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## AGA-DC Kickoff... Happy Hour a Huge Success!



"I couldn't think of a better way to kick off our new year than the Happy Hour at Zaytinya's"

**Scott Bell, DC Chapter President**

The 2006-2007 Kick-off Happy Hour on August 17<sup>th</sup> was a major success! Thank you to everyone who attended. We had approximately 78 people in attendance including both current members and prospective members. Additionally, we had approximately 25 people take membership applications while 6 people signed up on site! Please mark off September 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendars for the next event which will be a boat cruise on the Potomac. We look forward to seeing you there (and at upcoming events in the future!)



See pg 10 for more photos.

## September Luncheon Series

Beyond Checking the Box 

It's Just **Not Enough** to Do **Just Enough**...

**Danny Werfel**

Deputy Controller - Office of Federal Financial Management  
Office of Management and Budget

Wednesday, September 20th Luncheon: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Members: \$25.00, Non-Members: \$30.00

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(one block from the Gallery Place/Chinatown red/yellow/green line Metro)

Do not forget to bring donations of used eyeglasses and cell phones.

# President's Message

by Scott Bell, President



I am thrilled and honored to serve as the AGA Washington, DC Chapter President for the coming year. The Chapter's Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have worked hard over the spring and summer months to create many professional, educational, and social opportunities for our members to enjoy.

Our theme for this year is ***'Beyond Checking the Box: It's Just Not Enough to Do Just Enough.'*** Much effort has been devoted in recent years to meeting deadlines and complying with requirements. Too often we engage in Herculean efforts to these ends (i.e., 'check the box') without fully appreciating where, how much, or if value is being added as a result. Real value is realized when we can look beyond the 'checklist' to determine how we can leverage that effort to add value to the profession, organization, and/or the individual. Such a value-driven approach can impact many facets of the financial management and accountability profession - or any other profession - whether it is to generate savings, improve quality, add to the knowledgebase, or justify a promotion.

In the coming year the Chapter plans to provide a wide range of outlets for members to add value in a number of ways. Our plans include providing current and relevant educational and development opportunities, fostering the growth of the financial community's 'early career' professionals, offering a wide range of social events to encourage networking, and providing opportunities to give back to the community.

## ***Education and Development***

The Chapter prides itself on the many educational and development opportunities we provide for our

members. We will again host a series of monthly luncheon meetings addressing a number of financial management and accountability issues. In addition, we plan to coordinate participation in and provide free of charge to members, five audio conferences hosted by AGA National. We also expect to offer members training for attaining the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification and plan to host an educational conference in the spring.

***Early Careers*** – Reaching out to the next generation of financial management leaders remains one of our top priorities as a progressively greater proportion of financial management professionals' transition toward retirement, leaving a leadership void in their wake. Our strategy is to reach out to the financial management community to identify recent hires and other professionals in the beginning stages of their careers. We have planned a number of events to help these future leaders enhance their career and develop valuable networks within and outside their organization. To this end, we plan to offer a series of luncheon speaker sessions focusing on and at no cost to early career participants, as well as focused training to prepare for CGFM certification.

***Social Calendar*** – We will continue to offer several opportunities throughout the year, many times in partnership with our regional chapters, for members to network and build valuable professional relationships. This year, we hope that you will join us as we test both our skiing and ice skating skills, take in an 'Opera Night', and celebrate both Oktoberfest and the Chinese New Year, just to name a few of the many events planned. We will finish the year in grand fashion with a 'new and improved' annual chapter awards and member appreciation event.

***Community Service*** – This year's agenda includes numerous opportunities for our members to give back to the community in a variety of ways. We will start the year with a donation drive for the American Cancer Society at our September luncheon.

