

Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

Local

June 10, 2010
Annual Appreciation
Dinner
The Daily Catch.
Boston, MA



June 15, 2010
Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



National

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



Sept. 15 - 16, 2010
AGA Internal
Control and Fraud
Conference
Washington, DC



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President's Message



June in New England is known to be a transition month to summer. It is also a transition month for the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). Each June AGA and its local chapters across the nation are preparing for new leadership roles. The Boston Chapter is no exception; July is the official start for chapter officers and directors including our new Chapter President William Kilmartin. Bill has many years of experience in the governmental financial field and is a big asset to the Chapter. My job as outgoing president is to support him and the mission of the Chapter. No doubt it will be an honor to do so. I am confident that the continued support of our members and faithful volunteers will make program year 2010-2011 a great success.

The Boston Chapter will continue to provide excellence in governmental financial training throughout the year. The education and training committee headed by Julia Burns is a fundamental aspect of the Boston Chapter. I want to express my gratitude to all the members of this committee who work diligently to uphold the quality education programs members expect. On May 19, 2010 members and non-members participated in an audio conference on the subject of *Ethics*. The audio conferences this year have been very successful due to the timely topics, reasonable prices and the addition of a live speaker. The presence of a live speaker gives the audience a chance to engage the topic by increased interaction. The Boston Chapter will continue to provide audio conferences in this format and hope you will join us again next year. Please be sure to look for the upcoming schedule of conferences in future newsletters.

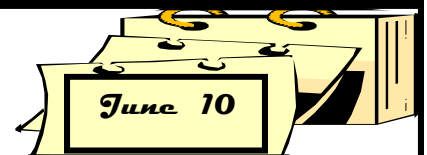
AGA's 59th annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) will be held in Orlando this year from July 11 to July 14. Worth 24 continuing education hours, the conference covers the latest research and information on the constantly changing government financial rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. We are proud that the Boston Chapter will have a large presence at this important conference.

I also want to recognize the wonderful work of the Community Service Committee. This important committee did an excellent job this year. We had a lot of fun and helped others in the process. On August 28th and 29th, the Boston Chapter will be donating their time to help veterans in the Boston area by participating in "Stand-Down".

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Save the Date!

Annual Appreciation Dinner, The Daily Catch, Boston, MA To register, please contact Joseph Valchuis at 617-272-6632 or on our website. www.aga-boston-chapter.org



Boston Chapter AGA Chapter Appreciation Dinner

Date: June 10, 2010

Location: The Daily Catch
2 Northern Ave. Boston MA

Registration: begins at 5:00 pm

Cost: Adults \$35

Please join us for this wonderful event at The Daily Catch on the Harborwalk at the John J. Moakley US Courthouse on Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District.

Cocktails are from 5:00-6:00pm with dinner served at 6:00pm. While you are enjoying dessert, we will present the 2010 Chapter Awards and Scholarships, recognize past presidents, national award winners and AGA lifetime members.

Parking is available at a reduced rate of \$11.00 in the parking garage across the street. The location is also accessible via the MBTA's Silver Line. If you plan to attend, please register as soon as possible on our website at www.aga-boston-chapter.org or call Joseph Valchuis at (617) 272-6632 before June 1st.

President's Message (con't)

Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 200,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets. We are looking forward to doing our part in this all too important initiative.

Please save the date of June 10, 2010. Our Chapter Appreciation Dinner will be held this year at the Daily Catch Restaurant located at Two Northern Ave in the Seaport District of Boston. The event will start at 5:00pm with cocktails and registration and at 6:00 a buffet dinner. The restaurant is famous for their world class seafood and authentic Italian dishes. During dessert, our chapter awards and scholarships will be presented. Again I want to thank all the members, volunteers and supporters for a wonderful year serving as your Chapter President.

Joseph Valchuis

Boston AGA National Awards 2009 - 2010 Program Year

Chapter Recognition Award - Platinum Level

2010 Winner
Joseph Valchuis, CFE, CFS
President
Boston Chapter

Regional Vice President Recognition Award - Gold Level

2010 Winner -
Kathie Still, CGFM
Regional Vice President
New England Region

Community Service Notes

Volunteers Wanted to Help Local Veterans

This year, the Boston Chapter's Community Service Committee has decided to support the region's annual "Stand Down." This event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 28th and 29th in Jamaica Plain. Information explaining this event can be found at <http://www.voamass.org/Services/VeteransServices/OperationStandDown/tabid/8082/Default.aspx>.

Stand Downs are part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless and at risk veterans. They provide services to homeless veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, etc. The event is collaboration between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless.

Currently, we are trying to determine how many members might be willing to donate their time to this worthwhile event. Please contact either Joe Valchuis at jvalchuis@gmail.com or Jane Gustowski at jgustowski@mwcc.mass.edu if you require more information or to volunteer, so that we can coordinate our effort.

