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Lead Story! AGA Member Robert H. Attmore, CGFM, Chosen to Chair the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

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AGA extends its congratulations to Robert H. Attmore, CGFM, a member of the New York Capital Chapter, who was appointed last week as the next GASB chairman, succeeding Tom L. Allen, a member of AGA's Northern Utah Chapter. Allen, who has served as GASB chairman since 1995, is not eligible for reappointment. Attmore, retired deputy state comptroller, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York, will begin his term July 1, 2004. The Financial Accounting Foundation's Board of Trustees, which has oversight responsibility for GASB and the Financial Accounting Standards Board, made the appointment. Attmore, an active AGA member since 1982, served as a member of the AGA National Executive Committee from 1996 to 1999 and was the recipient of AGA's William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient in 1997 and the Excellence in Government Leadership Award in 2002.

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**ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: MEMBERSHIP**  
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Resolve to Recruit in 2004!  
By: Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, AGA National President  
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**Why Recruit?**

You joined AGA for a myriad of reasons...to keep up-to-date on  
news and developments in the profession...to gain access to a  
variety of inexpensive continuing professional education  
offerings...to move forward in your career...to build a personal  
network... Whatever your initial reason for joining was, you now  
know that you are part of a tremendous national network of  
professionals working to advance government accountability.

We need your help to ensure that the AGA network remains  
strong and continues to grow to reach all accountability  
professionals! Do you realize how unique a network AGA is? AGA  
is the ONLY professional association that boasts a membership  
across ALL levels of government—local, state and federal. Plus,  
AGA also has members who work for tribal governments,  
academic institutions and private sector organizations. This  
means that there are thousands of thoughts, ideas and solutions  
right here within the AGA network—as a member you have No. 1  
access! And, as our Association strengthens and grows, so do the  
thoughts, ideas and solutions.

Recruiting new members and retaining current members takes  
everyone working together. I believe one of our best marketing  
tools is the positive experience of other members.

That's why it's so important for every member to talk about what  
they get out of their AGA membership. This can help us widen our  
scope and aim to reach all accountability professionals at all levels  
of government.

My challenge to you is to recruit one new member into AGA  
before the close of the membership year, which is April 30, 2004. I  
have challenged our AGA national and chapter leaders to recruit  
three new members each before the close of the membership  
year. An array of exciting prizes and awards are part of this year's  
campaign, including AGA Dollars.

Success is up to each and every one of us. And remember,

whether you are a longtime member or new to AGA, each of you plays an important part in moving our Association forward.

So what are we asking for from each of you? A little bit of your time, to share with a colleague, a friend or an associate how AGA can work for them too—we're talking about a quick call, a conversation at a meeting, or an e-mail. A little investment in your time will go a long way in terms of helping to strengthen AGA, and ultimately, you.

We know your time is valuable, but in as little as five minutes, you can help a colleague or friend achieve their professional goals by sharing the AGA advantage. We've made it so easy to recruit new members...just pass along the membership application found at [www.agacgfm.org/membership/join/registration.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/join/registration.aspx). Remember to include your name on the application to receive sponsorship credit!

We are offering an array of incentives to award those members who actively participate in recruitment. This year's membership campaign, "Back to Basics, Back to Benefits," has brought back, by popular demand, AGA Dollars. AGA members start earning AGA Dollars after they have recruited two new members—recruit two, receive 10 AGA Dollars. After that, receive five AGA Dollars for every member recruited.

In addition to AGA Dollars, members can work toward these great prizes. If you sponsor three or more new members, you will be entered in a drawing for the grand prize. The top prize is a three-night, four-day stay at a four-star hotel. Airfare and hotel for two are provided (in the Continental United States).

So, resolve to recruit new AGA members in 2004!

Questions? Need Additional Membership Applications? Please call the Customer Satisfaction Center at 1.800.242.7211.

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Eleven Members Granted Lifetime Membership by the NEC  
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A section in the AGA Bylaws gives the National Executive Committee approval to bestow Lifetime Membership upon members to recognize their distinguished service to the Association over a sustained period of time. In conjunction with AGA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September 2000, the NEC granted lifetime membership to two individuals – Raymond Einhorn, CGFM and T. Jack Gary, Jr., CGFM (deceased), both charter members and Past National Presidents.

