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Luncheon at the **Army & Navy Club**





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Location: Clyde's

Date: April 21st, 2009

Time: 11:45 to 1:45

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Saturday, June 20th - Sunday, June 21st

• 8:30- 11:30 a.m.

• 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. • 3:30 - 6:30 a.m.

University of New Orleans, Kirschman Hall, located at 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148

Save The Date: Spring Conference

The Association of Government Accountants Washington, DC Chapter will be hosting its annual spring conference on May 12 and 13, 2009. This 2-day conference will address emerging issues related to federal financial management and systems.

Dates: Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Ronald Reagan Building Location: Read More

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Note From the Editor

by Leon Fleischer, Editor

Spring is here! I hope everyone enjoyed our previous March issue. In last month's editor message, I mentioned that I had attended the AGA National Leadership Conference in February, and found it to be another outstanding conference. Well, the terrific conferences in



the federal financial community continue. I attended the Federal Financial Management Conference in March sponsored by FSIO/JFMIP. There were over 900 attendees! The spectrum of speakers reflected the depth of federal financial management. For example, Mr. Neal Barofsky, the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) gave an outstanding presentation on the status of the TARP program. We hear and read about this every day in the news, and it was great to actually see the individual in charge of oversight of the program in person discussing the details. Please note that there are several upcoming AGA conferences and there is information on these conferences in this newsletter (please see website for additional detail). On May 12 and 13th, our chapter will be hosting the AGA-DC/GWSCPA 8th annual conference at the Ronald Reagan Building (15 hours CPE credit). On June 21-24, AGA will be hosting its 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in the "Big Easy"-this is the premier education and networking event of the year. At the PDC, you can hear from dynamic speakers, make new contacts, and experience all the culture that New Orleans has to offer. I encourage everyone to take a look at attending one or both of these outstanding conferences.

These are very exciting teams to serve in the federal government-and in particular to be associated with federal financial management. The TARP program and the recent Recovery Act are crucial to the well being of the country, and the federal financial community is being put to the test to implement efficiently and properly these huge programs. Being an AGA member and staying abreast of the developments in our community will help us meet these upcoming challenges.

This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles-these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you

to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offer, in particular the high quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the May 2009 issue is April 17, 2009. Please send your comments and contributions to Leon Fleischer, the newsletter editor at leon.fleischer@sba.gov.

Sincerely,

Leon Fleischer

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AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor

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President's Message





by Ann Davis

Spring is here and we have sprung into action. We are sponsoring a number of events in celebration of the new season to keep you informed about our changing times.

Our increased participation in AGA national's audio conferences this year has proven to be extremely successful as the April 8th session on "The Future of Government Auditing - Which Direction(s) Are We Heading?" is already sold out!

Sign up early for our monthly luncheon on April 21, 2009 at Clyde's in Chinatown, 11:45-1:45 PM. The speaker is soon to be announced. Please remember to bring your old cell phones and eyeglasses for donation. Note that this is a change of venue for just April - our May 20th lunch is back at the Army Navy Club.



Next is our Spring Membership Luncheon: Panel on AGA DC's Survey and Facebook/Linked In, on April 22, 2009 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Contact Marguerite Nealon at <u>wnealon01@aol.com</u> or Ruthie Apelt at <u>ruth.apelt@thomson-reuters.com</u> for more details.

Of course, we save the best for last. Join us for our ever popular Virginia Vineyards Tour, April 25, 2009, 8:45 AM - 5:15 PM. We will visit new vineyards in the Purcellville and Loudoun Valley region of Virginia and enjoy good wine, good food, and great company! The cost is \$40.00 for AGA DC or NOVAGA members and their first guest, and \$70.00 for each additional nonmember guest. The price includes lunch, tasting fees, and transportation. There will be two buses with two separate itineraries; however; the buses will meet up for lunch at Grandale Farms Restaurant. For more information and to register for this event please visit

<u>http://agadc.org/page.php?name=wine_tour_information</u>. Get your tickets now. You don't want to miss it.

Save the Dates:

May 12-13, 2009 - "AGA-DC/GWSCPA Annual Conference - Financial Management in Challenging Times", 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC, 15 CPE

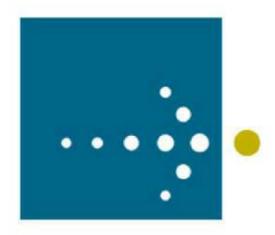
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Who is Pat Wensel?



