

## Calendar of Events Boston Chapter

### Local

**February 7, 2012**  
Boston Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Meeting



**February 8, 2012**  
Audio Conference  
Federal Financial  
Management  
Imperatives  
JFK Federal Building,  
Boston, MA



### National

**Feb. 16 - 17, 2012**  
National  
Leadership  
Conference  
Washington, DC



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## President's Message



February is an exciting month for everyone in Boston – first we have Ground Hog Day (let's hope we get some snow for the skiers) and the Red Sox pitchers and catchers report for duty! I've also heard that Patriots are playing this weekend – let's hope they can avenge their 2008 loss to the Giants – LET'S GO PATS!!!

Last month we had a very successful training event on interviewing conducted by nationally acclaimed speaker, Bob Carnegie. Bob is a chapter member and donated his time for this event. We are extremely grateful.

For education this month we will have an audio conference on the subject of Federal Financial Management to be held at the JFK Federal Building in Boston. Details regarding the session and registration information can be found in this newsletter and on the Chapter's web site.

Preparations continue for the Chapter's Annual Regional Developmental Conference on March 13th. The Conference will once again be held at Bentley University so please make your calendars accordingly. This year's event is expected to be more exciting than ever, so please ensure that you and all your co-workers register and attend. I would challenge everyone to get one new professional to attend this year's Conference.

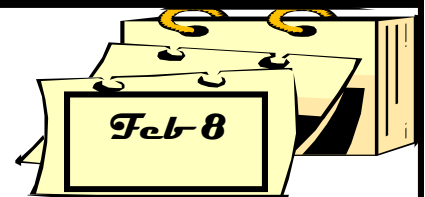
The nominating committee is working on coming up with the slate of officers for next year. If you are interested in becoming part of the Chapter's leadership structure, please contact Joe Valchuis, Howie Olsher, Dave LeBlanc, Ernie Almonte or me. Whether you are interested in an elected office, a directorship or to be part of a committee please let us know.

Enjoy all the good things that February has to offer. Spring is just around the corner.

*Shawn Warren*

### Save the Date!

Audio Conference  
Federal Financial Management Imperatives  
JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA



**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Audio Conference  
Federal Financial Management Imperatives**

Date: February 8, 2012  
 Location: JFK Federal Building, Boston  
 Registration: 12:30 - 1:00 (plan for time to go through building security)  
 Live Speaker: 1:00 - 2:00  
 Audio Session 2:00 - 4:00  
 CPEs: 3  
 Cost: AGA Members Free  
 Non-Members \$25

AGA is pleased to announce a new audio conference on the pressures on government financial managers to cut costs while maintaining services. The audio conference, titled, "The New Stewardship Imperative--Federal Financial Management at the Crossroads" is scheduled for 2 - 3:50 p.m. EST **Feb. 8**. The audio conference session will be for three hours (included is one hour of a live speaker).

Speakers will discuss the major "drivers" bearing down on government financial managers: the continuing economic crisis, the debates over cutting up to \$4 trillion in government spending over the next 10 years, and the looming presidential election. These drivers mean cost containment, savings, recouping lost dollars, and jettisoning wasteful programs are of paramount importance.

To share their knowledge and expertise in government financial management and government operations are three Grant Thornton executives: **Nilesh Chudasama**, senior manager, **Tom Coccozza**, CGFM, director, and **James G. Huse Jr.**, senior adviser.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, about 20 minutes is set aside for participants to ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

*Registrations due by 2/6/12, To register please  
 Contact Julia Burns, CGFM at  
 Julia.Burns@state.ma.us  
 or via phone at 617-973-2452  
 Or online at  
 www.agaboston.org*

**Boston Chapter AGA  
Educational Opportunity  
Regional Professional Development Conference  
Preliminary Program**

**Keynote and Opening Remarks**

**AGA National Issues**  
 Richard Bunch, CGFM  
 AGA National President

**AM Sessions**

**LinkedIn as an Administrative & Investigative Tool**  
 Dave Gowel and Abigail Bratt  
 RockTech

**Ethics**  
 Richard Bunch, CGFM  
 AGA National President

**Writing Techniques for Auditors...And Non-Auditors!**  
 Joanne Feierman

**Comprehensive Audit Resolution Oversight Initiative (CAROI)**  
 David LeBlanc, CGFM,  
 Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Keynote Afternoon**

