

## Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

### Local

#### Jan 5, 2010

Boston Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Meeting



#### Jan 21, 2010

Winter Seminar  
IT Security  
Management  
JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA



### National

#### February 2010

AGA National  
Leadership  
Conference  
Washington, DC



#### July 11 - 14, 2010

AGA Professional  
Developmental  
Conference  
Orlando, FL



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## President's Message



I am looking forward to the upcoming New Year with the Boston Chapter. I am honored to be part of an organization of members that performs their duties with the highest degree of professional care. Having been an active member of the Boston Chapter for more than 6 years, I have observed changes in government at the federal, state and local level. With change come new opportunities, challenges and the importance of keeping up with these changes especially new technologies. Keeping up with these changes requires continuing education, training and certification.

Technology has played an important part of governmental transparency and accountability. The Boston Chapter continues to provide government financial managers with the latest technological information on preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse. Last month the Boston chapter hosted a training event on occupation fraud, which included a one-hour presentation from FBI Special Agent William Rose (Retired). Moving, forward, on January 21, 2010 the Boston Chapter will offer six (6) CPE's on computer forensics at the JFK Federal Building in Boston. The challenge with computer forensics is accumulating, collecting, preserving and presenting the data in a readable manner that is admissible in a court of law. Our speakers are from both the public and private sectors and have been trained in electronic evidence recovery for computer hard drives and mobile devices for use in litigation. Continuing education and training is an excellent way to keep up with changes in technology at all levels of government.

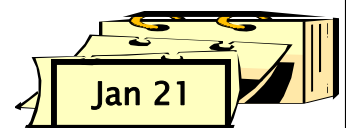
The 2009 Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon was a major success. Representatives from Christmas in the City provided insight into how Christmas in the City began and how it affects the lives of so many homeless children and their parents. Attendance was over 40 people, which included members and friends. Many participants donated toys and toiletries and raffle prizes that were gratefully received by Christmas in the City. Personal thanks go out to the many people who helped orchestrate this event including Jane Gustowski, Kim Rapoza, Julia Burns, Howard Olsher, Laurie Allen, David LeBlanc, and all of the other members of the Chapter Executive Committee that donated raffle prizes. Many local businesses also generously donated raffle prizes. Along with the toys collected, the chapter will donate \$1000 to Christmas in the City as a result of the event.

In closing I would like to thank Boston Chapter members for your commitment and hard work during 2009 and I looking forward to working with you in 2010. Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year.

*Joe Valchuis*

### Save the Date!

Winter Seminar IT Security Management at the JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA



To register, please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at [Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us) or via phone at 617-727-6200.



The Boston Chapter of the AGA held its annual Holiday Party / Charity Fundraiser on **December 3, 2009**.

**Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant** in Boston has always been a great host with excellent food. This event is our major annual charitable fundraiser.

This year, we sponsored a raffle at our Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon. Items included gift certificates, admission tickets to sporting events, museums, wine and other prizes. We donated the proceeds from our raffle to **Christmas in the City**, a local organization that provides a fun-filled party for children (and their parents) from local homeless shelters.

The Boston Chapter raised over \$1,000 for Christmas in the City, along with a variety of toys. Christmas in the City, held another very successful event on December 20'th at the Bayside Expo in Dorchester.

The volunteer organization was founded by Jake and Sparky Kennedy 21 years ago and has given away 56,000 gifts to needy kids over two decades. This year, families were treated to a turkey dinner and a "Winter Wonderland" carnival complete with moon bounces, mechanical bulls and holiday craft tables. Children also received the gifts they wished for, but the most popular attraction has always been Santa Claus,

In this year's down economy, the organization didn't get as many of the larger donations it's received in the past, but the demand for gifts was greater than ever with more than 3,000 needy families compared with under 2,000 last year.

The Boston Chapter is proud to be a sponsor of this worthwhile organization.

## Community Service News

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project called "Go Green". This project collects travel size toiletry items, eyeglasses and cell phones and donates them to local charities which can "recycle" the items and puts them to good use.

We had a nice collection at the Fraud Seminar in September and will continue these efforts at the Regional PDC at Bentley University. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.



