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New Initiatives at the Office of Management and Budget September 12, 2002 Luncheon Meeting



Joseph L. Kull

Joseph L. Kull, our September luncheon speaker, joined the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on March 13, 2000, as Deputy Controller for the Office of Federal Financial Management. In this capacity, he is responsible for issuing accounting and auditing requirements for Federal agencies; providing assistance to Federal agencies in

implementing financial systems reform; issuing administrative, cost, and audit policy circulars for non-Federal entities; and overseeing grant management activities. He also serves as the OMB representative to the Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB).

Mr. Kull came to OMB from the National Science Foundation (NSF), where he was the Chief Financial Officer and responsible for all budget activities, financial management, grants, cooperative agreements and contract administration. He had been

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Luncheon Logistics

Monthly Luncheon Meeting and Mini-conference

Thursday September 12, 2002

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, NW (At Metro Center – 11th Street Exit)

11:30 – 12:00	Social
12:00 – 1:10	Luncheon Meeting (1CPE)
1:30 – 3:30	Mini-conference (2CPE) "Managerial Cost Accounting: Past, Present, Future"

Cost: See page 3 for Luncheon and Mini-conference cost

For reservations, please call the AGA Washington DC Chapter voice mail line at 703.758.4080 and select option 1. If you prefer, you can register by email to mkubaki@hq.nasa.gov or you can register at our homepage: www.agadc.org. Please forward your name, agency/company, and telephone number.

President's Message-Providing Guideposts

By Wendy Comes

I have met but one or two persons in the course of my life who understood the art of walking ... who had a genius, so to speak, for sauntering. –Henry David Thoreau “Walking”

On occasion, we have met someone who seems to travel smoothly through life. We see that person as confident in reaching his or her destination and realize that much of that confidence rests on the guideposts offered by faith. However, in our professional lives most of us do not always walk confidently through uncharted territory. Instead, we are fortunate to have the guideposts left by those who came before us, the guidance of those who have traveled similar paths, and the confidence of those who are our leaders.

Professional associations provide their members guideposts by way of principles – ethical and technical — and shared tools and techniques. Through providing education, maintenance and enforcement of principles, and opportunities for expanding personal contacts, professional associations assure the continuance of these guideposts so that core values are met. As I begin my year as president of the chapter, my goal is to ensure that the chapter reinforces and enhances the guideposts long established by AGA through ethics standards and certification standards. To do that, the DC chapter offers three services to members: monthly luncheons, monthly newsletters, and conferences.

Our monthly luncheon series features speakers addressing timely issues and provides opportunities for members to meet peers and leaders in other organizations. Ron Longo (KPMG LLP), our program director, will ensure that we have a lineup of speakers that address

a broad array of professional issues. A list of dates and a series registration form is included in this newsletter. We are urging members to register in advance for two reasons – it will reduce our processing cost significantly, and it will enable us to plan more effectively for the luncheons. We have limited but guaranteed space available. By having reservations early in the program year, we will be able to assess the need to advertise more widely. If –as we expect – we have reservations for all of our space, the chapter leadership will then be able to focus its energies on conference planning.

This year, in addition to the luncheons, we are offering four post-luncheon two-hour educational sessions. These two-hour sessions will enable you to stay current on issues throughout the year and meet your educational needs at a lower cost than conference attendance. I encourage you to consider adding these mini-conferences to your educational plans. You will see an immediate benefit as you increase your technical knowledge, and the chapter will be stronger as its members continue to grow professionally. Another bonus to the chapter is that these sessions will reduce the luncheon subsidy of approximately \$15 per member per luncheon that the chapter previously covered through its conference profits. That savings will ultimately accrue to members through increased funding of future educational activities.

