

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

October 11, 2007

Fall Seminar
Investment, Lottery
and Medicaid
Fraud and
Financial Crimes
Lombardo's
Randolph, MA



November 8, 2007

Fall Workshop
E Commerce &
Identity Fraud
JFK Federal Bldg.
Boston, MA



National

Feb. 21-22, 2008

National Leadership
Conference
Washington, DC



July 27-30, 2008

AGA National
Professional
Developmental
Conference
Atlanta, GA



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President's Message

October is upon us and our annual training program has begun. This year, the Training Committee has put together a great program that started Thursday, September 20, 2007. About 40 members attended a luncheon meeting to hear Special Agent **Tim Bond** of the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Criminal Investigations Division, present the facts of a fraud case that was developed out of Manchester, New Hampshire. As in so many of these cases, the fraud was perpetrated due to a breakdown in Internal Controls. The fraudulent activities were brought to light due to an anonymous allegation and a subsequent audit.

Our thanks go to the VA, Special Agent Bond and **Maureen Barry**, for their time, effort, and work in setting up this training session. I believe everyone left the luncheon meeting having learned something.

Our only other luncheon meeting will be our annual holiday charity fund raiser on December 13th at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston. Please set that date aside so that we have a large turnout. As is our custom, we will be accepting toy donations for Christmas in the City and will also have our usual raffle of donated items and a 50/50 raffle.

The Chapter is taking orders for shirts with the "AGA" logo with "Boston" under it. We are offering women's v-neck, men's polo shirts and dress shirts. See our flyer on page six for more details.

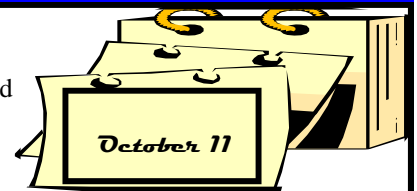
Our all day training session at Lombardo's in Randolph is scheduled for October 11, 2007. The general theme will again be fraud. See the notice in the newsletter and the separate flyer that **Dave LeBlanc** will be sending out. At that session we will be taking donations of socks to be sent to a local homeless shelter. Each attendee will earn 7 CPEs for attending this informative and fun day.

Wallace Alan Franklin

Save the Date!

Fall Seminar - Investment, Lottery and Medicaid Fraud
and Financial Crimes. Lombardo's Randolph, MA

To register please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at
Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at
617-727-6200.





Boston Chapter Education Recap

On September 20, 2007 40 Boston Chapter AGA Members and guests attended the chapter's first luncheon meeting of the program year at the Harp restaurant in Boston. After some welcoming remarks from Chapter President, **Al Franklin, CGFM**, and a great lunch, the attendees listened to a presentation on a Fraud Case Study

Senior Special Agent **Tim Bond**, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Bedford, MA spoke on audit/investigation's relationships using a successful bribery/conspiracy investigation as a detailed example. Tim detailed how agents and auditors worked together to uncover the conspiracy and identify the frauds committed that resulted in successful prosecutions.

As always, AGA members were able to network and earn one CPE for the class. Our next training session is our full day Fall Seminar on Fraud on October 11 at Lombardo's in Randolph. See you there!



Special Agent **Tim Bond** of the Veteran's Affairs IG Office and Boston Chapter President **Wallace "Al" Franklin, CGFM**

Upcoming Training Event Fall Seminar Investment Fraud Lottery Fraud Medicaid Fraud Criminal Investigations and Financial Crimes

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007

Time: Registration 8:00
AM Session 8:30 - 12:00
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00
PM Session 1:00 - 4:30

Location: Lombardo's
Randolph, MA

Cost: Members \$ 75.00
Non-Members \$100.00

CPEs Offered: 7

Ruthann Heselbarth, Senior Enforcement Accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission will address Investment Fraud.

Peter Clark & Christopher Walsh, Assistant Attorney General, of the Mass. Attorney General's Office, Medicaid Fraud Unit will discuss Medicaid Fraud

Eugene Ferris of the Massachusetts State Lottery will present Lottery Fraud.

Lance N. Okamoto, Senior Analyst, IRS - will speak about Criminal Investigations and Financial Crimes

Registration information for this session is available on the newsletter cover page and on the Chapter website.



