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New members and sponsors who attend the April luncheon will receive the new DC Chapter lapel pin.



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## LUNCHEON

\$10 Early Sign-up Special  
for Federal Employees  
for Luncheon

### Danny Werfel



Read Bio

**Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management,  
Office of Management and Budget**

Tuesday, April 20th, 2010

**Location: University Club of Washington, DC**  
at 1135 Sixteenth Street, NW  
(on 16th Street between L and M Streets,  
a couple blocks from the Farragut North - Red line  
and Farragut West - Blue and Orange lines - Metro stops)

Danny Werfel's topic for the April Luncheon will be:  
**Financial Management: "A New Way Forward."**

## Announcements [Read More](#)

### May Conference

*The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future*

Mark your calendar for the AGA DC Chapter Spring Conference,  
May 4-5, 2010, at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center.  
Program information has been included in the newsletter.

## Save The Date: Audio Conference

**"The Latest Tools and techniques for Auditors."**

**Wednesday, April 21st, 2010**  
**2 - 3:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time**

**Booz Allen's Offices**  
**700 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

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## Note From the Editor

by *Leon Fleischer, Co-Editor*

Welcome to the April edition of the Washington Connection. I hope everyone enjoyed our previous March issue. Welcome Spring! I hope everyone is outside and enjoying the Spring weather (and happy that the winter is over and all the snow we had is gone!) I wish everyone a good Easter and Passover holiday.



In this month's edition of the newsletter, we have information on the up-coming training opportunities and conferences, including:

- The AGA's Professional Development Conference and Exposition, July 11-14 in Orlando; and
- The AGA DC May Spring Conference, May 4-5, 2010

In the Inside the Black Box article, Simcha Kuritzky, brings us a technical article on reconciling proprietary and budgetary cash. Also, look for information on our mentoring program. This newsletter promises to contain much information of events for the year including the monthly luncheons, education events, member services, early careers, etc.



This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles-these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offer, in particular the high quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the May 2010 issue is April 16, 2010.

Sincerely,

*Leon Fleischer*

Leon Fleischer,  
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Co-Editor

*Newsletter Team*

Leon Fleischer, Co-Editor

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# President's Message



by **Kim Farington**



Dear Chapter members,

Spring is in the air! And we started spring on a hopping note (Easter pun intended). The Washington DC Chapter held another sold out luncheon where Nancy Fleetwood, Deputy Assistant Secretary Accounting Policy, Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Treasury, shared the highlights of the recently published US Government's Financial Report. Ms. Fleetwood also provided each attendee with the latest copy of the Citizen's Guide to the 2009 Financial Report of the US Government, a 15 page summary that describes the financial health of the Federal Government. If you were unable to attend the March luncheon and would like a copy of the Citizen's Guide, please contact Scott Bell at [Scott.Bell@do.treas.gov](mailto:Scott.Bell@do.treas.gov).

Note that we will be changing the location of the luncheons for April and May. Due to the sell-out crowd limited to 140 attendees, we will be moving our next two luncheons to the University Club of Washington, DC located at 1135 Sixteenth Street, NW, in Washington DC to accommodate up to 175 attendees. The University Club is on 16th Street between L and M Streets. The University Club is a couple

blocks from the Farragut North (Red line) and Farragut West (Blue and Orange lines) Metro stops. Join us in April where Danny Werfel, Controller at the Office of Management and Budget, will share his insights on the future of Federal financial management.

During our next luncheon and throughout the month of April, we will be supporting Autism Awareness Month. We will be collecting donations at the April luncheon if you would like to contribute. You may also contact Lloyd Farmer at [LFarmer@milcorp.com](mailto:LFarmer@milcorp.com), Tonya Allen-Shaw at [Tonya.Allen-Shaw@usda.gov](mailto:Tonya.Allen-Shaw@usda.gov), or Ann Marie Walker at [annmarie.walker@va.gov](mailto:annmarie.walker@va.gov) if you would like to contribute to this cause and are unable to attend the luncheon.

The DC Chapter will be offering another free educational event for its members. The next audio conference will be held on April 21st, where the topic will be The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors. Please check our website and watch for an email with details on registering for this free training opportunity providing two CPE credits to participants.

