



President's Message

Calendar of Events

Replay of our 2016
Fall Fraud Seminar will
be broadcast on
September 6, 2017

Replay of our
Winter Seminar will be
broadcast on
September 20, 2017

Many Faces of Fraud
Lombardo's
Randolph, MA
October 12, 2017

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Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Chapter Year as the calendar turns in September. Working in the public education field, September always signals the beginning of new opportunities. I wish you all good success as we wind down summer and head into the fall.



We have much to do this year to continue our personal and collective growth and I look forward to working with you to further our collective mission. The Chapter Executive Committee and the Education Committee has been busy planning quality training events and we encourage you to sign-up and take advantage. Please visit our Chapter website, www.agaboston.org, to review the current offerings which in the short term include: two virtual September trainings, an in-person September webinar, and our annual Fraud Training this coming October.

In addition to your active participation in the Chapter, I would encourage each one of you to find one colleague not involved with AGA to help promote our professional community to them. Our success is built upon the perpetual renewal of our membership and we always want to see new faces in our ranks.

Thanks again for your support of the Chapter and I look forward to working with you this year.

Regards,

Bill



Chapter Training Opportunities

September 13, 2017
 Audio Conference
 Communications/Leadership
 in Government
 RSM, Charlestown
 2 CPEs
 Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

January 18, 2018
 Winter Seminar
 TBD
 O'Neill Federal Building, Boston
 7 CPEs
 Members: \$75; Non-Members: \$100

October 12, 2017
 Fall Seminar
 The Many Faces of Fraud
 Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
 7 CPEs
 Members: \$90; Non-Members: \$135

February 7, 2018
 Audio Conference
 GASB Update
 RSM, Charlestown
 2 CPEs
 Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

November 15, 2017
 Audio Conference
 Ethics Relating to Fraud
 RSM, Charlestown
 2 CPEs
 Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

March 8, 2018
 Regional PDT
 Bentley University, Waltham
 7 CPEs

December 6, 2017
 Audio Conference
 Auditing and Quality Assurance
 RSM, Charlestown
 2 CPEs
 Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

April 11, 2018
 Audio Conference
 Ethics
 2 CPEs
 RSM, Charlestown
 Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

December 8, 2017
 Annual Holiday Party and Charity Fundraiser
 Maggiano's, Boston, MA
 \$25 if registered by Dec. 5'th
 \$30 late registration and walk in



Chapter News and Updates

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The Boston Chapter of the AGA has some training opportunities that you can do without leaving your office (or your couch at home).

Replays of our 2016 Fall Fraud Seminar and our 2017 Winter Seminar will be broadcast in August and September 2017. They are scheduled for:

- 9/6 (Fall Seminar replay) and 9/20 (Winter Seminar replay)

Here are the related links to register:

<https://agaboston.ce21.com/item/2017-winter-seminar-fraud-risk-ethics-172370>
(sign up for Winter Seminar replays)

<https://agaboston.ce21.com/item/the-faces-fraud-annual-seminar-180166>
(sign up for Fall Seminar replays)

Members News !

It is always suggested that members review their contact information on AGA's National Web site. This is where we get a lot of our information, including email addresses that we use for our communications.

The following is a list of emails that are coming back to us as "in error". Anyone that is not receiving our emails should contact us to have their email added to our mailing list.

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2017 AGA CGFM

CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations *included* is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 9-10, 2017. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

\$375 for AGA members - \$425 for non-AGA members

SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

The CGFM examinations can be taken by appointment only at [Pearson Professional Testing Centers](#) from **Nov. 11, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018**, using vouchers provided by AGA.

What is the Intensive Review Course? It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.

What it's NOT: It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations – advance preparation is strongly recommended.

Registration

To participate in this event, individuals must:

Apply and be accepted into the CGFM program (see [CGFM Process](#) for more information)

Pre-register for this event

register



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Message from the Editor

If you have any comments, suggestions or thoughts for upcoming issues of the newsletter or for the chapter website, please contact Dave LeBlanc at daleblanc9@comcast.net

Brain Teaser

To qualify as a race car driver an individual has to drive twice around a one mile track averaging sixty (60) miles per hour. The first driver to attempt it starts a little cautious and does the first lap at thirty (30) miles an hour.

