

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

May 13, 2009

Audio Conference:
Ethics in the Workplace
Federal Reserve Bldg.
Boston, MA



May 19, 2009

Chapter Executive
Committee Meeting



June 4, 2009

Federal Stimulus
Package Seminar
Volpe Federal Bldg.
Cambridge, MA



June 19, 2009

Chapter Appreciation
Dinner
Museum of Science
Boston, MA



National

June 21 - 24, 2009

AGA National
PDC
New Orleans, LA



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President's Message

Spring is finally making some headway into New England and we are all pleased to welcome the warmer and longer days. It's like welcoming an old friend that you haven't seen for a very long time.

April has been an excellent month for attendance at our educational events. Many thanks to both our member and non-member participants for helping to make these sessions a success.

On April 8th, 37 participants earned 2 CPE's at an audio conference at the Federal Reserve Bank entitled *The Future of Government Auditing – Which Direction(s) Are We Heading?* AGA National hosted this timely topic and it was enjoyed by all who attended. At our next educational event on April 16th, Fred Howell, MBA, CISSP, of the Bose Corporation provided over 65 participants with a half day session (4 CPEs) on important aspects of *Computer Forensics*. I have had positive feedback from our participants on this useful session.

On May 13th, we will be hosting our final audio conference for this program year at the Federal Reserve Bank. It will be on the subject of Ethics and will provide each participant with 2 CPEs. As usual, members are free and non-members are \$20.

As my term as President is drawing to a close, I want to thank the members of the Chapter Executive, Education and Scholarship Committees for making this year a success. Without their support and hard work the chapter might still exist but would not bear any resemblance to the successful and highly functional organization that we know today. Most of their work goes on behind the scenes, including publication of this wonderful newsletter by David LeBlanc.

I also want to wish our incoming committee members the very best in their new positions. The incoming President, Joseph Valchuis, CFE, has worked tirelessly on behalf of the chapter for several years and will represent our membership well.

Our Chapter Appreciation Dinner will be held this year at the Museum of Science on June 19th. Participants will be able to tour the museum after 5:00pm with a buffet dinner starting at 6:00pm and then the chapter awards and scholarships will be presented. The museum is open until 9:00pm. The parking is free and the first 50 participants who sign up will be given passes for a future trip to the Omni Theatre for all registered guests. The price will be \$35 for adults and \$20 for children under the age of twelve. We hope you will consider attending this event.

Kim Rapoza

Save the Date!

Audio Conference - Ethics in the Workplace. To register, please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200.



Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Audio Conference

“Ethics in the Workplace”

Date: May 13, 2009

Location: Federal Reserve Building
Boston, MA, Room AVI

Registration: 1:30

Session: 2:00 - 4:00

CPEs: 2 Will Be Awarded

Cost: Members Free, Non-Members \$20

Registrations due by 5/11/09, To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

AGA is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule addressing ethical challenges and dilemmas in today's work environment.

The speaker will discuss ethics in the workplace and will explain the thinking and understanding elements of ethical behavior. Real examples will be used as well as describing the differences between being ethical and legal. Other topics will include organizational tone with examples from the top of organizations, risk taking, the need for written policies, the requirement for uniform enforcement, and other requirements of the federal code of ethics.

To discuss the ethics challenge is Leon Young, MA, adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, University College. He is a recognized expert on Ethics in organizations in both the public and private sectors. He is known for his ability to present serious subjects with humor and to involve his audiences in the subject through interaction.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speaker's commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for questions & answers.

Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Co-Sponsored with the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum

“Promoting Accountability and Transparency Under the Recovery Act”

Date: June 4, 2009

Location: Volpe Federal Transportation Building
Cambridge, MA,

Registration: 7:45 — 8:45

AM Session: 9:00 - 12:00

Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 (on your own)

PM Session: 1:00 - 4:00

CPEs: 6 Will Be Awarded

Cost: Members and Non-Members \$50

Registrations due by 6/01/09, To register please contact David Duff at David.Duff@oig.hhs.gov, online at www.auditforum.org or by mail at:

Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Room 2425
JFK Federal Building
Attn: David W. Duff, Boston, MA 02203

The morning session will be conducted by Stan Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO and Nancy Valley, Partner, KPMG. They will discuss the national implications of the stimulus act.

The afternoon session will have a variety of presenters discussing the package from the programmatic and recipient basis. Invited departments represented include the US Department of Transportation, the Federal Reserve Bank, US Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid.