**Ernest Almonte, CGFM**  
 Boston Chapter President Elect  
 Almonte Group LLC

**PM Sessions**

**GASB Update**  
 Greg Driscoll  
 KPMG

**Cloud Computing**  
 Geoff Clarke  
 KPMG

**Fraud**  
 Jo-Anne Corvese  
 DCAA (invited)

**Introduction to Governmental Accounting**  
 Scott Warnetski  
 KPMG

## Calendar of Training Events Program Year 2011 - 2012

**September 28, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Fraud**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**January 19, 2012**

**Winter Seminar - Collecting Testimonial**

**Evidence, Interviewing Techniques**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**7 CPEs**

**Members: \$75**

**Non-Members: \$100**

**October 5, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Internal Controls**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**February 8, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Financial Management**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**October 20, 2011**

**Fall Seminar - Fraud**

**Lombardo's, Randolph, MA**

**7 CPEs**

**Members: \$90**

**Non-Members: \$125**

**March 7, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Data Mining**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**November 17, 2011**

**Fall Workshop - Data Analysis & Case Studies**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston, Room E275C**

**4 CPEs**

**Members: \$50 Non-Members: \$65**

**March 13, 2012**

**Regional Professional Developmental Conference**

**Bentley University, Waltham, MA**

**8 CPEs**

**Members: \$90 - \$100 Non-Members: \$130 - \$155**

**December 1, 2011**

**Annual Holiday Party &**

**Charity Fundraiser**

**Maggianno's, Boston**

**Members: \$20**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**April 18, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Auditing Tools**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**December 14, 2011**

**Audio Conference - Fraud**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

**May 23, 2012**

**Audio Conference - Ethics**

**JFK Federal Building, Boston**

**3 CPEs**

**Members: Free**

**Non-Members: \$25**

*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.*

## Community Service Notes

The Community Service Committee is again collecting donations at the March 13, 2012 Regional Professional Development Conference at Bentley University. Donation boxes for **used eyeglasses, gently used business attire, pet food and supplies, and various art and craft supplies** will be located near the registration desk. These donations will be used to benefit various agencies and individuals in our area. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

### Eyeglasses:

The Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Recycle for Sight program. If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.



### Clothing Donations:

This year the committee is again collecting gently used Business Attire. Donations should be clean, pressed and ready to wear. Some appropriate items include: skirts, dresses, blouses, pantsuits, men's suits, dress shirts, slacks, ties, shoes, etc. They will then be given to the Career Closet of Interfaith Social Services in Quincy. Please check out their website at <http://www.interfaithsocialservices.org/network/career-closet>.



### Pet Supplies:

**Pets In Need** is a small adoption program run privately by volunteers who have joined together to save unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs. They are strictly no-kill and the organization's main goal is to take in the animals from other rescues and shelters that would otherwise be euthanized as a result of behavior problems, overpopulated shelters, or financial burden. All donations and adoption fees go directly to the animals; Pets In Need is an officially 501c3.



Beginning in 1997 and thanks to the wonderful group of supporters that seem to multiply each year, Pets In Need has grown to help more and more animals. Although the rescue program does not have a shelter facility (due to lack of funds), volunteers who foster the rescued cats and dogs are based in Dracut, Chelmsford, and Somerville, MA and Nashua, Pelham, and Amherst, NH. Pets In Need web address is [www.petsinneedanimalrescue.org](http://www.petsinneedanimalrescue.org).

Donations are gratefully accepted on behalf of the cats and dogs in foster care. Here are some items from their "wish list":

- Cat Food – When considering the nutritional needs of the cats in foster care, Friskies canned food and Purina One dry adult cat food are preferred.
- Cat Treats – The cats love any kind of treat!
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Dog Food – When considering the nutritional needs of the dogs in foster care, Purina and Beneful are preferred.

### Craft Supply Donations to Benefit Autistic Children:



Autism Alliance of Metro West has a wish list for items which will be used by children to learn through arts and crafts. These are Markers, Construction Paper, Glue Sticks, Stickers, Folders, Paints, Popsicle Sticks, Beads and Juice Boxes

For more information about the alliance visit <http://www.autismalliance.org/index.htm>

**Office of the State Auditor**  
QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER  
**Posting Number 2011-17**  
**SALARY RANGE: \$68,000 - \$82,000**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

The Quality Assurance Manager will be responsible for managing the quality assurance review process, including review and supervision of staff work. In addition, the Quality Assurance Manager will be responsible for continuous monitoring of the OSA Audit Policy Manual, including updating content, helping to ensure staff compliance, and responding to questions / issues encountered by staff.