At its December 2003 meeting, the NEC granted Lifetime Membership to the following individuals who have remained paid members for 50 consecutive years:

- William Armstrong - 9/14/1950 - Washington DC Chapter
- Edwin Morris - 4/1/1952 - Ft. Worth Chapter
- Maynard Woodbury- 11/1/1953 - Washington DC Chapter
- Gilbert Kufahl - 11/1/1953 - San Francisco Chapter
- Donald Bacon\* - 2/2/1952 - Washington DC Chapter
- Clarence Jauchem - 1/1/1953 - Washington DC Chapter
- W. Fletcher Lutz \* - 10/19/1952 - Washington DC Chapter

Nathan Cutler, CGFM \* - 1/1/1953 - Space Coast Chapter  
Frederick Rabel - 2/2/1952 - Montgomery/PG County  
Harold Barton - 1/1/1953 - Montgomery Chapter  
John Abbadessa - 1/1/1952 - Montgomery/PG County

\*Indicates AGA Past National President

It is with great honor and pride that these longtime members are recognized for their life-long commitment to AGA. It is the commitment and determination shown by these individuals as well as by the many other dedicated members that have made AGA the strong, vital organization it is today.

As a token of their achievement, each of these individuals was presented with a Lifetime Member certificate. As Lifetime Members, these individuals no longer pay AGA dues.

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Save Time—Renew Your Membership Online

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Annual renewal packages for the 2004–2005 year were mailed the first week in February. This includes both membership and CGFM certification renewals where applicable. The cost of CGFM Program operations has necessitated a modest \$10 increase in the CGFM renewal fee. (See the item below on CGFM renewal requirements.)

The renewal form has a new look this year that includes a receipt at the bottom. This year's renewal package also includes a Member Information Sheet (demographic and contact information). Please be sure to fill this out and return to AGA. It is so very important that we have your updated contact and demographic information. This helps the National Office and your chapter to stay in touch with you. It is also very important for AGA to capture your demographic information (including age, ethnicity, employer, education). We promise that this information will only be used to customize AGA services to your needs.

By far the easiest (and quickest) way to renew is online through the password-protected Members Only section of the AGA website. How to Renew Online: Access the AGA website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org). Click on 'Members Only' on the left palette. Login using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name— no spaces), click on the gray 'billing' button above your name (if the gray billing button doesn't appear, it means that your membership is paid in full). All you have to do is input your credit card information and hit 'Submit.' The transaction will automatically process via our secure server and the renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in

house membership system. While you are logged into the Members Only section, be sure to take a look at your contact information and make any updates as necessary (especially your e-mail address).

Remember, 2004–2005 renewal payments are due by March 31, 2004. Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to serving you in the coming year!

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AGA Hires Anna D. Gowans Miller, CPA, as Technical Manager  
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Anna D. Gowans Miller, CPA, has accepted the newly created AGA staff position of technical manager. Having a technical manager on staff will enable AGA to better represent the interests of members in matters regarding government financial management legislation and regulation. Anna will monitor, research and analyze government financial management issues and develop strategies and position papers for committee review. This is an outstanding new member service from AGA! She will work with the AGA team to keep the membership informed on legislative and regulatory developments, and with the executive director to identify emerging issues and topics for research projects and educational programs. She will be AGA's liaison to the OMB, GAO, FASAB, JFMIP, GASB and FASB, IFAC, IASB and PCAOB for governmental and public sector financial management issues.

Having a subject matter expert on staff as a technical manager enables AGA to improve its lines of communication with congressional legislators, regulators, agency CFOs and IGs, and provide better service to AGA members. AGA intends to become more proactive in monitoring legislative developments in the financial management arena, and in responding to proposed federal, state and local governmental accounting and auditing standards. Anna will support AGA's plans to participate in and initiate research projects, and write technical papers and other research-oriented articles. The position will help the AGA become a leader in the federal financial management community.

Anna comes to AGA prepared for the challenges after having served as a technical manager with the AICPA. She has also been the financial management and best practices staff expert in the House of Representatives' Government Reform and Oversight Committee, and has evaluated quality management process improvements throughout the U.S. Department of Defense and the military services.