When Caitlin and Crystal, our Member Services Committee, were not planning the next White House tour in March, they have been busy preparing for the Virginia Vineyard Tour. The tour includes transportation, wine tastings at three wineries, lunch, and guaranteed fun with your fellow DC Chapter and Northern Virginia Chapter AGA members. There are only a few seats remaining, so please contact Caitlin at [caitlin.b.holmes@us.pwc.com](mailto:caitlin.b.holmes@us.pwc.com) to register for this exciting event.

# President's Message

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If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars for the DC Chapter's May Conference. The Chapter's annual conference (co-hosted by the Greater Washington Society of CPAs) will be held on May 4th and 5th at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC. The theme for this year's conference is "The Chief Financial Officer's Act: its Past, Present, and Future." We have exciting speakers lined up for this event, so stay tuned for further details.

Dust off those dancing shoes! In anticipation of our awards ceremony to be held on June 12th, we are planning to offer ballroom dancing classes for those interested. Each year at the awards dinner, many attendees admire the wonderful ballroom dancers that float across the dance floor. Those wonderful ballroom dancers are AGA DC Chapter members, and will be offering lessons to their fellow chapter members. We are planning to offer the dance lessons in May in advance of the awards dinner. As soon as the dates are confirmed, we will send out more information via email. You may also check our website for more information at [www.agadc.org](http://www.agadc.org).

As we move closer to the end of this Program year, I would like to again thank all of our Chapter Executive Committee members and volunteers for their hard work and efforts to make our Chapter a great success. I want to also thank our corporate sponsors for their support in making the DC Chapter the best Chapter possible!

Have a great spring!

Sincerely,

*Kim Farington*

Kim Farington, CPA

President

Washington DC Chapter

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# Welcome, New Members!

## MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

<i>Mr. Bhadra R. Vadali</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>USDA</i>
<i>Ms. LaKisha Renee Gallman</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>
<i>Mr. Diego Yrivarren, CGFM</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>OAS</i>
<i>Mr. Ryan R. Rominiecki, CGFM</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>KPMG LLP</i>
<i>Mrs. Yong Hwa Scott</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Executive Office of the President</i>
<i>Mr. Christopher Berner</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>EPA</i>
<i>Mr. Tom Williams</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Williams Adley and Co LLP</i>
<i>Ms. Lea Kaplan</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Miracle Systems LLC</i>
<i>Ms. Kriti Chadha</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Ernst and Young LLP</i>
<i>Mrs. Kathleen G. Doyle</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Department of Homeland Security</i>
<i>Mr. Douglas M. Abernethy</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Kearney and Company</i>
<i>Ms. Judy Berning</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Federal Election Commission</i>
<i>Ms. Lauren Rutkowski</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>IBM Global Business Services</i>
<i>Ms. Sapna Banker</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Atlas Group Limited</i>
<i>Mr. John Seddon</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>IBM Global Business Services</i>
<i>Mr. Ismail A. Lawal</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>T Curtis &amp; Company PC</i>
<i>Ms. Jennifer Ayers</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Dept of Commerce</i>
<i>Mr. Keith A. Graham</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Booz Allen Hamilton</i>
<i>Mrs. Pauline Achu-Bibum</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>T Curtis &amp; Company PC</i>
<i>Ms. Theresa Weston Saunders</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>T Curtis &amp; Company PC</i>

# Welcome, New Members!

## MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC (cont'd)

<i>Mr. Garrett Reidy Love</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>
<i>Mr. Perry Pockros</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Hagerty Consulting</i>
<i>Mrs. Tina Hayes</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>CGI</i>
<i>Ms. Amber Carmack</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Harper, Rains, Knight, and Co</i>
<i>Mr. Kenneth Fowler</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	
<i>Mr. Keith C. Zahner</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Dept of HUD</i>
<i>Ms. Sheri Lemon</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>MorganFranklin Corporation</i>
<i>Dr. Carolyn Copper</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>EPA</i>
<i>Ms. Natasha N. Coleman</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms</i>
<i>Domenic Savini</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>FASAB</i>
<i>Ms. Gayle L. Fischer, CGFM</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	
<i>Mr. Shawn Michael Mickey, CGFM</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Dept of Veterans Affairs</i>
<i>Mr. Alan R. Duncan</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>TIGTA</i>
<i>Mr. Brant W.R. Moeller</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>KPMG LLP</i>
<i>Ms. Maria A. Cruz</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Institute of International Education</i>
<i>Mr. John E. Wallace</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>Anderson and Associates LLC</i>
<i>Mr. Scott E. Kamens</i>	<i>March 2010</i>	<i>General Services Administration</i>

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The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the May 2010 issue is **April 16, 2010**. Please send your comments and contributions to **Leon Fleischer** and **Jorge Asef-Sargent**, the newsletter co-editors for the 2009-2010 program year, at [leon.fleischer@sba.gov](mailto:leon.fleischer@sba.gov), and [jasef-sargent@kpmg.com](mailto:jasef-sargent@kpmg.com).