Name: Pat Wensel
AGA Position: Assistant
Director Awards Committee
Company: Retired
Background: I have spent
more than 25 years as a government accountant, auditor, and manager. Prior to retire-

ment in July 2005, I was a senior liaison official and advisor in the Office of the Chief Financial Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In this capacity, I provided direction and coordination of program management initiatives, projects and evaluative studies for the preparation and audit of consolidated financial statements. Partly due to my efforts, the USDA obtained its first ever clean audit opinions for all agencies and on a consolidated basis for FY 2002 and has sustained that opinion in subsequent years. As director of the Planning and Accountability staff at USDA, I lead the efforts to develop the Department's first strategic plan under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Prior to USDA, I held positions as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit at the Farm Credit Administration; staff accountant in the Office of the CFO at the US Department of the Treasury during implementation of the CFO Act of 1990; and for ten years in various positions with the U.S. Navy as auditor, systems and operating accountant, and budget analyst.

I obtained my education from the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in accounting and earned a Master's degree in Public Financial Management from the American University with lots of help from professors like Susumu Uyeda, Tom O'Connor, and Ray Einhorn. Professional certifications attained include certified government financial manager (CGFM), certified public accountant (CPA), and certified fraud examiner (CFE). I have been privileged to serve in numerous national and local leadership positions with the Association of Government Accountants; the Greater Washington Society of CPAs; the American Society of Military Comptrollers; and as member of the Accountants Roundtable and the USDA Graduate School Financial Management Advisory Board. In addition, I spend considerable time with the activities of my church and continue to provide volunteer income tax assistance for low income families as well as my own family. And, most important of all, I spend as much time as possible with my six year old granddaughter and five year old grandson.

How long have you been a member of AGA? I have been a member of AGA since April of 1985. During that time I have held a number of DC Chapter and National Leadership positions including Chapter President and Regional Vice President.

How has AGA helped you with your career? I have been privileged to serve in a number of Chapter and National leadership positions. This has given me the opportunity to work with a large number of senior financial management leaders and their staff in both the federal government and state and local governments. As a federal government employee this has been invaluable when performing my work as well as advancing my career. I was afforded the opportunity to participate with the central policy agencies and provide input into policy making decisions. This was good for me and for the agencies for which I worked. These interactions with fellow chapter members and national committee members also increased my confidence in myself and enhanced my ability to work under pressure and produce the desired results despite severe time and resource constraints. I have met many people that I would never have known without my involvement in AGA and I cherish the friendships that have resulted. I've also had the opportunity to work with and mentor a large number of young professionals and they are our future.

What advice do you have for someone thinking of joining the AGA? Everyone who wants to advance in their government career should become an active member of their professional organizations. AGA will afford members the opportunity to interact with their peers, to keep current on what is happening in the profession, and offers the opportunity for professional certification - CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager). But don't just join and spend your money. To get the most benefit, you must become an active part of the organization. Attend regular meetings. Serve on a committee. Meet your friends at social events. Participate in the community service events. The time spent in these endeavors will reward you in many ways, help advance your career, make you feel good about yourself, and provide you with a new circle of friends.

What is the best thing about working in government service? Working in the federal government gave me an opportunity to use my time and talents to make a difference. I've been able to provide services that had an impact on my family, friends, colleagues, employers, neighbors, and ultimately all taxpayers. I don't know of any other employer where you can have such a widespread impact. The quality of the people I have worked with has made my long government career a pleasure from beginning to end. I was trained to do the job and then given the opportunity to do it. My federal service will always be a highlight of my life.

What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today? I have had very few obstacles in my government career that were insurmountable. Those obstacles I

Who is Pat Wensel?

did face made me a stronger and more capable person. The rigidness and slowness of the personnel system was probably one of the largest challenges I faced. In many of the agencies it just takes too long to recruit and hire people. That often means we lose the best and brightest. And then we have a shortage of training money to give new recruits the skills to adequately perform. Even the best employees need training to be their most effective.

What is your favorite hobby or outside activity? I love to garden, watch birds, travel and play with my grandchildren. We've had the opportunity to travel extensively in the past few years and plan to continue as long as we are able. Many of our trips have been related to our birdwatching activities. In the past couple of years, we have traveled to Costa Rica, Turkey, Greece, China, Ireland,

Wales, England, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, and most recently to Peru and Ecuador. We've also had many birding trips within the USA and we plan many more. Birding is a marvelous past time and we never seem to tire of it. The people we've met throughout our travels have been marvelous. Birders are a friendly lot and are always willing to share their favorite spots.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? I don't tolerate ice cream very well but do have a few favorite desserts including baklava and cannoli. When I do eat ice cream, it is vanilla with pie ala mode. When just ice cream I prefer one with nuts like Butter Pecan or Almond.

Anything else that you would like to highlight? I'd like to encourage all retirees to stay active in the professional community. There is much that we can do to encourage our newer members and give them the benefit of our many years of experience. The time spent will offer many rewards for yourself and for those you help.

Pat Wensel

Pat Wensel

Diversity Comes in All Flavors

by Julia E. Ranagan, CGFM, CPA

When I became editor of the Washington Connection in July 2005, I set about looking for ideas for items of interest to include in the upcoming issues of the AGA-DC newsletter. I studied the prior year's newsletters as well as newsletters of other chapters and organizations. I decided to incorporate a monthly member profile that included a picture and a series of questions about the member's experiences and advice about AGA and government service.

