



AGA NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER

March 2008

Upcoming Chapter Events

Next Monthly Meetings

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

April 8, 2008

Barbara Raths, Deputy Treasurer
What Are Bonds All About?
Breakfast Meeting
Senator Inn
Registration 7:30 to 8:00am
Breakfast & Speaker 8:00 to 9:30am

Upcoming Educational Events

Audio Conferences

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Emerging Issues at GASB & FASB

April 23, 2008

Citizen-Centric Reporting

May 14, 2008

Anatomy of Ethical Slips in Government

Upcoming Community Service

March 29, 2008

Bowl for Kids Sake

Welcome New Members!

Kathleen Godfrey, Corrections Svc Ctr
Terry Meehan, DHHS

President's Message

We are pleased to have Ron Cox, Regional Vice President joining us for our March meeting. Ron will join us on March 26th, at Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast to discuss the National Perspective. Ron is also in Maine for the initial meeting of the Limestone chapter.

The Chapter is busy this month. We are preparing for elections in April and the awards banquet in May. Do you know of a member you feel should be recognized for their contribution to the chapter or our profession in general? Please contact a member of the CEC with your thoughts.

There are also several chapter members who will be participating in the Big Brother Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fund aiser on March 29th. This is always a fun event!

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 29th!

We hope to see you on Saturday, March 29th!!

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 March 21, 2008

Assets		
Cash	Savings Account	\$10,738.89
	Checking Account	1,556.21
	Total Cash	12,295.10
Other Assets		0.00
Accounts Receivable		402.00
Total Assets		\$12,697.10
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Accounts Payable		\$ 0.00
Other Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		\$ 0.00
Total Net Worth		\$12,697.10

Submitted by Katharine Wiltuck, Treasurer

Chapter Recognition Points As of February 29, 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	4,350	4,000	109%
III.	Certification	1,350	4,000	34%
IV.	Communications	6,822	3,000	227%
V.	Membership	0	3,000	0%
VI.	Early Career & Student	800	2,000	40%
VII.	Community Service	2,250	2,000	113%
VIII.	Awards	600	1,000	60%
	Grand Total	19,547	20,000	98

The CGFM certification is really gaining respect and value. Contact Jeff Toothaker, our chapter's Director of Professional Certification, if you have any questions about starting the process to earn the CGFM certification.



From the National President -

For those of you with the Certified Government Financial Manager ([CGFM](#)) designation after your name, I congratulate you on a career-enhancing move. For those of you who have not earned the privilege to use those letters, I urge you to join your colleagues.

The Certified Government Financial Manager designation is quickly becoming the preferred certification for those of us who work in or for governments. More than 14,000 individuals have received the CGFM and the number is growing annually. Many government employers and contractors have recognized the importance of the CGFM.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management--federal, state and local. It deals not with testing a person in a specific area, but with measuring 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.

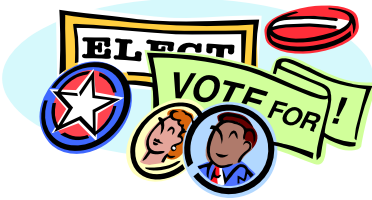
This designation is already recognized as a professional standard. Since the 2001, federal legislation authorizing federal government agencies to use appropriated funds to pay for expenses to obtain professional credentials, three agencies including the U.S. Department of Defense and twelve of its components, have issued formal professional certification policies, with other agencies soon to follow suit. The CGFM designation is listed as one of the certifications.

To date, seven states have formally recognized the CGFM--Idaho, [Maine](#), Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington. Also, various counties, including Contra Costa County in California, and cities, including Topeka, KS, have also formally recognized the CGFM. Each year more and more federal agencies and state and local governments are realizing the value of the CGFM and are formally embracing the designation.

The challenge facing today's government financial managers is to keep up with the changing times. New innovations, new developments and new methods of implementation are creating a new environment in which government financial managers must function.

The government financial management field will be far different tomorrow from what it is today. Having a broad knowledge and a recognized professional designation will be the way to distinguish yourself from the crowd.

[March is CGFM Month](#) so there's no time like the present for joining the thousands of other leaders in government financial management who already have discovered the unique value and benefit of the CGFM designation. Please join me in congratulating all of our CGFM's.

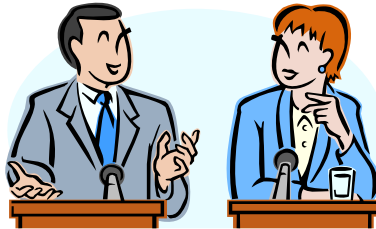


It's Election Time- Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in volunteering for an AGA office? It is that time of year 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**

When National President Jeff Hart visited last March, he reminded us that when it comes to Chapter leadership, job titles and number of years experience as a governmental accountant do not matter. New officers and directors bring renewed energy and fresh ideas. We need you! See any Chapter Officer or Director to volunteer- thank you!



Don't miss out on the fun...

Menu for March 26th Lunch Meeting

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



Menu for April 8th Breakfast Meeting

Executive Continental Buffet:

- Fresh Fruit Assortment
- Creamy Yogurt
- Assorted Bakeries
- Senator Inn Granola
- Cold Cereals
- Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Milk

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 Rath, Deputy State Treasurer

May 13, 2008

Awards Luncheon



AGA Welcomes Three New Chapters!

AGA's National Executive Committee approved three new chapters at its February 20 meeting, bringing the total number of chapters to 94. We want to welcome the Mid-Ohio Valley, Charleston, WV, and Northern Nevada chapters to the AGA family! Congratulations and thank you to everyone that helped make these chapters possible

Now Accepting 2008 Academic Scholarship Applications

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA national academic scholarship today!

Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- One \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2008. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Education Opportunities- AGA Audio Conferences

Class (Audio Conference)	Date	# of CPEs
Emerging Issues at GASB and FASB	March 26, 2008	2
Citizen-Centric Reporting	April 23, 2008	2
Anatomy of Ethical Slips in Government	May 14, 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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