

## **AGA National Leadership Conference Speaker Biographies A - Q**

### **Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard**

Admiral Thad W. Allen assumed the duties of 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard May 25th, 2006 after serving as the Chief of Staff. He was the Federal Principal Federal Official in charge of response and recovery operations for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

A 1971 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Admiral Allen's operational assignments include duty in Thailand, the Caribbean and throughout the U.S., including command of Group Long Island Sound, Group Atlantic City, USCGC CITRUS, the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami and the Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, Va.

Admiral Allen earned a Masters of Public Administration from George Washington University, and a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was elected a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow in 2003.

He is married to the former Pamela A. Hess, Assistant Dean at George Mason University. They have three children and two grandchildren. He is a native of Tucson, Arizona, and the son of Clyde and Wilma Allen. Clyde Allen is a retired Coast Guard Chief Damage Controlman and World War II Veteran.

### **Margot Bean, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Margot Bean was appointed Commissioner for the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) effective July 25, 2005. Margot leads an office whose primary mission is to serve children and families by assuring that assistance in obtaining financial and medical support is available to children through locating parents, establishing paternity and support obligations and enforcing those obligations.

Prior to becoming Commissioner of OCSE, Margot served the New York State Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) as a senior policy advisor from 1998 until being appointed Deputy Commissioner and Director in 2000. Under her leadership, child support collections in the State reached record levels.

Before joining the DCSE, Ms. Bean was Director of the Guam Office of Child Support Enforcement within the Guam Attorney General's Office. She began her career in the Guam Attorney General's Office in 1980 and served as an Assistant Attorney General in several divisions, including the Prosecution, Civil Litigation and Family Divisions.

Ms. Bean is an attorney licensed in New York and Guam, and is a graduate of Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law and William Smith College. She is a former President of the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

### **Douglas J. Bourgeois, Director, National Business Center, U.S. Department of the Interior**

Douglas J. Bourgeois became the Director of the National Business Center (NBC) in the Department of the Interior on October, 1, 2004. The NBC provides business services to government agencies in the areas of Financial Management, Human Resources Management, Training, Acquisitions, Information Technology Hosting, Aviation Services, Appraisal Services, and other administrative areas. His vision for the NBC is to be a world-class center of business excellence, innovation, and accountability. Toward this end, Mr. Bourgeois has focused his attention on establishing the NBC as an operational center of excellence that delivers high-quality services to meet the needs of NBC customers in an efficient and cost-conscious manner.

Prior to joining Interior, Mr. Bourgeois served as the Chief Information Officer at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from May of 2001 until September of 2004. In this role, he served as the principal advisor to the Commissioner of the USPTO and Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property on the application of information technology to support and improve USPTO business processes. He directed the development, implementation, maintenance, enhancement, and operation of USPTO's automated information systems and the development of supporting strategic and operational information technology plans.

During his tenure at the USPTO, Mr. Bourgeois led the successful migration of the Office to electronic government operations. Some notable accomplishments include the migration of the Patent examination process to an online environment, providing Internet access for the public to published Patent applications under review, eliminating 25 million paper copies of granted Patents due electronic availability, technology support of an award winning work at home program for Trademarks, and a Trademarks electronic filing rate that consistently exceeds 95%.

Through his customer and business focused leadership, the USPTO information systems were honored with several awards including the 2004 Government Solutions Center Pioneer Award for the Patents Image File Wrapper system, the 2003 Interagency Resources Management Conference (IRMCO) Team Award in collaboration with the US Postal Service for an electronic bulk mail distribution system, and the 2003 Computer World Laureate Award for an enabling electronic government infrastructure. Mr. Bourgeois was a recipient of the Fed100 award for 2003 from Federal Computer Week in recognition of contributions in the area of information technology for the Federal Government.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Mr. Bourgeois was the Managing Director of Customer Service Technology for Federal Express Corporation, where he worked from 1994 to 2001. In this position, Mr. Bourgeois was responsible for the 1-800-GoFedEx telephone network including all automated network applications allowing customers to ship, track, determine a rate quote, and identify the closest drop off location via the telephone on a 24/7/365 basis. Mr. Bourgeois was also responsible for the systems used by FedEx employees world-wide to provide customer support services.

Mr. Bourgeois earned a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, California and an M.B.A. in Finance from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### **RADM Robert S. Branham, Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Coast Guard**

Rear Admiral Robert S. (Steve) Branham is the U.S. Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer. He is responsible for the Coast Guard's resource programming; budget development and execution; and financial policy and system processes.