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## April Luncheon Speaker: Danny Werfel



On October 13, 2009, the United States Senate confirmed Danny Werfel as the Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As Controller, he is responsible for coordinating OMB's efforts to initiate government-wide improvements

in all areas of financial management, including financial reporting, improper payments, and real property management. Mr. Werfel is also responsible for coordinating the development of government-wide policy on financial accounting standards, grants management, and financial systems.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Werfel served in multiple capacities within OMB, included Deputy Controller, Chief of the Financial Integrity and Analysis Branch, Budget Examiner in the Education Branch, and

Policy Analyst in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Werfel also served as a Trial Attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Mr. Werfel is a recipient of both national and local awards from the Association of Government Accountants for his contributions to Federal financial management. He was the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 2008. Mr. Werfel also serves as a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

Mr. Werfel holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Duke University, a Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Bachelors Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

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## Networking Golf and Happy Hour

**Thursday, May 13, 2010**

**Golf Sign-in at 1:00 pm**

**Happy Hour at 5:30 pm**

(times approximate)

Golf: Needwood Golf Course, 6724 Needwood Road, Rockville

Happy Hour: Guapo's, 9811 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg

**Golfers and Non-golfers alike - come join our sponsors, members and potential members of AGA for a relaxing afternoon of "networking golf" and a Happy Hour**

What is "networking golf"? Networking golf is a no-pressure 9-hole tournament where golfers of all levels are welcome. Each team will use its best hit on each stroke so that there is one team score. Teams will be arranged with a focus on networking not on scores. Come early, meet our sponsors, and hit some balls. Don't have clubs - rent some from the clubhouse and enjoy a no-pressure tournament.



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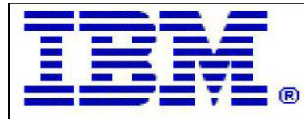
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## Who Is Shonya Carlock?



**Name:** Shonya Carlock

**AGA Position:** Secretary

**Company:**

PricewaterhouseCoopers  
LLP

**Title:** Manager

**Background:** Currently, I am a Manager and Consultant with the Washington Federal Practice at Price WaterhouseCoopers LLP. In this role, I assist our federal government clients in the areas of financial management, policy and procedure development, and audit remediation.

I began my career in the federal government as a Budget Technician/Stay-in-School student at the Environmental Protection Agency. While in college, I participated in various budget-related co-op programs at EPA and upon graduation became a Budget Analyst. I then moved on to the Department of Commerce's Inspector General's Office where I served for four years as an Auditor on various financial statement audits. After leaving Commerce, I moved on to the Department of Treasury's IG's office and served six years as an Auditor Senior and Manager. Wanting to develop an appreciation for the preparation of financial statements, I served four years as an Operating Accountant at Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

I am a Certified Public Accountant in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland and a Certified Government Financial Manager with over 19 years of Government service. I am also a Project Management Professional.

**How long have you been a member of AGA?** I have been a member of AGA since 2006 and the Secretary of the DC Chapter's Executive Committee since 2008.

**How has AGA helped you with your career?** Through AGA membership and participation at luncheons, conferences, and community events, I have expanded my networking circle and developed stronger relationships with commercial and federal government professionals.

**What advice do you have for someone thinking of joining the AGA?** I not only advocate membership with the AGA but also joining the Executive Board of one of our local chapters. Each chapter offers exciting opportunities to share your leadership, talents, and creativity.

**What is the best thing about working in government service?** As a Consultant and Federal government employee, I have been afforded the opportunity to recommend and make improvements in way the federal agencies account for, monitor and control its resources.

**What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today?** As excited as I am about making swift/positive changes in government processes and controls, change in itself is a process that involves many players and takes a lot of time.