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# AGA-DC Calendar of Events

## 2006 - 2007



Month	Luncheon Meetings (Zola's)	Community Service (CS)	Member Service	Education CGFM	Early Careers
Coordinators	Ken Bresnahan Corbin Nieberline	Tonya Allen-Shaw Lloyd Farmer	Lisa Rohenseifner Caitlin Holmes	Mike Allen Susan Johnson Audrey Duchesne Rhea Riso	Laura Glass Ross Simms
August			Happy Hour / Meet & Greet 8/17		
September	20 - Clay Johnson (invited)	American Cancer Society (ASC)	Potomac Cruise 9/23		
October	18 - Mike Hettinger (Hill Staff - Platts)	ALS walk	Oktoberfest Thursday 10/5 or 10/19		
November	No Luncheon Scheduled	Project Harvest	Opera Night @ Café Mozart Wednesday 11/15		Early Career Lunch 11/15 @ Deloitte
December	12/21 (reschedule to 7) - TBD	Toys for Tots	Ice Skating & Holiday Get Together		
January	1/18 - TBD	Make-A-Wish Foundation	Chinese New Year		
February	2/15 - TBD	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	Skiing - Liberty, Pa		Early Career Lunch 2/21 @ Deloitte
March	3/15 - TBD	"Dress for Success Suit Drive,"	Spy Museum Event.	1 - AC - SOX for the auditing profession	
April	4/19 - TBD	Rebuilding Together ("Christmas in April")	Virginia Vineyard Tour		
May	5/17 - TBD	collect used eye glasses for the Lion's Club used cell phone collection for HopeLine	Paddle Boats/ Member Appreciation & Awards Dinner	2 days - Theme TBD	
June			Golf Tournament Nationals Game		Early Career Lunch 6/6 @ Deloitte





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In October, we will continue our long standing participation in the annual ALS walk as members of "Joan's Wayward Walker's" led by our captain, Andy Kilgore. We will wrap up the fall by collecting non-perishable food items for 'Project Harvest'. The remainder of the year features many other worthwhile organizations, including, but not limited to Suited for Change, a private non-profit organization that provides clothes for low income women who are trying to make the transition to work; 'Rebuilding Together' (formerly 'Christmas in April'), provides free home repair for low-income seniors and people with disabilities; as well as 'Toys for Tots', and the 'Make a Wish' foundation.

You will find all of the information you need on all of the events discussed above and more through our monthly newsletters, e-mail notices, and the AGA DC website ([www.agadc.org](http://www.agadc.org)). We are looking forward to an exciting year. I would like to especially thank our sponsors. Your generosity is invaluable. None of the chapter's work would be possible, however, without the dedication and efforts of our Chapter Officers and Directors, and guidance of our regional and national coordinators and leadership. Our Officer/Director contact list can be found on our website.

Finally, we are always looking for help and ideas – both for this year and the future. I encourage you to contact any of our Officers or Directors if you would like to assist with any of this year's chapter activities or to offer suggestions on how we can serve you better.

I look forward to seeing you at our many events throughout the year and hope that our efforts add value to your efforts to improve financial management and accountability.

Sincerely,

*R. Scott Bell*

R. Scott Bell

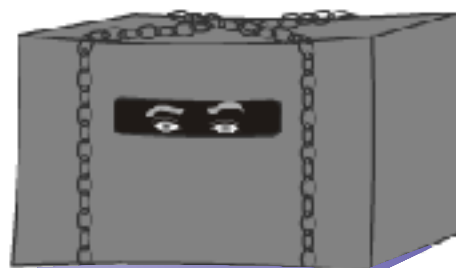
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The Washington Connection will not be issued in July or August. The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the September 2006 issue is August 11, 2006. Please send your comments and contributions to Don Geiger, the newsletter editor for the 2006 - 2007 program year, at [donald.geiger@do.treas.gov](mailto:donald.geiger@do.treas.gov), or to Sarah Suchland, the newsletter assistant for the 2006 - 2007 program year, at [sjsuchland@deloitte.com](mailto:sjsuchland@deloitte.com).

# Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



## An Immodest Proposal V (Upward and Downward Spending Adjustments)

### Introduction

Previously, I proposed federal accounting without budgetary accounts to see what could be gained and what was lost. I already covered the appropriated and reimbursable budget and spending cycle with expenses and fixed assets. This time I show how spending adjustments can be tracked.