Anna said she is excited to be AGA's first technical manager and to be part of the AGA team. She believes that a staff member well versed in government financial management will help transform the Association into a thought leader for advancing government accountability.

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Recruiting Made Easy—10 Great Reasons to Join AGA  
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Okay, so you know why you joined AGA and why you have remained a member. Sometimes, though, it is hard to remember everything when you are talking about membership to a potential member. We've made it easy for you to convey all the value AGA gives you, through the following 10 points...

#### 10. Keep up with the Latest Issues

In today's busy society, everyone knows it is harder than ever to keep up with the latest issues—to know who's doing what, and how. One way you can have regular access to the latest information—and build your professional network at the same time—is by attending AGA's NASBA certified seminars, conferences and local chapter events. It is the best opportunity you have to keep on keeping up...and as a member, you're assured of hearing about all of the conferences and meetings well in advance. Another way is by receiving AGA publications, which are all easily accessible to members on the AGA website and are also e-mailed right to your desktop.

#### 9. Stop Reinventing the Wheel

AGA is the ONLY professional association that boasts a membership across ALL levels of government—local, state and federal. Plus, AGA also has members who work for tribal governments, academic institutions and private sector organizations. The greatest benefit AGA makes available to you is access to this powerful network of professionals. With a membership at 15,000, you can talk with peers, find solutions to current issues and seek advice, all within minutes!

#### 8. Stay Abreast of the Latest Technologies and Financial Systems

Everywhere we turn, technology is affecting our lives. Whether we're online buying a gift, making vacation plans or keeping in contact with friends and relatives, technology and the Internet are key to how we get things done in today's fast-paced environment. Turn to AGA Corporate Partner organizations to keep up with the latest and greatest in technology and software applications. Private-sector organizations bring a wealth of intellectual knowledge and industry viewpoints to AGA members. White Papers and survey data give members a better understanding of how technology can be applied toward solving everyday business problems and issues.

#### 7. Save Money For You and Your Employer

It's true—your AGA membership can help you and your employer save money. Your membership in AGA entitles you to significant savings on registration fees for conferences, workshops and courses, as well as AGA periodicals and training materials. So you can keep current without breaking the bank.

#### 6. Make New Friends and Important Professional Contacts

A true professional knows the value of good contacts. Your local AGA Chapter puts you in contact with other accountability professionals in your area. You'll get the chance to participate in social events, business meetings and educational seminars with other professionals who understand your concerns. Your AGA membership means you're part of a tremendous nationwide network.

#### 5. Be Represented by an Industry Leader

AGA has been serving accountability professionals since 1950. Just as you through your career and outside interests have contributed to improving our governments, AGA remains committed to advancing government accountability at all levels of government. AGA monitors congressional and regulatory activities and keeps you informed of new developments. Together AGA members represent a strong, unified voice in support of the advancement of accountability in government financial

management.

#### 4. Increase Your Skills and Value to Your Employer

Access thousands of hours of inexpensive continuing professional education via NASBA-certified conferences, classroom courses, training events, and online self-study. Learn new techniques to help improve workplace efficiencies and effectiveness.

#### 3. Earn Professional Recognition

You've put a lot of hard work into getting where you are today. Enhance your credentials as a government financial manager by choosing to have your unique skills and knowledge recognized through professional certification in AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. The CGFM designation is proof of a broad range of government financial management expertise—an attribute most sought after by government employers. The CGFM demonstrates your ability to keep abreast of change and enhances your credibility to the government accountability community you serve.

#### 2. Build Your Leadership Skills

And your professional reputation. How? Active participation in your local AGA chapter and AGA national committees! In addition to leadership skills, you'll develop effective teamwork and communications skills as well as networking skills. Traits ALL employers are looking for!

#### 1. Get a Head Start on Your Career

Make valuable contacts. Meet your peers. Keep up your education. Build a professional network. Learn new skills. Learn from the leaders. Don't waste another valuable minute. Now is the time to join AGA!

NOW is the time to get your career on the fast track!