Planned calendar of events Program Year 2007 - 2008



August 8, 2007

**Audio Conference - Performance Management
& Reporting
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
Room AV-1
2 CPEs**

September 20, 2007

**Chapter Lunch Meeting - VA Fraud Case Study
The Harp Restaurant, Boston, MA
1 CPE**

October 11, 2007

**Fall Seminar - Investment, Lottery and
Medicaid Fraud and Financial Crimes
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs**

November 8, 2007

**Fall Workshop - E Commerce / Identity Fraud
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

November 14, 2007

**Audio Conference - Tools for Performance
Audit Efficiency
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
Room AV-1
2 CPEs**

December 12, 2007

**Audio Conference - Anatomy of Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
Room AV-4
2 CPEs**

December 13, 2007

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

January 17, 2008

**Winter Seminar Credit Card Fraud/ Computer
Forensics
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
7 CPEs**

February 6, 2008

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

February 14, 2008

**Winter Workshop - Homeland Security Issues
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs**

March 5, 2008

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

March 11, 2008

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

April, 10, 2008

**Spring Workshop— Immigration / Customs
Enforcement
TBD
4 CPEs**

May 7, 2008

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

May 2008

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner
TBD, Boston, MA**

AGA Community Service Information

During last year's October training event at Lombardo's, the Boston Chapter collected new socks that were distributed to several homeless shelters.

Since the need for socks continues and we were so successful in past years in filling our "Socks Box," the AGA Boston Chapter will once again be collecting packages of new socks for men and women at our training event on **October 11, 2007, at Lombardo's.**

Every person who brings at least one pair of new socks will be entered into a raffle for a certificate towards a future training event.



AGA Community Service Information



Leukemia & Lymphoma Walk
Assumption College
Oct 21, 2007
www.lightthenight.org

Light The Night is an annual Society event to raise funds for cures. It's the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to thousands of patients and their families. Funds raised through Light The Night Walk support the work of hundreds of the world's best and brightest researchers in their search for better therapies and cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Anyone can take part, children, adults and seniors are all welcome. This is a casual walk with no fitness requirements. If any other AGA members would like to join me at this year's walk, you would be most welcome. If you can't attend but would like to make a tax deductible contribution to this worthy cause, you can forward a check payable to "The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society" to:

Michael Gagan
2 Phoenix Road
Auburn, MA 01501

Halloween Holiday Trivia

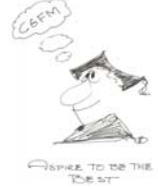


- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- Jack o' lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1. [*the editor's personal favorite*]
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.





CGFM is Rewarded with Raise at Missouri State Auditor's Office



The Missouri State Auditor's Office has begun offering salary increases to employees who earn the CGFM certification. "We recognize it as being a standard that shows excellence in the profession," said John Blattel, a member of AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter and the Director of Audits over performance audits at the Missouri State Auditor's office.

Blattel said the continuing professional education is a "big deal" at the State Auditor's office, one of the biggest state employers of auditing and accounting professionals. Employees are required to earn at least 40 CPE hours every year, but they are encouraged to do more and become certified. Employees can make an additional \$150 every month if they earn one of these credentials: "We support these professional certifications because they require employees to do additional professional study, and they keep you up to date on your profession," Blattel said.

This recent development is yet another advancement for the CGFM in Missouri state government. AGA's Mid-Missouri chapter has an active CGFM Program and has been working diligently for years to gain recognition for the credential. Vandee DeVore, CGFM, a chapter member, member of the Professional Certification Board and the national CGFM coordinator, worked with the state Division of Personnel over several years so that the CGFM would be recognized as equal to a bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience for auditors and accountants covered by the state's Uniform Classification System.

Because the Missouri state auditor is an elected official, employee pay and classifications are not covered under the same system but are determined internally. In this case, Auditor's Office officials took up the cause on their own, to the delight of Mid-Missouri Chapter members.

Shawn McCauley, CGFM, the chapter's CGFM chair, said the distance has been a big obstacle. But now, "people have no excuses at all," he said because not only are the exams offered in town, but the chapter reimburses all exam fees for those who pass, AND pay increases are available for those who work in the State Auditor's Office.

