

Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

Local

Mar 2, 2010
Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



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



April 15, 2010
Spring Seminar
With the New England
Audit Forum
Volpe Federal
Transportation Bldg.
Cambridge, MA



National

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



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Regional Professional Developmental Conference Bentley University March 10, 2009 Program

Keynote: William "Billy" Morehead, CGFM, CPA, AGA National President
Relmond Van Daniker, CGFM, AGA National Executive Director

Morning Sessions

Track 1 – Ethics (track is closed)
William "Billy" Morehead, CGFM, CPA, AGA National President

Track 2 – Social Engineering
Douglas Fries & Jon Alvarez, KPMG

Track 3 – Impact of Federal Stimulus Funds
Shawn Warren, CGFM, KPMG

Track 4 – Mortgage Fraud
Neil Power, FBI Task Force

Track 5 – Emergency Preparedness
Suzanne Condon, Mass Department of Public Health

Afternoon Sessions

Keynote: Gerry Leone, Middlesex County District Attorney

Track 6 – IT Auditing
John Beveridge, CGFM, Deputy State Auditor, Commonwealth of Mass.

Track 7 - Talent Management / High Performing Workforce
Paul Dietl, Mass Office of Personnel Management

Track 8 – GASB Update (track is closed)
Eric S. Berman, CPA, Massachusetts Comptroller's Office

Track 9 – Fraud Risk Assessment
Scott Graham, Robert Sprague & Michael Brodsky, Deloitte

Track 10 – Auditing in a Hostile Environment (track is closed)
Ron Meldonian, DCAA
Dan Bonnette, Deloitte

President's Message



March is the month that the Boston Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants holds its premier training event the Regional Profession Development Conference (RPDC) that draws government accounting, auditing and financial professionals from all over New England. This year's RPDC is being held on March 9, 2010 at Bentley University in Waltham Massachusetts. We will offer 8 CPE's that will cover the latest information on various financial management topics including new management techniques, advances in technology and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. We are truly honored to have knowledgeable and notable speakers and presenters participating in the event. Our morning keynote speakers *and presenters*) will include AGA's National President Billy Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA and Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA. Billy and Van have a long history of involvement in AGA and both have been active in numerous national AGA committees and boards. Our afternoon keynote speaker will be Middlesex County District Attorney Gerry Leone. District Attorney Leone oversees the prosecution and investigation of hundreds of serious violent crimes in Middlesex County every year, including cases of homicide, child abuse, domestic abuse, and sexual assault.

The Boston Chapter is always interested in new initiatives to enhance government efficiency through various channels such as the AGA's Citizen-Centric Financial Reporting model. We will be hosting a workshop on March 10, 2010 in Boston to highlight this reporting. More details to follow. Many governments struggle to communicate the business of government to residents, particularly when presenting information about how taxpayers' money is allocated and spent. Traditionally, financial information has been presented in forms accessible only to trained accountants. AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail. AGA citizen-centric based reports detail government finances in a visually appealing, clear and understandable four-page document. The report shows community information such as population figures, regional characteristics and government goals for the entity. The Boston Chapter supports this important initiative and will be proactive in supporting state, local and federal agencies wanting to pursue this unique financial reporting.

In closing I want to remind everyone that on April 15, 2010 we are holding our spring seminar in partnership with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum. The seminar will be held at the Volpe Transportation center located in Kendall Square Cambridge and will offer 7 CPE's. Subject matter will include A-133 updates, Dealing with Difficult Interviewees and Ethics. Please check out the Boston Chapter website for further information and details as the date approaches. Hope to see you all there. Thanks for the support!

Joe Valchuis

Candidates for Office



Chapter officer elections will be conducted at the Regional Professional Development Conference on March 9, 2010



The Chapter Positions that will be elected are

President Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

Vice President for Education and Programs

Vice President for Planning

Vice President for Communication

Community Service Committee Accepting Donations at Bentley RPDC



The Community Service Committee is continuing its “Go Green” focus this year. Along with its ongoing project collecting travel size toiletry items for a local charity, we will be collecting used eyeglasses, and old cell phones at Bentley University on March 9, 2010.



Look for our “Go Green” Box at or near the registration desk. Recycling these items will not only benefit the needy recipients but will help save the environment. The toiletry items will go to Father Bill’s House, the Lions Club will get the eyeglasses and “Cell Phones for Soldiers” (<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>) will benefit from the used cell phones. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.