Check out AGA on the Internet at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) or call the Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211. Start using these points today in your recruiting efforts!

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Member Profile: Curtis Carlson, Dallas Chapter Member  
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When Curtis Carlson joined AGA in the early 1970s, it was a natural offshoot of his commitment to professional development. Before his career even began, he was president of his college accounting club, so when his colleagues at the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) in Dallas encouraged him to join AGA, it was a logical move.

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"Over the years it's developed into quite a professional Association," Carlson said, adding that his membership helped his career in a number of different ways. "I kept abreast of government financial management, accounting and auditing, and it gave me some key contacts with other agencies and other federal employees."

Carlson, a member of the Dallas Chapter, retired in 1995 as director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Dallas regional office. He had

served 20 years with the DOE, which followed 12 years with GAO, including four in Europe. During his tenure at DOE, he audited oil companies, and then moved over to the management side and became responsible for an energy conservation program, which was funded by oil overcharge money that came back to the states.

AGA membership and the contacts he made were particularly helpful at that point in his career, as he worked closely with the governor's office on the state's energy conservation programs. Knowing other professionals at other agencies was invaluable. "If I had a question, I would just call up the people in the other agencies," he said. Carlson said he attended AGA meetings regularly and took advantage of the training events that were offered to earn CPE hours and stay up-to date on developments in the field. Even though he's been retired for eight years, Carlson plans to stick with AGA.

He said the Association has been at the cutting edge of developments in the field. He recalls seminars on subjects that later became big issues in the field — white-collar crime for example.

"I plan on staying with AGA for a while," he said. "I think it's a good organization. They have some good educational opportunities that I've taken advantage of." Besides, he added, "I just want to know what's going on and keep the contact with some of the people I've known for years."

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#### Membership News & Notes

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~ Download an AGA Membership Application and Begin Recruiting Today! [www.agacgfm.org/membership/join/](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/join/)

#### ~ Member Happenings

Tom Bianco, CPA, a member of AGA's Baltimore Chapter, has been selected to serve as deputy director, Division of Financial/Administrative Systems, Office of Financial Policy and Systems Design of the Social Security Administration (SSA). Bianco has been instrumental in implementing SSA's new financial accounting and reporting system.

Salvador (Sal) F. Faldetta, CGFM, a member of AGA's Baton Rouge Chapter, a retired accountant administrator 5, Department of Transportation and Development, State of Louisiana, was awarded the Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 in New Orleans. This award is presented annually to employees in a classified merit system that have distinguished themselves and is named for the founder of the Louisiana Civil Service League and co-author of the original Civil Service Law in Louisiana. Faldetta is one of 12 civil service workers honored this year. More than 685 state and local classified civil service employees have been cited for their distinguished service since 1958.

Theresa Kwiecinski, CPA, a member of AGA's Seattle Chapter, recently joined the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She previously worked for the Washington State Auditor's Office, where her responsibilities included serving as statewide audit specialist and team fraud specialist.

David Murphy, Ph.D., CGFM, CFS, CPA, a member of AGA's Roanoke Chapter, and associate professor of accounting and accounting program coordinator at Lynchburg College, has been named to the Board of

Regents of the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists and as chair of their National Curriculum and Education Committee.

Patrick T. Shine, a member of AGA's Indianapolis Chapter, and the acting director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), has been recognized by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld as a recipient of the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award. The award is the department's highest award for career civilian employees. Shine's efforts as director of Military and Civilian Pay Services and previously as director of Operating Forces at DFAS helped improve the way pay entitlements are delivered to about 5.9 million people annually. His leadership resulted in reduction of problem disbursements by more than \$12 million in 2002 alone. His efforts also helped modernize the way military members, military retirees and Defense civilians access their personal pay account information. Shine's leadership in promoting the President's Management Agenda led to the selection of DFAS as one of four federal payroll service providers as part of the Office of Personnel Management's ePayroll initiative. The initiative consolidates payroll services from 22 providers to four and is estimated to save more than \$1 billion over 10 years.

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IN OTHER NEWS FROM AGA...

