

## Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

### Local

**November 3, 2009**  
Boston Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Meeting



**December 3, 2009**  
Boston Chapter  
Annual Holiday Party  
Maggiano's Little Italy  
Boston, MA



### National

**November 5 - 6, 2009**  
AGA Performance  
Management  
Conference  
Seattle, WA



**February 2010**  
AGA National  
Leadership  
Conference  
Washington, DC



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



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## President's Message

As we enter into one of the busiest seasons for government financial professionals, we are faced with many challenges and deadlines. Ahead of us are long days that may include cumbersome discussions among auditors, accountants and financial managers. With that being said hopefully you had an opportunity to enhance your professional development and network with other government professionals by participating in the Boston Chapter's interesting and informative workshops and training events.

On October 22, 2009 we held our third training event on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA.) The Boston Chapter has been proactive in supporting training events associated with the ARRA stressing its importance to the governmental fiscal and programmatic communities. At \$787 billion, ARRA is staggering in its size and in the impact that it is likely to have on government financial and program operations both now and in the future.

The sweeping changes that are being ushered in by ARRA are likely to remain long after the funds have been spent and will become part of the future governmental landscape. ARRA is also promoting a new era of cooperation and collaboration among all levels of government, in part because we must work together to implement the Act and to meet public expectations associated with it.

The Boston Chapter will continue to provide training opportunities and information sessions as new development and guidelines are released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other state departments responsible for the implementation and oversight.

On December 16, 2009 Special Agent William Rose (retired) of the FBI will be discussing the latest trends in occupational fraud following an audio conference on the subject. This event will offer 3 CPE's. Please be sure to check the training schedule in our newsletter for future events.

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### Save the Date!

Boston Chapter Annual Holiday Party at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA



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



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

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

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

We are asking attendees to please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or personal hygiene items to the luncheon. These items will help **Christmas in the City** ensure that each of their guests receives a holiday gift.

## Thanksgiving Facts

Every President since Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. But in 1939, 1940, and 1941 Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November to lengthen the holiday shopping season. This upset people.



Thomas Jefferson thought the concept of Thanksgiving was "the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard."



Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.



Turducken, a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken, is becoming more popular in Thanksgiving (originated in Louisiana). A turducken is a de-boned turkey stuffed with a de-boned duck, which itself is stuffed with a small de-boned chicken. The cavity of the chicken and the rest of the gaps are filled with, at the very least, a highly seasoned breadcrumb mixture (although some versions have a different stuffing for each bird).



A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour.

## Community Service Events 2009 – 2010

- Sept. 22, 2009** N.E. Shelter for Homeless Veterans serving dinner
- Sep 24, 2009** Seminar at Lombardo's—"Go Green" and Animal Shelter Donations collected
- Oct 22, 2009** Fall Workshop at Volpe Bldg—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Nov. 11, 2009** Distribution of meals to veterans
- Nov. 17, 2009** Fall Workshop—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Dec 3, 2009** Annual Holiday Charity Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy to benefit Christmas in the City
- Jan 21, 2010** Winter Seminar at Volpe Bldg—"Go Green" Donations collected
- Feb. 2, 2010** National Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- Feb 11, 2010** Winter Workshop—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Mar 9, 2010** Regional PDC at Bentley College—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- June, 2010** Donation to National Community Service Committee

## President's Message (Cont)

In addition please be sure to save the date of December 3, 2009. The Boston Chapter will host our Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston. If you've never had the opportunity to enjoy dining at Maggiano's, now is the time. We have many exciting prizes available for this year's raffle and the proceeds will be for a meaningful cause. The Boston Chapter has selected *Christmas in the City*. Hope to see all of you there, and remember to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!

**JOE**



## Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle

Thursday, December 3, 2009

at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

The Association of Government Accountants - Boston Chapter is pleased to announce its annual Charity Raffle for the benefit of *Christmas in the City*®. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or "an arm's length" for \$10.