How fast do they have to go in the second lap to qualify?

Answer later in this issue.



It's September. So that means it's time for everyone to be back at school. Let's highlight a story about the teaching profession.

The Teacher

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all. On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work. The classroom became a bit unruly and he admonished them. This happened several times.

When he would do work at his desk, the strong breeze from the window made his tie flap annoyingly. He kept rearranging and rearranging the tie as the class raised it's level of unruliness.

Finally, becoming disgusted with the wayward tie, he stood up and took a big stapler off his desk and stapled the tie to his chest in several places.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth.

Training Opportunity

The New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum will be hosting a training session on November 14-15, 2017 at the

Portland Regency Hotel
20 Milk Street
Portland, Maine, 04101

The Focus will be on

“Preparing Auditors for Tomorrow:
Auditing Now and in the Future”

More details will be available as we get closer to the event



Trivia

During the Beatles run of 7 consecutive No. 1 singles, what was the name of the song that failed to make it 8 in a row for them?



News From National



National Collegiate Leadership Program

This program, sponsored by the Young Professionals Focus Group (YPPG), provides up to 10 full-time undergraduate students with an opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders in government financial management at National Leadership Training (NLT).

Participants of the program will:

- Have an onsite mentor to guide them around the NLT event

- Attend NLT sessions

- Sit at reserved tables for an exclusive lunch with corporate partner members and government officials

- Receive recognition at the event, including a certificate of participation and commemorative photo

- Earn CPEs for sessions they attend

- Receive complimentary e-membership in AGA for one year

The 2017 program participants were:

Abdirahim Osman, Boise State University

Daniel Verburg, Seattle University

Rowan St. John, Mississippi College



Applications can be found here

<https://www.agacgm.org/AGA/About/NCLP-application-2018-fillable.pdf>



Balance Sheet

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Boston Chapter of the AGA

August 31, 2017

Assets

Checking	47,880.08
Savings	9,983.52
Accounts Receivable	4,720.00
Undeposited Funds	<u>400.00</u>

Total Assets 62,983.60

Liabilities

Deferred Revenue	50.00
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Equity

Total Equity	<u>62,933.60</u>
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Total Liabilities and Equity 62,983.60

Mentoring Program

Boston AGA - Call for Mentors and Mentees

The Boston Chapter is looking for committed professionals to give back to others by sharing their career experiences. We are in the process of recruiting mentors and mentees to participate in our mentoring program. The program supports professional growth and development by connecting professionals in the local government financial management community. Mentors and mentees create an environment that facilitates dialogue about career development and advancement, while building sustainable relationships focused on identifying beneficial developmental activities.

Chapter members can get started with the program by enrolling on the Boston chapter's website at <http://www.agaboston.org/mentoring.html>. For questions about this program, please contact either Benjamin Howe at benjamin.howe@va.gov or (781) 687-3125 or Bill Muench at wmuench@dcaa.mil or at (508) 259-3382.



Chapter Recognition Program

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The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1st and concludes on May 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of August 31, 2017 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Earned Credits	Credits Allowed	% of Available
Leadership, Planning & Participation	5,000	3,125	3,125	63%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	425	425	22%
Certification	4,000	725	725	18%
Communications	3,000	1,844	1,844	61%
Membership	4,000	1,650	1,650	29%
Accountability	2,000	200	200	10%
Community Service	2,000	1,275	1,275	64%
Awards	1,000	1,650	1,000	100%
Total	25,000	10,894	10,244	41%

Our Mission

The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.



Community Service Notes

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Memorial Day Flag Garden

On Wednesday May 24, 2017 AGA members and their family members participated in the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund planting of the Memorial Day Flag Garden on Boston Common. Their efforts were part of the larger initiative to get 37,265 flags planted on the Common. Each flag represented a fallen Massachusetts veteran. Members also assisted with flag removal on Tuesday, May 30. Thank you to all who participated. Here are a few pictures from the event.