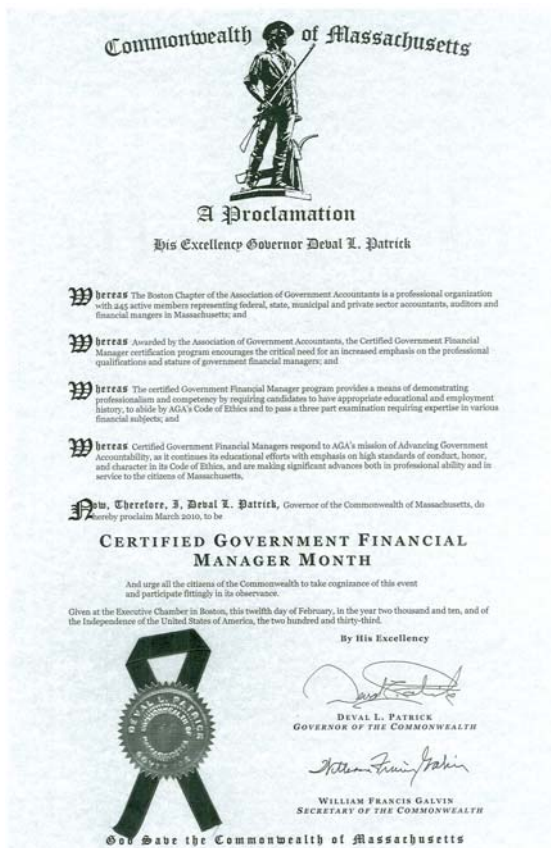
The Community Service Committee is also collecting donations for the Quincy Animal Shelter. This is a 100% volunteer run “no kill” shelter. At the RPDC at Bentley University a box will be available near the registration table where we will be accepting cat and dog food and related supplies. Please visit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

Donations for Haiti Relief being Accepted at Bentley RPDC



In order to do our part to help relief efforts in Haiti, the AGA’s Boston Chapter will be collecting donations for UNICEF at the March 9, 2010 Regional Professional Development Conference. Please look for the collection jar near the registration desk and donate as generously as possible.

Information about disaster relief efforts funded through UNICEF can be found at their website <http://www.unicef.org/>.



Regional Professional Developmental Conference - March 9, 2010

Keynote Speaker National Issues

William “Billy” Morehead, CGFM, CPA
AGA National President

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



Track 1 Ethics 101

William “Billy” Morehead, CGFM, CPA
AGA National President



The general 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 2 Social Engineering
Douglas Fries & Jon Alvarez
KPMG



Join Darren Donovan and Jon Alvarez of KPMG Forensic for an in-depth look at how to take proactive steps and develop effective systems and strategies to minimize the negative effects of fraud & misconduct before they occur.

This session will include a general discussion of fraud and fraud risk management techniques, examine highlights of the recently-released KPMG Fraud Survey, shed light on the hot topic of social engineering and delve into construction-related topics relevant to the government sector including fictitious vendors, certified payroll, MBE/WBE, bid rigging and fraudulent disbursements

Track 3 Impact of Federal Stimulus Funds
Shawn Warren
KPMG



Where have the funds gone, what programs have they gone to, how have they been spent, how much has been spent. These along with questions about jobs saved and created are a number of the topics you can expect to be covered during this session.

Track 4 Mortgage Fraud
Neil Power
FBI Task Force



In these financial times people generally think of avoiding foreclosures and just paying their own mortgage or refinancing.

However, From foreclosure frauds to subprime shenanigans, mortgage fraud is a growing crime threat that is hurting homeowners, businesses, and the national economy. Learn more here about the scope of the problem and the FBI's work to combat it.

Track 5 IT Emergency Preparedness
Suzanne Condon, Mass Department of
Public Health



This session will provide an overview of environmental health responsibilities in MA and provide three presentations on recent public health events requiring emergency response. Part one introduces the MA Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) program and will include a live demonstration on the public portal, developed as part of a national effort by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to make environmental health data more available to the public and policymakers for local decision-making. Part two will cover the Bureau's Food Protection Program Rapid Response Team (RRT) which deals with food emergencies that threaten the public health. Finally, part three will involve public health actions taken in response to mercury releases in public schools, including one involving an intentional release.

Regional Professional Developmental Conference - March 9, 2010

PM Tracks

Keynote Speaker

**Gerry Leone, Middlesex County
District Attorney**



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

Track 6 IT Auditing

**John Beveridge, CGFM Deputy State Auditor,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



Auditors have been provided with tools and techniques to assist them in performing their work.

We need 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.

This 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.

Track 7 Talent Management / High Performance Workforce

Paul Dietl, Mass Office of Personnel Mgmt



Talent Management is a goal-oriented, results-focused professional alliance between a manager and an employee that helps employees close the gap between their current performance level and their desired performance level.

Understanding our individual communication style and how it compares to others can lead to better communication, more productivity, increased employee satisfaction and ultimately better bottom-line results leading to a High Performance Workforce

Track 8 GASB Update

**Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Govern-
mental Accounting Standards Advisory Council Member**



This session will focus on the latest changes to GAAP and those that are 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*.

