



# AGA NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER

February 2008

## Upcoming Chapter Events

Next Monthly Meeting:



**March 26, 2008**

**Ron Cox, Regional Vice President**  
**The National Perspective**  
**Maple Hill Farm Bed & Breakfast**

Registration 11:00 to 11:30

Speaker & Lunch 11:30 to 1:00

<http://www.maplebb.com> for directions



## Upcoming Educational Events

**March 5, 2008**

**Audio Conference**  
**Environmental Fraud**

**March 11, 2008**

**Boston Chapter Regional**  
**Professional Development**  
**Conference**  
**Bentley College, Waltham, MA**

**[More details available on our website](#)**

**March 26, 2008**

**Audio Conference**  
**GASB Update**



We were privileged to have Paul Kando join us for our monthly meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kando gave a wonderful presentation on the impact of Global Warming. His question to us was "what can we do about it?". He challenged us to think of the economic opportunities that abound in because of this challenge. Other countries are far ahead of the US in terms of the usage of alternate energy sources, more fuel efficient vehicles and government promotion of energy efficiency. It was a very informative presentation.

Traditionally during March we have been joined by the National President. Unfortunately, his schedule did not allow him to join us at this time. However, Ron Cox, Regional Vice President will be in Maine for the initial meeting of the Limestone chapter. Ron will join us on March 26<sup>th</sup>, at Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast to discuss the National Perspective.

Don't forget...It's Election Time! Would you like to be more involved in the chapter? Run for one of these positions:

President Elect  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Director of Communications  
Director of Community Service  
Director of Education  
Director of Membership  
Director of Program & Technical Meetings

Please contact any member of the CEC for more information.

Respectfully,

Jenny Boyden  
President

## Community Service Corner

### Bowl For Kids' Sake 2008 is in full swing!

We have some great prizes in our incentive drawing (including the popular spa package, Red Sox and Celtics tickets, iPods and MUCH more). Anyone raising \$225 or more gets their name in the drawing.

You have plenty of time to get a team together, as the event is not until March 29<sup>th</sup>!

We hope to see you on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>!!

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

When teams are formed, please let Jody Breton know so she can keep track of our chapter's community service credits. Thanks



[More details available on our website](#)

## Net Worth Statement As of December 31, 2008

Assets		
Cash	Savings Account	\$11,557.64
	Checking Account	568.15
	Total Cash	12,125.79
Other Assets		0.00
Accounts Receivable		833.75
Total Assets		\$12,959.54
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Accounts Payable		\$ 0.00
Other Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		\$ 0.00
Total Net Worth		\$12,959.54

Submitted by Katharine Wiltuck, Treasurer

## Chapter Recognition Points As of January 31, 2008

The Chapter Recognition Program is designated to support, encourage, and promote accomplishments of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on May 1 and ends on April 30.

	Section	Total Points	Max Points	% of Max
I.	Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participant	3,375	3,000	113%
II.	Education & Prof, Development	3,175	4,000	79%
III.	Certification	1000	4,000	25%
IV.	Communications	5,000	3,000	167%
V.	Membership	0	3,000	0%
VI.	Early Career & Student	800	2000	40%
VII.	Community Service	900	2,000	45%
VIII.	Awards	600	1,000	60%
	Grand Total	14,975	20,000	75%

**What a great vacation! National AGA is going to New Orleans in April to help Habitat for Humanity and we're invited!**

*Community Service, Leadership and Music: April 2008 New Orleans Habitat for Humanity Trip*

By: Jeff Hart, CGFM, CFE, Denver Chapter, Immediate Past AGA National President

What do these three activities have to do with each other — *community service, leadership and music*? First, I will be leading a group of AGA members, family and friends on our second national community service project in New Orleans April 28 – May 2. Second, an AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) for selected AGA chapters and other leaders will be held May 2 – 3. And third, the New Orleans Jazz Festival is set for the weekend before and after our community service project (actually, for three days before our work project, and for four days at the end). So, you have more than one good reason to come to New Orleans that week.

Why are we going back again this year? New Orleans still needs our help. By one estimate, as many as 20,000 buildings in the city remain uninhabitable. In fact, 27,500 families, mostly from New Orleans, are still living in tiny, 300-square-foot, government-issued travel trailers across the state, waiting for their homes to be repaired or for some kind of affordable housing to become available. Many other people remain in faraway cities. And hundreds — by some accounts, thousands — live on the city streets.

What are we going to do exactly? The work may be similar to what we did last year: installing floor joists, siding, soffits and fascia (exterior trim), interior molding, kitchen and bath cabinets, doors and door hardware, fencing and address numbers. We painted and scraped. Two volunteers spent a day playing with and reading to elementary school students whose parents were overstressed and overworked as they put their lives back together.

For me, it was one of the best vacations I have ever had. It was so uplifting to be working with my own hands, alongside like-minded people, knowing that we were making a difference with every hour we spent there. We also had plenty of time to go to a ballgame, check out the casino and visit some of the best restaurants and music haunts in the city fabled for its food and music. In the end, nine people volunteered from around the country last year, members of the New Orleans chapter also joined us at the work site, and two volunteers came from the USDA National Finance Center. Volunteer Raul Fierros, a member of AGA's Inland Empire Chapter, also made an inspirational DVD of our experience last year. If you'd like a copy, please contact him at [rfierros@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:rfierros@dph.sbcounty.gov)

This year, anyone can volunteer for any period of time, or for any kind of job (construction or administrative tasks, for example). Volunteers are responsible for their own accommodations and expenses. Last year, some chapters sponsored a member from their chapter by paying some of the travel expenses.