**What is your favorite hobby or outside activity?** I enjoy spending time with my husband of six years and our four month old baby girl as well as ministering in music as a member of the Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Gospel Choir.

**What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?** Baskin and Robbins Cookies and Cream.

**Anything else that you would like to highlight?** Being an active member of the AGA DC Chapter has been exciting and rewarding. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work and mingle with such talented professionals.

# Welcome to AGA's First Federal Performance Conference

AGA's Federal Performance Conference will be held April 27–28, 2010  
at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel.

AGA has added a new conference to its national education program this year in response to the Obama administration's unprecedented emphasis on transparency and accountability in federal government operations.

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The federal government has opened its books to the public, while the first federal chief performance officer is guiding agencies to assess and improve service to the public. AGA's first Federal Performance Conference is designed to answer calls for help on this important issue.

AGA has lined up leaders in federal financial management and performance to describe their challenges in producing performance reports and how they are overcoming them. Learn firsthand from the federal agencies that are successfully using performance measures to manage the delivery of services; agency staff who are creating dashboards and portals to communicate useful information; and public officials who will share their approach to producing quality performance data. Also learn the latest news on changing regulations.

Speakers representing the Performance Improvement Council, Office of Management and Budget and numerous federal agencies are scheduled to attend the conference, which offers 10 CPE hours in addition to networking events. Exchange ideas with the best in the business, make new contacts and perhaps even find a solution to a vexing problem. Select exhibitors will demonstrate the latest technologies to help your agency plan and prepare for the federal reporting requirements for 2011.

For more information on the conference, contact Evie Barry at [ebarry@agacgfm.org](mailto:ebarry@agacgfm.org). For sponsorship information, contact Ada Phillips at [aphillips@agacgfm.org](mailto:aphillips@agacgfm.org).

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## Sessions

An Address by Shelley Metzenbaum, Associate Director for Performance and Personnel Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

Getting the Most Out of Your Financial Statements, Budgets and Performance Information

Communicating Performance Information Through Social Media

Learning from State and Local Governments—Using Data to Manage

Strategic Planning—Why is it Necessary and How Can the Process Can Foster Successful Results?

Working Toward the Same Goal—Representatives from the PIO Council, CFO Council, CIO Council and CHCO discuss the agency partnerships to effect change

Performance Evaluations of Programs—Analyzing the Results for Better Program Management

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## 9th Annual AGA-DC/GWSCPA Conference

**The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future**

**May 4-5, 2010**

**Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (Pavilion Ballroom)**

**1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC**

The AGA DC Chapter is excited to announce that registration is **open** for the 9th Annual AGA-DC Conference, co-sponsored by the Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (GWSCPA).

This two-day conference will feature dynamic speakers who will discuss the impact of the CFO Act on Federal financial management practices, practitioners and Federal agencies twenty years since enactment, including perspectives from the Federal government's first Controller. The program will also cover current and future developments related to 21, 19, 4, 3 performance management, cloud computing, capital planning and updates from GAO and FASAB, among others. And, back by popular demand, the Ethics session will be offered for those interested in earning your annual ethics CPE.

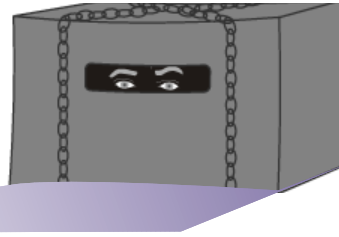
Attendees will have the opportunity to obtain up to **15** hours of CPE. Early registration is \$375 for members/\$425 for non-members. **Early registration closes April 9, 2010.** Regular registration is \$425 for members/\$475 for non-members. **Regular registration closes April 28, 2010.**

To register, click on the following link:

[http://agadc.org/page.php?name=conference\\_information](http://agadc.org/page.php?name=conference_information)

# Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



## Reconciling Budgetary and Proprietary Cash

### Background

Cash is recorded in both the proprietary and budgetary accounts. The proprietary cash accounts are assets, while most of the budgetary accounts are sources and uses of cash. The Standard General Ledger (SGL) crosswalks assume these two are synchronized. There are edits in FACTS II (edit 12) and the Tie-Points (2A) to ensure they match up, and the FMS-2108 Year-end Closing Statement won't work right unless they do. However, these various sources are not completely in agreement on which SGL accounts are cash accounts.