### Set up (net effect of entries A104, A116, B202 and B204 described in the first column)

Debit 1020 FBWT - Appropriations - new

Credit 3130 Obligated Authority

Note: This combined entry shows the net postings for an appropriation, apportionment, and obligation. At year end, account 1020 closes to 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury - Beginning Balance, and any expenditures in 6101 close to and reduce the balance of 3130.

### A138 To record estimated recoveries of prior-year obligations

Anticipated recoveries are one of those strange beasts that exist only in the federal government. I considered crediting 3111 Anticipated Authority, but couldn't decide on the debit. If I debit 3111 and credit 3120 Available Authority, then the model isn't consistent with anticipated collections (see reimbursement model in part II of this series). I decided that apportionments of anticipated recoveries would have no accounting significance in my model, since it is dependent on future recoveries. Those recoveries within OMB's limit would post directly to 3120 when they occur, and those in excess would go instead to 3115 Unapportioned Authority.

### D118 Increase Prior-Year Undelivered Orders Balance

Debit 3120 Available Authority

Credit 3132 Upward Adjustments of Obligations

### D120 Reduction of Prior-Year Undelivered Orders Balance

Debit 3131 Downward Adjustments of Obligations

Credit 3120 Available Authority

Note: The reduction of prior-year obligations represents authority OMB may want to apportion, so it has to be reported separately from 3130. Both 3131 and 3132 close to 3130. Since obligations includes expenditures in this model, there is no difference between an adjustment to delivered or undelivered orders. There is also no paid/unpaid distinction, so 3131 takes the place of 4871, 4872, 4971, and 4972; while 3132 takes the place of 4881, 4882, 4981, and 4982. In authority, I don't differentiate between expired and unexpired authority (i.e., 3120 takes the place of both 4610 and 4650) because the agency can tell that by the fund symbol and there is no compelling need to track it in the general ledger account structure.

# An Immodest Proposal V (Upward and Downward Spending Adjustments)

(Continued from pg. 8)

## D126 Prior-Year Expended Authority Upward Adjustment

Debit 6101 Expense of Appropriated Obligations  
 3120 Available Authority  
 Credit 1041 FBWT - Disbursements – prior-year  
 3132 Upward Adjustments of Obligations

## D102 Prior-Year Expended Authority Downward Adjustment

Debit 2110 Accounts Payable  
 3131 Downward Adjustments of Obligations  
 Credit 6101 Expense of Appropriated Obligations  
 3120 Available Authority

Note: The D126 example is payroll disbursement in excess of accruals, while the D102 is a reduction to a prior-year accrual. There is a separate cash account to track activity associated with prior-year funding of obligations, which closes to 1010. This is one of the few areas where my account structure is redundant: adjustments to cash are tracked in the cash accounts (in this case, 1041) while adjustments to obligations are tracked in the equity accounts (3131 or 3132).

## Conclusion

The eightfold system of adjustment accounts is the source of much confusion within the current SGL, so I simplified it to two accounts, which is all that OMB really needs. For Treasury, additional details are given in the cash accounts, which include not only 1041 shown above, but also 1031 Collections - prior-year refunds (similar to 4972) and 1037 Collections - reduce prior-year advances (4872). I also eliminated the confusing accounting for anticipated recoveries. Next time, I will summarize the account structure and wrap up this series of articles.



Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to [Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com](mailto:Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com), and not to the AGA.

*Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA*

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# AGA-DC Profile of the Month

## Scott Bell, President, CGFM



**Name:**

R. Scott Bell

**Title/Office:**

Senior Staff Accountant, U.S. Department of the Treasury,  
Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary

**In what other position(s) have you worked?**

Senior Staff Accountant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
Principal Consultant, PwC Consulting/IBM;  
Financial Management and Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB);  
Supervisory Budget Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

**How long have you been a member of AGA?**

Since 2000.