Boston Chapter AGA Annual Awards

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.

2010 winner – Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM, CPA

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.

2010 winner – Jane Gustowski, CPA

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.

2010 winner – Daniel Bonnette, CPA

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.

2010 winner – John Wilkes, CGFM

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.

2010 winner - Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

Boston Chapter AGA Annual Scholarships

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

2010 Winner

Timothy J. Casaletto



The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to award 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.

2010 Winner

Lauren E. Blodgett



These scholarships will be presented at the Chapter's annual appreciation dinner on June 10, 2010. Additionally the winners will be presented with student memberships to AGA.

Boston Chapter AGA President's Awards 2009 - 2010 Program Year

Laurie Allen

Education Committee Members

Chapter Executive Committee Members

Member News

Boston Chapter Vice President of Planning, **Kimberly D. Rapoza, CGFM, CPA** was recently promoted to the position of Audit Manager with the Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services.

Boston Chapter President **Joseph Valchuis, CFE, CFS** has accepted a position as a Supervising Auditor with the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education.

Congratulations!!!!!!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

254 Active Members

24 New Members

25 Suspended Members

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
 Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM..... 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.

Thanks!



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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 May 31, 2010 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,525	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	9,400	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	6,125	3,800	100%
Communications	3,000	10,895	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	5,600	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,575	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	17,475	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	63,145	22,000	100%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet May 31, 2010

Assets

Cash

Checking Account	\$19,852
Savings Account	9,967
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash

\$29,926

Total Accounts Receivable

\$ 900

Total Assets

\$30,719

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable

\$ 2,849

Current Fund Balance

27,870

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$30,719

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 at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us



SUDOKU ANSWER

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June Quote

"I bring reason to your ears, and in language as plain as ABC, hold up truth to your eyes."

Thomas Paine, 1776



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What living person has the most Academy Award Nominations?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA www.massspa.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) www.cfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
- AGA Boston Chapter www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Hartford Chapter www.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter www.gwi.net/~aga/
- COSO www.coso.org
- First Gov www.firstgov.gov
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board www.gasb.org
- Government Executive www.govexec.com
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) www.theiia.org
- IIA Greater Boston Chapter www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13
- 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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CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on May 4, 2010.

Please note the following:

- Reports from the Treasurer and Secretary were read and approved.
- Plans were being finalized for the upcoming Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) for July 11–14, 2010.
- Final plans were made for the 2010 chapter appreciation dinner. The event will be held at the Daily Catch Restaurant in Boston's Seaport District on Thursday June 10, 2010 from 5-7p.m.
- The committee discussed updates, changes and revisions to Chapter By-Laws which included the addition of affiliated chapters within the New England Region.
- Suggestions by committee members regarding new CGFM initiatives including information seminars study initiatives and preferred certification status were discussed.
- Reports on community service, membership and registration were read and approved. The community service committee discussed volunteer efforts for "Stand-Down" 2010. Stand-Down is an annual event in which nearly 100 veteran service organizations, non-profits and businesses throughout the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Stand Down successfully bring a multitude of services to hundreds of Veterans in need of a helping hand up.
- The education committee report was read and discussed. Future suggestions were made regarding the location for the chapter's regional professional development conference (RDPC) in March 2011 as well as sponsorship for the event. In addition, preliminary discussions were made regarding the 2010-2011 training year. Further discussions included venues, speakers, dates and training disciplines. Logistic regarding our upcoming training event on May 19, 2010 were finalized.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2010.



CGFM NEWS

Take the CGFM Exams before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Exams and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Orlando. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 and an opportunity to take CGFM Exams on July 10–11. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Exams are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Exams, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended CGFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides.

What is the Intensive Review Course? It is a special limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a way to save money on the examination fees (and get the course with it!). It is a review of the main topics covered in the examinations. It is an opportunity to add the value of the instructor who can explain concepts, provide examples and answer questions for those who chose the self-study option. It is a refresher course for those who took the AGA instructor-led courses a long time ago. It is a great way to set a deadline for completing your certification examinations and get it done!

What it is NOT: It is **not** a shortcut. The Intensive Review Course is **not** a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually **not** enough by itself to prepare for the CGFM Examinations. Advance preparation is strongly recommended. It is **not** an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams.



Trivia Answer

Former Boston Pops Conductor

John Williams

News from National



Welcome to AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Location: Orlando World Center Marriott

Conference: July 11-14, 2010 EXPO: July 11-13, 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition— *the* premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.

Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010. Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to Dream. Learn. Achieve. – Register today!

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions, and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, **rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.** Reservations received after June 18, *or after the room block has been filled*, will only be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. 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. Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

News from National

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!

PDC 2010 will be bigger and better than ever! This event is packed with dynamic speakers, informative sessions and unparalleled opportunities to network.