RDML Branham has served in a variety of afloat and administrative assignments on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts as well as the Great Lakes. His most recent shore assignments before achieving his current rank were as Chief of Operations and Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, VA. Additionally, RDML Branham has served six tours afloat, including command of four cutters. His most recent command afloat assignment was in USCGC GALLATIN (WMEC 721), a 378-foot cutter homeported in Charleston, SC.

RDML Branham is a 1977 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. He subsequently earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 1987 and a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in 1999. He has earned multiple military awards.

### **Jay Carney, Washington Bureau Chief, Time Magazine**

Jay Carney was named Time magazine's Washington Bureau chief in September 2005.

He served as the magazine's deputy Washington Bureau chief from 2003-05. In that role, he helped manage the magazine's Beltway coverage and wrote about politics and national affairs. Carney has covered politics and national and foreign affairs for Time since 1993, and has also served as the magazine's White House correspondent.

Carney, who joined Time in 1988, has written and reported about all facets of the Bush presidency, from his response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, to the war in Iraq. Carney was one of a handful of reporters who was aboard Air Force One with President Bush on Sept. 11, 2001, giving him a rare perspective at an historic moment.

Carney won the 2003 Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency. The award recognizes journalists whose high standards for accuracy and substance help foster a better public understanding of the presidency. Vice President Cheney, former President Ford's chief of staff, presented the award at the National Press Club.

In Time's 2002 "Person of the Year" issue, Carney profiled Dick Cheney, demonstrating that Cheney is the most influential vice president in history and the chief architect of the Bush administration's drive to topple Iraq's Saddam Hussein. In Time's 2001 "Person of the Year" issue, Carney co-authored a comprehensive piece entitled "Bush At War" that featured unprecedented access to the president and his most-senior advisers and cabinet officers.

Before coming to Washington in 1993 to report on the Clinton White House, he served as a correspondent in Time's Moscow Bureau for three years, covering the collapse of the Soviet Union. Prior to that he was Time's Miami Bureau chief.

Carney makes frequent appearances as a political analyst on a variety of television programs, including The Charlie Rose Show, Hardball with Chris Matthews, and The McLaughlin Group. For much of 1999 and 2000, he was the first reporter jointly employed by both Time and CNN when he served as a special correspondent for CNN doing feature-length television pieces.

### **Lisa Casias, CPA, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management, U.S. Department of Commerce**

Ms. Casias was named Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management effective April 20, 2006. As Deputy CFO, she is responsible for financial management and accounting throughout the Department, for preparation of the Department's annual consolidated financial statements, and for development and implementation of a Department-wide integrated financial system.

Immediately preceding her assignment as Deputy CFO, Ms. Casias served as Deputy Director for Financial Policy in the Office of Financial Management. As Deputy Director, she assisted the Director for Financial Management and Deputy CFO in managing the overall financial program, including planning, coordination, and technical oversight of Bureau financial operations and reporting. She was responsible for promulgating financial management policy throughout the Department and for ensuring the Department's compliance with financial management laws and regulations, including the Chief Financial Officers' Act, the Government Management Reform Act, the Government Performance and Results Act and the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act. Ms. Casias was also responsible for the Office of Secretary budget operations.

Previously, Ms. Casias was the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Financial Statements Audits in the Department's Office of Inspector General. She began her career in the OIG in November 1991. Ms. Casias was responsible for conducting the financial statement audits of the Department through her own staff and independent public accountants. Her responsibilities also included monitoring the Department's implementation of financial management systems and Year 2000 issues. Ms. Casias also worked with the Department and its bureaus in its efforts to implement the Government Performance and Results Act.

Prior to her federal government career, Ms. Casias was an audit supervisor with the international public accounting firm of Ernst & Young.

Ms. Casias is a Certified Public Accountant and holds her BBA in public accounting from Pace University.

**Thomas N. Cooley, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of the Budget, Finance and Award Management, National Science Foundation**

Mr. Cooley was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Budget, Finance and Award Administration (BFA) in March 2000. He is responsible for all budget and financial aspects of the Foundation business practices as well as for the administration of more than 35,000 grants and contracts that NSF manages annually.

He spent 1997 on Committee staff, working for Senators McCain and Frist, on the U.S. Senate's Subcommittee on Science, Space and Technology of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. He was responsible for the NASA Authorization bill as well as the Commercial Space Act of 1998.

Tom received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Maryland at College Park. In November 2006, he was awarded the Joe Carrabino Award by the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) for outstanding contribution to academic research administration. In March 2007, he was awarded the Donald L. Scantlebury Award for excellence in financial management improvement and grants management in the Federal Government, by the JFMIP. He is married with 4 children, and 3 grandchildren.