I had another idea that I thought would be a fun way to get to know our members as well as encourage member recruitment and wrap up the year. I planned to end each profile with the question "What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?" Then I thought we could have an ice cream social in June (maybe in conjunction with the last luncheon), and serve the most popular ice cream flavors from the nine month's worth of profiles for \$1 a scoop. My thought was that members that sponsored a recruit in the DC chapter would get a "certificate" for a free scoop of ice cream for each member they sponsor. My idea never materialized into an ice cream social but the monthly profile and ice cream question are still featured in the newsletter today.

I enjoy reading the member's profiles each month and continue to be amazed at the different flavors of ice cream that emerge as the members' favorites. Over the last four years, I have mentally noted the interesting choices selected by our members and recently decided to write them down (see list below).

When I first thought of the idea of the ice cream social, I had assumed that we would be serving a lot of the old standbys-chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry-with a few other flavors. On the contrary, pistachio and coffee have given chocolate a run for its money and strawberry is nowhere to be found. [Why do most Neapolitan ice creams include strawberry anyway?]

I realized that my assumptions about what would be the "most popular" flavors of ice cream are an indication of my inherent belief that we are more alike than different. However, I have been humbly reminded that assumption could not be farther from the truth. The wide variety of flavors preferred by our members is representative of the diversification present throughout our professional and personal lives.

The organization where I work holds a month-long celebration of diversity each June with a number of activities and events designed to highlight and celebrate diversity. Diversity is defined at www.m-w.com as the condition of differing from one another.

I grew up liking mint chocolate chip ice cream. I have fond memories of monthly Saturday evening trips to Baskin Robbins with my family to get the tasty treat on a cone. As I grew into an adult, my love for chocolate developed and my favorite ice cream flavor is now chocolate, especially Chocolate Oreo® and Peanut Butter 'n Chocolate from Baskin Robbins. I have never tried Pistachio Almond, Pralines and Cream, Cinnamon, Rum Raisin, Chubby Hubby®, or Grape Nut ice cream. I have tried but do not care for coffee-flavored ice cream, and although I can tolerate Rainbow Sherbet, Chunky Monkey®, Vanilla, and Chocolate Raspberry, I would never think of choosing them over plain chocolate ice cream. However, I would never think of criticizing someone else for his or her choice of ice cream flavor either.

Everyone's life experiences have led them to the place they are today. The choices and decisions we make today, whether they are about ice cream, where we work, where we live, or how we conduct our lives, have been formed by the diverse and enriching experiences that have brought us to this exact point in our life. These choices and decisions may change as we are exposed to new and different experiences. Pistachio Almond may one day become my new favorite; I will not know until I try it. As Karl Boettcher noted in his February 2006 profile-"My tastes changed from French Vanilla to Chocolate Raspberry"-tastes can and will change and no flavor is better or worse than any other flavor; it is all the flavors together that make our world such a wonderful experience.

Diversity Comes in All Flavors (Cont'd.)

Month	Name	Flavor of Ice Cream
September 2005	Lisa Casias	Chocolate Raspberry Truffle
October 2005	Dan Christovich	Rainbow Sherbet or Vanilla with toppings
November 2005	John Lynskey	Italian Ices (favorite is chocolate)
December 2005	Tonya Allen-Shaw	Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey®
January 2006	Lloyd Farmer	Rainbow Sherbet
February 2006	Karl Boettcher	My tastes changed from French Vanilla to Chocolate Raspberry
March 2006	Marianne Condon	Ben & Jerry's Coffee
April 2006	Mike Allen	Chocolate, in general, but Breyers® Natural Vanilla is tough to beat!
May 2006	Simcha Kuritzky	Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey®
June 2006	N/A*	
September 2006	Scott Bell	Rum Raisin
October 2006	Christina Pfeffer	Baskin Robbins Mint Chocolate Chip
November 2006	N/A*	*
December 2006	N/A*	
January 2007	Corbin Neiberline	Chocolate
February 2007	N/A*	
March 2007	N/A*	
April 2007	Bert T. Edwards	Pistachio
May 2007	Ira Goldstein	Coffee
June 2007	Eva J. Williams	Pistachio, or anything with nuts
September 2007	Dan Christovich	Rainbow Sherbet or Vanilla with toppings (for a real treat, coconut gelato)
October 2007	Leon Fleischer	Coffee
November 2007	Doreen Shute	Ben & Jerry's Cinnamon
December 2007	Ruth Apelt	Vanilla, with an enormous amount of decadent chocolate fudge sauce
January 2008	N/A*	
February 2008	Ryan Bolz	Blue Bell Chocolate Chip
March 2008	Kim Farington	Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Fudge Bownie™
April 2008	AnnMarie E. Walker	Grape Nut
May 2008	Jeff Green	Chocolate
June 2008	Eric D. Irizarry	Baskin Robbins (one scoop of Nutty Coconut and one scoop of Pistachio Almond)
September 2008	Ann Davis	Black Raspberry made on site at University of Maryland at College Park when I was a child
October 2008	Rob Smith	Pralines and Cream and Ben & Jerry's Chubby Hubby®
November 2008	Jennifer Sanchez Funk	Baskin Robbins Jamoca® Oreo®
December 2008	Rose M. Gaines	Baskin Robbins Pistachio Almond
January 2009	Natasha Severe	Chocolate dipped in chocolate fudge
February 2009	Doug Bennett	Whatever flavor YOU are buying!
March 2009	Susan Johnson	Cold Stone Creamery Chocolate Devotion TM
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* N/A = Newsletter not available or did not contain a member profile