### Proprietary

The main proprietary cash account is 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury. By definition, any budgetary accounts that are posted parallel to 1010 (i.e., debited when 1010 is debited) is a budgetary cash account. There are two ways of determining if other proprietary accounts are cash accounts: if 1010 is transferred to that account with no posting to a budgetary cash account, or if the budgetary accounts posted parallel to the account are the same as those posted parallel to 1010.

The two main proprietary cash accounts other than 1010 are 1120 Imprest Funds and 1130 Funds Held by the Public. Before FY2002, imprest funds required an obligation so the cash was treated as an advance (i.e., was reported in account 4802 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced, although that was not the title back then), but more recent guidance (on transactions D502 and D504) do not post to budgetary cash accounts when 1010 is transferred to 1120, so 1120 has to be treated the same as 1010. The handful of entries that use 1130 (without 1010) do post to various collection or disbursement budgetary accounts, so 1130 has to be treated like 1010. A peculiar exception is 1090 Fund Balance with Treasury under a Continuing Resolution. It is posted along with appropriation accounts which are budgetary cash accounts, but the appropriations are posted for the annual total while 1090 is only posted for the amount currently available for obligation. However, this inconsistency is temporary. Since the FMS tests are performed at the end of the year, there shouldn't be any continuing resolutions, or by then, the available amount would be the annual amount.

Those special funds that hold Treasury paper also include most of the 1600 series of accounts as cash. When securities are purchased (using 1010) for par or a discount, no budgetary accounts are posted, so 1610 Investments in U.S. Treasury Securities Issued by BPD, 1611 Discount on U.S. Treasury Securities Issued by BPD, and the equivalent accounts for zero-coupon and non-Treasury securities 1620, 1621, 1630 and 1631 are all classified as cash accounts for special funds in the Tie-Points list. However, the Tie-Points includes 1622 Premium on Securities Other than BPD Securities and not the BPD premium account 1612. Transaction B126 specifies that budgetary cash accounts are posted for the premium matching the excess cash disbursed, so neither premium account should be counted as cash. Account 1618 Market Adjustment - Investments is only posted with an unrecognized gain or loss (7180 or 7280 in Transactions F136 and F138), so I don't know why it is included in the Tie-Points list as a cash account. On the other hand, the Tie-Points list includes both 1638 Market Adjustment - Investments in U.S. Treasury Zero Coupon Bonds and its contra-account 1639. If both of these are posted, then they net to zero and there's no need to include either. If the agency posts to 7180 Unrealized Gains instead, then the 1638 posting matches the posting to the budgetary account in Transaction D589, which is proper. In summation, the SGL shows accounts 1610, 1611, 1620, 1621, 1630, 1631, and 1638 acting as cash, though the Tie-Points list also includes 1622, 1618 and 1639.

## Inside the Black Box (cont'd.)

### Budgetary

The easiest way to determine budgetary cash accounts is to look at the permanent accounts since there are so few of them: 4201 Total Actual Resources - Collected, 4222 Unfilled Customer Orders With Advance, and 4802 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid / Advanced. Also, 4350 Canceled Authority is used to record the withdrawal of 1010. Any accounts which close into them must also be cash accounts or any comparisons will work only in the first year of the fund. Since there are so many cash activity accounts, I will only list them by number but I will break them down into like groups:

Authority: 4111-19, 4130, 4138, 4146-48, 4150, 4201-08, 4351-56, 4387-93

Transfers: 4125, 4128-29, 4151-52, 4167, 4170, 4173-76, 4190-95, 4231, 4832

Collections: 4212, 4222, 4252-77, 4290

Spending: 4802, 4872, 4882, 4902, 4972, 4982

The Tie-Points don't include all of these accounts, but many of the differences could be because the Tie-Points spreadsheets are a couple years old and also FMS hasn't issued the spreadsheet for Revolving Funds, and many of these accounts are identified as only existing in Revolving Funds. It's also possible accounts 4208 and 4351 were excluded because they are only used by closed funds and such funds wouldn't be reported in FACTS II.

However, there are some other peculiar situations. The Tie-Points list 4175 Allocation Transfers of Current-Year Authority for Non-Invested Accounts as a cash account but not its prior-year equivalent 4176, even though their accounting treatment is the same. Similarly, 4191 Balance Transfers - Extensions of Availability other than Reappropriations is listed but 4192 Balance Transfers - Unexpired to Expired is not. It looks like 4273 Interest Collected from Treasury was overlooked when listing Trust Fund accounts, but General (Appropriated) Funds seems to list 4287 Other Federal Receivables instead, which is associated with 1310 Accounts Receivable not 1010. Perhaps this is one reason why the Tie-Points spreadsheets on FMS's web site are still marked draft.

