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President's Message

By Marc Oestreicher

Dear Friends,

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Spring is coming up and I am looking forward to it. While the extra yard work is not as welcomed, I enjoy the nice weather, plants blooming, and the days staying light a little longer. While you are enjoying spring, don't forget that March is the annual AGA membership renewal period. Please remember to renew by March 31, 2011 so that you can continue benefiting from AGA membership.

We had a great luncheon meeting in January. Ted Benavides, lecturer at the University of Texas in Dallas and former city manager for Dallas, gave a great presentation on making tough decisions in the government. Mark your calendars for the upcoming luncheon meeting on March 17, 2011. Jon Kucholtz, Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit from the Department of Education, will be speaking.

Also, we have some great speakers and topics lined up for this upcoming professional development conference (PDC). I highly encourage all of you to attend. You can register online at www.regonline.com/aga_pdc2011 and find more information on our chapter's website at www.agadallas.org. Please let your colleagues know about the PDC and make sure to register early.

March 4, 2010 was a historic day for AGA in Texas. Governor Rick Perry proclaimed March 2010 as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. This is another step in government officials recognizing the value of the CGFM certification. It is not too late to make the resolution to obtain the CGFM certification this year.

See you at the March luncheon!

Regards,

Marc Oestreicher, CPA, CGFM, CFE
President, AGA Dallas Chapter

AGA Dallas Anniversaries

Our members are our most important asset. We would like to recognize and congratulate the following members whose membership anniversaries fall in March.

15 Years

James T. Brown, CGFM
MAXIMUS

11 years

James H. Cady
Dept. of HHS

14 Years

Herman H. Boatman, CGFM-Retired
Retired

10 years

Marilyn D. Peck-Henderson
Dept. of Education OIG

13 Years

Danny G. Matthews, CGFM
Naval Postgraduate School

3 Years

Ipolai Kahanu
Vink Teague & Associates

12 Years

Gilbert R. Kobler, CGFM-Retired
Retired

2 Years

Nathan Ferguson
Dept. of Education

John P. McDermott, CGFM
Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Kimberly A. Pickens, CPA
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Vijaykumar J. Barnabas
GAO

1 year
Anthony J. Roland
Crowe Horwath LLP

AGA Dallas March Luncheon

The March AGA luncheon is coming up. Come for 1 CPE, great food, and networking.

When: Thursday, March 17th - 11:30am to 12:30pm

Where: The City Club (69th Floor) - Bank of America Building, 901 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201

Cost: \$15/members \$23/nonmembers - We have reinstated the buy 2 luncheons, get 1 free. Additionally, there will be three random luncheons that will be free to all that attend this year. There have already been two, so there is still one free random luncheon. Maybe this will be one of them?

Speaker: Jon Kucholtz, Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit for the Department of Education

Topic: The work Department of Education's OIG performed related to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds

Menu: Smoked Turkey Breast Sandwich on Seven Grain Bread with Bacon, Tomatoes, Alfafla Sprouts, and Pasta Salad

Please RSVP no later than March 15th, 2011 by contacting Joetta Obot at Joetta.Obot@mms.gov or (214) 640-9066.

Open Positions - Volunteers Needed!

Director of Education - Plan, organize and facilitate the annual PDC.

Director of Membership - Attract new members and maintain active interest in the Dallas chapter.

Webmaster - Update and maintain the chapter website, including timely announcements.

CGFM Coordinator - Promote the CGFM credential and provide support for members striving to obtain it.

If you have any recommendations for agencies interested in hearing the AGA Dallas chapter speak, please refer them to Roshni Agarwal. She can be reached at (214) 777-5754 or AgarwalRC@gao.gov.

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**Dallas Chapter Statement of Accounts - as of February 28, 2010
(unaudited)**

<u>Share Checking Account</u>		<u>Share Savings Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$2,588.70	Beginning Balance	\$16,601.58
Plus: Deposits	263.00	Plus: Dividends	1.37
Less: Expenses	270.00	Ending Balance	\$16,602.95
Ending Balance	\$2,581.70		
		<u>PayPal Account Balance</u>	\$1,202.45
		Plus: Dividends	0.24
		Ending Balance	\$1,202.69

AGA Dallas Cares

By AGA Community Service Directors, Erica Estrada and Leticia Pena

Have any community service news you would like AGA Dallas to know about?

Please let us know! Email your community service directors at commservice@agadallas.org

aga dallas cares!

Raffle to Benefit Stewpot/Bridge (April)

The Stewpot/Bridge is a resource center for Dallas homeless and at-risk individuals. The Stewpot/Bridge serves hot lunches to as many as 700 people per meal. For the past several years, AGA Dallas has held drawings at the Professional Development Conference to benefit the Stewpot.

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IDEA



Do you have any Member News?

We are interested in publicizing award recipients and special achievements of Dallas chapter members. Please send any member news to Michael Pose at PoseM@gao.gov.

Calling all writers!

Are you interested in featuring your own technical article in the newsletter? If your article is accepted, AGA Dallas will pick up the cost of your next AGA luncheon.

