

# AGA NEWSLETTER

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**Boise Inversion!**

This year has started off so well, despite *all the fog*. Sunny days seem to be a rare commodity for us! Our January luncheon hosted guest speaker **Neal Custer**, who was a perfect follow up to Pam Stratton's cyber security topic! Neal shared what information hackers and investigators look for and what measures are used to get that information. *See page 4 for more details!* Also, congratulations to **Lisa Johnson** for completing her CGFM award, which is no small feat!! **Shannon Chapman**, our Early Careers/Young Professionals Chair, attended her last meeting with us. We congratulate her on retiring and say farewell, as she starts a new chapter in her life. We are very grateful for what Shannon has done to bring AGA to students and young professionals! Our Membership Drive, lead by **Sandra Healy**, has been a big success and officially ended on January 30! We welcome our newest member **Anthony Mukuna**, who is sponsored by **Tammy Brown**, both who work at the Idaho Supreme Court! Anthony and Tammy received a \$10 gift card for becoming and sponsoring a member. Congratulations to both of you!!! Please view page 3 to learn more about our upcoming Spring PDC and volunteer opportunity in February!! See you at the February lunch meeting on **Feb 19, 2015!**

UPCOMING EVENTS—see page 2 for details...

**Audio Conference:  
Performance  
Management**

February 4, 2015  
12:00PM—1:50PM  
Two CPE Credits

**Audio Conference:  
Fraud Prevention**

Feb 18, 2015  
12:00PM—1:50PM  
Two CPE Credits

**Luncheon:  
Sen. Dean Cameron &  
Representative Maxine  
Bell  
Finance Appropriations  
Committee**  
Feb 19, 2015  
11:50AM-1:00PM  
One CPE Credit  
**SCO 4th Floor**

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# Scheduled Luncheons & Audio Conferences!



Join us for our monthly luncheon meetings, and **free CPE!!**

**When:** 3rd Thursday of the month (September through May)

**Where:** State Controller's Office (4th Floor) 700 W. State Street

**Cost:** FREE or \$10.00 for Optional Lunch

**Lunch:** Served from various local restaurants

**Speakers:** Chosen to provide valuable Free CPE and interesting topics

## **Luncheon—Feb 19, 2015**

**SPEAKER:** Sen. Dean Cameron/Rep.  
Maxine Bell

**ORGANIZATION:** Idaho Legislature

**TOPIC:** Finance Approp. Committee

## **Luncheon—Mar 19, 2015**

**SPEAKER:** Cathy Holland-Smith

**ORGANIZATION:** Legislative  
Services Office

**TOPIC:** Budget FY2016

**ONE CPE**

## **Audio Conferences Schedule—TWO Free CPE:**

Join us for free audio conferences. Bring Lunch!

**February 4, 2015**—Performance Management

**February 18, 2015**—Fraud Prevention

**March 13, 2015**—Internal Controls

**Where:** JRW 4th Floor Training Room

**When:** 12:00PM—1:50PM

# What's Happening



## SPRING PDC

Mark your calendars for the Spring PDC is soon upon us!! The date is set for **April 21-22, 2015** and it will be hosted at **The Riverside Hotel in Boise**. Our Professional Development Chairs, **Lori Hendon and Marsi Woody** are working diligently to get all the speakers and topics lined up for you!

*More details to come as we get closer to **April!***



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We are set to clean up our section of the Greenbelt on **Saturday, February 21st**. Our section is from NW2.3 to NW2.9 which is just west of the Veteran's Memorial Parkway Bridge. We will be meeting at **9:00 a.m.** at the small park at the end of Lander Street. Lander Street is off State Street, west of Veteran's Memorial Parkway and east of Willow Lane. It's the street between the Moxie Java and The Lift. Please bring a pair of gloves for picking up trash and wear tennis shoes or boots. Release forms will be provided on **February 21st** before we start. Please let **Debbie** know by February 13th if you are available to help out!!!