Job Opportunity

City Auditor - City of Boston

The City Auditor is an executive level position for the City of Boston and is appointed by the Mayor. The Auditor serves as Ex-Officio Member of The Boston Retirement System and serves as a Trustee for The George Robert White Fund and the Brown Fund Trusts. The Auditor is also the primary contact and liaison between the City of Boston and the Boston Audit Committee and the City's external auditors.

Minimum Entrance Qualifications:

At least five (5) years of full time professional experience in government financial management, accounting and/or grant related functions. The ideal candidate will have a track record of progressively increasing supervisory and management responsibilities. Experience with Financial and Human Resource Database software such as Oracle/PeopleSoft Financials v9.1 and Human Capital Management v9.2 or compatible systems preferred.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: CPA, CIA, Master's Degree in Business Administration or Public Administration or other related area

Salary range: \$110,000-155,000 DOE

Point of Contact: David Pina david.pina@boston.gov.



Community Service Notes

Can We Help You?

Are you involved with any nonprofit charitable organization? Is there an upcoming event that needs volunteers or participants? Do you have a passion for a specific cause? Want to get the word out about such an event? AGA Boston Chapter's Community Service Committee wants to help you. We are looking for new opportunities for helping people in the Greater Boston and surrounding areas. With over 350 members we can help you promote an event or find people willing to help out.

Most of the Community Service Committee's current activities started out with one AGA member mentioning an event they are involved with. Please contact Jane Gustowski at jgustowski@charter.net and let her know about an event or agency needing help. We can include the information in our monthly newsletter or even post it on our Facebook page.

Quote

"If you're going through Hell, keep going."

-Winston Churchill

Trivia Answer

The song was
"Paperback Writer"

Brain Teaser Answer

Answer: They can't qualify.

One mile track at 60 MPH takes one minute. So two laps would take two minutes.

One lap that was driven at 30 MPH took two minutes so their allotted time is done.

Most people automatically say 90 MPH to average out the speed.



Useful Links

Websites of Interest

American Society for Public Admin (ASPA).....	www.aspanet.org
MA Chapter of ASPA.....	www.facebook.com/MassASPA
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE).....	www.cfenet.com
Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....	www.acfe-boston.org
Association of Government Accountants.....	www.agacgfm.org
AGA Boston Chapter.....	http://www.agaboston.org/
AGA Aroostook County.....	Facebook
AGA Hartford Chapter.....	AGA Directory
AGA Maine Chapter.....	www.agamainechapter.org
COSO.....	www.coso.org
First Gov.....	www.firstgov.gov
Governmental Accounting Standards Board.....	www.gasb.org
Government Executive.....	www.govexec.com
Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).....	www.theiia.org
IIA Greater Boston Chapter.....	www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13
Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....	www.auditforum.org
International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....	www.iappnet.org
National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....	www.nasact.org

Boston Chapter AGA Website

The Boston Chapter of the AGA has an award winning website. Please change your browser favorites to the following:

www.agaboston.org

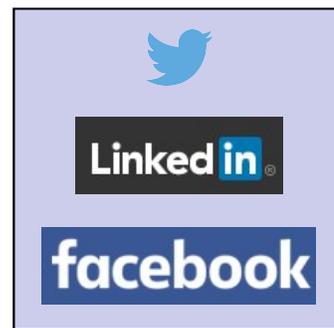
Take a tour around the site and send your feedback, suggestions and thoughts to the [webmaster](#) or any chapter Officer or Director. Check the site often for updates and valuable information.

Citizen Centric Reporting

The Association of Government Accountants, the thought leader for the government accountability profession, evaluates reports for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting award. AGA determines award recipients based on content, visual appeal, readability, distribution, and timeliness of reporting.

To view a copy of the Chapter's Citizen Centric Report, please go to our website at:

<http://www.agaboston.org>





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