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If you're interested in being a liaison or joining the mentor program, as either a mentor or mentee, please contact Ruthie Apelt: ruth.apelt@thomson.com

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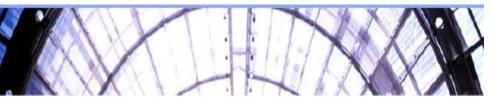




AGA-DC and GWSCPA 8th Annual Conference "Financial Management in Challenging Times"

	Tuesday, May 12, 2009	Wednesday, May 13, 2009			
7:30 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast with Exhibitors	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Exhibitors		
8:00 a.m.	Welcoming Comments	8:00 a.m.	Welcoming Comments		
8:10 a.m.	GAO Update	8:10 a.m.	TBD		
9:00 a.m.	Break	9:00 a.m.	Break		
9:10 a.m.	Developments in Accounting Standards	9:10 a.m.	Financial Management Update		
10:00 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	10:25 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors		
10:15 a.m.	Breakout 1 - IT Security	10:45 a.m.	Breakout 1 - TBD		
10:15 a.m.	Breakout 2 - Ethics for CPAs	10:45 a.m.	Breakout 2 - Improper Payments: A Fraud Perspective During a Recession		
12:05 p.m.	Break	11:35 a.m.	Break		
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	11:50 a.m.	Lunch		
1:05 p.m.	Auditability in the Intelligence Community	12:40 p.m.	Administration Transition – What's a CFO to Do?		
1:55 p.m.	Break	1:30 p.m.	Break		
2:05 p.m.	Reforming Government	1:40 p.m.	Enterprise Risk Management		
3:20 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	2:55 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors		
3:40 p.m.	Intragovernmental Transactions	3:15 p.m.	Does the Shared Service Model Work?		
4:30 p.m.	End of First Day	4:30 p.m.	Conference Adjourns		







AGA-DC/GWSCPA 8th Annual Conference Financial Management in Challenging Times May 12-13, 2009

Highlights

Join us for our annual spring conference. This year's theme focuses on the challenging financial times faced by the federal government and how the federal financial management community can respond to these challenges.

Conference Information

CPE credits: 15 hours CPE credit (recommended) for each paid attendee

Length: 2 days (from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Registration

AGA/GWSCPA members: \$375 early registration fee by April 24 (\$425 after April 24)

Non-members: \$425 early registration fee by April 24 (\$475 after April 24)

Group discount: 5 percent for three or more. 10 percent for six or more

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Space is limited, so register early.

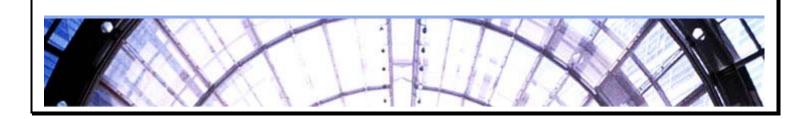
Location

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Pavilion Ballroom 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Suggested Attendees

Government financial management professionals, accounting, audit, and other professionals who deal with government financial management professionals.

For more information and to register, visit: http://www.agadc.org







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Consider a Career in Government Financial Management

Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section or contact Jessica Jones.

Benefits of the AGA D.C. Mentoring Program

By: The Membership/Liaison Committee with

Evelyn Brown, Chuck McAndrew, Boris Lyubovitsky, and Ding-Lynn Ledgard

The Mentoring Program is proving to be a valuable benefit of AGA D. C. membership according to a recent survey conducted by the Membership/Liaison Committee.

For Mentors, the program is an excellent way to contribute to the career development of government accountability professionals including those involved in accounting, auditing, budgeting and other financial management related jobs. For Mentees, the program is an open door to explore ideas and aspirations with accomplished and experienced individuals.

Want to get in on the action? Please submit your resume to Membership/Liaison Committee Co-Directors: Marguerite Nealon, email: vmealon01@aol.com and Ruth Apelt, email: vmealon01@aol.com and Ruth Apelt.

Here are just a few comments from the recent survey:

What was most satisfying about the mentor program?