We have reserved space for a conference at the Grand Hyatt on May 7-8. I am forming a planning committee for that conference and consulting with the board on whether to offer another conference earlier in the year. Your thoughts on conference topics and speakers - as well as offers of assistance - are most welcome. Please call me at 202 512-7357 or e-mail me at wcomes@cox.net

Diane Wright of AMS is our newsletter editor again this year. I am thrilled that she is returning after a very successful year last year. The newsletter is vital to all our members since it alerts you to the upcoming chapter events as well as offering you insights into AGA members' experiences – technical and otherwise. We will be continuing with summaries of our luncheon speaker's remarks, the Inside the Black Box series brought to us by Simcha Kuritzky, and the interview series by Bob Freeman. In addition, we will be adding technical updates and an ethics series.

Please be assured that all volunteers and ideas are welcome. Feel free to contact me at any time to offer assistance or suggestions. •

New Initiatives at the Office of Management and Budget

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Executive Secretary of the National Science Board's Committee on Programs and Plans from 1988 to 2000. Mr. Kull joined NSF in 1984.

In addition, Mr. Kull was a member of the Chief Financial Officers' (CFO) Council, the Budget Officers' Advisory Council (BOAC), and a member of the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC) of FASAB. Mr. Kull was appointed to the Professional Certification Board of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) July 1, 1999, for a three-year term.

Prior to his joining the Federal Government, Mr. Kull spent 11 years at the Civil Aeronautics Board and three years in the New York office of Arthur Andersen & Company.

He received a B.S. from Mount Saint Mary's College and an MBA from George Mason University. A Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager, Mr. Kull is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and

the AGA. He has been an Adjunct Lecturer in Accounting at the Northern Virginia Community College for 17 years.

In 1991, Mr. Kull received the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive Service Award. In 1997, Mr. Kull was the recipient of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program's Donald L. Scantlebury Award for distinguished leadership in financial management. •

New This Year! Luncheon Series and Mini-Conference Sessions

This year, in addition to the seven luncheons, we are offering four post-luncheon two-hour educational sessions (1:30 – 3:30). These two-hour sessions will enable you to stay current on issues throughout the year and meet your educational needs at a lower cost than conference attendance.

The first session on September 12, 2002 is called "Managerial Cost Accounting: Past, Present, & Future." The speakers will be Clif Williams, KPMG Consulting; Jonathan Elliott, Dept of Treasury; and Sirkant Sastry, with PwC.

Costs for Members:

Luncheon Series with Mini-conferences	\$190 (15 CPE)
Luncheon Series Only	\$140 (7 CPE)
Luncheon Only	\$22 (1 CPE)
Luncheon with a Mini-conference	\$35 (2 CPE)

Costs for Non-members:

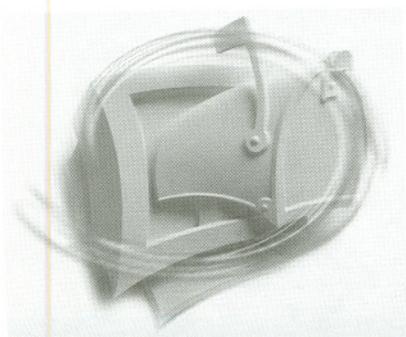
Luncheon Series with Mini-conferences	\$290 (15 CPE)
Luncheon Series Only	\$240 (7 CPE)
Luncheon Only	\$35 (1 CPE)
Luncheon with a Mini-conference	\$50 (2 CPE)

The luncheon series and mini-conference schedule is:

September 12, 2002mini-conference
October 17, 2002mini-conference
November 14, 2002	
January 16, 2003	
February 6, 2003	
March 5, 2003mini-conference
May 6, 2003mini-conference

Speakers and mini-conference topics for each date will be available via www.agadc.org soon.

Note: The December 5, 2002 Special Holiday Event and our April 10, 2003 Awards Dinner are not part of the luncheon series. •



ting articles to appear in the October, 2002 issue is September 5, 2002. Please send your comments and contributions to the newsletter editor, Diane Wright at diane.wright@ams.com. •



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We look forward to seeing you! •

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