**SUPERVISION**

The Quality Assurance Manager will report directly to the Assistant Deputy Auditor for Audit Operations, and will be responsible for supervising Quality Assurance staff.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Some duties the Quality Assurance Manager will be responsible for are:*

Conducting quality assurance reviews of OSA audits, with the goal of evaluating OSA audit compliance with the Yellow Book and the OSA Audit Policy Manual. This will involve completing the Quality Assurance Checklist, presenting and discussing results with audit team members, and working with the audit team to implement any necessary changes to TeamMate and the draft report.

Identifying training needs for audit staff, based on the results of quality assurance reviews.

Collaborating with the Assistant Deputy to prepare the annual quality assurance report, as required by Government Auditing Standards and to coordinate the quarterly review of the Audit Policy Manual.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

A bachelor's degree and 7-9 years of experience in auditing, at least three of which must be in a supervisory role. Extensive knowledge of Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) and a strong command of the laws, rules and regulations most frequently used in audit engagements.

Proficiency with Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel, Access and a high level understanding and proficiency in the use of TeamMate (OSA Auditing Software);

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), or Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE);

Experience with Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System (MMARS), the Commonwealth Information Warehouse (CIW), experience with ACL and data mining tools and techniques and knowledge of internal controls including the elements of the Committee of Sponsoring Organization's (COSO) Internal Control-Integrated Framework.

Please submit your cover letter and resume electronically, no later than February 16, 2012 to [OSA.applications@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:OSA.applications@sao.state.ma.us), referencing Posting Number 2011-17 in the subject line.

The Office of the State Auditor is committed to providing equal employment opportunities. Employment actions such as recruiting, hiring, training, and promoting individuals are based upon a policy of non-discrimination. Employment decisions and actions are made without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, military status, genetic information, political affiliation, or veteran's status.



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

**Kenneth Dion**  
US Treasury OIG



This dog (who is owned by a Giant's fan) is rooting for her favorite team in Indianapolis.

### Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

299 Active Members

66 New Members

20 Suspended Members

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The Boston Chapter recognizes our "new member" multiple sponsors since May 1, 2011

William Conroy..... 8

Shannon Parven..... 7

Elaine Silva..... 2

### 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!



### 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 January 31, 2012 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,950	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,300	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	5,300	4,000	100%
Communications	3,000	6,223	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	6,400	3,000	100%
Accountability	2,000	2,025	2,000	100%
Community Service	2,000	2,900	1,300	100%
Awards	1,000	1,850	1,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>33,948</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Boston Chapter Balance Sheet January 31, 2012

#### Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$16,623
Savings Account	9,976
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>

Total Cash \$26,599

Total Accounts Receivable \$ 340

Total Assets \$26,939

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Deferred Revenue - Seminars	0
Current Fund Balance	<u>26,939</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$26,939



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### Speaker Database

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

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



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### February Quote

*"If we had no winter, the spring  
would not be so pleasant."*

**Anne Bradstreet**

### SUDOKU ANSWER

1	5	6	7	4	3	8	2	9
3	7	4	8	2	9	6	1	5
8	9	2	1	5	6	3	4	7
9	4	8	3	7	5	1	6	2
6	3	5	2	9	1	4	7	8
7	2	1	4	6	8	5	9	3
2	1	7	5	3	4	9	8	6
5	8	9	6	1	2	7	3	4
4	6	3	9	8	7	2	5	1



### TRIVIA QUESTION!

**Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. What's #1 ?**

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter

### Websites of Interest

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

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## ***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

2011 Winner - Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

### **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

2011 Winner – Howard Olsher, CGFM - Office of the Massachusetts State Auditor

### **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

### **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

2011 Winner – David A. LeBlanc, CGFM, CFS

### **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

2011 Winner – Julia Burns, CGFM, Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller

## ***Boston Chapter AGA Annual Scholarships***



The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston

Chapter is pleased to offer one (1) **Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a financial management related program.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) - Boston Chapter is pleased to offer one (1) **George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000 to an AGA – Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member that is enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major.

