

Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

Local

March 3, 2009
Chapter Executive
Committee Meeting



March 10, 2009
Regional Professional
Developmental
Conference
Bentley University
Waltham, MA



April 10, 2009
Spring Workshop
Forensic Accounting
JFK Federal Bldg.,
Boston, MA



National

June 21 - 24, 2009
AGA National
Professional
Developmental
Conference
New Orleans, LA



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Regional Professional Developmental Conference

Bentley University

March 10, 2009

Program

Keynote: Sam Mok, CGFM, AGA National President

Morning Sessions

Track 1 – Professional Issues Update—Accountability Resources in a Bad Economy
Ernest Almonte, CGFM, Rhode Island State Auditor

Track 2 – GASB Update
Eric S. Berman, CPA, Massachusetts Comptroller's Office

Track 3 – Ethics
Bobby Derrick, CGFM

Track 4 – Putting and Keeping Professional Relationships on Track
Bob Carnegie, MBA

Track 5 – State Treasurer Panel – Current Topics for State Treasurers
Beth Pearce, VT Treasurer's Office
James MacDonald, Mass. Office of the State Treasurer

Afternoon Sessions

Keynote: Jonathan Blodgett, Essex County District Attorney

Track 6 – Cost of Security and Prevention vs. the Cost of Catastrophe
Michael Dinning, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Volpe Center
Paul MacMillan, MBTA Transit Police Chief
Lt Jg. Brett Gary, U.S. Coast Guard

Track 7 - Accounting Standards Boards – *GASB, FASB and IASB*
Eric Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Mass.
Matthew Jaques, Security and Exchange Commission, Boston Office
Joseph Valchuis, CFE, MA Office of the State Auditor

Track 8 – Food and Nutrition Decisions for a Healthier and Longer Life
Joseph M. Carlin, Nutritionist, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Track 9 – Preventing Procrastination
Bob Carnegie, MBA

Track 10 – Closing the Loop – Control Evidence / Audit Evidence
John Beveridge, CGFM, Deputy State Auditor, Commonwealth of Mass.

President's Message

Every year I'm excited when March and our Regional Professional Development Conference (RPDC) roll around. This year it means the end of a tough winter, both economically and weather-wise. My foremost feeling right now is "Bring It On!" We have some exceptional speakers at this year's RPDC including Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA, Auditor General of Rhode Island who is also the first government member to be the Chairman of the AICPA Board of Directors. The Boston Chapter is very proud to have Mr. Almonte as a long-standing member of our chapter. Please be sure to register early on our website as some tracks may fill up fast. Once again, I challenge all of our members to invite a friend who has never been. The RPDC provides an excellent day of quality training with a price to match.

On February 11th, nearly 40 AGA members and friends attended what I call an "Audio Conference Plus" at the Federal Reserve Bank. We wish to thank all those who attended this session and our speaker, William Rose, FBI Special Agent (ret).

During this time of year, we also begin the process of accepting applications for our two Boston Chapter scholarships of \$1,000 each. If you are a chapter member who is currently enrolled in college or has a child going to college, please see page 7 of this newsletter for details. A number of years ago while I was still working in a non-professional position, I applied for and won the Boston Chapter's Walter Frese scholarship. That year, the task for applying for the scholarship involved designing an audit program for a payroll department (the application questions change each year). It was an important moment for me in my career. I attended the annual awards dinner to accept my award and was given the first real professional encouragement I had ever received. Howard Olsher who was President of the Boston Chapter at that time, told me that my audit program was very good and I was thrilled. That little nudge of encouragement help bring me to where I am today and I'm very grateful to Howard for those few words. Very often we don't realize how much our words mean to others. We have a wonderful team of professionals on our Scholarship Committee who would be very pleased to have many, many scholarship applications to go through and evaluate. Let's overwhelm them this year!

