

ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

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About Our Speaker This Month



Susan Gaffney was appointed Acting Assistant Director for the Financial Management Division and Branch Chief for the Management Integrity Branch at the Office of Management and Budget on April 16, 1990. Ms. Gaffney previously served as Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration. Other posts held by Ms. Gaffney include Assistant Inspector General for Policy, Plans and

Management Systems, General Services Administration; Director, Office of Policy, Plans and Programs, Office of Inspector General, Agency for International Development; Deputy Commissioner, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, City of New York; and Assistant Administrator, Housing and Development Administration, City of New York.

Ms. Gaffney's achievements in both Federal and Municipal Government have earned her a number of special awards.

Ms. Gaffney holds a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a Bachelor's Degree from Wilson College.

Ms. Gaffney, a native of DuBois, Pennsylvania, resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Don't forget to register for the November 14 seminar on Lessons Federal Financial Managers can Learn from the HUD Scandals.

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING TO FEATURE

Susan Gaffney

As Acting Assistant Director for the Financial Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget, Ms. Gaffney will discuss OMB's current financial initiatives

TOUCHDOWN CLUB

2000 L Street, N.W.
(Near Farragut West Metro Stop)

Social Period: 11:30 a.m. (Cash Bar)
Luncheon: 12:00 noon
Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu
Cost: \$17.00 (Members)
\$19.00 (Non-members)

Reservations Recommended

Call (703) 758-4080 Thru October 30
NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

(Uncancelled "No-Shows" will be billed)

Next Meeting: December 6

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joyce Shelton

As you read this, I hope that you and your agency are surviving the latest budget crunch, that your books are balanced and closed for FY 1990, and that FY 1991 is treating you reasonably well. These are difficult times. We are all paying the price, one way or another, to help solve the deficit.

Our speaker for November is Susan Gaffney, who is Acting Assistant Director for Financial Management at the Office of Management and Budget. This is an excellent opportunity to hear about current OMB initiatives to support financial management.

On November 14, we will have our first educational event of the fall, an all day program at George Washington University's Marvin Center cosponsored by Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity. We will reexamine the internal control aspects of the HUD scandals and what lessons we can apply to avoid similar problems.

In keeping with our holiday theme, we have invited a media celebrity to be our December speaker. More about this next month!

If you are concerned about how well government agencies are managing the huge asset portfolios resulting from the Savings and Loan crisis, defaults in housing and other direct and guaranteed loans, plan to attend our all day workshop at the Touchdown Club on December 10. Whether we are directly involved in debt and credit management or not, we all have a stake in how successfully the government's debt and credit is managed.

Before you get too caught up in the social activities and leave taking of December, begin your commitment for personal development next year by signing up early for the AGA Leadership Conference to be held on January 10 and 11 in Washington, D.C. at the Four Seasons Hotel. This is the second year for this conference, which provides an opportunity for attending National AGA training in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Washington Chapter Luncheon for January was moved back from our usual Thursday to Wednesday, January 9. Plan to reserve early for this Luncheon also since we will be meeting jointly with the American Society of Military Comptrollers. We will be taking another look at the financial management changes occurring in the Department of Defense. Larry Wilson has planned an all day workshop at the Touchdown Club concurrent with the luncheon and has a distinguished list of DOD participants.

In closing, let's also remember that November is the month of Thanksgiving and be grateful for all our blessings.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Date	Menu
November 1	Chicken Cordon Bleu
December 6	Six ounce filet mignon
January 9	Breast of chicken over ham
February 7	Salmon steak
March 7	London Broil
April 4	Broiled chicken
May 2	Pot roast of beef

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

By Joyce Charles, VITA Director

AGA members are needed to assist in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The VITA Program was established by the Internal Revenue Service in 1969 to provide free assistance in the preparation of tax returns at community locations, for low income, elderly, disabled and non-English speaking taxpayers. IRS provides instructors and training materials free of charge for volunteer tax preparers.

There is NO LIABILITY associated with the volunteer work. In fact you do not sign the returns because the VITA program stamp is entered on all completed returns.