Applications are available at [www.aga-boston-chapter.org](http://www.aga-boston-chapter.org)

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

## **Nomination Submission**

To nominate someone for one of the Chapter awards, please compose a document which provides the person's name, job title, organization, AGA – Boston Chapter membership status, and a narrative which supports the award criteria. Submit the completed nomination via e-mail: ([william.muench@comcast.net](mailto:william.muench@comcast.net)) or mail for receipt by no later than February 8, 2012 to:

AGA - BOSTON CHAPTER FY 2012  
AWARDS  
C/O WILLIAM A. MUENCH  
16 WEYBRIDGE LANE  
HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
01748

## Member News

**David LeBlanc, CGFM** has been selected to be AGA's National Treasurer Elect. His three year term will start on July 1'st.

**Dan Bonnette** has taken a position at McGladrey, Pullen, LLP in Boston where he will be taking over their Public Sector audit practice.

**Bill Muench, CGFM** of the Defense Contract Audit Agency has earned his Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) Certification.

The following members of the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office have earned their Certified Fraud Specialist (CFS) Certification.

**Denise Lucciola**  
**Julie O'Sullivan**  
**Leo Pratt**  
**Debra Semensi**

## Community Service Job Shadow Day 2012!

On Thursday, February 2, 2012 - Groundhog Day - countless working professionals along with their "student shadows" will celebrate the 14th Annual Job Shadow Day!



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

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

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



## AGA and CGFM Annual Renewals Now Available Online



Thank you for your support of AGA over the past year. Get your 2012 started right by **renewing!** Don't risk letting your membership or CGFM certification lapse. Get ahead of the pack by renewing online now.

Electronic renewals will be e-mailed later this week. Paper copy renewals will be mailed in early February. The due date for renewal payments is **March 31, 2012**. Whether you're involved in local, state, federal government or private industry, we are getting the word out to financial professionals everywhere on the issues that matter in financial management.

It takes only minutes to renew online at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org). Your AGA ID number is the login, and your password is your first initial immediately followed by your last name, unless you have changed it.

Once you log in, you will see your AGA profile. Press the billing button to renew with a credit card on our secured server. While you are logged in, please take a moment to review your membership information and update any incorrect items. You may also print your membership card online. If you need assistance, please call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211.

CGFMs need to maintain documentation to substantiate their statements of completed CPE for a minimum of three years. This documentation may be requested by AGA as part of a CPE audit or a reactivation process.

For more information on the requirements to maintain a CGFM in an active status, please visit the following site:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/>





## CEC Meeting Highlights

The Boston Chapter Executive Committee met on Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012. Please note the following:

**Education:** The calendar of events for the next program year was discussed and locations are being reserved.

**Treasurer:** The budget progress for Program Year 2011 - 2012 was discussed identifying current and future sources of revenue, along with anticipated expenditures. Receivables and collections from 2011 were discussed.

**Community Services:** We discussed plans for the upcoming year, including the group of collections that will be made at the Regional PDC on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominating committee** was formed as per the chapter bylaws. The committee expects to present it's slate of officers to the membership for elections at the Regional PDC.

**CGFM, Membership and Early Careers:** Updates and reports on these subjects were discussed and reviewed.

**Awards:** Information for the annual chapter awards and scholarships that will be presented at our Regional PDC at Bentley University in March of 2012, has been prepared and disseminated to chapter members and was posted on the web site.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012.

## Trivia Answer

**Christmas is first with approximately 2.6 billion cards sent each year.**

## Boston Chapter AGA Website



The Boston Chapter of the AGA has a new and improved award winning website. Please change your browser favorites to the following:

[www.agaboston.org](http://www.agaboston.org)

Take a tour around the site and send your feedback, suggestions and thoughts to the webmaster or any chapter Officer or Director. Check the site often for updates and valuable information.

Are you using social media? The Boston Chapter invites you to follow us on Twitter, like our Facebook Fan Page, and/or join our LinkedIn Group. Our moniker is – you guessed it – Boston AGA! We plan to provide periodic updates regarding education sessions, community service events, etc.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julia Burns at [BostonAGA@gmail.com](mailto:BostonAGA@gmail.com).

## Citizen Centric Reporting

The Association of Government Accountants, the thought leader for the government accountability profession, evaluates reports for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting award. AGA determines award recipients based on content, visual appeal, readability, distribution, and timeliness of reporting.

