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**Comptroller for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harvey C. Eckert, Appointed to Serve on the NEC**

**Alexandria, VA** - AGA National President-Elect Designate Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, has appointed Comptroller for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harvey C. Eckert, to serve on the Association of Government Accountants' (AGA) National Executive Committee (NEC).

The NEC meets quarterly at the call of the National President and acts to implement policies of an operational nature. They review all actions and programs of National Boards, Committees, Councils and Task Forces. The NEC appoints the Executive Director, authorizes the size and function of staff, and determines salary and benefits of the paid staff of the Association. The NEC also approves the annual budget and any revisions thereof in excess of ten percent of any major budget category.

Eckert, a member of AGA's Central Pennsylvania Chapter, manages six comptroller offices and four bureaus to oversee all comptroller-related activities for 45 commonwealth agencies. He has worked for the commonwealth for more than 20 years.

He has served as Past President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT); Immediate past Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) representing the National Governor's Association (NGA); Past President of the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC); Past Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Coalition (MARC) of EBT; current chair of the National EBS Council of NACHA.

Mr. Eckert received the NASACT President's Award in 1989 as well as the NASC President's award for 1995. He was the recipient of the 1992 Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award for Distinguished Leadership in Financial Management Improvement as the outstanding nationwide state financial officer. In 2001, he received the NASC's Louis L. Goldstein Leadership Award in recognition of his leadership in Government Financial Management in both Pennsylvania and the United States.

"I feel very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Eckert's caliber joining our national governing body," said Hart, who will become National President-Elect in July and National President in 2006. "I am

truly looking forward to working with him to accomplish the important goals of AGA and our profession.”

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