I'd also like to mention the Boston Chapter's "Go Green" initiative that we will be starting soon. Many of our chapter members are environmentally conscious and some have asked if there is any way to cut down on the amount of wasted paper at the end of each session. One of your suggestions that we will be adopting is to post the handouts for sessions on our website prior to the training date. This way, the training participant can print out the handouts and bring them to the session only if they want to. Aside from us bringing a few copies for last-minute walk-ins, we hope this suggestion will cut down on the amount of waste paper that can accumulate after a session. Our monthly newsletter will also feature a section featuring member suggestions on going green at work, home or in the chapter. Please be sure to email us and keep those suggestions coming!

See you at Bentley on March 10th and bring a friend or two!

Sincerely

Kim Rapoza

Candidates for Office



The Boston Chapter's Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for office. Chapter officer elections will be conducted at the Regional Professional Development Conference (Bentley University) on March 10, 2009



President Elect

William Kilmartin, CGFM

Accenture

Treasurer

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Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Scott Lennon

Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor

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Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller

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Kimberly D. Rapoza, CGFM

US Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General

Vice President for Communication

David A. LeBlanc, CGFM

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Green Corner

Welcome to the newest edition of our Newsletter
"The Green Corner"

Did you know that the United States is the world's single largest contributor to global warming, with average annual emissions of 19.6 tons per person? That is nearly five times the world average of 3.9 tons per person. As part of a new initiative the Boston Chapter is taking steps to protect our future and inform readers of new initiatives we are taking towards a greener environment. Each month the Green Corner will feature a green tip of the month and ways the chapter is becoming greener.

Quick and Easy Green Tips of the Month

Check lights. Identify frequently used light fixtures that use incandescent bulbs; order fluorescent replacements bulbs.

Check the temperature setting on your water-heater. Reduce the setting to 120°F (typically the "warm" setting; or halfway between the low and medium settings), if it is not already set to that temperature.

March Focus: Recycling

Factoid of the Month:

In 2004 the United States used 8 million tons of office paper (3.2 billion reams). That's the equivalent of 178 million trees!

Easy Tips for Reducing Paper:

1. Reduce the default margin setting for your Documents.
2. Use both sides of the page for copies.
3. Use scrap paper for printing drafts, notes, emails etc.
4. Think twice before you print.

And finally, read speaker presentations **ONLINE**. Yes, on-Line. The Boston Chapter will be posting available speaker presentations online. Please look for them in future newsletters!

Regional Professional Developmental Conference - March 10, 2009

Keynote Speaker National Issues

Sam Mok, CGFM,
AGA National President

This discussion will cover national issues and how they affect the role of Government Financial Professionals



Track 1 Professional Issues Update - Accountability Resources in a Bad Economy

Ernest Almonte, CGFM, CPA
Rhode Island State Auditor, Chairman AICPA



What does the future look like? What can your professional organizations do to help you succeed?

Track 2 GASB Update

Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council Member



“If It’s Tuesday, We Must be in Norwalk and Other Updates from GASB” – This information packed session will focus on the latest changes to GAAP and those that are to be implemented in FY09 and beyond. Those changes include the brand new (hot off the presses) Fund Balance and Governmental Fund type Definitions Statement 54 and current statements to be implemented in FY09 including *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations* (Statement 49) and Statement 52- *Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments*.

The session will also cover those to be implemented in FY10 including *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets* (Statement 51) The session will also touch upon Concepts Statement No. 5 - *Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting* (an amendment of GASB Concepts Statement No. 2) and Technical Bulletin 2008-1 - *Determining the Annual Required Contribution Adjustment for Postemployment Benefits*.

Items on GASB’s current and prospective technical plan will also be disclosed.

Track 3 Ethics

Bobby Derrick, AGA National Office



The theory of right action and the greater good is just one of the topics that will be discussed. Discussions will help you re-think your definition of ethics so that you can work through ethical challenges more easily, how to help yourself, colleagues, and coworkers keep ethical principles constantly in mind throughout the course of day-to-day decision making.