Immediate Past National Treasurer Tom Sadowski, CGFM, the director of accounting with the state Office of Administration said, "As a CGFM myself and former SAO employee I am pleased the office recognizes the value of the CGFM in a tangible way. The CGFM designation acknowledges the broad-based knowledge essential to being a proficient accountability professional in today's fast-paced and constantly evolving government." Blattel echoed Sadowski's comments. "The profession is changing so much every day that you need to be apprised of the latest changes to do the best job."

AGA National is currently running a special on CGFM applicants. From September 1 until November 30, 2007 we'll give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters. The complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and copy of the transcript) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2007. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?" A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in January.

The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the rebate. It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the rebate.

Boston Chapter - AGA

The Boston Chapter of the AGA has not offered it's membership a way to show your pride in the association in the past few years. Now is the time to do so!!

We will be taking orders for shirts, both men and women styles with the AGA logo and Boston under it. Either gold lettering on blue shirt or blue lettering on cream / white colored shirts.

The following will be offered:

Womens' V-neck (navy blue or white shirt) \$13.00

Mens' 100% Cotton Heavvweight T-Shirt \$12.00

100% Cotton Heavvweight Polo Shirt \$20.00

**Harvard Square Button Down Dress Shirt in white
or royal blue \$29.00**

On any order above XL (e XXL, XXXL) Add an additional cost of \$2.50



Orders will be taken in order for us to make one complete order from the company we are doing business with. Please respond to:

Wallace Alan Franklin
64 Rigby Road,
Lancaster, MA 01523

with order and money or at walanfranklin@verizon.net for an order and information as to how you will receive your shirts and pay for them by October, 30, 2007.

AGA Boston Chapter

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



Mary Ellen Kelly
Town of Framingham

John Drummey
Mass Office of the Inspector General

Joanne St. Pierre
Massport

Mary Farrelly
Mass Office of the Inspector General



Go for Growth!

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

- 236 Active Members
- 11 New Members
- 1 Members Transferred In
- 0 Members Transferred Out
- 19 Suspended Members

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2006:

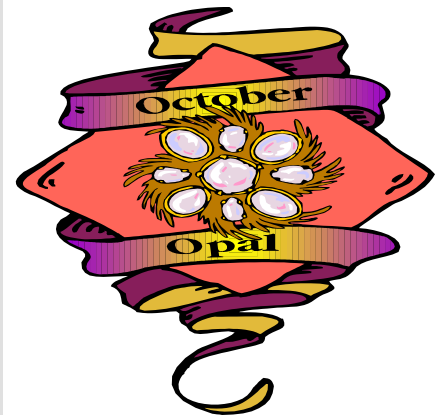
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM 3
- Joseph Valchuis 2
- Susan Perna-Damon, CGFM 1
- John Picuch 1
- Patricia Raymond 1

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!



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 September 30, 2007 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,750	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	2,300	2,300	58%
Certification	4,000	1,900	1,900	48%
Communications	3,000	3,927	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	3,900	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	775	775	39%
Community Service	2,000	1,275	1,275	64%
Awards	1,000	3,500	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	21,327	16,250	74%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet September 30, 2007

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 2,256
Savings Account	23,658
Certificates of Deposit	<u>13,289</u>

Total Cash \$39,203

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 80

Total Assets \$39,283

Liabilities and Fund Balance

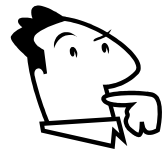
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>39,283</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$39,283

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, email her at Julia.Burns@osc.state.ma.us

Questions that haunt us



CAN YOU CRY UNDER WATER?

IF THE PROFESSOR ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND CAN MAKE A RADIO OUT OF A COCONUT, WHY CAN'T HE FIX A HOLE IN A BOAT?

WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS?

IF WILE E. COYOTE HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY ALL THAT ACME STUFF, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST BUY DINNER?

WHY DOES GOOFY STAND ERECT WHILE PLUTO REMAINS ON ALL FOURS? THEY'RE BOTH DOGS!

DID YOU EVER NOTICE THAT WHEN YOU BLOW IN A DOG'S FACE, HE GETS MAD AT YOU, BUT WHEN YOU TAKE HIM FOR A CAR RIDE, HE STICKS HIS HEAD OUT THE WINDOW?

October Quote

Tact is the art of making guests feel at home when that's where you wish they were .