The Community Service Committee offers a special thank you to the local businesses and organizations for their donations. We ask our members and friends to support them. The following is a list of raffle items donated as of October 19<sup>th</sup>:

- **Boston Red Sox – TBD**  
 The Red Sox, Boston's famous major league baseball team, was founded in 1901 as one of the American League's eight charter franchises. The "Red Sox" name originates from the iconic uniform feature. Every home game since May 15, 2003 has been sold out – a span of over six years and a major league baseball record.
- **EcoTarium – Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children)**  
 EcoTarium is a museum of science and nature where visitors are encouraged to explore the natural world through a unique indoor-outdoor experience. The museum features hands-on exhibits, indoor and outdoor wildlife habitats, interpretive nature trails, a living pond and meadow exhibit, a planetarium, the region's only treetop walkway, and narrow-gauge train.
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – 4 Complimentary Passes**  
 An intimate Venetian palace in the heart of Boston, with three floors of galleries surrounding a flower-filled courtyard, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is home to more than 5,000 art objects, spanning 30 centuries, including masterworks by Botticelli, Titian, Raphael, Rembrandt, Degas, and Sargent. Opened to the public in 1903, the museum's collection, together with its historic and contemporary special exhibits, concerts, and public programs, continues to celebrate personal connections with art.
- **JFK Library and Museum – 4 "Two for One Admission" Passes**  
 The Library and Museum is a research and educational center focusing on the life and times of John F. Kennedy, while also highlighting the career of his brother Robert F. Kennedy, and the accomplishments of First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy.
- **Middleton Golf Course – 1 Round of Golf for 2 Persons (weekday only)**  
 The Middleton Golf Course is a beautiful 18 hole, Par 3 golf course that measures a challenging 3,215 yards. The Brown family constructed the course in 1965, with the professional design services of noted golf course architect, Geoffrey S. Cornish. Holes vary in length from 115 to 240 yards, with large tees and greens, and gently rolling fairways.
- **Roger Williams Park Zoo – 2 Complimentary Admission Passes**  
 As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Roger Williams Park Zoo is dedicated to providing excellent care for our animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. Of the more than 150 species at the zoo, 20 are AZA Species Survival Plan (SSP) animals. As a partner in the SSP program, Roger Williams Park Zoo cares for and breeds species that, without human intervention, would face certain extinction.



## Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle (Con't)

Thursday, December 3, 2009

at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

- **Salem Wax Museum** – Salem Hysteria Passes (two free passes for two admissions to The Salem Wax Museum of Witches & Seafarers and the Salem Witch Village)  
 The Salem Wax Museum is composed of eerily life-like London made wax figures that depict Salem's vivid history from its founding in 1626 through the terrifying Hysteria of 1692. Come face to face with such notable Salem figures as the famed author of the Scarlet Letter and The House of the Seven Gables – Nathaniel Hawthorne, the pirates of New England, the merciless witch Trials judge Colonel John Hawthorne, and Tituba the accused "witch" who helped fuel the hysteria of 1692 – just to name a few!
- **Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, NH / Sterling Golf Management, Inc.** – Complimentary Round of Golf for 4  
*Championship golf at the foot of Mount Monadnock* – Carved from the granite foothills of Mt. Monadnock, the Shattuck Golf Club is one of the most visually stunning golf courses you'll ever play. Each hole is framed by forests of oak, birch and pine, shielding it from the view of other holes so you never feel crowded.
- **Southwick's Zoo** – 2 Complimentary General Admission Passes  
 Southwick's is a family owned zoo. The Southwick team's mission: to provide an extensive zoological collection and educational facility for our visitors. We strive to promote an exciting environment for a positive family experience.
- **Volleyball Hall of Fame** – 2 Family Pack of Passes  
 In 1978 a nonprofit corporation was established for the purpose of planning, promoting, establishing and maintaining a living memorial to the sport of volleyball. William G. Morgan, inventor of volleyball at the Holyoke YMCA in 1895 was honored posthumously as the first inductee of the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1985.
- **Zoo New England** – 4 Complimentary Admission Passes  
 Zoo New England is a private, non-profit organization responsible for the operation of Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and Stone Zoo in Stoneham, MA. Its mission is to inspire people to protect and sustain the natural world for future generations by creating fun and engaging experiences that integrate wildlife and conservation programs, research and education.