**Contact Debbie Spence at [debbie.spence@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:debbie.spence@veterans.idaho.gov)!**

# January

## Luncheon Recap!

Our January luncheon hosted guest speaker, **Neal Custer**, who is the founder and president of Reveal Digital Forensics and Custer Agency, Inc. **Neal** has over 45 years of experience in investigations & security management with a degree in criminology, multiple professional certifications and also teaches at Boise State!



President Judy Shock and Speaker Neal Custer

**Neal** shared with us about cyber crime and what happens to your information when it has been stolen. He also shared some clever methods that investigators will use to fight white collar crime. **Neal**

also gave a very high overview of the field of forensics and how it has grown with the changes in technology!

We also had an CGFM award to hand out to **Lisa Johnson**, who works for the Idaho Department of Corrections! Congratulations **Lisa** on your achievement!!



CGFM Recipient Lisa Johnson & Tiffini LeJeune



# Congratulations Shannon!!



Shannon Chapman

**Shannon Chapman**, our Early Careers and Young Professionals chair member is officially retiring from CWI and AGA this month!! Our January luncheon was her last time with us and we celebrated with cake!

We wish her the best of luck in her next adventure and are so thankful for everything she has done to reach out to young people!

Notably, she successfully hosted multiple AGA luncheons out at CWI where students came to hear about government accounting. Shannon is also accredited to getting the CWI professors and accounting staff involved with our organization to help make the connections stronger! We believe her efforts will be a great foundation from which to continue growing our young professional membership. Shannon we thank you for providing your time and talents to this great cause and wish you the best in your retirement!



# Get to Know a Board Member!



## Featured AGA Board Member: Marion Demer, Secretary Chair

**Who do you work for and what do you do?** I work for the Office of the State Controller (SCO) as the Bureau Chief of Daily Operations in the Division of Statewide Accounting. My area is in charge of vendor maintenance, 1099MISC reporting, warrant cancellations and stop-payment orders and a variety of daily and monthly STARS reconciliations. I personally read every printed bill during legislative session and evaluate them for impact on the SCO and other state agencies. I then get to coordinate all 90+ agencies to prepare to roll from one fiscal year to the next.

**Tell us a little about your family.** I have 2 adult children, 4 grandkids and 3 grand dogs. My daughter resides in British Columbia with her husband and 2 of the dogs. My son, his wife, the grandkids and the other dog live here locally.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy reading, hiking, camping, gardening, traveling, crocheting and playing with the grandkids whenever possible.

**Why did you join AGA?** Membership in AGA was recommended when I first went to work at Health and Welfare in January of 1996. I have stayed a member to take advantage of the networking and training opportunities.

**What has been your favorite place to visit?** Related to AGA, I have loved the trips to Washington DC. Related to life, I love North Idaho, the Silver Valley, Yellowstone, Silver City and the San Juan Islands.

**What are your goals? (Professional, AGA, hobbies)** Since I have held most Chapter positions, am currently the Secretary and was on the Finance and Budget Committee at National for 3 years, I really have no additional goals related to the Chapter. My goal professionally is to successfully retire in 2020.

**Random or interesting fact about you?** I love Star Trek, Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Shakespeare Festival and Downton Abbey.

**What do you love about Idaho?** What is there to not love about Idaho? I was born and raised in Twin Falls and have lived in Idaho all my life. With all of the outdoor opportunities, I have fished, camped, hiked, snowshoed, x-country skied, rafted and enjoyed them all. I have season tickets to Shakespeare Festival. Idaho has so much to offer. The most difficult thing is deciding what to do next.





### CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

**As of December 31, 2014**

**Beginning Cash Balance, July 1, 2014** **\$ 21,811.70**

**Beginning Monthly Balance - December 1, 2014** **\$18,429.10**

<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	
Scholarships	249.00		
Luncheon Meals	848.88	120.00	
AGA National Dues	-		
Charitable Donations	-		
Web Conferences	2,064.00		
Other	-		
Training Registrations	-		
Spring 2015 PDC	-		
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 3,161.88</b>		<b>\$ 120.00</b>

**Beginning Monthly Balance + Total Deposits** **\$18,549.10**

<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	
Scholarships	-		
Luncheon Meals	(1,631.25)	(360.00)	
AGA National Dues	-		
Charitable Donations	(158.32)	(120.00)	
Web Conferences	(2,580.00)		
Other (Misc Exp)	(413.25)		
Training Registrations	-		
Spring 2015 PDC	-		
ACFE Fraud Conf	-		
Community Service	(17.02)		
Officer Conferences	(1,507.00)		
Board Meeting Expense	(223.19)		
Membership Chair	(100.00)		
CGFM	(274.45)		
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ (6,904.48)</b>		<b>\$ (480.00)</b>

**Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2014** **\$18,069.10**



## Dec 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President, Judy Shock.**

**Attendees:** Debbie Spence, Donna Holbrook, Joey Sanchez, Judy Shock, Katie Curran, Kean Miller, Lori Hendon, Marion Demer, Marsi Woody, Matt McBride, Matt Orem, Sandra Healy, Shannon Chapman.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Matt Orem moved and Kean Miller seconded the motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shannon Chapman moved and Kean Miller seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Luncheon revenue and expenses were the only activity for the month.

**President's Update:** Judy Shock will be going to the National Leadership in Washington DC in February. AGA National is starting to discuss this year's SLM.

**President-Elect's Update:** In Chris Stratton's absence, Judy Shock reported that the Chapter has accumulated 33,000 in points so far this year.

**Education Report:** Matt Orem reported that Neal Custer will be the January speaker. The May speaker is being worked on.

**Communications/Website:** Joey Sanchez reported that there was nothing new to discuss.

**Membership:** Sandra Healy reported that we have no new members. We discussed options for use of the gift cards.

**Community Service:** Debbie Spence reported that no community service event is scheduled for December and she is looking for something for January.

**Early Careers:** Shannon Chapman reported she may have recruited her replacement. The AGA scholarship has been awarded and the recipient may be joining us in January.

**Spring PDC:** Lori Hendon reported that Brian Kane and Josh Sears have been confirmed for the Spring PDC.

Matt Orem moved to adjourn the meeting. Joey Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Minutes prepared and submitted by Marion Demer**



# Dec 18, 2014 Luncheon Minutes



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## Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.

**Announcements:** Two visitors were introduced. Members were reminded of the Food Bank drive today.

**Speaker:** Pam Stratton, Chief Information Security Officer, Idaho Department of Administration

### **Topic:** Internet Security

Ms. Stratton joined the State in 2004. Part of her job is presenting internet security to school children. Why do we care about internet security? Because we use the internet daily for work, banking, shopping and communicating. A number of recent internet breaches were briefly discussed including Sony, Home Depot, Target, Michaels, Living Social, and Jimmy John's. The old internet ran mainly on PC's. Now it runs mainly in the Cloud.

An estimated 6 billion new devices were acquired in 2014. The new devices include tablets, smart phones, smart TVs, SIRI, X-box, Play Station, Wii, Dish TV, computers, ATMs, wireless thermostats, package tracking, utility meters, medical devices, fitness trackers, garbage cans (in London) and cow sensors. Farms are becoming smarter through use of sensors in the fields.

74% of adults use social networking of some sort. 67% of the US population uses social marketing. What happens on the internet stays there forever. 70% of all emails are spam for a total of approximately 14.5 billion spam messages per day. The USA is #1 in generating spam emails.

Malware is a program designed to cause damage. Malware can include viruses, worms or Trojans. Spyware is a program designed to collect information. A virus is a program that is designed to damage or alter files or data on the computer. For credit card security, Ms. Stratton recommended signing up credit reporting. Any suspect or compromised credit cards should be cancelled and re-issued. Check statements at least monthly. Change passwords frequently.

### **Recommendations for passwords include the following:**

- Use a combination of numbers, letters and characters
- Use a pass phrase
- Don't use the same password on various accounts
- Password protect your phone
- Don't share your passwords
- Set a timeout on your phone
- Use a password safe app to keep track of your passwords

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Submitted by: Marion Demer**

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