**What has been your most rewarding achievement in your career?**

*Upon joining HHS in 2002, I was assigned to be project lead for HHS' pilot effort to accelerate preparation of its annual Performance and Accountability Report. I not only helped coordinate a successful pilot, but was also very active in the government-wide community, developing and hosting several interagency forums and workshops to share best practices. Consequently, I felt that I was able to add value to not only my employing agency, but to many others.*

*I would be remiss, however, if I did not mention how exciting and rewarding it has been to serve the Washington, DC chapter, especially the opportunity to serve as president this year.*

**How has AGA helped you with your career?**

*AGA has helped my career develop and evolve in a number of ways. First and foremost, AGA has given me the opportunity and capability to develop invaluable professional and personal relationships in the financial management community. I cannot overstate how much these relationships have contributed to my work through sharing ideas and best practices, and helped advance my career through referrals and references.*

*AGA has also been a valuable source of education and training. The breadth of topics covered at AGA conferences and seminars have helped me understand and provided insight into many specific issues, while my CGFM training and certification has provided the context to help see 'the big picture'. Finally, serving recently as chapter Programs Director has helped me improve my communication and public speaking skills (which still need a lot of work!).*

**What advice do you have for someone thinking about joining AGA?**

*There is a saying that goes something like '...you can never have too many friends...' In any profession, you can never know too many people. For me, AGA's strength is its members' diversity in personality and expertise. Consequently, AGA members can simultaneously build their knowledge, enhance their career, and, quite possibly, find some friends.*

**What is the best thing about working in government service?**

*To me, it is the very real opportunity to contribute in so many ways to the betterment of peoples' lives. That may sound cliché, but there are not many 'companies' that can offer opportunities in so many fields, including, but not limited to military tactics, education, medical research, aerospace technology, energy and resource conservation, and everything in between. The great thing about the financial management profession is that it you don't have to necessarily be a scientist, educator, engineer, or lieutenant to be exposed to any number of these fields.*

**What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today?**

*I have to mention two - (1) the tendency to allow titles and grade levels to overshadow accomplishment and capability; and (2) the resistance to ideas if it's not 'how we've always done it' or 'if the auditor hasn't brought it up.'*

**What is your favorite hobby or outside activity?**

*Coaching my kids' sports teams; playing guitar, piano, and golf.*

**What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?**

*Rum Raisin.*

# Snapshots



Happy Hour  
at Zaytinya's,  
Aug 17, 2006



## AGA Educational Conference

On June 10th AGADC Members went out to the RFK Stadium to see a Washington Nationals Baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

*AGADC Members after educational conference in May.*



## WOLF TRAP

on May 28 AGADC members enjoyed an evening Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, entertained by the "President's Own" United States Marine band followed by fireworks.



## ASM Golf Tournament

Fund Raiser at Fort Belvoir on July 13th



# Happenings



## Retirement

(lyn Brown, Linda Springer)

*Past National Treasurer*

**Evelyn Brown, CGFM**, a member of AGA's Washington, D.C. Chapter, will retire Aug. 31 after more than 40 years of federal service. She is the deputy chief financial officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**AGA wishes Evelyn a long and happy retirement!**

## Achievements

### AICPA Names Three Recipients For 2006 Outstanding CPA in Government Award

#### CPAs in Federal, State and Local Government Honored

**Washington, D.C., August 21, 2006** – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) announced the three 2006 recipients of the Outstanding CPA in Government Award today. The awards recognize CPAs working in the federal, state and local levels of government who have made significant contributions to increased efficiency and effectiveness of government organizations and to the growth and enhancement of the profession.

The awards were presented by Leslie A. Murphy, AICPA Chair, at the AICPA's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Conference being held in Washington, D.C. This is the first year the AICPA has selected a winner at all three levels of government; in prior years, one award was granted each year on a rotating basis among the different levels of government.

Jeffery Steinhoff, the winner of the federal award, is Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance, the largest audit team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Steinhoff has held top leadership positions in GAO's Senior Executive Service for more than half of his 38 years of federal service, acting as a catalyst for sweeping improvements in government financial management and auditing. Steinhoff has been at the forefront of the enactment of almost every major financial management legislative initiative in the past 25 years, most notably the landmark Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990. During the past five years alone, he has led initiatives that have resulted in over \$36 billion in financial benefits to American taxpayers.