Track 4 Putting and Keeping Professional Relationships on Track

Bob Carnegie, MBA



No matter how skilled we are, no matter what our role or title is, no matter how much experience we have in our respective fields, at the heart of all our work is the business of building relationships.

This program focuses on creating a stable, productive and mutually-confident relationship with others, how to recognize when a relationship is starting to derail, and what to do to put it on track. Learn a common language to communicate the existence of a “pinch point” to others, and open windows of opportunity for the parties to work out a satisfactory solution to their conflict.

Track 5 State Treasurer’s Panel

Beth Pearce, VT Treasurer’s Office



James MacDonald, Massachusetts Office of the State Treasurer

This session will cover a number of topics relating to the various New England Treasurer’s Offices and different state’s financing issues. There will be ample time to allow for a question and answer period.

Regional Professional Developmental Conference - March 10, 2009

PM Tracks

Keynote Speaker

Jonathan Blodgett, Essex County District Attorney

District Attorney Blodgett will discuss the workings and functions of his office and the law enforcement field in general.

Track 6 Cost of Security and Prevention vs. the Cost of Catastrophe

Michael Dinning, U.S. Dept. of Transportation

Paul MacMillan, MBTA Transit Police Chief

Lt. Jg. Brett Gary, U.S. Coast Guard

Chief Macmillan of the MBTA, will talk about MBTA safety and the initiatives his department are involved in regarding transportation safety.

Mike Dinning will discuss transportation issues related to US GOV. ranging from highways-to waterways-to airways GPS, GIS.

Lt. West will discuss the role of the US Coast Guard and it's role in Homeland Security.

Track 7 Accounting Standards Boards – GASB, FASB and IASB

Eric Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Matthew Jaques, Security and Exchange Commission, Boston Office

Joseph Valchuis, CFE, Massachusetts Office of the State Auditor

This session will focus on some of the recent changes and updates from the three financial promulgating bodies that cover the governmental, private and international sectors.



Track 8 Food and Nutrition Decisions for a Healthier and Longer Life

Joseph M. Carlin, Nutritionist, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services



This two-part presentation will discuss our changing taste for food and what it might mean for us as we age.

Track 9 Preventing Procrastination: Just Do It! Bob Carnegie, MBA

Are you a procrastinator? Do you live by the belief that if anything is worth doing, it would have been done already? Do you tell yourself “If at first I don’t succeed, there’s always next year”?



These and other questions will be answered today as we explore how you can prevent procrastination both at work and in your personal lives. We’ll examine ways you can overcome those evil tendencies that result in stress, guilt, and self-indulgence, and find new approaches to “getting the job done”...or as Nike says, to “Just Do It”.

Please show up on time.

Track 10 Closing the Loop – Control Evidence / Audit Evidence

John Beveridge, CGFM Deputy State Auditor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts



While auditors have also been provided with tools and techniques to assist them in performing their work, the Closing the Loop (CTL) Framework provides a methodology for strengthening internal control examinations. The objective of the Closing the Loop (CTL) Framework is to tie in what we learn at each step in the process of planning and executing an audit and to be able to link that information backwards and forwards to strengthen the audit process.

The presentation presents a framework for defining audit objectives and audit criteria in relation to control objectives and control practices, developing audit steps to meet audit evidence requirements, drawing conclusions in line with control objectives, and providing a basis for conducting future audit work.

News from National



JAZZING IT UP.

Best Practices in Government Accountability

June 21-24, 2009 | New Orleans Marriott Hotel and Sheraton New Orleans | New Orleans, LA



Welcome!

Join us in the “Big Easy” June 21–24, 2009, for AGA’s 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)—*the* premier education and networking event of the year.

The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today’s constantly changing environment. Hear from top-notch speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

AGA has been a leader in providing the best training for more than 58 years, and this is the place where it all comes together. Offering 24 CPE hours, timely topics and an impressive line-up of speakers, PDC 2009 promises to be one of the Association's best.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and techniques to help your agency achieve its mission.

