



# AGA NEWSLETTER

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May 2009

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
End of Year Pizza Buffet

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Audio conference**  
Ethics in the Workplace

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## Don't Forget!

Membership Renewals are due by the end of the month!

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## A Message from our Chapter President

Hi folks,

The AGA operational year is quickly coming to a close. Our May meeting marks the end of our regular meetings and activities. These meetings will start up again in September.

Thank you to each of the Officers and Directors who contributed considerable time and effort for the benefit of our Chapter and members. Your endeavors are noteworthy and very much appreciated.

Our meeting May 12, 2009 provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of many individuals to our Chapter. Please join us in this celebration of effort and achievement. There will be many door prizes and awards presented.

The results of our recent election of Officers and Directors for the next year are now in. Jody Breton will again take the reins of leadership. Jody is an exemplary individual and staunch supporter of AGA. She knows and understands the importance of AGA and the benefits of membership. Congratulations Jody. A complete list of the new slate of Officers and Directors is included this newsletter.

May 2009 is also 'AGA Retention Month'. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so before May 31, 2009.

Enjoy the summer. Spend time with family and friends. Relax and have fun.

And, we'll see you again in September.

Sincerely,  
Bill

*See page 2 for election results!*

## Chapter Election Results

Thank you to those who volunteered for positions in the upcoming year!

The following individuals will serve for one-year terms.

President	Jody Breton
President-Elect	Jenny Boyden
Treasurer	Donna Wheeler
Secretary	Mary Colson

The following individuals will serve for two-year terms.

Director of Bylaws	Rhonda Parker
Director of Early Careers	Darryl Stewart
Director of Professional Certification	Craig Barrows
Director of Membership	Bob Grant

*Thank you Bob for answering our call for volunteers! This was vacant at election time. In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, the President can appoint an individual to fill a vacancy, and the CEC must vote to approve the appointment.*

The following individuals will be serving the second year of their two-year terms.

Director of Community Service	Donna Ferenc
Director of Education	Sue Hammer
Director of Communication	Kim Smith
Director of Programs & Technical Mtgs.	Connie Warren

## Welcome to the new members who joined in 2008-09!

Dana Bonenfant	Daniel Peavey
Natalie Bragan	Kimberly Powers
Mary Colson	Nichole Ross
Amy Dumeny	Mark Schussler
Mark Fisher	Stacey Thomas
Sarah Gove	Sherry Tripp Vandrell

With the addition of these folks, our Chapter now has 138 active members.

## Treasurer's Report, as of May 7, 2009

### Assets

#### Cash and Bank Accounts

Change Fund, for meetings	\$ 23.50
AGA Checking	379.14
AGA Savings	<u>5,548.30</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	5,950.94

#### Other Assets

Customer Invoices	<u>375.00</u>
Total Other Assets	375.00

Total Assets	6,325.94
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### Liabilities

#### Other Liabilities

Sales Tax	0.00
Business Bills	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Liabilities	0.00

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<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$6,325.94</b>
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Submitted by Shirley Browne, Treasurer

### May Chapter Meeting

Join us for the final Chapter Meeting before the summer break! We'll be dining from the Senator Inn's Pizza Bar. Drawings will be held for various prizes.

Check-in begins at 11:00, and lunch will be served at 11:30.

### We Need Your Input!

If you have any suggestions on a topic that you'd like to hear about, please contact Connie Warren at 287-8640 or at [Constance.Warren@Maine.gov](mailto:Constance.Warren@Maine.gov).



### Upcoming Audio Conference

All audio conferences run from 2:00-4:00, and are held at the Central Maine Commerce Center, in the Frances Perkins Room. 2 CPEs are earned at each conference. For members, the cost is \$30 per session. Non-members are charged \$40 per session.

To register, please contact Sue Hammer at 623-6747 or at [Suzanne.Hammer@Maine.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Hammer@Maine.gov).

### Ethics in the Workplace Wednesday, May 13, 2009

This Ethics audio conference will be somewhat different from past programs. The speaker will discuss ethics in the workplace and will explain the thinking and understanding elements of ethical behavior. Real examples will be used as well as describing the differences between being ethical and legal. Other topics will include organizational tone with examples from the top of organizations, risk taking, the need for written policies, the requirement for uniform enforcement, and other requirements of the Federal code of ethics.

During the presentation, the speaker will answer your questions and will provide guidance in various ethical situations. To accomplish this in an audio conference environment, participants are asked to submit written questions to Raymond Harris, CGFM at [rharris@agacgfm.org](mailto:rharris@agacgfm.org) by May 4 to give the speaker sufficient time to incorporate them into his presentation. This should make it a lively session which you should find helpful.

To discuss the ethics challenge is Leon Young, MA, adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, University College. Leon is a motivational speaker for Leadership and Ethics throughout the United States. He is a recognized expert on Ethics in organizations in both the public and private sectors. Leon is a sought after keynote speaker for conferences and professional development workshops. He is known for his ability to present serious subjects with humor and to involve his audiences in the subject through interaction. Leon imparts both knowledge and understanding to his audience.



## From the National Office

### 2009-2010 Audio Conferences

The National Office has released the audio conference topics for the upcoming year:

- » **July 15**—Using Performance Measures to Manage Government Services
- » **August 12**—Stimulus Spending: Are the Internal Controls in Place?
- » **September 2**—Grants Management in Today's Environment
- » **October 7**—Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective
- » **November 18**—Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures
- » **December 16**—Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud

### Training Opportunities for Next Year

AGA Maine Chapter will continue with audio conferences next fiscal year and we plan to have at least two, possibly more, training opportunities. Keep looking at your email for a brochure; we hope to have this published by the end of July.

If there is anything in particular that you would like to hear/do/discuss, please feel free to contact me and I'll see what I can work out. If there is enough interest, we'd like to offer the 6 day CGFM training classes—Part I-one day, Part II-two days, Part III=3 days. You could take any or all of the three parts. I'll keep you updated on the CGFM training.

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#### *Audio Conferences continued*

### 2010

- » **January 13**—Internal Controls
- » **February 10**—Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
- » **March 3**—Fraud
- » **March 24**—Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources
- » **April 21**—The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
- » **May 19**—Ethics

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