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## Membership and Liaison News

*By Marguerite Nealon, AGA-DC Membership Co-Director, and LeAnn Corcoran, AGA-DC Membership Co-Director*

Our 2006-2007 program year is kicking off to a great start. We have exciting events planned throughout the year to encourage membership growth and participation in AGA-DC. For starters, we will be hosting another Liaison Luncheon in October (target date October 18<sup>th</sup>) to bring together all of our liaisons for the new program year. Attending this luncheon is a great way to learn more about AGA as well as learn creative ways to spread the word within your organization about all of the good things happening in AGA-DC. Keep on the lookout for more details as October approaches. If you are interested in becoming a liaison for your organization (public or private sector), please contact Marguerite [Marguerite.Nealon@fms.treas.gov](mailto:Marguerite.Nealon@fms.treas.gov) and LeAnn [lorcoran@savantage.net](mailto:lorcoran@savantage.net) for details.

To all current members, if you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership with AGA for the 2006-2007 program year. This is an easy process and can all be done on-line. Just go to [www.agacgm.org](http://www.agacgm.org), click on Membership → Join AGA or Renew → Membership Renewal. You can view your current profile, click on Billing and proceed with payment on-line. We thank you in advance for your continued support of AGA National and your local DC Chapter!



## Welcome, New Members!

Please welcome the following members who recently joined AGA-DC:

Ms. Eyleen Adorno  
Mr. Thach H. Bui  
Ms. Audrey L. Clark, CGFM, CPA  
Mr. John W. Cox  
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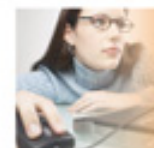
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We at AGA national want to help. From September 1 until November 30, 2006 we'll give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

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2. the CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?:".

### Important notes:

- A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in January.
- The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the rebate.
- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the rebate.

### But that is not all...

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted as part of this promotion in the three-month period of September-November 2006 will also receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

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## OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS

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**September 14<sup>th</sup>** -- FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** -- September Montgomery Prince Georges Dinner Meeting

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** -- Early Careers Social Event

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** -- October Dinner Meeting - Joint Meeting with the NOVA

### Northern Virginia Chapter Calendar of Events

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** -- "Excited to Serve: Serving AGA, Your Profession and Yourself" National President Jeffrey Hart confirmed Embassy Suites, Joint Meeting with Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter, 6:00-8:00pm

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** -- "VSCPA Ethics Training", Time/Cost TBD - afternoon session "Personal Financial Planning" - evening meeting Embassy Suites, Registration 5:15-6:00pm, Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** -- "Performance Based Budgeting in Government" Clay Johnson, OMB Deputy Director KPMG 2001 M St. Washington DC, Time TBD



## OTHER LOCAL CHAPTER EVENTS: *(cont'd)*

### Join the Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants for Brunch and/or a Docent Led Tour at the National Gallery of Art

- Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the National Gallery of Art (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Streets at Constitution Ave, NW)
- Brunch 12-1:30 PM (Garden Café—West Bldg)
- Docent Led Impressionism Tour 1:30-2:30 PM (Tours starts in the Rotunda)
- Brunch \$23.00 payable day of event
- RSVP (for tour only or for tour and brunch) by September 14<sup>th</sup> and questions: [adixon@us.ibm.com](mailto:adixon@us.ibm.com), 703 229-4404
- AGA members, family and friends are welcome.

[Admission to the National Gallery of Art and to all its exhibitions, tours and other public educational programs is free of charge. Any charge or request for contributions is unrelated to the National Gallery of Art.]





## Calling ALL STAR Performers...

2006 AGA-DC Award Nominees!

Surprisingly enough, the fall is approaching and summer is coming to an end. This time of year we begin to reminisce about our relaxing summer vacations, victorious golf tournaments, and long sunny days. We begin to look forward to the changing seasons, football games, and the beautiful fall surroundings. In addition to these annual traditions, AGA-DC usually sends a Call for Chapter Award Nominees.

One of the highlights of extending the Call for Award Nominees is reminding our members of the Award Winners from the previous year. Once again, we are proud to announce the 2005 AGA-DC Chapter Award Winners. Congratulations to each of you. We have YOU to thank for AGA-DC's continued success!