In addition to an excellent technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you’re here, please be sure to experience all the music, culture, history and fine dining New Orleans has to offer.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez—register today!

This year's conference activities will take place at two hotels, the Marriott New Orleans and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. For your convenience, both hotels are located on Canal Street and are directly across the street from each other. We have reserved a block of rooms at the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel to accommodate PDC attendees. The AGA room rate is \$120 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are only guaranteed until **May 29**, *or until the block is sold out*. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

To make a reservation, please call your preferred hotel at 800.228.9290 (Marriott) or 888.627.7033 (Sheraton) and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.

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

2008 winner - Massachusetts State Auditor's Office

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

2008 winner –Ronald Honesty, Mass Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

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

2008 winner –Julia P Burns, CGFM Mass Office of the Comptroller

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

2008 winner – Kathleen Cushing, CGFM, Mass State Auditor's Office

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

2008 winner – John Beveridge, CGFM Mass State Auditor's Office

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

These scholarships will be presented at the Chapter's annual appreciation dinner later this year.

Community Service Job Shadow Day 2009!



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

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

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

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



CGFM NEWS



It is time to renew your CGFM designation and/or AGA membership!
Below you'll find answers to frequently asked questions about CGFM renewal:

Q: How often do I have to renew my CGFM designation?

A: CGFM certification is renewed on an annual basis. The invoices are going out in February and the payment is due by March 31st. If you do not receive an invoice by the end of February, please call AGA at 1.800.AGA.7211. You can also renew your CGFM now in the "Members only" section of AGA website (<https://members.agacgfm.org/>).

If your address has recently changed, please be sure to update your contact information with AGA and pay your dues in the "Members only" section of AGA website. If your CGFM is not currently active, please visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/ for more information on reactivation requirements.

Q: What are the requirements for maintaining the CGFM certification in an active status?

A: To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

-- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.-- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.-- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

Q: How do I determine my CPE cycle?

A: Your first two-year CPE cycle starts on January 1st of the year following the one when your CGFM was awarded (for example, if your CGFM was awarded in 2001, your first CPE cycle was 1/1/02-12/31/03). The award date is listed on your CGFM certificate. Your current CPE cycle is listed on your renewal invoice. For a table of all CPE cycles visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx.

Q: My two-year CPE cycle just ended on December 31, 2008, but I did not complete 80 CPEs in 2007-2008. Can I make up the deficiency?

A: Yes. CGFMs who have not completed the 80 CPE hours in 2007-2008 cycle have until March 31, 2009 to make up the deficiency. Any CPE hours completed toward a deficiency in one period must be documented in the CPE records and may not be counted toward the requirements for the next two-year period. More information on CGFM CPE requirements can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe_requirements.aspx.

Q: I just retired. Do I need to do anything to adjust my CGFM status to "retired"?

A: Yes. Individuals who have permanently retired AND are not working in the field of financial management can request an adjustment of their status to "retired" by contacting AGA's Office of Professional Certification (by mail or e-mail at agacgfm@agacgfm.org - please provide the date of retirement and confirm that since retiring you have not worked in the field of financial management). CGFMs in retired status are not required to remit the CGFM renewal fee or earn the 80 CPE hours, but must clearly indicate their retired status by using "CGFM-Retired" after their name and using "Retired" or "Retired status" on a resume, bio or other statements of qualification.

If retired CGFMs return to work in the field of financial management, they must contact AGA to change their status back to "active."

More information on CGFM renewal policies can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/.