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CGFM Renewal Requirements

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Are you up-to-date on your continuing professional education (CPE) hours? Annual renewal invoices have gone out, and all CGFMs must comply with the CGFM CPE requirements to renew. CGFMs must complete at least 80 CPE hours every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects. During the first year of their CPE cycle, CGFMs must earn at least 20 hours of CPE. By close of the second year of the cycle, CGFMs must have earned at least 80 hours of CPE. You can find a calendar of CPE cycles at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm\\_calendar.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx)  
For more information on CGFM renewal requirements please visit [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/default.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/default.aspx)

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Call for Scholarship Nominations

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Extend the value of your AGA membership and encourage a family member to apply for an AGA National Scholarship. Each year, AGA awards six \$1,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members; two \$500 part-time merit scholarship to AGA members and their family members; and one \$1,000 community service scholarship to an AGA member or nonmember. The deadline for receipt of AGA National Scholarship applications is April 2, 2004. Visit [www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/) for more details and an application, or contact Sebrina Bridgers at [sbridgers@agacgfm.org](mailto:sbridgers@agacgfm.org) or 800.242.7211, ext. 131.

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AGA National Board and Committee Volunteers Needed

More than 300 AGA members are making things happen as members of national boards and committees. As with most professional Associations, AGA relies a great deal on its boards and committees to tackle challenges, propose solutions and serve members. The great strides we have made as a professional Association would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our exceptional board and committee leaders.

Join us on one of AGA's six National boards or nine National committees—your leadership might just be the most important contribution you will make to the profession and to your own career!

Review our Directory of Boards and Committees at [www.agacgfm.org/about/boards/](http://www.agacgfm.org/about/boards/) Ready to tell us of your interest in a specific board or committee? Use our online form at [www.agacgfm.org/about/boards/committeeSignUp.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/about/boards/committeeSignUp.aspx) to sign up now. Have questions and want more information? Contact Lisa Thatcher at [lthatcher@agacgfm.org](mailto:lthatcher@agacgfm.org)

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Financial Management Standards Board Seeks Volunteer Members  
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AGA's AGA's Financial Management Standards Board would like to hear from members who are interested in serving on the Board. The FSMB is responsible for monitoring proposed accounting, auditing, and financial reporting pronouncements on behalf of the AGA. If you are interested in actively participating in developing accounting and financial reporting standards and related rules, regulations, policies, and other pronouncements, this is the committee for you.

The FSMB is responsible for monitoring proposed accounting, auditing and financial reporting pronouncements on behalf of AGA. It reviews and responds to all proposed pronouncements that will significantly affect government accounting, auditing and financial reporting, including those issued by the FASAB, FASB, GASB, AICPA, GAO, agencies and other organizations if the subject matter is of interest to AGA members. It develops responses in the form of comment letters that reflect the consensus response of the members.

If you are interested in actively participating in developing accounting and financial reporting standards and related rules, regulations, policies and other pronouncements, this is the committee for you. We need people who are interested in standards setting and willing to be active in developing responses. It is vital to ensure that the views of those affected by auditing and accounting pronouncements are heard during the standard-setting process. The Board provides an avenue for AGA members to have their opinions heard by the standards setters. Contact Anna Miller at [amiller@agacgfm.org](mailto:amiller@agacgfm.org)

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REGULAR FEATURES  
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~ PDC 2004 Registration Form  
[www.agacgfm.org/pdc/registration/](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc/registration/)

~ AGA 2004 Calendar  
[www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/021704/calendar.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/021704/calendar.aspx)

~ The Rutgers University created a scholarship program for AGA members interested in earning the CGFM certification. All courses are available online. Candidates for the scholarship certificate program should hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and submit unofficial copies of their transcripts along with a resume and two letters of recommendation. For more information, contact Lin Latham at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 209, or [llatham@agacgfm.org](mailto:llatham@agacgfm.org) Additional information is also available at [www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx)

~ Contact AGA Staff, 800.AGA.7211, 703.548.9367 (fax).  
Go to [www.agacgfm.org/about/natloffice/](http://www.agacgfm.org/about/natloffice/) for e-mail contacts.