We thank those who volunteered in the past and invite you to return and we invite other Chapter members to contribute a few hours to this worthwhile effort. Persons interested in volunteering should call Velma Speight at (202) 501-8825, Geraldine Jasper at (202) 732-5615 or Joyce Charles at (202) 523-5906. Positive responses are needed by November 15, 1990 in preparation for an AGA orientation session early in January.

November Education Seminar

The first Washington Chapter education event of the year is scheduled for **November 14** at George Washington University's Marvin Center. Seminar details are as follows:

Lessons Federal Financial Managers can Learn from the HUD Scandals

Program:

Morning Sessions: 9:00 a.m. Noon

- Introduction
- The Control Environment: What Happened?
Richard Willet, Charles Dempsey, Gerald Riso
- Lessons Investigators and Auditors can Learn
John (Chris) Greer, Assistant IG for Audit, HUD
- Lessons Chief Financial Officers can Learn
Jimmie Brown, OMB

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. 1:10 p.m.

- Oversight and Management to Prevent Scandal
Roger Sperry, National Academy of
Public Administration

Afternoon Sessions: 1:10 p.m. 4:35 p.m.

- Lessons Federal Managers can Learn
Donald Wirtz, GAO
- Ethical and Legal Lessons Learned
Moderator: Joe Rothchild, HUD
Dr. Stuart Gilman, Education and Liaison Division,
Office of Government Ethics
Joseph B. Scott, Kator, Scott, et al
Thomas J. Lanphear, Deputy Director,
Office of Appeals Council, MSPB
- Other Lessons Learned
Thomas J. Craren, Price Waterhouse
- Conclusion

Cost: \$120 for members; \$130 for non-members (includes lunch). \$5 discount is offered for payment in cash or check in advance or at registration.

CPE Credit: Will be available

Reservations may be made by calling the Washington Chapter reservation number at (703) 758-4080.

December Educational Event

An all day seminar on "Debt Collection and Credit Management" is scheduled for **December 10** at the Touchdown Club. The event will be cosponsored with the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service. Look for more details in our December newsletter.

New Member Listing

By Evelyn Brown, Director of Membership Services

Last month, we reported new members who joined our Chapter over the summer months. We then discovered that the following individuals who joined our Chapter over the last year had not yet been recognized in our newsletter due to space constraints.

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Welcome to each of you and many thanks to the membership for your continued participation and support in strengthening our Chapter.

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee Monthly Meeting

Minutes for September 21, 1990

By Steve Swanson, Chapter Secretary

Call to Order: President Joyce Shelton called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Secretary's Report

Joan Bozzonetti made a motion to approve the minutes from the August CEC meeting. The motion was seconded by Joyce Charles and the motion was passed by the CEC.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Bozzonetti presented the Revenue and Expense Statement for the period of July 1, 1990 through August 31, 1990. Mary Lee Mason made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Joyce Charles and the motion was passed by the CEC. Joan asked Steve Swanson to check with both the Virginia and Maryland tax authorities in order to determine if our chapter may attain tax exempt status with their jurisdictions.

Committee Reports on Activities

Special Report: Our National Executive Council (NEC) representative, Ron Lynch, spoke to the CEC regarding our Chapter's relationship with the NEC. He briefly outlined his duties. He believes that National wants to hold Professional Development Conferences (PDC) outside of Washington in order to better involve other chapters. In addition, June is a very difficult month for scheduling conferences in Washington. National believes that our chapter has the exclusive right to hosting the annual Leadership Conference. In their mind, hosting the Leadership Conference compensates us for not hosting a PDC. Ron did state that National has voted to hold the 1993 PDC in Washington and would have to vote again to move it elsewhere.

Audit Report: Rick Polhamus stated that the audit would be completed by September 30, 1990. He believes the chapter needs better audit trails for tracking revenue for large functions. In addition, Doris Chew brought up that there may be a discrepancy with National regarding our share of membership dues. Rick will work on reconciling our records with National to ensure that we receive the correct amount of money.

Next CEC Meeting: The next meeting of the CEC is scheduled for October 18, 1990.