AGA PDC Overflow Hotel

AGA's room blocks at the Orlando World Center Marriott and the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista are now **sold out**. If you still need a room for the PDC, please contact the Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista in the Marriott Village for reservations.

The Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista in the Marriott Village is located just a few minutes from the Orlando Marriott World Center and offers complimentary shuttle service for PDC attendees.

The hotel features refreshing swimming pools, a children's splash zone, an array of dining options; the Food Court includes pizza, deli sandwiches, ice cream and Starbucks Coffee. The hotel is located at 8615 Vineland Ave.

To make a reservation, please call 877.682.8552 or 407.938.9001 and mention that you are attending the AGA PDC to receive the \$108 rate. Or you may also reserve a room online.

Take the 16th Annual AGA CFO Survey

The 16th annual AGA CFO survey needs your participation. This year's topics cover financial management, operations and reporting (including for the Recovery Act). Results will be presented at AGA's Professional Development Conference this July in Orlando.

Remember, AGA will give the chapter with the highest response rate to this survey a cash award of \$300; second highest will receive \$200 and third will receive \$100. The award will be based on the number of responses received per chapter divided by the total registered membership of a chapter.

Please be sure to enter your chapter's name when you fill out the survey.

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.

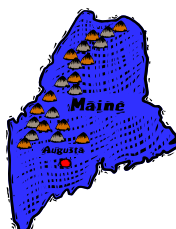
What Do Reviewers Do? Volunteer reviewers read four-page Citizen-Centric reports, evaluate them using AGA's judging guidelines and respond with recommendations for report improvements. Each report gets reviewed by three volunteer reviewers. Reviewers decide whether the report they have judged merits 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.

New England Regional News

Maine Chapter Meetings

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



Maine Chapter Training Event

The Maine Chapter hosted a training event for members and guests on Friday May 7th. Attendees were given presentations on Stimulus Fraud and Mortgage Fraud. Presenters included RVP Kathie Still, CGFM who spoke to the MA Comptroller's Office initiatives in developing guidance and training materials for Commonwealth fiscal personnel to raise the awareness of fraud potential with respect to federal stimulus funds. Also speaking to this issue was Neil Power, Supervisory Special Agent with the Economic Crimes Division of the Boston FBI Office.

Neil then introduced Lauren Kari Seawright, also with the Boston FBI Economic Crimes Division. Lauren presented a session detailing examples of mortgage fraud that the division has encountered in the Northeast. (A similar session was presented at the RPDC in March).

Over 40 members from the Maine Chapter as well as some non-members attended the half-day session in Augusta.

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

Aroostook County Chapter

Recently AGA Aroostook County hosted National President Billy Morehead. During his visit to The County,



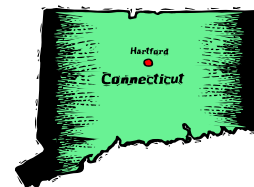
He conducted a 90-minute CPE session on Occupational Fraud. Following his presentation members had an opportunity to talk one on one with the National President; his visit was a great opportunity for members and the chapter is appreciative of his time and looks forward to having him return for a second visit.

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



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Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Audio Conference -“Ethics”

On May, 19, 2010 **Marianne M. Jennings, JD**, Professor in the Department of Management in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University shared her expertise in ethical behavior and its ramifications

During this audio conference, the presenter recounted some recent ethical lapses in government and examined the causes and effects. By examining a series of ethical lapses, we found that a pattern emerges. That pattern allows us to think about this question: What is it in the culture of an agency that allows obvious ethical breaches to occur and continue?

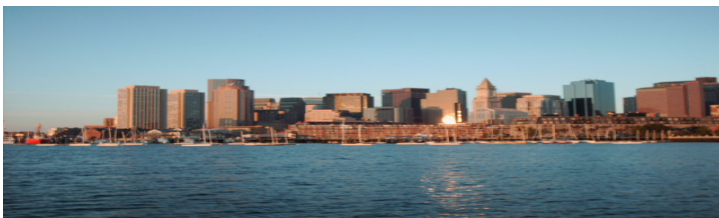
Dr. Jennings has conducted more than 300 workshops and seminars in the areas of government, business, personal, legal, academic and professional ethics.

Among her many awards and honors, Marianne was inducted into the AGA Speakers' Hall of Fame and also received a writers' award for best article in the AGA Journal of Government Financial Management.

The Boston Chapter was also able to hear **John Sullivan** give a one hour presentation on ethics as a prequel to the audio conference. John has spoken to the chapter before and was very well received.

Thirty four members and guests attended the training held at the JFK Federal Building and each participant was awarded three (3) CPE for the session.

This event concluded the Chapter's training calendar for a very successful program year, which saw 879 people attend 11 different sessions that awarded a total of 5,688 CPEs.



Things to ponder



- Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
- Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
- Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
- Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
- Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
- If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
- Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
- Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?
- Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?



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

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- 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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