**Jeffery H. Davis, M.Ed., Leadership Development Consultant, Organization Renewal Associates**

Jeffery H. Davis is a Leadership Development Consultant. Jeff has been in business for 15 years worked primarily with hi-tech, state government, non-profit agencies and medical institutions as a consultant and trainer. He specializes in Leadership Development, Coaching & Teamwork Skills, Workplace Communication, Change Management, Process Improvement, and Meeting Facilitation. He has successfully aided private sector organizations with his consulting and training expertise, including: 3Com, AEGON Investment Corp., Fleet Bank, MITRE Corp., Boston Children's Hospital, MIT/Lincoln Labs, Nstar Energy Companies, MITRE, Toshiba, Whistler Corp., and Mobil Oil Company. Prior to establishing Organization Renewal Associates in 1992, Jeffery was a founding trainer and consultant with Seminars Northeast.

Jeff has had six books published by the American Management Association. He holds a Master of Education degree in Management from Cambridge College. Jeff is a qualified administrator of the following assessment instruments: the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), the Herrmann Brain Dominance Indicator (HBDI), the Hogan Personality System Assessments, Thomas-Kilman Conflict Mode Assessment, the Interpersonal Influence Inventory (III), the BEST Communication Style Instrument, and the DISC Leadership Behavioral Style Instrument. He is on the adjunct faculty of the University of Massachusetts, teaching in the Graduate School of Instructional Design, though is currently on sabbatical.

**Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Government Accountability Office**

As the Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Mr. Dodaro assists the Comptroller General in providing leadership and vision for the GAO, one of the world's most diverse multi-disciplinary professional services organizations. He is responsible for day-to-day management to ensure that GAO effectively supports the Congress and helps improve government for the benefit of the American people. He oversees the development and issuance of several hundred reports and testimonies to the Congress annually. GAO assistance provides critical information for decisionmaking, saves billions of dollars, and results in hundreds of improvements in government operations, programs and services. Mr. Dodaro also leads the development of GAO's strategic plans and provides direction for GAO's high risk program that highlight solutions needed to address major management challenges and risks across the federal government.

Prior to assuming his current responsibilities in May 1999, Mr. Dodaro led GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division. His significant accomplishments included providing leadership to help government successfully confront the Year 2000 computing challenge by working with the Congress and the President's Y2K Conversion Council. He also directed the first-ever audit of comprehensive financial statements covering all federal departments and agencies—one of the largest and most complex audits in history. Additionally, he helped conceive GAO's strategy for improving computer security throughout government and updating internal control standards for the federal government.

He has worked closely with Congress and various administrations on major management reform initiatives and has extensive experience working on state and local government issues.

Mr. Dodaro is a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow and a member of the Association of Government Accountants. Recognition he has received includes the:

- 2006 Association of Government Accountants' Elmer B. Staats Award for improving government performance and government accountability.
- 2003 National Public Service Award recognizing outstanding practitioners in public service.
- 2001 Distinguished Leadership Award for sustained outstanding leadership in financial management.
- Institute of Internal Auditor (D.C. Chapter) Person of the Year for leadership in addressing the Year 2000 computing challenge.
- Federal Computer Week Information Technology Top 100 Award, 1999.
- Arthur S. Flemming Award for outstanding individual performance in government, 1989.

### **Glen B. Gainer III, State Auditor, State of West Virginia**

GLEN B. GAINER III was elected West Virginia's 19th State Auditor in November 1992 and re-elected November 1996, 2000 and 2004. Auditor Gainer earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at the University of Charleston, and attended the Washington Center for Learning.

As State Auditor, he serves as the State's official bookkeeper, Chief Inspector and Supervisor over Public Offices, Securities Commissioner, and Commissioner of Delinquent and Non-entered Lands.

Auditor Gainer serves as Vice-Chairman of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board; Trustee on the West Virginia Investment Management Board; Trustee of the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investment and Chairman of its Investment Committee; Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Appeals Board; member of the Board of Public Works; Past President National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council; Past President of the National Association of State Comptrollers; and Second Vice-President National Association of State Auditor's Comptrollers and Treasurers.

### **Barry K. Hudson, CGFM, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**

Barry Hudson, Chief Financial Officer for the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He serves as principal advisor to the USPTO Director to support and improve the accounting, budgeting, planning, and organizational performance systems of the USPTO. His responsibilities include managing the fiscal operations of the USPTO and providing leadership in areas defined by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 and other legislation designed to improve integrity in federal financial management.

Mr. Hudson has 29 years of federal financial management experience, ranging from day-to-day operations to departmental management and policy oversight.

Mr. Hudson also chaired the Treasury CFO Council and represented the Treasury on the government-wide CFO Council, the main coordination vehicle for financial management across the U.S. government. Under his leadership, Treasury led all government agencies in accomplishing an accelerated close from 6 months to within 45 days of fiscal year-end.