"The learning experience is on both sides. Mentee learned some things and so did I. It actually helped me with keeping abreast of changes and activities in the workplace." (Evelyn Brown, Mentor)

"Giving advice based on my career." (Chuck McAndrew, Mentor)

Did you enjoy being part of this program?

"I joined the AGA DC Chapter in September 2008 so that I could participate in the Mentor Program. I know that having a mentor will help me surmount challenges and advance my career progression." (Ding-Lynn Ledgard, Mentee)

What did you learn from your mentor?

"I learned many things from my mentor. For instance, she introduced me to many of her former colleagues at several CPA societies/organizations, at her former job (networking). I believe that I am continuously learning from my mentor by addressing various questions. Some of those questions relate to work, AGA, or simply wisdom of life." (Boris Lyubovitsky, (Mentee)





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The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today's constantly changing environment. Hear from top-notch speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

AGA has been a leader in providing the best training for more than 58 years, and this is the place where it all comes together. Offering 24 CPE hours, timely topics and an impressive line-up of speakers, PDC 2009 promises to be one of the Association's best.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and techniques to help your agency achieve its mission.

In addition to an excellent technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you're here, please be sure to experience all the music, culture, history and fine dining New Orleans has to offer.

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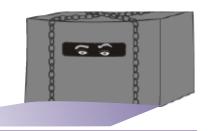
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Prior-Year Adjustments in FACTS II

Introduction

Treasury Financial Management Services (FMS) has been preparing the consolidated Financial Report of the U.S. Government for a few decades now and is still struggling to get clean data. It's hard enough to consolidate the activity from dozens of agencies, but since FMS has little control over what data is submitted and even less ability to research discrepancies, it is a nearly impossible task. What accountants working with one entity's books take for granted is only a fond wish for FMS. So FMS has been tweaking the FACTS interface to capture the information necessary for consolidation. The latest change is the Prior-Year (PY) Adjustment field, which allows FMS to compare the beginning balance agencies report now with what they had reported as their ending balance last year. The field was added for FY08 FACTS II submissions, but recently new guidance has been drafted to better define how the field is to be populated.

How the Field Works

There are 3 values for the PY Adjustment field: X, P and B. Most data should reflect only current-year activity and come in with a value of X. If an agency finds transactions that should have been reported in a prior year but were not, they would correct the error in their system and report that activity with one of the three flag values. If the correction does not affect Fund Balance with Treasury, a flag of P should be reported. If it affects Fund Balance with Treasury by at least half a million dollars, then the agency must request a backdated Treasury document and report that activity with a flag of B. If it affects Fund Balance with Treasury by less than half a million dollars, then the flag value should be X (the same as if there were no error).

It should be noted that all accounts that have this field in FACTS II report the same value for the adjustment, so the B is not just reported for account 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury, it is also reported for the corresponding adjustment to the budgetary accounts. For example, an agency receives an IPAC of \$1,000,000 on September 30, but doesn't figure out what this entry represents in time to book it. If the next year, the agency discovers this was earned reimbursements, they would debit 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury and 4252 Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Collected and credit 1310 Accounts Receivable and 4251 Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Receivable, all with a PY Adjustment field of B (although 1310 is not reported in FACTS II and so has no PY Adjustment field).

New Edits

FMS adjusted edit 12 and added a new edit 13 to work with PY Adjustments. Amounts associated with a value of B are ignored. Edit 12 compares activity in the budgetary cash accounts with cash activity on FMS's books (in their central accounting system). Cash activity that FMS reported or was backdated to a prior year, but didn't get into the agency's books until the current year, could be posted in the current year with a B PY Adjustment flag so it doesn't throw the current year comparison off by a material amount. The new edit 13 compares the beginning balance of accounts with their ending balance from the previous year.

Accounts with Flags

Only those accounts that report beginning balances in FACTS II have the Prior Year Adjustment field. The three exceptions are those accounts that summarize cash balances carried forward: 4201 Total Actual Resources - Collected, 4139 Contract Authority Carried Forward, and 4149 Borrowing Authority Carried Forward. These report a beginning balance but do not have a PY Adjustment field in FACTS II, because one should never report an adjustment in these accounts.

Inside the Black Box (Cont'd.)

Balanced Reporting

If a value of B or P are reported, the debits must equal credits in the budgetary accounts. This may force an agency to post extra accounts in order to update FACTS II correctly. For example, if an accrual adjustment in a no-year fund is recorded with a debit to 4610 Allotments - Realized Resources and a credit to 4901 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid, only 4901 has a PY Adjustment field. In order to keep the FACTS II submission in balance, the agency has to debit the account that held the beginning balance for 4610, which is usually 4450 Unapportioned Authority. So the agency must record an extra posting to debit 4450 Unapportioned Authority with PY Adjustment field value of P and credit 4450 Unapportioned Authority with PY Adjustment field value of X. In that way, the net impact on 4450 is zero, and the credit to 4901 P is offset by the debit to 4450 P. So if you can find an obligation to liquidate instead, use it (dr. 4801 P cr. 4901 P), since that avoids extra postings just to meet FACTS II edits.