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



Neil Gouse, CGFM
Mass. Office of the Comptroller

Stephen Donovan
Tufts Medical Center

John Haran, CGFM
Mass. Office of the Comptroller

Colleen Martin
Mass. State Auditor's Office

Pauline Lieu, CGFM
Mass. Office of the Comptroller

Andrew Tringale
Mass. State Auditor's Office

Claudia Miller
Health and Human Services OIG

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 245 Active Members
- 25 New Members
- 27 Suspended Members

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

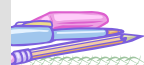
- Rachel D. Trant 2
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM... .. 2
- Joseph Valchuis..... 4
- Howard Olsher, CGFM 2
- Kathleen Cushing, CGFM 2
- Joanne St. Pierre 1
- Judy Blodgett..... 1
- Kimberly Rapoza, CGFM..... 2
- Barry Russell..... 1
- Francis McCarthy..... 1
- Julia Burns, CGFM..... 3
- Vincent Donovan, CGFM..... 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 April 1st and concludes on March 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of February 28, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,200	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,175	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	3,800	3,800	95%
Communications	3,000	8,496	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,900	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,075	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	9,875	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	46,521	21,800	99%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet February 28, 2009

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 1,809
Savings Account	12,237
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,606</u>
Total Cash	\$27,652
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 7,600</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$35,252</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>35,252</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$35,252</u>

Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event? Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database?

Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Vice President of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

Member News

Congratulations

Susan Weeks, CGFM, CPA, CVA, passed her CVA exam to become a Certified Valuation Analyst.

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March Quote

"Ideas don't stay in some minds very long because they don't like solitary confinement."

Groucho Marx



TRIVIA QUESTION!

On the Jack Benny radio show, Jack had a pet named Carmichael. What kind of animal was he?

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

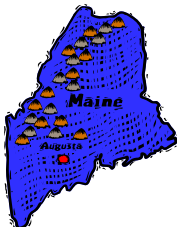
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Comments should be forwarded to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu

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 Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

Held once each month, typically following the Chapter Meetings They are held as needed during the summer months. Minutes will be posted in the following month's newsletter. Maine Chapter at www.gwi.net/~aga/

The Maine Chapter has an upcoming training meeting scheduled.

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

For more information, contact Suzanne Hammer at 623-6747 or email at suzanne.hammer@maine.gov

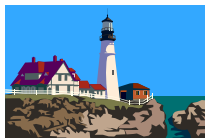
News:

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



Aroostook County Chapter

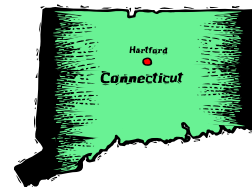
The Aroostook County's held a new membership chapter event in February,



They held a "**Membership Mardi-Gras**"! It was a social event to gain new members as well as show appreciation for all of the current members.

Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

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



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

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org

New England Region Vice President Team

David A. LeBlanc, CGFM
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CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on February 3, 2009. Please note the following:

- Reports of the Membership Committee, Education Committee, Planning Committee, Treasurer and Registration Committee read and accepted.
- The Nominating Committee has finalized a slate of officers to be presented for election at the Regional PDC at Bentley University.
- CGFM – several new people actively pursuing the designation. The Chapter is pursuing having Massachusetts proclaim March as CGFM Month by the Governor.
- Community Service – we will be doing a toiletries collection at Bentley for the benefit of Ronald McDonald house.
- Scholarships and Awards – applications are on the website and will be publicized in the newsletter.
- Go Green Initiative – after Bentley, we will begin the process of posting presenter's presentations on our website prior to the training date so that members will be able to print and bring it themselves. This should cut down on the volume of wasted paper after sessions. Also, we will have a "Green Corner" in the newsletter for member suggestions on going green at work, home or for the chapter.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.



TRIVIA ANSWER!

A Polar Bear

I JUST NEED A NAP

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard.

I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour.

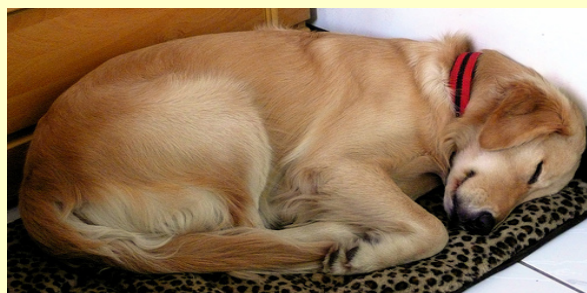
This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

"He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?"





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