Anon



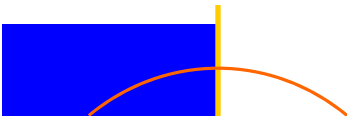
TRIVIA QUESTION!

The only Academy Award (Oscar) that was made out of wood was awarded to whom?

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 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 Associationwww.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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News from National

Help AGA Recognize Visionary Leadership, Innovative Management, and Educational Commitment to Our Profession and Our Association!

AGA's National Awards Committee proudly sponsors a series of presentations to recognize individuals for their exemplary work in the field of financial management:



AGAs State & Local Government Leadership Awards (Deadline October 26, 2007)

These awards are presented at the annual National Leadership Conference and recognize outstanding financial leaders in the state and local levels of government and the private sector.

- Excellence in Government Leadership Award
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award
- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award



AGAs Federal Leadership Awards (Deadline October 26, 2007)

These awards are presented at the annual National Leadership Conference and recognize outstanding financial leaders in the federal government.

- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award
- Elmer Staats Award
- Andy Barr Award

Find more information on [AGA's website](#).



Governing Focuses on Using Performance Measures to Improve Efficiency

Two articles in *Governing* magazine about performance reporting are worth reading. The first, by **Shelley Metzenbaum**, talks about how agencies can improve effectiveness and efficiency using performance measurement by exploring the possibilities afforded by problem counting and characterization. Her article is titled, [Count Your Blessings? Sure, But Count Your Problems Too](#).

A second article by **Jonathan Walters**, [Data on the Beat](#), focuses on how the Chicago Police Department uses an extensive database to gather, store, cross-reference and retrieve massive amounts of information on crime and criminals. Walters, a staff correspondent for *Governing*, introduced his new book, *Measuring Up 2.0*, at the PMC.

Case Challenge Under Way

The AGA National Office has begun marketing its first-ever Government Finance Case Challenge to colleges and universities, set to begin Oct. 15. AGA aims to educate colleges about career options in government financial management; inform colleges about AGA and invite them to participate in this free event.

We need your assistance with this effort. If your chapter has a connection with a local college or university, please consider contacting the institution to introduce this competition. Find more information on [AGA's website](#).



News from National

AGA's 2007–2008 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign *We Have a Dream*



We have a dream at AGA, and you can help make it happen and be rewarded in Atlanta. We have a dream of a stronger, more visible Association with more power to help you achieve your professional dreams. Participate in the *We Have a Dream* campaign and become eligible for fantastic prizes, including AGA Dollars, Bose audio equipment, meeting registrations and getaways.

We invite each AGA member to recruit at least one new member in this year's recruitment campaign. Show your enthusiasm with firsthand accounts of how your AGA membership has been a great investment in your professional development and career. The excitement is contagious. AGA is on track to enjoy positive net growth for the third year in a row, and with your help we can do it.

Remember, EVERYONE who sponsors a new member is eligible for prizes and recognition in the *We Have a Dream* campaign. We encourage all of our members to get involved and be a sponsor during this campaign.



2008 PDC Hotel Now Accepting Reservations

It's time to look ahead to the 2008 PDC in Atlanta! Next year's conference will take place July 27 – 30 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis.

Everyone attending the conference will be housed in this hotel; AGA's room block is now open. Be sure to mention that you are attending the AGA PDC when making your reservation.

Once again, AGA will be offering two hotel scholarships to each AGA chapter.

Chapter Challenge—Promote Government Accountability to the People and Earn Bonus Chapter Recognition Credits

AGA needs your help encouraging governments to produce and publish four-page Citizen-Centric Reports. The Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative has become one of AGA's hallmark programs. The reports, designed to be visually appealing, provide understandable information to citizens about the performance and financial condition of the government as well as demographics and future challenges. The reports answer the question, "Are we better off today than we were last year?"

So far, AGA has assisted Virginia Beach, VA; Portland, OR; the state of Oregon; Saco, ME; and Maricopa County, AZ, with pilot reports. In addition, the District of Columbia has completed a report using tools provided by AGA for guidance. Other governments are showing strong interest in the initiative.

Tools Make It Easy - AGA has developed a Content Guidelines Template outlining what information should be included on each page as well as a Design Guidelines Template outlining the physical layout of the report.

