
Enforcement**  
TBD  
4 CPEs

**May 7, 2008**

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

**May 2008**

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

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



**Charles McCarthy**  
Massachusetts Dept.  
of Early Education

**Paul Rigby**  
Salem State College

### Go for Growth!

#### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 243 Active Members
- 18 New Members
- 1 Member Transferred In
- 2 Members Transferred Out
- 17 Suspended Members

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### 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!



The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2006:

- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM ..... 3
- Joseph Valchuis.... 2
- Howard Olsher, CGFM.....1
- Susan Perna-Damon, CGFM ..... 1
- John Piccuch..... 1
- Patricia Raymond ..... 1
- Kathleen Cushing ..... 1

### Member News

**Tina (Mele) Castelli** was married on January 1, 2008. What a way to start the new year! All of the members of the Boston Chapter offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes.

### 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, 2008 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,175	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	3,400	3,400	85%
Certification	4,000	3,125	3,125	78%
Communications	3,000	7,316	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	5,200	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	900	900	45%
Community Service	2,000	3,450	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,500	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>31,066</b>	<b>19,425</b>	<b>88%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet January 31, 2008

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 3,158
Savings Account	26,183
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,391</u>

Total Cash \$42,732

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 0

Total Assets \$42,732

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Refunds Payable	\$ 120
Current Fund Balance	<u>42,612</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$42,732

### Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event? Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database? Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Vice President of Education — Julia Burns, CGFM, She can receive e-mails at [Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us](mailto:Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us)



## There ought to be a law against ..... in New England

*In New Hampshire it is illegal to pick seaweed up off of the beach.*

*In Rhode Island any marriage where either of the parties is an idiot or lunatic is null and void.*

*In Barre, VT all residents shall bathe every Saturday night.*

*In Hartford, you aren't allowed to cross a street while walking on your hands.*

*In Maine, after January 14th you will be charged a fine for having your Christmas decorations still up. (I wish this were the case for some of my neighbors come St Patrick's Day.)*

*In Massachusetts, a person may not cross state lines with a duck atop his head. (So as long as you stay within state boundaries, you're OK?)*

### January Quote

"People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, But people will never forget how you made them feel"

*Anon*



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

*Play Doh was first invented for what purpose?*

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 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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## News from National



### AGA's Education Department Announces New Single Audit Course

Many entities have questioned the quality of Single Audits that are conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. In June 2007, the Audit Committee of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency issued a report to OMB on the results of its National Single Audit Sampling Project. After reviewing a statistical sample of 208 Single Audits, they found that more than half the reports were either unacceptable or "of limited reliability."

AGA is offering a two-day course that focuses on the needed areas of improvement identified by the project. *Single Audits (A-133): Bridging the Expectation Gap* will cover many concerns about Single Audits, internal controls, federal crosscutting requirements and specific program requirements. Bring this course, which can be customized to meet your needs, to your local organization by calling Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307.



### 2008 National Leadership Conference

Make plans to attend the Sixth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) Feb. 21 – 22, 2008 in Washington, D.C. This year's theme, "Dynamic Leadership for Changing Times," will explore the ever-changing field of government financial management.

Staying up to date on new regulations, while maintaining a clear vision of government transformation, can be accomplished through the best training.



### Governing Focuses on Using Performance Measures to Improve Efficiency

Two articles in *Governing* magazine about performance reporting are worth reading. The first, by **Shelley Metzenbaum**, talks about how agencies can improve effectiveness and efficiency using performance measurement by exploring the possibilities afforded by problem counting and characterization. Her article is titled, [Count Your Blessings? Sure, But Count Your Problems Too.](#)

A second article by **Jonathan Walters**, [Data on the Beat](#), focuses on how the Chicago Police Department uses an extensive database to gather, store, cross-reference and retrieve massive amounts of information on crime and criminals. Walters, a staff correspondent for *Governing*, introduced his new book, *Measuring Up 2.0*, at the PMC.

### AGA Partners with the Council for Excellence in Government

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and the Council for Excellence in Government (CEG) are pleased to announce the initiation of a new partnership to develop a financial management career track with the CEG's 'Excellence in Government Fellows Program'. Through the new partnership, AGA and CEG will work to design and implement a financial management career track within the *Fellows* program. The new track will include specific financial management-related education courses and specialized team projects, benchmarking and coaching.

If you would like more information on this joint program, please contact [Joe Jozefczyk](#), AGA Director of Education, or Chris Wingo, Senior Director, Leadership and Performance Partnerships, CEG, 202.728.0418.

## News from National



### AGA Past National President Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, Retires

Steadfast, determined, consummate professional, outstanding fiscal steward, and finally, "father." These were just some of the adjectives used by his colleagues and friends to describe AGA Past National President **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, CFE**, on the occasion of his retirement this month after 40 years of federal service.

Credited for being the "father" of AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program during his term as 1993-1994 AGA National President, he served as the first Professional Certification Board chairman, from 1994-1998, and continues as a board member today. He is also considered one of the fathers or principal architects behind the groundbreaking 1990 Chief Financial Officers Act.