There is no public parking at the Volpe Building. For transportation you should use the MBTA Red Line - Kendall Station or there are public garages in the area. All bags must be x-rayed and metal detectors are in use at the public entrance. Name tags or Federal Ids must be worn while in the building.

Any individual that may require special accommodations for the disabled at any Boston Chapter Training should communicate this and include the information in their registration prior to the event.

Calendar of Events Program Year 2008 - 2009

September 10, 2008

**Audio Conference - Fraud Prevention & Detecting
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

September 18, 2008

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - Transportation Issues
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA
1 CPE**

October 23, 2008

**Fall Seminar - Fraud & Ethics
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs**

November 12, 2008

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

November 20, 2008

**Fall Workshop - Auditing in a
Hostile Environment
O'Neill Federal Bldg., Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

December 4, 2008

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

January 15, 2009

**Winter Seminar - Internal Controls: Tools for Fraud
Identification in Today's Fiscal Environment
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

February 11, 2009

**Audio Conference - Unethical Conduct & Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs**

March 10, 2009

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

April 8, 2009

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

April 16, 2009

**Spring Workshop - Computer Forensics
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

May 13, 2009

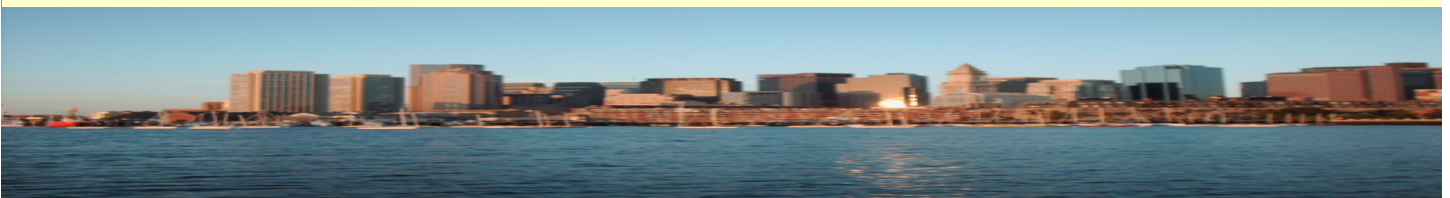
**Audio Conference - Ethics
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
2 CPEs**

June 4, 2009

**Co-sponsored with NEIAF
Promoting Accountability and Transparency under the
Recovery Act
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs**

June 19, 2009

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
Boston Museum of Science, Boston, MA**





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.



CGFM NEWS



CGFM Success for Northern Virginia Chapter

The CGFM Chair for the Northern Virginia Chapter set the bar high for himself this program year: **Jim Davis** wanted to sponsor the training courses, form a CGFM Study Group, increase recognition of the CGFM among area governments, and boost the number of CGFMs by 12.

Less than a year later, 11 Northern Virginia Chapter members and one member of both Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Chapters can be proud of earning their CGFM. Among the group is **Northern Virginia Chapter President Dennis Green**. Davis himself has passed two of the three examinations, with plans to pass the third before the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in June. Green figured he should set an example. He thought, "If I'm going to be president, I'd better get the CGFM certificate," he said.

Green said the CGFM gave him a great refresher on federal issues, and it helps in his day-to-day work, as his staff puts together two detailed sections of the Performance and Accountability Report, or PAR. The CGFM preparation work broadened his understanding of the policies that drive his work.

Chapter members from Northern Virginia and Prince Georges County were enthusiastic about the CGFM too. Davis said he was getting 20 e-mails a day and several voice mails messages from people wanting to sign up for the CGFM courses, offered at no cost in December. The Study Group, held afterward, was also popular and the chapter is getting requests to continue that effort.

The chapter was also successful in seeking proclamations declaring March CGFM Month from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Arlington County, Prince Williams County and Fairfax County.

Congratulations to the new CGFMs in the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Take the CGFM Examinations Before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development (PDC) in New Orleans.

AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, June 18, 2009 and Friday, June 19, 2009 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on June 20-21, 2009. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, we encourage you to sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after **June 4, 2009**. The Intensive Review Course and the CGFM Examinations will be held at the University of New Orleans, Kirschman Hall, located at 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website.