Pilot Funding Available - The Sloan Foundation also believes in this initiative and has awarded a grant to AGA to help fund additional government entities to produce citizen-centric reports. Please contact Susan Fritzlen for more information about the possibility of becoming a pilot.



New England Regional News



The Maine Chapter of the National Association of Government Accountants serves government accounting professionals by providing quality education and fostering professional development and certification. Monthly meetings provide a chance for State of Maine and local government accounting employees to meet and network, discussing pertinent accounting and management issues.

2005 marked the 55th anniversary of the national AGA while the State of Maine Chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2007. The Maine Chapter has nearly 150 members as of November 2006 with several members holding professional certifications such as CGFM, CPA, CIA and CFE.

Monthly lunchtime meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May of each year, featuring keynote speakers discussing timely topics.

Throughout the year, Maine AGA members perform several community service events, providing support to local children, veterans and homeless citizens.

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

Maine Chapter's Tenth Anniversary

This year marks the Maine Chapter's tenth anniversary as an AGA chapter.



To our sister chapter in the north we offer our congratulations for achieving this milestone. We know that there will be many more years to come.



Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

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

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

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org

New England Region Vice President Team

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Althea Harris
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CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on Sept, 18, 2007 . The following items were discussed.

- The board voted to approach AGA members in our region that are not members of the Boston Chapter regarding transferring into the chapter.
- The Chapter's annual audit was conducted in a timely manner and the Chapter was given an unqualified opinion.
- We agreed to review the National Chapter Awards and will begin accepting nominations earlier for this Program Year.
- Membership lists were discussed and contact is being made to the members that are currently on the suspended list.
- A brief discussion on proposed updates to portions of both the Chapter Bylaws and Procedures. Comments will be forwarded to the Director of Bylaws and Procedures.
- The treasurer's report was read and approved.
- The Chapter voted to support the Light The Night walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Matching funds may be available from National.
- It was agreed that the Chapter will outreach with satellite chapters to conduct joint training sessions.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16'th.



Trivia Answer

Edgar Bergen
(the ventriloquist and creator of
Charlie McCarthy)

Time for a job change

You formatted your résumé ingeniously. You bolded your name and sized it just enough so it will stand out from the masses. You've proofread, spell-checked and edited it to death. You've even included creative (and of course, vital) information about why you're the best candidate for the job -- but have you gone too far?

Hiring managers and human resource professionals across the nation share the most unusual résumé blunders they've come across in their careers. Some of the top slip-ups from the include:

One applicant attached a letter from her mother.

An applicant specified that his availability was limited because Friday, Saturday and Sunday was "drinking time."

One applicant explained that he works well nude.

Another applicant explained an arrest by stating, "We stole a pig, but it was a really small pig."

An applicant drew a picture of a car on the outside of the envelope and said it was the hiring manager's gift.

One applicant explained a gap in employment by saying it was because he was getting over the death of his cat for three months.

One candidate included that he spent summers on his family's yacht in Grand Cayman, while another included family medical history.

Including a picture of you in a cheerleading uniform, as one applicant did, also doesn't make sense.

Also, it's probably not a good idea to use pale blue paper with teddy bears around the border.



Membership Application

New Member Check here if renewing

I. Name & Mailing Address

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.

male / female

Preferred Address

Name FIRST LAST MIDDLE

Address Apt/Suite#

City State/Province

Zip/Mail Code Country

Home Office Address

Business Phone Business Fax

Home Phone

E-mail

Second Address

Address Apt/Suite#

City State/Province

Zip/Mail Code Country

II. Business Information

Job Title Dept.

Organization

Employer: (Government):

- Federal State County City International
 Private Academia Student Retired Private International

Responsibility Area:

- Accounting Budgeting Financial Management Management Academia
 Contract Management Grants Management Program Management Administration Consulting
 Information Systems Retired Auditing Finance Legal
 Student Other

How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker AGA/Chapter AGA Conference Employer AGA Website
 CGFM Program Internet Search Chapter Meeting AGA Publication Direct Mail

Age:

- Below 20 21 – 25 26 – 30 31 – 35 36 – 40 41 – 45 46 – 50 51 – 55 56 – 60 61 – 65 66+

Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

Education: Highest degree attained: Accreditation and Certificates:

III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable) Member ID #

IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

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