After graduating from the College of William and Mary, Steinhoff began his federal career as an auditor with the Army Audit Agency. In 1973, he moved to the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO, now the Government Accountability Office) where he spent the remainder of his career, retiring as managing director for Financial Management and Assurance.



### 2008 PDC Hotel Now Accepting Reservations

It's time to look ahead to the 2008 PDC in Atlanta! Next year's conference will take place July 27 – 30 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis.

Everyone attending the conference will be housed in this hotel; AGA's room block is now open. Be sure to mention that you are attending the AGA PDC when making your reservation.

Once again, AGA will be offering two hotel scholarships to each AGA chapter.

### Chapter Challenge—Promote Government Accountability to the People and Earn Bonus Chapter Recognition Credits

AGA needs your help encouraging governments to produce and publish four-page Citizen-Centric Reports. The Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative has become one of AGA's hallmark programs. The reports, designed to be visually appealing, provide understandable information to citizens about the performance and financial condition of the government as well as demographics and future challenges. The reports answer the question, "Are we better off today than we were last year?"

So far, AGA has assisted Virginia Beach, VA; Portland, OR; the state of Oregon; Saco, ME; and Maricopa County, AZ, with pilot reports. In addition, the District of Columbia has completed a report using tools provided by AGA for guidance. Other governments are showing strong interest in the initiative.

*Tools Make It Easy* - AGA has developed a Content Guidelines Template outlining what information should be included on each page as well as a Design Guidelines Template outlining the physical layout of the report.

*Pilot Funding Available* - The Sloan Foundation also believes in this initiative and has awarded a grant to AGA to help fund additional government entities to produce citizen-centric reports. Please contact Susan Fritzlen for more information about the possibility of becoming a pilot.





## New England Regional News



The Maine Chapter of the National Association of Government Accountants serves government accounting professionals by providing quality education and fostering professional development and certification. Monthly meetings provide a chance for State of Maine and local government accounting employees to meet and network, and to discuss pertinent accounting and management issues.

2005 marked the 55th anniversary of the national AGA while the State of Maine Chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2007. The Maine Chapter has nearly 150 members as of November 2006 with several members holding professional certifications such as CGFM, CPA, CIA and CFE.

Monthly lunchtime meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May of each year, featuring keynote speakers discussing timely topics.

Throughout the year, Maine AGA members perform several community service events, and provide support to local children, veterans and homeless citizens.

Maine Chapter at [www.gwi.net/~aga/](http://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](http://www.agahartford.org)

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### New England Region Vice President Team

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### AGA Maine Chapter Chapter Meeting - Breakfast Meeting

Speaker: Paul Kando,  
Subject: Global Climate Change – What can we do about it?  
Date: February 12, 2008  
Location: Senator Inn, Augusta  
Price: \$13 members / \$15 non-members



## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on January 15, 2008. The following items were discussed:

- The Education Committee has confirmed the speakers, locations and subjects for the February and April training sessions.
- Final plans are being made for this year's Regional PDC in March.
- Flyers are being prepared and will be posted on our web site.
- The CEC committee discussed upcoming 2008-2009 Chapter Officers, Directors and committees.
- Final preparations are being made for our annual appreciation dinner this May.
- Brief discussions were held on promotional AGA Boston chapter duffle bags.
- The CGFM, Treasurer's and Membership reports were read and approved.
- Plans are underway for "CGFM Month". This year we are asking all New England States to participate.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2008.



## Trivia Answer

*To clean wallpaper*



## CGFM Exam Update

In 2007, AGA undertook a psychometric review and update of the three CGFM Examinations. To ensure that the examinations' content reflects the current industry practices, AGA conducted a full-scale Job Analysis Study of the role of the Certified Government Financial Manager. While the core of the examination content remained the same, the three examination content outlines were updated, refreshed and streamlined. The weight among the sub-content areas within each examination was adjusted, and the language of the content outlines was revised to provide additional depth and detail to support candidates preparing for the examinations.

The revised examination content outlines may be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMExamContentOutlines08.pdf>.

The Job Analysis process is described at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/jobevalstudy.aspx>.

The updated CGFM Examinations will be offered for the first time at the Intensive Review Course/CGFM Examinations event to take place before the Professional Development Conference in Atlanta on July 24-27, 2008. The updated examinations will be available in Prometric testing centers beginning on Aug. 15, 2008. CGFM Examinations taken prior to that date will follow the existing examinations content outline. (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/>).

AGA is in the process of revising the three CGFM Study Guides to reflect the updated examinations content outline. The updated study guides will be available in March.

If you have any questions about the examinations update, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 305.





# Membership Application

New Member  Check here if renewing

## I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.

male /  female

### Preferred Address

Name FIRST  LAST  MIDDLE

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

Home  Office Address

Business Phone  Business Fax

Home Phone

E-mail

### Second Address

Address  Apt/Suite#

City  State/Province

Zip/Mail Code  Country

## II. Business Information

Job Title  Dept.

Organization

### Employer: (Government):

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

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting  Budgeting  Financial Management  Management  Academia  
 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.

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