In Honor of Mother's Day - Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me **LOGIC:**

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me **RELIGION:**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL:**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT:**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me **IRONY:**

"Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS:**

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM:**

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about **STAMINA:**

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about **WEATHER:**

"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve **PHYSICS PROBLEMS:**

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you, would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY:**

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't exaggerate!!!"

My mother taught me **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:**

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:**

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about **ENVY:**

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

Thanks for everything Mom!

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

Green Corner

Things are really heating up! Although local temperatures fluctuate naturally, over the past 50 years the average global temperature has increased at the fastest rate in recorded history. And experts think the trend is accelerating. The 10 hottest years on record have all occurred since 1990. Scientists say that unless we curb global warming emissions, average U.S. temperatures could be 3 to 9 degrees higher by the end of the century. AGA Boston Chapter has some ways to cool down this summer!

Computers

Enable the "sleep mode" feature on your computer, allowing it to use less power during periods of inactivity. In Windows, the power management settings are found on your control panel. Mac users, look for energy saving settings under system preferences in the apple menu.

Configure your computer to "hibernate" automatically after 30 minutes or so of inactivity. The "hibernate mode" turns the computer off in a way that doesn't require you to reload everything when you switch it back on. Allowing your computer to hibernate saves energy and is more time-efficient than shutting down and restarting your computer from scratch. When you're done for the day, shut down.

Home

Use sunlight wisely. During the heating season, leave shades and blinds open on sunny days, but close them at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. Close shades and blinds during the summer or when the air conditioner is in use or will be in use later in the day.

Set the thermostat on your water heater between 120 and 130 degrees. Lower temperatures can save more energy, but you might run out of hot water or end up using extra electricity to boost the hot water temperature in your dishwasher.

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



Patricia Jensen
DCAA

Jaquiline Brown
Mass State Auditors Office

Christine Donohoe
Mass Port Authority

Francis Hart
Mass Water Pollution Abatement Trust

Thomas Bobrowski
Dept of Homeland Security

Membership Sponsors

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 P. Burns, CGFM..... 3
- Vincent Donovan, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Gagan..... 1
- William Muench, 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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Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 254 Active Members
- 36 New Members
- 27 Suspended Members

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 April 30, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	4,325	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	6,775	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	4,775	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	10,561	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	5,875	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	5,600	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	10,375	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	5,000	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	53,286	22,000	100%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet April 30, 2009

Assets

Cash

Checking Account	\$ 3,377
Savings Account	7,237
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,606</u>

Total Cash

\$24,220

Total Accounts Receivable

\$ 1,970

Total Assets

\$26,190

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable

\$ 0

Current Fund Balance

26,190

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$26,190

Speaker Database

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

Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database? Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Director of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us.

Community Service News

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project to collect travel size toiletry items that will be donated to a local charity. Please bring donations to any of our upcoming chapter events. We had a nice collection at the Regional PDC at Bentley University and want to continue our efforts. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.

April Quote

"I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance - waiting for the bathroom."

Bob Hope

SUDOKU ANSWER

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TRIVIA QUESTION!

What is the only rock that humans eat?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA www.massaspa.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) www.cfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter www.agaarostookcounty.org
- AGA Boston Chapter www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Hartford Chapter www.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter www.gwi.net/~aga/
- 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
- Information Systems Audit & Control Association www.isaca.org
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP) www.iappnet.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers www.nasact.org
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
- National Assoc of State Treasurers www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
- National State Auditors Association www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council www.ec3.org

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Congratulations

Chapter Treasurer, **Kelly Lanier** and her husband Brian proudly announce the birth of their son Matthew.



Matthew was born on April 15'th and weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces. We all offer our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.



CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on April 21, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- Education – Giving Gift Cards as Speaker Gifts. Some speakers' agencies have a prohibition against accepting gift cards since they are treated like cash. As such, we will reconsider giving gift cards in the future.
- Planning – Using the Museum of Science for the annual recognition dinner is in the final planning stages.
- Treasurer's Report – seven pounds, eleven ounces – See above.
- Community Service – We will be looking for new events for the next program year. The chapter will donate a gift valued at up to \$200 to include a \$100 Legal Seafoods Gift Certificate and several other Boston themed items for the National Community Service Raffle
- Membership – we have 34 new members (including 6 early career members) as of the date of the CEC meeting
- Scholarships & Awards – Applications / nominations are currently being accepted for the Chapter's Scholarships and Awards.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.



THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) is hosting its 49th Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum in Burlington, Vermont, August 2 – 5, 2009

The theme of this year's annual meeting is "The Fiscal Crisis: Navigating the Turbulent Economy".

For meeting and registration information please contact Pamela Stanley at 646-383-5711.

CSG/ERC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization serving legislative, executive and judicial branch officials from the ten Northeastern states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and six Eastern Canadian provinces.

CSG/ERC promotes region-wide initiatives, facilitates inter-branch cooperation, advocates on state-federal issues, and educates policymakers and the public on regional priorities and trends.



Overheard at the local store

I was at a new grocery store and asked where the flour tortillas were. The young woman suggested checking the floral department.

I stopped at a convenience store to ask directions. The clerk asked, "Are you coming from State Route 37?" With as much patience as I could muster, I pointed to my car, the only one in the parking lot, and said, "No. I'm coming from right here."

I went into my local bookstore and explained that I needed "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler, for a class essay. The young woman behind the desk asked, "Is it a new release?"

I overheard two prospective student teachers from history class having coffee, and one of them said, when we get to the part about BC and AD, "In BC, how did the people know to count the years backwards?"

Trivia Answer

Salt

(It's also the only spice with flavor but no scent)

News from National

PDC Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction

AGA is proud to once again sponsor the National Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction. During the PDC, we'll be selling raffle tickets and hosting a silent auction for great prizes such as gift certificates, regional gift baskets, sports memorabilia and lots more. Be sure to visit the Exhibit Hall to check out the loot.

Proceeds will support the AGA National Community Service Fund as well as a charity selected by participants. Make sure to stop by the raffle booth and vote for your favorite charity

Community Service Project in New Orleans

Please join AGA National President-elect Billy Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, and other AGA leaders at AGA's "Third-and-a-half" Annual National Community Service Project on **June 25**, the day after the PDC ends.

This will be the third consecutive year, that AGA members and their family and friends meet in New Orleans to build a house with Habitat for Humanity for victims of Hurricane Katrina

Cyberspace...Changing the Way You Network

AGA prides itself in its well-developed network of government financial managers. Members can tap into that network in a variety of ways, from the traditional conferences focusing on advancing your career to the ever-evolving resources on the Web. In the last few months, we've received a lot of encouragement from members to broaden our presence on the Web. This has led to our own channel on YouTube as well as an AGA group on LinkedIn. In the coming months, stayed tuned for the introduction of AGA's very own Facebook Page.

These initiatives will complement AGA's existing networking programs. AGA is offering more places for members to make connections, find information and keep pace with what's happening at AGA. For more information on how you or your chapter can get involved in social networking, contact Rodneikka Freeman.

AGA Announces Four New Courses

Four new AGA-sponsored courses are designed to help financial managers and auditors add value to government performance. The courses are presented in cooperation with The Auditor Roles in Performance Measurement Project Team of The Institute of Internal Auditors, which developed the courses under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. These courses can be customized to an organization's needs, to immerse participants in high-value audit skills and to provide additional ways to apply them. The four courses include:

A New Service Model: Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement.

Assessing the Reliability and Relevance of Performance Information.

Assessing the Quality of Performance Information and Performance Reports.

Auditing Performance Management Systems.

Read more details about these and other AGA-sponsored training courses at www.agacgfm.org, or contact AGA Director of Education Joe Jozefczyk at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307.

Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

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

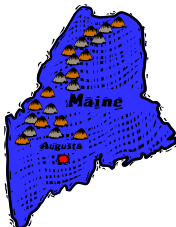
Dates Set for Fifth Annual PMC

Mark your calendar for the Fifth Annual Performance Management Conference on **Nov. 5-6, 2009** in Seattle. Do you have something to share about your entity's experience in performance management? Contact Evie Barry to see if you can participate in the program.

Around the New England Region

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.



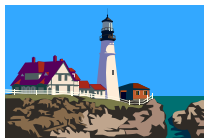
Maine Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings

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 is hosting its annual Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2009. This will be a luncheon meeting for all chapter members and guests. Information for this meeting can be found on the chapter's website.

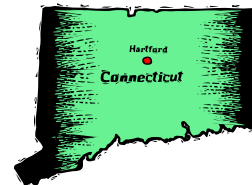
Aroostook County Chapter

Plans are ongoing for the next chapter educational training event. Upcoming chapter elections will be held in early May.



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.

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