



AGA NEWSLETTER

NEW ENGLAND
REGION

November 2011



Greetings New England AGA Leaders!

Autumn is in full swing in New England! Although we had a preview of winter weather, we are still enjoying some warm weather. Hope everyone survived the power outages and shoveling that came with our pre-Halloween snowstorm. It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving next week and making plans for Black Friday.

With that being said, all of the New England AGA chapters have begun executing their education plans. Successful seminars have been held all over New England whether a full or half day. Community Service activities have also taken place and will continue through the remainder of the year. Details for spring events are being finalized and summer will be here before we know it.

The Chapter Recognition Program helps identify where chapters are hard at work. The first quarterly report was due on September 30th and we are halfway through the second quarter. Aroostook County, Boston and Maine Chapters have all submitted the first quarterly report and have either already exceeded their goal for the year or are well on their way to meet it. Great Work!

I am again reminding you that each chapter has been encouraged to prepare its own Citizen Centric Report (CCR) and post it on their website. Some chapters have already completed this report. Congratulations to the 30 chapters that earned 500 Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) credits by submitting their chapter Citizen-Centric Reports (CCR) prior to the Sept. 30 deadline. The next deadline for submitting your chapter's CCR for 250 CRP credits is **Dec. 31**. Completed reports can be found on [AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting website](#). Even if you already completed yours, check out some other AGA Chapters for ideas for next year's report.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the upcoming regional organizational change. Beginning July 1, 2012 the Aroostook County, Boston, Hartford and Maine Chapters will be joining the New York Capital Chapter and Rome Chapter as the new Northeast Region. The RVP-Elect and Regional Coordinators will begin working with those chapters to coordinate this change.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions or issues.

Thanks again for all your hard work,
Jane

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 16 New England AGA Leadership Conference Call
November 17 Membership and Early Careers Chairs Web Meeting
November 18 National AGA Awards Nominations Due
December 31 2nd Quarter Chapter Recognition Report Due

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UPDATES FROM NATIONAL

Sectional Leadership Meeting

Registration for the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) is open. AGA leaders in Sections 1 and 4, are invited to attend the SLM in Indianapolis on April 13-14. Below is information regarding who is invited, location, dates and deadlines. Please review this information carefully and contact [Jessica Jones](#) or myself if you have any questions. All SLM details can be found here:

http://www.agacgfm.org/about/governance/slm/section_1.aspx

What is the SLM?

The SLM is designed to bring national, sectional, regional and chapter leaders together with AGA National Office staff to discuss the following objectives:

- AGA's national direction and initiatives;
- Expectations of our national, regional and chapter leaders;
- Ways to improve services to current members and recruit new members and leaders; and
- How to access information to be a more effective leader.

Location:

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites, 120 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Who's Invited?

Listed below are the AGA leaders invited* to attend the SLM. "Incoming" refers to individuals who take office on July 1, 2012.

- Incoming Regional Vice Presidents
- Regional Coordinators for Chapter Development and Assistance, Membership/Early Careers, CGFM, Accountability and Education who are not in the last year of their term (term ending June 30, 2012)
- Incoming Chapter Presidents
- Incoming Chapter Membership or Early Career Chair, CGFM Chair, Accountability Chair and Education Chair

When Should You Arrive?

Regional Vice Presidents and Coordinators should arrive at the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites by 5pm on Thursday, April 12 for an SVP led session designed to assist you in your role as RVP/RC. **All SLM attendees** should plan to arrive in plenty of time to start the SLM at 8:00am on Friday, April 13. The dress code for the SLM is business casual. We recommend you dress in layers or bring a jacket in case the meeting room temperature is not comfortable for you.

RSVP by March 2, 2011 using the RSVP form found on the website.. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to attendees and an additional hotel confirmation will be sent prior to the SLM.

Hotel & Travel Expenses

AGA will cover airfare, hotel and meals provided during the meeting. However, cab fare, meals in transit, baggage fees, etc. will be the responsibility of the individual or chapter. You can book airfare at no cost to you through AGA's travel agent, Avenue Travel. Please contact Steve Gardner at steve@avenuetravel.com or call 888.548.5554 to book your flight. Note that flights must be purchased by March 16, 2012 and attendees' membership dues must be paid and up-to-date by the time they attend their SLM.

2012 PDC Hotel Scholarships

AGA is pleased to announce that its Chapter Hotel Scholarship program will continue at the next PDC, which takes place **July 29-Aug. 1, 2012** at the San Diego Convention Center. The scholarship program covers room and tax for two individuals from each AGA chapter for up to five nights. Members chosen by their chapter to receive the hotel scholarship are responsible for making their own reservations at the [Manchester Grand Hyatt](#). The PDC conference rate is \$133 (plus tax) per night until July 6, or until the room block is sold out. Once a reservation is made, e-mail the confirmation number and arrival/departure dates to [Jessica Jones](#). A separate name must be listed for each confirmation number provided.