And the following items have been donated by AGA – Boston Chapter members and friends:

- "Pamper Yourself" Gift Basket
- \$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card
- Bushnell Medalist 4x20 Laser Rangefinder
- "Mystery" Bottle of Wine

\*Christmas in the City is a 100% volunteer run non-profit organization established in 1989 whose mission is to support and mentor Boston's homeless families. Their work includes helping families make a successful transition from homelessness to independent living. Each year Christmas in the City helps thousands of children and their families living in shelters celebrate a memorable holiday season at their annual Christmas Party.

## Full Day Training Seminar



### *ARRA Reporting - Is it Working and Lessons Learned*

On October 22, 2009 the Boston Chapter hosted a seminar on the \$787B Recovery Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on February 17<sup>th</sup> to jump-start the economy. Starting in October and each quarter thereafter, recipients of ARRA funding will report quarterly on how they have spent the Recovery Act funds that they received.

Our guest speakers discussed their successes...and lessons learned...from the first quarter recipient reporting that ended on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The training offered six (6) CPEs to the registrants of the session.

The Presenters who spoke were:

Jeffrey A. Simon, Massachusetts Director of Infrastructure Investment  
Lorna Stark, Partner, KPMG  
Sharon Scott-Chandler, Vice President, ABCD, Head Start and Children's Services  
Rebecca Kaplan, JD, US Dept of Labor

We are grateful to these presenters for imparting their knowledge and to the members of the Boston Chapter who coordinated and staffed this educational session.



## AGA Audio Conference



### *"American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Grant Reporting Requirements"*

On October 7, 2009 the Boston Chapter hosted an audio conference on Internal Controls for Auditors.

This session was held at Federal Reserve Building and offered three (3) CPEs to participants. Boston Chapter members attended at no cost.

Sharing their practical experiences in auditing and their views toward the future of auditing were: David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA, Audit Director, Office of the New York State Comptroller and Mary Peck, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, Director of Internal Controls, New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

As a bonus, Mary Maloney and Peter Scavotto of the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller were "in the room speakers" preceding the audio conference discussing internal controls.



Pictured above is Dennis Lambert of NCIS who spoke at the Chapter's Fraud Training held at Lombardo's

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## Calendar of Events Program Year 2009 - 2010

**August 12, 2009**

**Audio Conference - Stimulus Spending Controls  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**September 1, 2009**

**Audio Conference - Grants Management  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
4 CPEs**

**September 2, 2009**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**September 24, 2009**

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

**October 7, 2009**

**Audio Conference - Internal Controls for Auditors  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**October 22, 2009**

**Fall Seminar - ARRA Reporting: Is it Working?  
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA  
6 CPEs**

**December 3, 2009**

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

**December 16, 2009**

**Audio Conference - Trends in Occupational Fraud  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**January 21, 2010**

**Winter Seminar - IT Security Management  
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA  
7 CPEs**

**February 11, 2010**

**Winter Workshop  
Single Audit A - 133 Updates  
4 CPEs**

**March 9, 2010**

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

**April 15, 2010**

**Spring Workshop  
Emergency Preparedness  
4 CPEs**

**May 19, 2010**

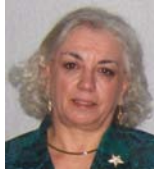
**Audio Conference - Ethics  
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA  
3 CPEs**

**June 2010**

**Chapter End of Year  
Appreciation Dinner  
TBD**

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## Meet A Fellow Chapter Member...



Kathie Still, Director  
Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller

Kathie Still has been with the Comptroller's Office for over 22 years and is currently the Director of Enterprise Planning and Solutions. In this capacity, she manages a number of office-wide initiatives on behalf of the office. She is currently working with all area of state government to meet the Commonwealth's reporting requirements for the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

For eight years, Kathie served as the Director of General Accounting in the Comptroller's Office, managing budgets, trusts and federal grants. She has served on a number of national task forces and committees focused on grant reform.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Management, with a Finance and Accounting concentration from Bridgewater State College. She has held a number of elected positions with the Association of Government Accountants, including, Chapter President for the 2000-2001 program year and is currently serving a second term as New England Regional Vice President.

She is currently an elected member of the CGI customer advisory board, having previously held the position of Chair. The board members also sit on the vendor's Software Change Control Board, which is responsible for determining changes to the baseline software as well as advising the vendor on strategic direction for the product line.