## 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.



## Boston Chapter of the AGA Annual Holiday Party at Maggiano's Little Italy For Christmas in the City





## Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle

Thursday, December 3, 2009  
at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

Two raffles were held raising \$615 for *Christmas in the City*. The following is a list of winners and the applicable raffle items donated:

- Boston Red Sox – Dustin Pedroia Autographed Photo
  - Judy Blodgett
- Boston Celtics – Paul Pierce Autographed Basketball
  - Maggie Trudel
- EcoTarium – Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children)
  - Jeffrey Benbenek
- Heritage Gardens and Museums – 2 Complimentary Passes
  - Maggie Trudel
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – 4 Complimentary Passes
  - Diana Handrahan
- JFK Library and Museum – 4 “Two for One Admission” Passes
  - John Drummey and Michael Gagan
- Middleton Golf Course – 1 Round of Golf for 2 Persons (weekday only)
  - Scott Lennon
- Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame – Buy One Get One Free Ticket
  - Jeffrey Benbenek
- New England Patriots Charitable Foundation – Derrick Burgess autographed football
  - Julia Burns
- Pats Peak – 2 Passes for 1 Lift Ticket (not valid weekends or holiday periods)
  - Karen Lowe
- Roger Williams Park Zoo – 2 Complimentary Admission Passes
  - David LeBlanc
- Salem Wax Museum – Salem Hysteria Passes (two free passes for two admissions to The Salem Wax Museum of Witches & Seafarers and the Salem Witch Village)
  - Amy Harriman
- Salem Witch Museum – 2 Complimentary Passes
  - Diana Hanrahan
- Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, NH / Sterling Golf Management, Inc. – Complimentary Round of Golf for 4
  - Mary Leyden
- Southwick's Zoo – 2 Complimentary General Admission Passes
  - Diana Handrahan
- Volleyball Hall of Fame – 2 Family Pack of Passes
  - Dante Zamora and Jane Gustowski
- Zoo New England – 4 Complimentary Admission Passes
  - Peter Uzoma
- “Pamper Yourself” Gift Basket – Maria Fernandez
- \$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card – Maggie Trudel
- \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card – Eric Berman
- \$25 Rock Bottom Brewery Gift Certificate – Dante Zamora
- *Masspass of the South Shore* (coupon book) – Jane Gustowski
- Bushnell Medalist 4x20 Laser Rangefinder – Martin Benison
- “Mystery” Bottle of Wine – MaryBeth Farrelly
- 50/50 Raffle Winner – Michael Gagan



Highlights from AGA's Fifth Annual Performance Management Conference, held at the W Hotel in Seattle, WA on November 5-6

By Kathie Still, CGFM

Approximately 120 attendees were welcomed to a rainy Seattle by AGA National President Billy Morehead and Robin Arnold-Williams, the Director of the Executive Policy Office of Washington State. Ms. Arnold-Williams provided an overview of how performance management is embedded in the various initiatives of the Washington's state government and has become integral to the decision making within the office of the governor.

The following two sessions were presented by Massachusetts' own Shelley Metzenbaum, whose deep experience in state government helped prepare her for her current role as Associate Director of Performance and Personnel Management for OMB. During the first session Shelley reflected on her experiences in state government, including founding the Collins Center at UMASS. She then outlined some of the challenges she saw in carrying out the president's mandate to bringing effectiveness, efficiency and transparency to the federal bureaucracy. Shelley encouraged anyone with ideas, based on what they've accomplished in using performance measures in the decision making and budget processes to reach out and contact her. She made it clear that they are open to all ideas.

The two break-out sessions that followed afforded the opportunity to hear from industry professionals who have worked with governments in establishing a performance management/measurement structure. Available tools were discussed.

During lunch, awards were presented to the sites whose 2008 reports had met the standards established by the SEA guidelines.

Afternoon sessions ranged from a discussion on how to protect against cyber attacks, how to use performance data being collected as part of the decision-making process and how to develop a conceptual framework for performance management.

There was also a session on citizen centric reporting, a briefing from GASB as to the suggested guidelines for voluntary reporting of SEA data and, Jay Fountain, many times a presenter to the Boston Chapter, wrapped up the afternoon with a walk-through of a Tool Kit he is developing to assist governments in preparing a performance report.

After the plenary sessions, AGA hosted a cocktail reception in the hotel, where we could network with fellow attendees and enjoy some of Seattle's fine foods.