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CPE OPPORTUNITIES, ORGANIZED BY REGION  
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The AGA National Office is pleased to extend a special opportunity to AGA chapters. Between Jan 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2004, Jay Fountain, CGFM, GASB's former assistant director of research, now retired, and Wilson Campbell, CGFM, project director, GASB's SEA Program are available as educational event and conference speakers. Visit [www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx) for more details or contact AGA's Director of Education Lin Latham at [llatham@agacgfm.org](mailto:llatham@agacgfm.org)

03/03/04 GASB No. 39: The Challenges of Integrating New Component Units

NASACT, in conjunction with AGA, National Association of Local Government Auditors and the National Association of College and University Business Officers, is sponsoring this audio conference, worth 2 CPE hours. The conference is set for 2 to 3:50 p.m. EST. Standard 39, titled *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, amends GASB No. 14 to provide additional guidance to determine whether certain organizations for which the primary government is not financially accountable should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government. Cost is \$249 per site before Friday, February 27, and \$299 afterward. Visit [www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx) for registration information.

06/27/04 - 06/30/04 AGA's 53rd Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition

"Technology: Powering the Accountability Age"

To stay at the top of the profession, it's not enough for government financial managers to keep up to date on current developments in the field. To position yourself as a leader, you must understand emerging issues and trends to be prepared to handle the inevitable challenges and crises that arise in an ever-changing environment. Technological advances in government financial management have changed financial reporting. New regulations have made those changes mandatory. Are you prepared to face these challenges? Join AGA in Washington D.C. to hear from the people leading the way to more

accountable governments. Go to [www.agacgfm.org/pdc](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc) for agenda and registration information.

#### CAPITAL

02/18/04 - 2/20/04 • Washington, D.C.

CGFM Training Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

This course, worth 24 CPE hours, is designed for financial management professionals who want to learn more about the standards under which the government financial manager performs financial accounting, reporting and budgeting tasks. Contact Management Concepts at 703.790.9595 or go to [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/course5602.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/course5602.aspx)

#### MID-ATLANTIC

02/19/04 Risk Assessments and Audit Planning

AGA's Baltimore Chapter and the Institute of Internal Auditors are co sponsoring this event, worth 4 CPE hours, at the Town and Country Caterers, 2319 Hammonds Ferry Road. Cost is \$35 for AGA members; \$50 for nonmembers. For more information, leave a message at 410.965.9716 or go to [www.agabaltimore@yahoo.com](mailto:www.agabaltimore@yahoo.com)

#### MIDWEST

03/23/04 – 03/24/04 Regional PDC

AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter is sponsoring a regional PDC, worth 16 CPE hours, at the Inn at the Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks. Contact Dwayne Rasmussen, CGFM, at 573.751.1973 for more information.

#### NORTH CENTRAL

03/11/04 U.S. Grant Administration Rules and OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments  
AGA's Southern Wisconsin Chapter is sponsoring this training event, featuring Joseph M. Stertz, CGFM, transportation financial manager with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The event, worth 8 CPE hours, will be held at the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union in Madison. Cost is \$65 for members; \$85 for nonmembers. To register, contact Sherri Voigt at 608.267.9818 or [sherri.voigt@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:sherri.voigt@dnr.state.wi.us)

#### NORTHEAST

03/15/04 – 03/17/04 The Conference That Counts (TCTC)  
AGA's New York Capital Chapter is co-sponsoring its Ninth Annual TCTC with featured keynote luncheon speakers Alan G. Hevesi, New York State Comptroller, and Lamar Hill, Albany NanoTech. The three-day, three-track conference offers a variety of technology, audit and general management subjects with nationally known speakers, including Sam McCall, CGFM, city auditor for the City of Tallahassee, FL and AGA National President-Elect Designate. TCTC will be held at the Holiday Inn—Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie and offers 21 CPE hours. Visit the chapter's website at [www.aganycap.org](http://www.aganycap.org) to register and obtain details on the program. A discount is available for early registration. Contact Katie Gavigan at 518.402.2507 for registration and program questions.