Kathie resides in West Bridgewater, is an avid gardener and spends time traveling between Maine and North Carolina to visit with her sons and her grandchildren.

Kathie is a Certified Government Finance Manager and has been an AGA member since 1988 and states: "...it has been inspiring to have been a member of AGA and to have met so many dedicated professionals at all levels of government. What always has amazed me has been the teamwork and partnership within the Boston Chapter; at the beginning of each year the Education Committee sets out an ambitious agenda and the members of the committee just go to work and make it happen, every year, year after year."



## The Certified Government Financial Manager

CGFM - The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government. Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

***The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow 18 percent between 2006 and 2016, which is faster than the average of all occupations. Accountants and auditors that hold a college degree or any other certification will have the best job prospects.***

Give yourself an edge over your competitors. Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.



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



**Stephanie  
Armstrong**  
KPMG

### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

237 Active Members

10 New Members

28 Suspended Members

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### Membership Sponsors

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

- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM..... 2
- Christine Donohoe..... 1
- Julia P. Burns, CGFM..... 1
- John Mahoney, CGFM ..... 1
- William Muench, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Armstrong..... 1

### From the Editor...

Do you know someone in the Boston Chapter who has recently received promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share your good news with fellow AGA members? Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue of *Boston's Beacon*.

Please forward submissions for the next issue of *Boston's Beacon* to [dleblanc@doe.mass.edu](mailto:dleblanc@doe.mass.edu).

Thanks!



## Member News

Yadelyn Mahoney has just accepted a position as the Assistant Comptroller at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. We wish her all the best in this new position.

### SUDOKU

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

Boston Chapter credits as of October 30, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,825	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	4,775	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	2,675	2,675	67%
Communications	3,000	4,952	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	3,800	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	675	625	34%
Community Service	2,000	2,275	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>26,527</b>	<b>19,350</b>	<b>88%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet October 30, 2009

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 7,158
Savings Account	9,962
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$17,120</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,995</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$21,115</u></b>

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>21,115</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$21,115</u></b>



## Speaker Database

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

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

## Community Service News

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

### SUDOKU ANSWER

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### November Quote

*"The generation of random numbers is far too important to be left to chance."*

**Robert Coveyou**



#### TRIVIA QUESTION!

*What was Dr. Frankenstein's first name?*

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

### Websites of Interest

American Society for Public Admin (ASPA).....	<a href="http://www.aspanet.org">www.aspanet.org</a>
MA Chapter of ASPA.....	<a href="http://www.massaspa.org">www.massaspa.org</a>
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE).....	<a href="http://www.cfenet.com">www.cfenet.com</a>
Association of Certified Fraud Specialists (CFS).....	<a href="http://www.acfsnet.org">www.acfsnet.org</a>
Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....	<a href="http://www.acfe-boston.org">www.acfe-boston.org</a>
Association of Government Accountants .....	<a href="http://www.agacgfm.org">www.agacgfm.org</a>
AGA Aroostook County Chapter.....	<a href="http://www.agaarostookcounty.org">www.agaarostookcounty.org</a>
AGA Boston Chapter.....	<a href="http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org">www.aga-boston-chapter.org</a>
AGA Hartford Chapter .....	<a href="http://www.agahartford.org">www.agahartford.org</a>
AGA Maine Chapter.....	<a href="http://www.gwi.net/~aga/">www.gwi.net/~aga/</a>
First Gov .....	<a href="http://www.firstgov.gov">www.firstgov.gov</a>
Governmental Accounting Standards Board.....	<a href="http://www.gasb.org">www.gasb.org</a>
Government Executive .....	<a href="http://www.govexec.com">www.govexec.com</a>
Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) .....	<a href="http://www.theiia.org">www.theiia.org</a>
IIA Greater Boston Chapter.....	<a href="http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13">www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13</a>
Information Systems Audit & Control Association .....	<a href="http://www.isaca.org">www.isaca.org</a>
Intergovernmental Audit Forum .....	<a href="http://www.auditforum.org">www.auditforum.org</a>
International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....	<a href="http://www.iappnet.org">www.iappnet.org</a>
National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....	<a href="http://www.nasact.org">www.nasact.org</a>
National Assoc of State Comptrollers.....	<a href="http://www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html">www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html</a>
National Assoc of State Treasurers.....	<a href="http://www.nasact.org/community/nast.html">www.nasact.org/community/nast.html</a>
National State Auditors Association.....	<a href="http://www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html">www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html</a>
National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council .....	<a href="http://www.ec3.org">www.ec3.org</a>

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### CEC Meeting Highlights



The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on October 6, 2009. The following items were discussed:

The Education Committee discussed its planning for the upcoming year, highlighting the final event planning for the seminar in October at The Volpe Building.