Adjournment: Joyce Shelton adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Federal Accountants' Continuing Professional Education Report

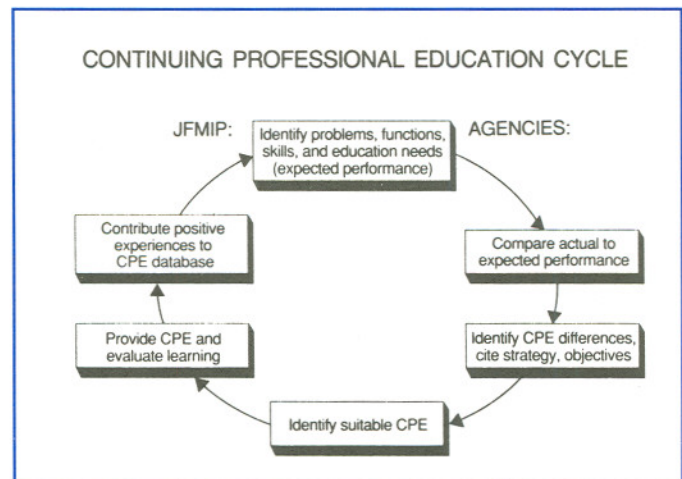
By Judi Fuerstenberg, Department of Energy

A pool of well-educated accountants is needed to overcome inadequate financial information and serious internal control weaknesses in the federal government. They must also keep pace with constant changes in federal financial operations due to legal, regulatory, standard, and technological developments. The federal accountant talent pool is very thin today and must be rebuilt through continuing professional education (CPE).

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) Steering Committee performed a review of federal accountants' continuing education needs through the 1990s. The JFMIP is a cooperative undertaking of the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Department of Treasury, and the operating agencies to improve and coordinate financial management policies and practices.

Accountants and related financial professionals in most agencies are responsible for the accounting of multibillion-dollar programs and administrative operations. Their controls, accounting, reporting, and financial management practices must reflect a level of financial sophistication appropriate to their stewardship responsibilities.

One major result of the federal accountants' education project includes development of a continuing professional education model which can be adapted for most professions.



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THIS AND THAT

Other Chapter Meetings

Montgomery/Prince George's Chapter

Date and Time: November 14, 1990
5:30 p.m. (social)
6:45 p.m. (dinner)

Location: Holiday Inn, Silver Spring

Speaker: Enrica D. Morgan, CFP
Morgan Financial Services Corp.
"Are You Really Ready for Retirement?"

Cost: \$16

Reservations: Gary Fishbein (202) 366-6074

Northern Virginia Chapter

Date and Time: November 20, 1990
5:30 p.m. (social)
6:30 p.m. (dinner)

Location: Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike
& Washington Blvd., Arlington

Speaker: Susan Crawford DOD IG

Cost: \$18

Reservations: Andrea Walker (202) 619-3066

Note: This meeting follows a workshop on "Designing Audit Steps to Detect Illegal Acts." Registration is \$95 (includes dinner). The program provides 4 hours of CPE.

1991 Income Tax Handbooks

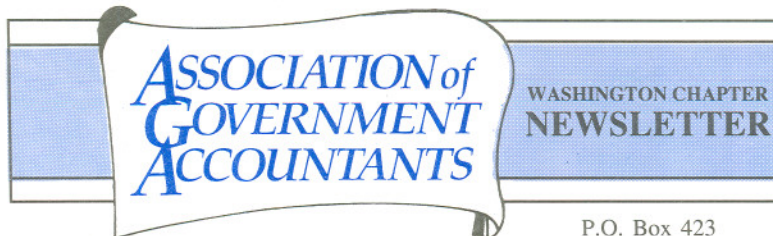
The AGA is offering the "Maxwell Macmillian Tax Handbook" (formerly Prentice Hall Information Services) to assist you in preparing your 1990 returns. While the book lists for \$23.50, AGA's bulk purchase allows us to offer the book to members at \$13.50 for the book and \$1.50 for mailing, a total of \$15.00 each. Our chapter contact is Steve Swanson at (202) 366-5643.

All orders must be received no later than November 19, 1990. To order one or more copies, please send your name, mailing address, and number of books ordered, along with a check made payable to the AGA Washington Chapter to:

AGA Tax Book
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