Here's the calendar of activities:

April 25 – 27: New Orleans Jazz Festival

## National AGA Community Service Continued...

April 28: AGA volunteers may do various volunteer tasks in St. Bernard Parish (suburban New Orleans)

April 29 – May 2: AGA volunteers may build houses or other volunteer work in New Orleans for Habitat for Humanity (probably in Musicians' Village in the upper Ninth Ward again)

May 2 and 3: Select Section II AGA volunteer leaders attend SLM in New Orleans (by invitation only)

May 1 – 4: New Orleans Jazz Festival, including performances by the Neville Brothers, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffett, Tim McGraw, Santana, Maze, Sheryl Crow, Widespread Panic, Dr. John, Al Green, Diana Krall and many more. (<http://www.nojazzfest.com/>)

The Embassy Suites New Orleans Convention Center (downtown, where the SLM will be held for selected AGA leaders) has set aside 10 rooms for each night, Sunday through Wednesday, for \$79. This is a great rate—almost 50 percent off the government rate, thanks to AGA's "mission," as the hotel refers to it.

Make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1.800.EMBASSY. Note the following:

- ⊙ A special discounted rate of \$79 per night, plus 13 percent room tax and a \$2 occupancy tax, is available Sunday, April 27 through Wednesday, April 30. (Share a room with another volunteer, and save another 50 percent.)

- ⊙ The hotel block will be released 30 days prior to arrival, so make your reservations early to avoid a higher rate.
- ⊙ If you will attend the SLM, please make your reservations for ONLY the Habitat for Humanity dates you'll be paying for on your own. SLM invitations and hotel reservations must be handled separately.
- ⊙ Please contact Julie Cupp at [jcupp@agacgfm.org](mailto:jcupp@agacgfm.org) with specific questions about the Embassy Suites.

Volunteers may also stay at Habitat's new and improved "Camp Hope" dormitory for next to nothing, or in student dorms at the University of New Orleans' (UNO) Pontchartrain Hall with semi-private accommodations for just \$20.60 per person, per night. Contact Elizabeth Johnson at 504.280.7731 or [eyjohnson@uno.edu](mailto:eyjohnson@uno.edu). You may also contact New Orleans Chapter member and former RVP Peggy Javery at [PEGGY.JAVERY@usda.gov](mailto:PEGGY.JAVERY@usda.gov) for details. If you'd like to sign up to join us, please e-mail me at [hart.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:hart.jeff@epa.gov).

I'm looking forward to being with you all again this coming year. My wife, Roxy, a Habitat veteran, is also looking forward to building a house, and visiting the Crescent City for her first time. I hope you choose to come on this fun and worthwhile trip, and bring friends and family along with you!



## CEC Minutes – February 12, 2008

CMP does a home safety presentation that was suggested as a topic for a future meeting.

Content for the CGFM testing is changing in the Spring. New trainings and books will be available at that time, so the Chapter is considering offering updated trainings later in the year.

With the April voting, membership will be asked to note preferences between breakfast and lunch meetings.

The March meeting has been changed to the 26<sup>th</sup>. The National President is unable to attend. Regional Vice President Ron Cox will be in attendance to speak on the National Perspective. The meeting will be held at the Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast.

Reminder that elections are coming up in April. Please encourage members to participate. Interested parties can speak with any member of the CEC for more information.



Don't miss out on the fun...

### Monthly Meetings are held at the Senator Inn, Augusta

\$13 members / \$15 non-members

*Breakfast Meetings:*

7:30 – 8:00am Registration

8:00 – 9:30am Breakfast & Speaker

*Lunch Meetings:*

11:00 – 11:30am Registration

11:30 – 1:00pm Lunch & Speaker



**March 26, 2008**

*Lunch Meeting*

Ron Cox, Regional Vice President



Location Change: Maple Hill Farm

**April 8, 2008**

*Breakfast Meeting*

What are Bonds all about?

Barbara Raths, Office of the State Treasurer

**May 13, 2008**

Awards Luncheon



*Menu for March 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting*

- Lasagna
- Warm Garlic Bread
- Mixed Greens & Vegetable Salad
- Pickles, Olives, Hot Peppers
- Chefs Choice Dessert
- Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Milk



**It's Election Time!**

Are you interested in running for an AGA office? It is almost that time again. We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

- President – Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Community Services
- Director of Communications
- Director of Education
- Director of Membership
- Director of Professional & Technical Meetings



If you are interested in any of these please see a member of the CEC.

**Upcoming Educational Events**

Class (Audio Conference)	Date	# of CPEs
Environmental Fraud	March 5, 2007	2
GASB Update	March 26, 2007	2
Ethics	May 7, 2008	2

**Cost per Audio Conference:** \$25 members / \$35 non-members

Interested in saving money??? AGA members can sign up for all 8 audio conferences for \$150.

Not a member? This is a great time and reason to sign up! The savings you achieve by registering for all 8 conferences will pay for your membership!

[Membership Information](#)

Time: 2:00 - 4:00PM

Location: Frances Perkins Room, Central Maine Commerce Center, 45 Commerce Drive (Department of Labor Building, off Civic Center Drive)

To register for audio conferences, please contact [Walter Carlow](#).

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