Conclusion

How an agency implements the PY Adjustment flag depends on how they record adjustments. It seems that special posting logic is required which probably mandates new subaccounts. The adjustment itself has to be divorced from the associated document, e.g., the adjustment for an accrual in the example above should not be posted a second time when the accrual is reversed or liquidated. Posting the adjustment separately could mean backing out the normal posting, so if an accrual that is recorded with dr. 4610 cr. 4901 X needs to be reclassified as a prior-year adjustment, the adjustment would be recorded with the entry dr. 4450 P and 4901 X cr. 4450 X and 4901 P.



Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to <u>Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com</u>, and not to the AGA.

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Federal News Article

Conversation Starter

By Brian Friel March 18, 2009

The future is not looking bright for the National Security Personnel System, much to the delight of many disgruntled participants in the Defense Department's pay and performance management program. The Pentagon has halted expansion of NSPS pending a review by the Obama administration -- an omen of likely doom.

The program is controversial because it revamps the process for annual salary increases, tying them more closely to annual performance appraisals rather than to routine progression up the government pay scale. Employees have little trust that merit will win out over favoritism in a salary system that relies more on their managers' discretion.

That distrust shows that many Defense Department employees -- along with those of nearly every large organization -- view the annual performance review process with contempt. And it indicates that employees often think they cannot count on their bosses to make reasonable judgments about the quality of their work and their contributions to the organization.

While NSPS is probably headed for the chopping block, one aspect of the program might be worth preserving. The system's designers tried to encourage managers and employees to use the annual review process as a time for honest and open discussions about managers' expectations and employees' ability to meet them. Regardless of which performance management system is in place, every agency should strive to make annual reviews a time of meaningful conversation between bosses and subordinates.

NSPS requires employees and supervisors to agree to job objectives -- the work that is expected. For each goal, they have to identify contributing factors such as technical proficiency or teamwork. After they agree to an annual performance plan based on those objectives and contributing factors, employees and bosses are supposed to meet periodically during the year to make adjustments as circumstances change. At the end of that time, employees write self-assessments. Supervisors then meet with employees to discuss how the year went.

Such conversations should be the defining moments of bosses' relationships with their employees. Bosses must communicate what they expect and employees have to make sure they understand their expectations. Employees must tell their bosses how things are going and bosses must tell their employees when expectations change. When it comes time for annual reviews, there should be no surprises. They can take stock together and prepare for the coming year.

Self-assessments and annual reviews really should be conversation starters. Rather than ends in themselves, they should provide a framework for people to talk about expectations, performance and future goals.

Kathryn Troutman, a federal career adviser, has written a book about the Defense Department's evaluation system called Writing Your NSPS Self-Assessment. Troutman advises employees to enter performance reviews with some questions:

- What do you think I do well and why?
- My job responsibilities have changed and it appears to be a permanent change; should we update my position description or job objectives?
- I have a list of accomplishments. Would you look at it and see if I have matched them well to the job objectives?

Troutman's book is aimed at employees in NSPS. But conversation starters for managers mirror good employee questions. A manager could ask, "Do you understand how your position advances the mission of the organization?" Or, "Have I communicated my expectations clearly?"

No matter the human resources system, such questions and the resulting conversations should improve trust between managers and employees and keep the focus on performance, not pay.

Brian Friel covered management and human resources at Government Executive for six years and is now a National Journal staff correspondent.

Federal News Article

Interested in the CGFM certification?

Sign up for AGA's special Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, and Friday, June 19, 2009. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on June 20-21, 2009.

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- 8:30 11:30 a.m.
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- 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

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"Membership/Liaison Committee Hosts Free Luncheon Wed., April 22: What Does Our Survey Say About Us and What Services Do We Provide in the Future?"

On Wed., April 22, 2009 at Noon the AGA D.C. Membership/Liaison Committee will host a free luncheon with speakers addressing "What Does Our Survey Say About Us and What Services Do We Provide in the Future?" Members are now completing our survey and we will soon have the results about what the survey conveys about our membership. One area addressed in the survey is the use of networking tools such as "LinkedIn" and "Facebook." Should we provide such tools to our members? Come to our luncheon, hear what others have to say and share your thoughts about what you need from AGA D.C.

For reservations, contact: Ruthie Apelt at ruth.apelt@thomsonreuters.com or Marguerite Nealon at wnealon01@aol.com.

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Community Service

Don't forget your Used Cell Phones and Eyeglasses for our April Luncheon!