The Boston Chapter is proud to publish their very first Citizen Centric Report.

To view a copy of the Chapter's first Citizen Centric Report, please go to our website at:

[http://www.agaboston.org/files/Boston\\_Chapter\\_CCR.pdf](http://www.agaboston.org/files/Boston_Chapter_CCR.pdf)

## News from National

### 61<sup>st</sup> Annual PDC Scheduled for Sunny San Diego Hotel Rooms Available

Registration and hotel information for [AGA's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition](#) is now available online. If you are planning ahead for the PDC in San Diego, **July 29–Aug. 1, 2012**, you can [reserve a room at one of five hotels](#) near the conference site, the San Diego Convention Center. The room rate is \$133 (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are guaranteed until **July 6**, or until the block is sold out.

To make a reservation, please call the conference hotels directly and mention you are attending the “AGA PDC” to ensure you receive the discounted rate. All hotel rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until the hotel is sold out. Make your reservations early!

### AGA Needs Volunteers for National Boards and Committees

AGA is seeking candidates interested in filling vacancies on national boards and committees. Serving as a board or committee member might just be the most important contribution you will make to your own career and the profession. Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

**Commitment:** All board and committee terms begin July 1. Board terms run for one, two or three years, depending on the board, and committee terms run for three years.

**Qualifications:** If you are an AGA member in good standing, able to serve a full term of office, and can participate in board and committee conference calls, you are qualified to serve.

Learn more about the activities our boards and committees perform by visiting the AGA website. Contact Louise Kapelewski at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 321 for more information. Please fill out the online sign-up form by March 30.

### AGA's 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

For 10 years, AGA's National Leadership Conference has been *the* event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. AGA will continue its legacy at NLC 2012 by training government financial managers and accountability professionals to be effective leaders and to take skills and knowledge gained to the next level.

[Register](#) today for [AGA's 10th Annual National Leadership Conference](#), Feb. 16-17, 2012, at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington D.C.

10 Reasons to Attend:

- Low-cost registration price **plus** \$100 in savings for registering by Jan. 20.
- Show your commitment to government accountability excellence.
- Earn 14 CPE hours.
- Be inspired by top leaders in federal, state and local government.
- Connect with new colleagues and renew contacts.
- Discover innovative and creative ways to improve your job performance.
- Gain new skills and knowledge to help you become an extraordinary leader.
- Speak with private sector partners who can provide solutions to your most pressing challenges and win great prizes.
- Support this year's National Leadership Award recipients.
- Experience all there is to see and do in Washington, D.C.

### Win a Free PDC 2012 Conference Registrations & hotel accommodations

Grab your digital video camera and produce a creative & entertaining two-minute video to share your views on the value of attendance at AGA's 61<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA. See the AGA web site for details

## New England Regional News

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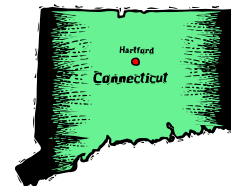
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### Meetings for the Hartford Chapter



The Hartford Chapter Meetings 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)

### Aroostook County Chapter

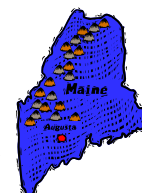


Chapter CEC Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. General Membership Meetings are held as needed.

AGA Aroostook County has adopted The Christopher Home as an on-going monthly community service project. This project continues to be a success due to all of the support provided by the Chapter.

Aroostook County Chapter at  
[www.agaarostookcounty.org](http://www.agaarostookcounty.org)

### Maine Chapter Meetings



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

The Maine Chapter of AGA is sponsoring The Bread of Life Homeless Shelter as a Community Service event. They need personal items such as hats, mittens, socks, brushes, combs, shampoo, soap, deodorant, wash clothes, towels, and detergents for the winter clientele. Adults and children visit the shelter, so all types & sizes are needed. Donations being accepted through February 8th!

Maine Chapter at [www.gwi.net/~aga/](http://www.gwi.net/~aga/)



# 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.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.
- Private Sector**—\$150/year —This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.
- Early Career**—\$45/year—This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience.
- Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter  Dues

Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional  Dues

Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

## V. Method of Payment

Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)

Charge to my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

Total Amount Enclosed

Card Number  Expiration Date

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