### **SAMUEL T. MOK - Chapter Einhorn/Gary Award:**

*For extraordinary commitment and dedication to provide better accountability to the American people by enhancing the role of financial management in decision making across the Federal Government.*

### **LEE LOFTHUS - Chapter Distinguished Leadership Award:**

*For sustained distinguished leadership while directing diverse and complicated financial budgetary programs for the Department of Justice.*

### **CHARLES W. CULKIN, JR. - Chapter Robert W. King Award:**

*For extraordinary commitment, tireless dedication and sustained outstanding leadership in moving the AGA forward to better serve its members, the entire government financial management community and the public.*

### **LINDA M. COMBS - Chapter Distinguished Federal Leadership Award:**

*For extraordinary leadership and accomplishments in improving federal financial performance, and for demonstrated management and leadership expertise in complex, competitive, and changing environments.*

### **GENE L. DODARO - Chapter Elmer Staats Award:**

*For extraordinary commitment to excellence in government, tireless dedication and sustained outstanding leadership, extraordinary personal integrity and professionalism, and for three decades of exceptional commitment and dedication to public service.*

### **DAVID L. COTTON - Chapter Andy Barr Award:**

*For exemplifying and promoting excellence in federal financial management, demonstrating outstanding leadership and high ethical standards, and providing high quality audit and advisory services to improve financial management at dozens of federal agencies.*

### **WILLIAM L. TAYLOR - Chapter Distinguished Service Award:**

*For a sustained record of dedication, commitment and leadership to the internal auditing profession and for lifelong contributions to advancing government accountability around the world.*

### **KAREN J. HUGHES - Chapter Achievement of the Year Award:**

*For successfully designing and fielding an Enterprise Resource Planning initiative that replaced 37 legacy systems, integrated 25 new or existing systems, and is providing significantly improved cost information to the FDIC, allowing it to make better informed business decisions.*

### **ANN DAVIS - James W. Saylor Award:**

*For outstanding service to the Chapter as Treasurer for two years, extensive efforts to enhance fiscal accountability and financial reporting, for ensuring a smooth transition to her successor and continuing support to the Chapter officers and Board.*

### **VIRGINIA B. ROBINSON - Chapter Educator Award:**

*For exceptional education and training provided on behalf of government accountability professionals to improve financial management at all levels of government in our Nation and around the globe.*

### **SIMCHA L. KURITZKY - Chapter Research Award:**

*For continuing outstanding service to the federal accounting community through his columns in AGA newsletters and assistance to numerous agencies.*

### **DANNY I. WERFEL - Chapter Special Achievement Award:**

*For leading the President's Management Agenda initiatives for financial performance, improper payments, and real property.*