The majority of sessions were finalized for the Regional Professional Developmental Conference at Bentley University in March.

Discussions were held regarding the number of sessions that the chapter holds during the year.

CGFM Coordinator reports were presented and received.

Treasurer’s and membership reports were presented and received.

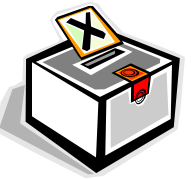
The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.



On Veteran’s Day and all other days of the year, please keep those that are protecting us in your thoughts and prayers.

### Don’t Forget!

Tuesday, November 3’rd is Election day. Most polls are open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Check with your City or Town Hall.



October in New England - This is really climate change

### There ought to be a law.



Did you know.....

In Alabama it is illegal to train a bear for wrestling or to promote bear wrestling.

In Nevada it is illegal to place a chair or bench on any street.

In New Hampshire it is illegal to take seaweed off of the beach at night.

In North Carolina it is illegal to serve alcohol at a bingo game.

In Oklahoma it is illegal to promote a “horse tripping” event.

In Tennessee it is illegal to bring a skunk into the state.

In Washington it is illegal to spit on a bus.

**Trivia Answer**  
**Victor**

## News from National

### Government Finance Case Challenge

The best undergraduate accounting/financial management/business students in the country are competing in the third annual Government Finance Case Challenge, sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

Student teams will collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on how a U.S. city government implements a performance management system. All members of the two highest-scoring teams will receive a scholarship to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference, set for February of 2010 in Washington, D.C. Teams will present their finalized solutions before a panel of federal/state/local government leaders, corporate partners and CFOs. The winning teams will be announced at the awards luncheon on the final day of the conference.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Each student participant will receive a free one-year membership to AGA. Students will compete with teams from various colleges around the country. The experience promises to challenge students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness of the importance of government accountability and open doors to a future career in government.

### 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.

### Call for National Awards Nominations Deadline Extended to Nov. 6, 2009

Who do you know that deserves special recognition for contributions to our field?

Please help us acknowledge financial professionals at the federal, state and local level and private sector who are leading the way.

These awards will be presented at AGA's Eighth Annual National Leadership Conference, Feb. 18-19, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Submit your nominations today.

### AGA's Regional Dialogues Reveal ARRA Spawning Lasting Changes

Regional intergovernmental dialogues recently sponsored by AGA in four cities across the country reveal that the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) is sweeping, not only in its size and complexity, but also in the impact that it is likely to have on government operations both now and in the future.

New processes, procedures and tools developed to implement ARRA are reshaping intra- and intergovernmental relations and the ways that governments collect, maintain and report information

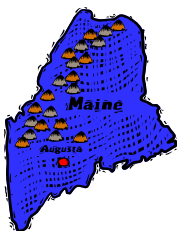
### Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

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

## 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.



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

The Maine Chapter recently held a Sock Box Collection for the Bread of Life Shelter. Many socks, hats, gloves and other items were collected to help less fortunate prepare for the winter months.

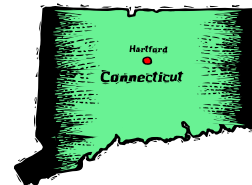
### Aroostook County Chapter

The Chapter just held their 2nd Annual Joint ASMC/AGA Mini-PDI/PDC on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Loring Job Corps Banquet Facility. From all reports it was another very successful event. Check their web site for upcoming events.



Aroostook County Chapter Officers, Treasurer Kim Denbow, President Elect Linda Gover, President Kristi Bell, and Secretary Cristy Greene

### Meetings for the Hartford Chapter



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

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

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

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