Our April Community Service Event will be collecting used eye glasses for the Lion's Club and used cell phones for HopeLine sponsored by Verizon Wireless Communications. Verizon Wireless' HopeLine program turns unused wireless phones into support for victims of domestic violence. Verizon Wireless collects no-longer-used wireless phones, batteries and accessories in any condition from any wireless service provider. We will be collecting these items at our April luncheon.

Proceeds from the HopeLine program are used to provide wireless phones and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness. The Lion's Club Recycle for

sight program provides used eye glasses for developing countries throughout the world to ensure that needy children and adults have eyeglasses. Donated eyeglasses are provided to the Lion's Club's Eyeglass Recycling Centers that are located throughout the world. The used eyeglasses are cleaned and classified by prescription and then they are distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations world wide.

Please contact Lloyd A. Farmer **703-294-4473**, Tonya Allen Shaw **202-720-5026** or AnnMarie Walker **202-461-6499** in order to get us your use eye glasses or cell phones.

Member Services

Our annual Virginia Wine Tour is back and this year we are partnering with the Northern Virginia Chapter! We are excited to see some new faces as we visit new vineyards in the Purceville and Loudon Valley region of Virginia. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good wine, good food, and great company! Below are the event details. Please note that the price for the event includes lunch, tasting fees and transportation. We will again be having two buses with two separate itineraries, however; the buses will meet up for lunch at Grandale Farms Restaurant. Some of this year's selected wineries include: Breaux Vineyards, Notavia Winery, Sunset Hills, and Bluemont. We hope that you can join us for this fun event!

Date: Saturday, April 25

Time: 8:45am to 5:15 pm Please arrive no later than 9:00am, the buses will leave promptly at 9:15am and we will be unable to wait for parties who do not arrive on time.

Meeting Place: 1320 North Veitch St, Arlington, VA (Corner of 14th St North and North Veitch Street, outside of the Courthouse Place Apartment Building)

Directions: This location is both Metro Accessible (Orange line, Court House) and there is free parking on the weekends. Details will be sent to those who register for the event!

- •Members, and one Non-member guest: \$40 per person
- •Non-members, and more than one non-member guests: \$70 per person

**Please note that Members will be allowed to bring only one guest at the subsidized price of \$40. Any additional guests of that Member must pay the Non-member price.

RSVP: Please register and pay for this event at http://agadc.org/page.php?name=wine_tour_information Please contact Caitlin Holmes at

<u>Caitlin.B.Holmes@us.pwc.com</u> with any questions.

Montgomery County AGA Events

04/22/09	April Dinner Meeting
Event Description:	Presentation: "Single Audit" by Chris Stubbs, Department of Interior Deputy Assistant IG for Audits, and Morgan Aronson, Department of Interior OIG Single Audits Coordinator.
	CPEs: You will receive 1 CPE for attending this dinner meeting.
	Community Service Activity: Please bring new or used toys to be provided to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.
	Reception: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
	Dinner and Speaker: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (approximate ending time)
	Location: Hilton Hotel (formerly the Double Tree Inn) at 1750 Rockville Pike
	Cost: \$30 per person - Checks made payable to "AGA".
	RSVP: Please RSVP no later than COB on Monday, March 16th.
	Metro and Parking: The Doubletree Hotel is located across the street from the
	Twinbrook Metro Station (Red Line). Self-Parking is complimentary in the hotel
	garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.
	Contact: Scott Turnbull
	Phone: 301-931-2050 For More Information: April Dinner Meeting
04/27/09 - 05/01/09	3rd Annual National Community Service - Habitat for Humanity
Event Description:	Community service and helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of what AGA is about. The dates for our 3rd Annual National Community Service project are April 27 - May 1, 2009, again sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. There are still tens of thousands of people in New Orleans that need new housing, so we are returning to the Crescent City to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. We will seek lodging for volunteers in the beautiful, new University of New Orleans dormitory (actually two bedroom furnished apartments) with a rate of only about \$30/night/person. Due to popular demand, we have created a second opportunity this year to experience what it's like to work with Habitat in New Orleans. Since AGA's National PDC is in New Orleans June 21-24, 2009, we will also have a 1-day community service event with Habitat on Thursday, June 25th, the day after the PDC ends. For this event, we will seek to extend AGA's special hotel rate to include this extra night. Last year, some chapters "sponsored" one or more of their members to participate, and some chapters have said they
	will do so again.