### **PATRICIA L. WENSEL - Chapter Service Award:**

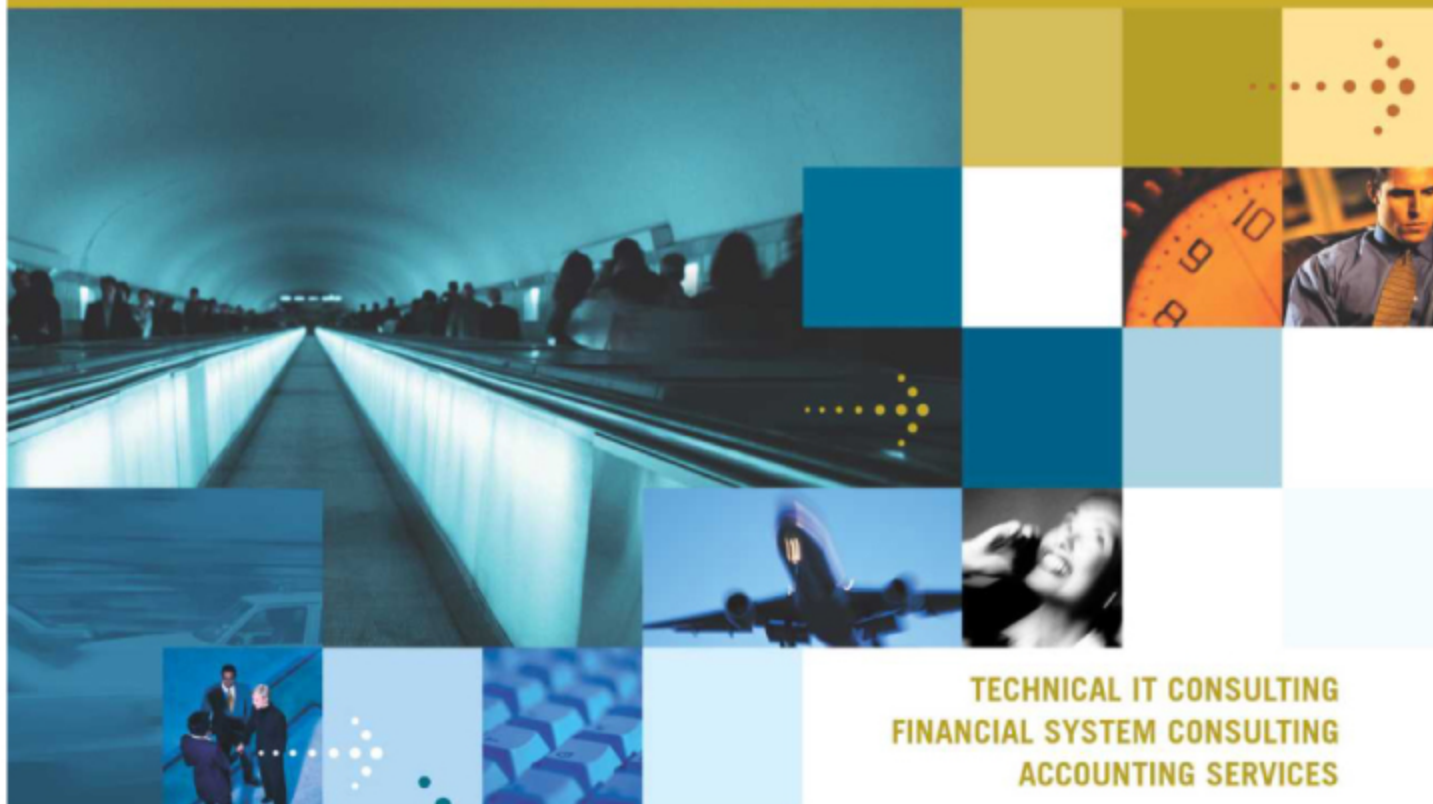
*For sustained outstanding commitment and dedication in developing and improving service to its members of the Washington D.C. Chapter and significantly enhancing its prestige and stature in the financial management community.*

We are continually amazed at the time and effort that our members put forth to make AGA-DC what it is today. As you read about the award winners above, please remember the additional members that you have seen put forth remarkable effort, integrate "out-of-the-box" ideas, creatively influence the organization, and/or participate in the industry in a way you have not seen before. If specific members do come to mind, please submit these individuals' names and the specific award titles to Jeff Green ([jgreen@kearneyco.com](mailto:jgreen@kearneyco.com)/703-931-5600) to be considered for the 2006 AGA-DC Awards. We need all Leadership Award (Distinguished Federal Leadership Award; Elmer Staats Award; and the Andy Barr Award) nominations by October 15, 2006 and all PDC Award nominations by January 15, 2007. Please refer to the AGA website for descriptions of the PDC Awards ([www.agacgm.org/membership/awards/](http://www.agacgm.org/membership/awards/)). We will provide additional details about the PDC Awards in the next edition of the newsletter. If you have questions about the specific awards or about the nomination process, please contact Pat Wensel ([dpwensel@verizon.net](mailto:dpwensel@verizon.net)) or Jeff Green ([jgreen@kearneyco.com](mailto:jgreen@kearneyco.com)). Thank you for taking time to nominate your colleagues, friends, and members for these special honors.

Finally, this year the Awards Committee is excited about a new change – introducing a different format for the Awards Dinner. This new spring evening event is sure to honor and celebrate AGA-DC's 2006 accomplishments. Stay tuned for more information about this event! We hope the remainder of your summer is enjoyable and we look forward to hearing from you soon with your Award Nominees!



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