Day two offered another full day of practitioners experience and advice, examples of how the CIO, CFO and CPO can leverage technology to improve accountability and transparency. One session of particular interest to me was presented by Melissa Pullin, the Director of the EHS Performance Management Unit. Melissa walked us through how the Massachusetts Executive Office for Health & Human Services, with a budget of nearly \$13.5 billion, encompassing 16 agencies and 23,000 employees has implemented performance management as a driving force for managing the entire organization.

The day continued with sessions on lessons learned about strategic planning and performance management, where presenters from a state, a county and a city relayed the good the bad and the ugly of beginning and continuing performance management efforts in government. There were also sessions where SEA Gold Award recipients described what they'd gone through on their path to gold. One of the lighter sessions was presented by *Governing Magazine* correspondent, Jonathan Walters.

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## Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Full Day Seminar

### *“IT Security Management”*

*Date:* January 21, 2010  
*Location:* JFK Federal Building  
 Boston, MA

*Registration:* 8:30 - 9:00  
*AM Session:* 9:00 - 12:00  
*Lunch* 12:00 - 1:00 (on your own)  
*PM Session:* 1:00 - 4:00  
*CPEs:* 6

*Cost: Members \$60; Non-Members \$85*

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

This seminar will have 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.

Scheduled Presenters are :

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Fred Howell, Bose Corp

Stuart Lecky, Mass Information Technology  
 Division

AGO Cybercrime Division

John Beveridge, Mass State Auditor’s Office

Six (6) CPE’s will be awarded for this full day of training. Lunch is on your own. The JFK Federal Building is easily accessible to public transportation and there are a number of paid parking garages in the area.

Hope to see you there and bring a friend!



Highlights from AGA’s Fifth Annual Performance Management Conference, held at the W Hotel in Seattle, WA on November 5-6 (continued from page 5)

His advice to government managers was to get out the message on what you are doing; he spoke about the reality that government is changing and innovating and yet we aren’t always communicating that out to the public. Of course, being someone dependent on government managers talking to him for articles he writes for the magazine, one could argue he had a vested interest in bolstering communication. But he did leave us all with an open invitation to get in touch with him if we wanted to tell our story.

The final session of the day was the Where Do We Go From Here? Discussion. AGA’s performance management program has enjoyed funding from The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for many years. That funding ends with 2009. AGA Executive Director, Relmond P. Van Daniker announced that Accenture has stepped forward to provide funding that will allow AGA to continue the efforts for the SEA and CEAR programs. Accenture’s Mark Howard spoke to the commitment of his corporation and their willingness to support AGA in what they believe to be of critical importance to governments.

This was my third year attending this two-day session and it definitely has improved each year. If your agency is considering implementing performance management at any level, whether or not you will issue a report, I would strongly encourage you to attend this conference next year.

## Member News

The Financial Accounting Foundation has reappointed **Eric S. Berman, CPA**, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council.

Eric is a member of AGA's Boston Chapter, and is AGA's representative on GASB's advisory board, which is responsible for consulting with the GASB on technical issues on the board's agenda, project priorities and other matters.

## 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**

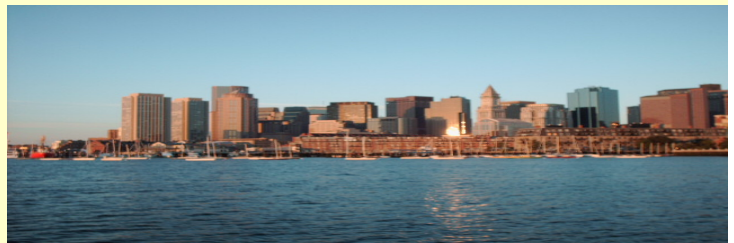
**Spring Workshop**  
Emergency Preparedness  
4 CPEs

**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.*



I realize that it's been cold out lately, but .....

**SUDOKU**

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**Membership Update**

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

241 Active Members

12 New Members

26 Suspended Members

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**Membership Sponsors**

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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

**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!



**Member News**

**Stephanie Armstrong** of KPMG has recently passed her CPA exam. Stephanie is one of our early career members. Congratulations!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Boston Chapter credits as of December 31, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,975	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,225	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	3,575	3,575	89%
Communications	3,000	6,544	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,300	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	725	725	36%
Community Service	2,000	4,425	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>33,319</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>92%</b>

**Boston Chapter Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2009**

**Assets**

Cash

Checking Account	\$ 9,666
Savings Account	9,963
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash

\$19,629

Total Accounts Receivable

\$ 560

Total Assets

\$20,189

**Liabilities and Fund Balance**

Accounts Payable

\$ 0

Current Fund Balance

20,189

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$20,189



## 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.

## 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. We had a nice collection at the Regional PDC at Bentley University and want to continue our efforts. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.