Submit articles to Michael Pose at PoseM@gao.gov.

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Interested in sponsoring the AGA Dallas chapter? If so, please contact Marc Oestreicher at oestreicherm@gao.gov.



Leadership: Sharing the Vision

DALLAS CHAPTER

Presented by the Association of Government Accountants—Dallas Chapter

Details

When: Thursday, April 21st to Friday, April 22nd

Where: Renaissance Dallas—Richardson Hotel
900 East Lookout Drive
Richardson, TX 75082

CPE: 16 hours (8 hours/day)

Cost:	2-Day	1-Day
Member	\$295	\$185
Non-Member	\$365	\$255
Retiree	\$195	\$125

Group Discount:

10% OFF

For organizations with
5 or more attendees!

Registration

Online: Go to www.regonline.com/aga_pdc2011 (credit card only)

Mail: Complete the registration form on page 3 and send check or money order to:

AGA—Dallas Chapter
Attn: April Van Cleef
1999 Bryan Street, Suite 2200
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 777-5634 Phone

Deadline: Friday, April 15th



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2011 PDC Daily Itinerary

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast*
8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Morning Sessions
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch*
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Afternoon Sessions
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Evening Social**

* Included with registration.

** Only on Thursday, the 21st.

2011 Confirmed PDC Presenters

Les Lake, Manager of Forensic Accounting—Eide Bailly, LLP

Jeanette Franzel, Managing Director of Financial Management & Assurance—Government Accountability Office

Frances Garcia, Inspector General—Government Accountability Office

Andrea Coekrell, Controller—City of Plano

Frank Banda, Principal—Reznick Group

Robert Feldt, Special Agent in Charge—Social Security Administration

William A. Morehead, Immediate Past National President—Association of Government Accountants

Christian Parker, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Phyllis Eriksen, Account Manager—Audimation Services, Inc.

Suesan Patton, Director of Quality Initiatives—UHY, LLP

Rick Link, Consultant

David Norquist, Partner—Kearney & Company

Topics Coming Soon!



2011 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Leadership: Sharing the Vision

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Presented by the Association of Government Accountants—Dallas Chapter

Registration Form: AGA Dallas-Chapter 2011 PDC Thursday, April 21st—Friday, April 22nd

REGISTRATION

Name _____ AGA Member? (Y/N) _____ AGA Chapter _____

For multiple attendees, please attach a separate page listing the above information for each attendee, and complete the information below for your organization.

Agency/Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail (required) _____

Which day(s) will you be attending? Th F Both

Please let us know of any special needs, including dietary, access, etc.:

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the **Renaissance Dallas—Richardson Hotel** at **900 East Lookout Drive** in **Richardson**, conveniently located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Directions to the hotel:

Dallas/Fort Worth—DFW: Traveling eastbound on I-635: Exit US-75 North exit 19A towards Sherman. Get on US-75 North and take the Renner/Galatyn Park exit. Turn right onto Lookout Drive (just after DART Station). The hotel will be on the right.

Dallas/Love Field—DAL: Turn left onto W. Mockingbird Lane. Turn left onto the Dallas North Toll way Northbound ramp. Merge right onto I-635 East. Take the US-75 North exit 19A towards Sherman. Get on US-75 North and take the Renner Road/Galatyn Park exit. Turn right onto Lookout Drive (just after the DART Station). Hotel will be on the right.

The Renaissance hotel has reserved a block of rooms at \$85/night!
Please call (972) 367-6354 for reservations.

REGISTRATION FEES

2-Day Registration

___ AGA member(s) @ \$295 = \$ _____
___ AGA retired member(s) @ \$195 = \$ _____
___ Non-member(s) @ \$365 = \$ _____

1-Day Registration

___ AGA member(s) @ \$185 = \$ _____
___ AGA retired member(s) @ \$125 = \$ _____
___ Non-member(s) @ \$255 = \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Less 10% discount for 5 or more (_____) from the same organization

Total \$ _____

PAYMENT (DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH)

Please select (mail-in only):

- Check enclosed
 Money order enclosed

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO:

www.regonline.com/aga_pdc2011

CANCELLATION POLICY

A \$50 fee will be assessed on all refunds. If a registrant is unable to attend the conference, send a written request to the AGA—Dallas Chapter (address below) by **Friday, April 15th, 2011** to receive a refund, less processing fee. Confirmed registrants who fail to attend and did not cancel by April 15th will be charged the entire registration fee. To receive a refund, you must have written verification from the conference registrar (Erica Estrada, EstradaE@gao.gov) that your proper cancellation was received. Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Substitutions are allowed if prior notification is given to the conference registrar.

CPE NOTICE

This conference provides UP TO 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). CPE certificates will be issued by the AGA—Dallas Chapter, which has entered into an agreement with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy to meet the requirements of continuing professional education rules governing maintenance of attendance records, retention of program outlines, qualifications of instructors, program content, physical facilities, and length of class hours. This agreement does not constitute an endorsement by the Board as to the quality of the program or its contribution to the professional competence of the licensee.