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			17-Aug-2008	20-Aug-2008				6-Aug-2008
August			Washington Nationals Game: Pre-game Tailgate: 11:30 AM at RFK Stadium 1st Pitch: 1:35 PM	Audio Conference: Everything You Wanted to Know About Performance Management and Reporting But Were Afraid to Ask Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
	17-Sep-2008	17-Sept-2008		3-5 Sept-2008 10-12 Sept 2008	19-Sep-2008			3 Sep 2008
September	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker: Danny Werfel, OMB Location: D'Acqua Restaurant CPE: 1	American Cancer Society (Raffle) during the Luncheon		Training: CGFM CPEs: 48	"Explore DC Series" Jazz Location: Sculpture Garden Time: 5:30pm			Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
				10-Sep-2008				
				Audio Conference: Fraud Prevention and Detection Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				
	14-Oct-2008	12-Oct-2008	4-Oct-2008	15-Oct-2008	Date: TBD	22-Oct-2008		8-Oct-2008
	Luncheon Time: 11:45am - 1:45pm Speaker and Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Walk to D'Feet ALS® Constitution Gardens, Washington, DC	C&O Canal Tour and Lunch	Audio Conference: Results of AGA's Research on Performance Based Management Reporting Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2	Luncheon Speaker Series Location: GAO Building	Fall Membership Liaison Luncheon: The Value of Certifications Location: Veterans Administration		Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
October			23-Oct-2008		23-Oct-2008			
			Haunted Tour of DC Location: 17th and I Exit of the Farragut West Metro Station Time: 7:30pm		Early Careers Happy Hour Location: Chef Geoff's, Washington, DC Time: 5:30pm			
		14-Nov-2008	Date: TBD		18-Nov-2008			5-Nov-2008
November		DC Chapter AGA's Food2Feed Thanksgiving Donation Old Post Office Pavilion, Washington, DC **Collection of donations are accepted until Nov. 14th**			Happy Hour Kickoff Location: ESPN Zone Time: 6:30pm			Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
	10-Dec-2008	10-Dec-2008	15-Dec-2008	10-Dec-2008				
December	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Mr. Stan Collender, Managing Director, Qorvis Communications @ Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Toys for Tots during the Luncheon	AGA DC Holiday Happy Hour Location: Old Ebbitt Grill, Back Bar Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm	Audio Conference: 21st Century Managers: New Mix of Skills and Education Levels Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				

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	22-Jan-2008	22-Jan-2009	Date: TBD	15-Jan-2009	20-Jan-2009			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Ken Carfine, Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Make-a-Wish Foundation during the Luncheon	Chinese New Year	Training: Internal Controls in the Federal Government- Understanding A-123 Location: Ernst & Young, Washington DC Time: 8AM - 4:30PM CPEs: 8	Happy Hour Location: Buffalo Billiards Dupont Time: 6:30 PM			
January				21-Jan-2009				
				Audio Conference: How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting Location: Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				
	18-Feb-2009	Date: TBD	3-Feb-2009		Date: TBD			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45am - 1:45pm Speaker and Location: Mr. Michael S. Miles,	Volunteer Tax Assistance Program - (Throughout the Month of February)	Chinese New Year - Location: China Garden, Rosslyn, VA Time: 6:30 - 9:00pm		Lucky Strikes Event ************************************			
February	Principal Advisor and Chief Executive of Variplan, Army Navy Club CPE: 1		25-Feb-2009 Wizards Game - Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers Location: Verizon Center, Washington, DC					
			Time: 7pm					
	19-Mar-2009	19-Mar-2009 / 28-Mar-2009			10-Mar-2009			
March	Luncheon Time: 11:45am - 1:45pm Speaker and Location: Larry White, Captain, USCG (retired), CPA, CMA, CFP, CGFM	Dress for Success Suit Drive during the Luncheon DC Habitat for Homeless			Luncheon Speaker Series Location: GAO Building			
	and Executive Director of the Resource				18-Mar-2009			
	Consumption Accounting Institute, Army Navy Club CPE: 1				Happy Hour Location: Chef Geoff's, Metro Center			
	21-Apr-2009	Date: 21-Apr-2009	Date: TBD	8-Apr-2009	10-April-2008 17-April-2008	22-Apr-2009		
April	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Clydes CPE: 1	Cell Phones/Eyeglass Donation (Bring Cell Phones & Eyeglasses to Luncheon)		Audio Conference: "The Future of Government Auditing— Which Direction(s) Are We Heading?" Location: Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2	White House Tour	Spring Luncheon Time: 12:00pm -1:00pm Speaker and Location: TBD CPE: N/A		
	20-May-2009	20-May-2009	Date: TBD	12 thru 13-May-2009	10-May-2009			
May	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Cell Phones/Eyeglass Donation during the Luncheon	Botanical Gardens Virginia Vineyards Tour (new vineyards)	Training: "AGA- DC/GWSCPA Annual Conference - Financial Management in Challenging Times" Time: 8-4:30 PM Location: Ronald Reagan Building,	US Capital Tour			
				Washington, DC CPEs: 15	Happy Hour Location: Bar Louie, Chinatown			
	16-Jun-2009	16-Jun-2009	Date: TBD		4-Jun-2009		6-Jun-2009	
June		So Others Might Eat (SOME) (Collection and donation will collected during the Luncheon)	Nationals Game and Tailgate		Explore DC Location: Kennedy Center Millenium Stage		Awards Dinner Location: Hyatt Hotel, WDC Time: TBD	
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