### SUDOKU ANSWER

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### January Quote

*"We become what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."*

*Aristotle*



#### TRIVIA QUESTION!

*Where is the only Royal Palace in the United States?*

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 December 15, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- The Education Committee was finalizing 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 were held regarding the number of sessions that the chapter holds during the year.
- Discussions were held regarding the half day of training in April and whether to expand it to a full day by joint sponsorship with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum.
- CGFM Coordinator reports were presented and received.
- The nominating committee started work to prepare a slate of officers for the 2010 - 2011 program year.
- The Treasurer's reports were presented and received.
- Membership reports were presented and received.
- Discussions were held regarding the upcoming AGA sectional leadership conference being held during April 2010 in Baltimore.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

### Trivia Answer

Iolani Palace in Honolulu

*(Just something to think about while it snows)*



## 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.

### AGA Member Reappointed to GASB

**Marcia L. Taylor, CGFM, CPA**, a member of AGA's Central Pennsylvania Chapter, has been appointed to a second five-year term on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) beginning July 1, 2010. Taylor is assistant manager of Mt. Lebanon, PA. She was reappointed by the Financial Accounting Foundation, which is responsible for the oversight, administration and finances of both the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and GASB.

### Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

The states of Washington, Texas and Maryland, Guilford County (NC), the U.S. Agency for International Development, National Science Foundation, Idaho State Police and the City of Las Vegas are the latest governments to join a growing list of state and local governments and federal agencies who are producing four-page Citizen-Centric Reports

### 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.

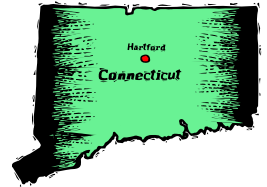
The finalist teams will attend AGA's National Leadership Conference, Feb. 18-19, 2010 in Washington, D.C. to offer a final presentation about their reports to a panel of judges.

### 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

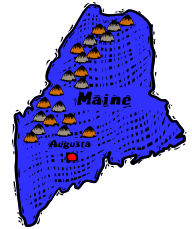


These are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May.

The meeting location is the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT.

Hartford Chapter at [www.agahartford.org](http://www.agahartford.org)

### Maine Chapter Meetings

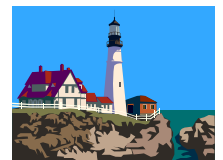


Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker.

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

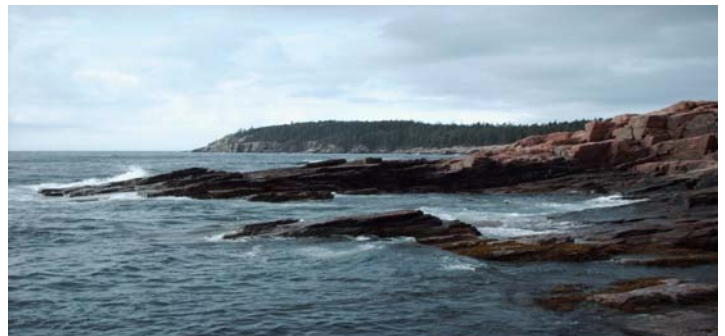
In December the Chapter conducted a community service event; The Adopt at-risk Youths - Holiday Gift Collection

### 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.





# 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

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## II. Business Information

Job Title  Dept.

Organization

### Employer: (Government):

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

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting  Budgeting  Financial Management  Management  Academia  
 Contract Management  Grants Management  Program Management  Administration  Consulting  
 Information Systems  Retired  Auditing  Finance  Legal  
 Student  Other

### How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker  AGA/Chapter  AGA Conference  Employer  AGA Website  
 CGFM Program  Internet Search  Chapter Meeting  AGA Publication  Direct Mail

### Age:

- Below 20  21 – 25  26 – 30  31 – 35  36 – 40  41 – 45  46 – 50  51 – 55  56 – 60  61 – 65  66+

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

Education:  Highest degree attained:  Accreditation and Certificates:

## III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable)  Member ID #

## IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.  
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 **Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter  Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional  Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

## V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

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