#### NORTHWEST

03/03/05 - 03/05/04 Pacific Northwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum  
The conference, set for the Red Lion Inn in Olympia, WA will include an address by Washington State Auditor Brian Sonntag, GAO's Chief Public Affairs Officer Jeff Nelligan, panel discussions on auditing fraud and successfully surviving peer review, as well as sessions on non-profit accounting standards for auditors and transforming audit-related professional development, among other topics. A special session has been scheduled Friday morning with the improvisational group, On Your Feet, for a workshop for applying collaborative and critical thinking strategies to common office/organizational issues. Cost is \$180 and includes two breakfasts, a luncheon, an evening reception, and 16 CPE hours. Conference registration is available at [www.auditforum.org](http://www.auditforum.org)

04/22/04 - 04/23/04 Annual Regional Government Accounting and Auditing Conference  
AGA's Seattle Chapter is co-sponsoring this conference, worth 16 CPE hours, with the Washington Society of CPAs (WSCPA) at the Seatac Doubletree Inn. The conference features GASB and *Yellow Book* updates. Other topics include: Grant Accounting and Reporting Changes, hands-on Performance Measures & Managing for Results training, and Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee: A State Perspective. COSO Revisited—Enterprise Risk Management, Applicability and Common Sense Approach to Implementing COSO, Economic Environment & Associated Risks, Derivatives and Hedging Activities: Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Governments, and Performance Auditing—Issues and Applications. The cost for AGA and WSCPA members: Early bird price (April 2 deadline) for the two-day course is \$275, and \$320 afterward. One-day price is \$185 early bird and \$230 afterward. Register online at [www.wscpa.org](http://www.wscpa.org) or contact Pat Seaton at 206.287.4824.

#### OHIO-MICHIGAN REGION

03/02/04 2004 Professional Development Seminar  
AGA's Detroit Chapter presents its 2004 Professional Development Seminar, "In Search of Excellence in Government," at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, Troy, MI. The session is worth 7 CPE hours. Contact Soumaya Habhab at 313.224.7433 for more information.

#### SOUTHEAST

04/26/04 - 04/27/04 Tennessee Government Auditing Training Seminar

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) have again partnered to conduct this year's seminars. Frank Crawford, Crawford and Associates, will be the primary speaker, bringing a unique blend of technical and practical knowledge to his sessions. This year's seminars are set for Chattanooga on April 26-27, Nashville on May 3-4, Morristown on May 10-11, and Jackson on May 17-18. Note that Chattanooga is a new site and will replace the seminar that has been held in the past several years in Cleveland. For a conference brochure and registration form go to [www.nasact.org/conferences/events.cfm](http://www.nasact.org/conferences/events.cfm)

04/26/04 – 04/27/04 The Southeastern Regional Professional

Development Conference

AGA's Chattanooga Chapter is sponsoring this event, worth 16 CPE hours, at the Chattanooga Convention Center at 2 Carter Plaza. On April 26, the theme is, "What's Up with GASB: A GASB Update for 2004" and on April 27 the theme is, "Measuring Up: Developing and Implementing Performance Measures." Cost is \$300 for two days or \$175 for one day (8 CPE hours). Early registration is March 15. For registration information, contact Barry Brooks at 423.757.0587 or [brooks\\_b@mail.chattanooga.gov](mailto:brooks_b@mail.chattanooga.gov).

WEST

02/19/04 - 02/20/04 Awareness of Fraud, Waste and Abuse  
AGA's Silicon Valley Chapter is joining local chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association to sponsor this conference, worth 15 CPE hours, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Square in San Francisco. Topics include forensic techniques and fraud detection, fraud hotlines, forensic data analysis, investigative interviewing and securities fraud. Cost is \$390 for members; \$460 for nonmembers. Contact Martin Krone, CGFM, conference coordinator at 408.277.8319, or at [MartinKronellA@aol.com](mailto:MartinKronellA@aol.com). Visit the conference website at [www.sfaga.org](http://www.sfaga.org)

03/18/04 OMB Circular A-87

AGA's Sacramento Chapter will be offering this course on OMB Circular A-87, and cost principles for state and local government, worth 8 CPE hours, in Rancho Cordova. Fee is \$100 for AGA members (with early registration discount). The instructor is Sefton Boyers, CGFM. Register at [www.sacramentoAGA.com](http://www.sacramentoAGA.com)

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