Track 9 Fraud Risk Assessment Scott Graham, Robert Sprague & Michael Brodsky of Deloitte



After completing this course, participants should be able to articulate to management and those charged with governance the business case for managing fraud risk, develop a fraud risk management program for an organization, and evaluate the design and implementation of an existing fraud risk management program. This can help you understand the changing perspectives on fraud and enhance your organization's fraud risk management capability.

Track 10 Auditing in a Hostile Environment Ron Meldonian, DCAA Dan Bonnette, Deloitte



This session will cover auditing and working in a hostile environment. The presenters will discuss a variety of issues and situations that they have encountered regarding some situations that most of us would not consider to be the "norm".



The presenter will discuss audits done in hazardous locations such as Iraq and Beirut.

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!

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

2009 winner - US HHS – Office of the Inspector General

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

2009 winner – Francis Cordima, Mass Department of Mental Health

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

2009 winner – Nicholas Dahl, CGFM – US Veterans Affairs, OIG

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

2009 winner – Maggie Trudel, Mass Office of the Comptroller

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

2009 winner – Robert Carnegie, MBA

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 2010!



On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" celebrated 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 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/.

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?"

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

243 Active Members

12 New Members

25 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2009:

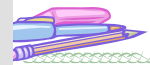
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM..... 3
- Christine Donohoe..... 1
- Julia P. Burns, CGFM..... 1
- John Mahoney, CGFM 1
- William Muench, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Armstrong..... 1

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 February 28, 2010 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,150	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,475	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	4,050	3,800	100%
Communications	3,000	8,106	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,250	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	2,350	750	100%
Community Service	2,000	5,225	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	38,606	22,000	100%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet February 28, 2010

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$20,954
Savings Account	9,964
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash \$30,918

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 4,960

Total Assets \$35,878

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>35,878</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$35,878

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

Eric S. Berman, CPA, Deputy Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the new Chair-Elect of FMSB.

SUDOKU ANSWER

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March Quote

"Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch it to be sure."

Murphy's Law



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What congressional award was Dr. Mary Edwards Walker the first woman to receive?

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 February 2, 2010. Please note the following:

- Reports of the Membership Committee, Education Committee, Planning Committee, Treasurer and Registration Committee read and accepted.
- The Nominating Committee will finalize 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, eye glasses and cell phone collection at Bentley.
- 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.
- Plans are being made for chapter representation at the Sectional Leadership Meeting in April that will be held in Baltimore.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Daniel Dennis



It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of Daniel Dennis, a great supporter of the Boston Chapter of the AGA. Dan was a featured speaker and attendee at many of our training sessions over the years and was always ready and available for us when we needed some expertise.

Daniel Dennis CPA, MBA, was the founder and Managing Partner of Daniel Dennis & Company LLP Certified Public Accountants, located in Boston, and founded in 1981. Prior to founding DD&Co., Dan was the Managing Partner of Lucas, Tucker Co. an east coast CPA firm. Dan had been a practicing CPA for over forty-five years and he began his career with Price Waterhouse & Co. in 1964.

Dan also served on many community, business and civic boards, including the Mass Society of CPA's, the University of Massachusetts, the University of Bridgeport, and the Saint Clair Commission, Dan was also a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1987 and 1995.

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

Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Full Day Seminar

The AGA – Boston Chapter will be pleased to host a full day seminar with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum at the Volpe Federal Transportation Bldg, in Cambridge, MA on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Scheduled presenters are Tammie Brown of US HHS on A-133 Updates, Bobby Derrick, former AGA National President on Ethics and Carole Buncher talking on the subject of Dealing with Difficult Interviewees

Seven (7) CPE's will be awarded for this full day of training. Cost will be \$60 per attendee. Lunch will be "on your own".



TRIVIA ANSWER!

The Congressional Medal
of Honor

News from National

New England Regional News

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.

Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Reviewers

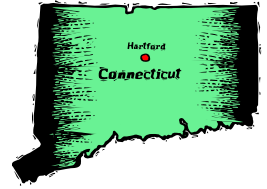
AGA offers a **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting** for entities that prepare and distribute high quality Citizen-Centric Reports. To be eligible for the certificate, governments must incorporate into their report the program's high standards of content, visual appeal, readability, 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.

Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

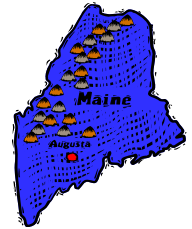


These are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May.

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

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org

Maine Chapter Meetings

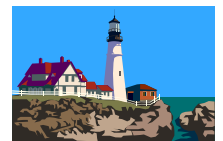


Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker

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/

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.





Membership Application

New Member Check here if renewing

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- Student
- Other

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- Friend/Co-Worker
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- AGA Conference
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- AGA Website
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- 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:

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IV. Membership Data/Dues

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Primary Chapter Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

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