### Closing Entry

Agencies should periodically check both their posting models and their general ledger account balances to ensure that proprietary and budgetary cash accounts are in agreement. Note any circumstances where timing differences (such as with Continuing Resolutions) may occur. This will make it easier to research any discrepancies found mid-year. Agencies might consider posting to memorandum accounts for timing differences and include these in the reconciliation analysis, particularly if the reconciliation is automated. Agencies may also consider splitting their 1010 FBwT account into subaccounts by type of activity so that each can be reconciled with a limited number of budgetary accounts, easing the reconciliation process.

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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.

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## Recognition of Sponsors and New Members at the March 2010 Luncheon

At the March 2010 Luncheon, AGA-DC Chapter President Kim Farington and Chapter Membership Co-Director Eileen Parlow introduced new members and sponsors who recruited new members during the current program year and presented them with a DC Chapter lapel pin.

Sponsors recognized for recruiting new members were:

- Karl Boettcher, Treasury Financial Management Service
- Doris Chew, General Services Administration
- Andy Killgore, MIL Corporation
- Giovanni Hargraves Smith, Executive Office of the President
- Eileen Parlow, FASAB
- Ron Smith, Miracle Systems



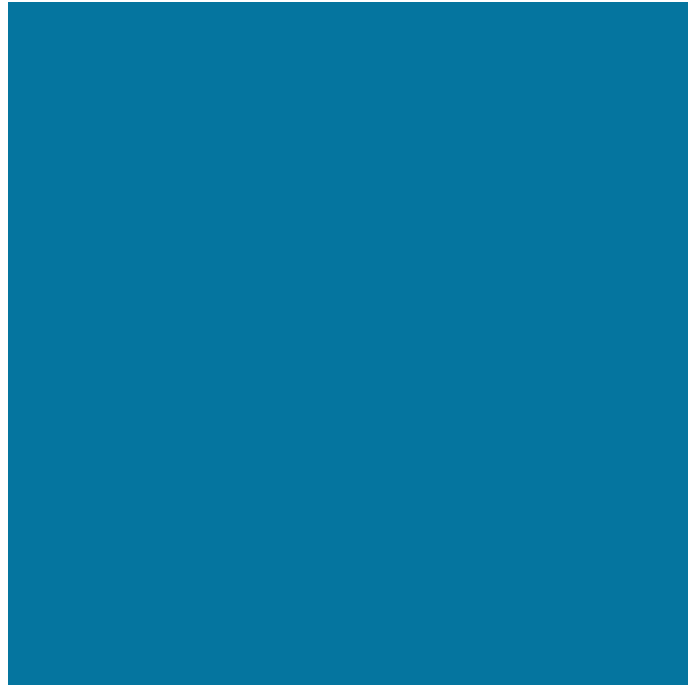
**Left to right:** Kim Farington, Doris Chew, Karl Boettcher, Eileen Parlow, Giovanni Hargraves Smith, Andy Killgore, Ron Smith

## Recognition of Sponsors and New Members at the March 2010 Luncheon (Cont'd)

New members that attended the luncheon were also introduced and welcomed.



**Left to right:** Kim Farington, Rich Aaronson, Jimmy Spore, Renee Amodeo, Nasr Fahmy, Debbie Hutcherson, Dom Savini and Yong Scott



### *Heads Up: Last Chance for this year's new members to get an AGA-DC lapel pin*

**New Members:** DC Chapter lapel pins will also be presented to new members who attend a monthly luncheon in April or May 2010. Since each new member is entitled to one free DC Chapter luncheon, this spring would be a great time to take advantage of your "free lunch." To register for your complimentary first luncheon, please send an e-mail to AGA-DC Meetings Director Ryan Bolz at [rbolz@kpmg.com](mailto:rbolz@kpmg.com) with a cc to AGA-DC Membership Co-Director Eileen Parlow at [parlowe@fasab.gov](mailto:parlowe@fasab.gov).

**Sponsors:** Everyone who sponsors even one new member during the current program year will be awarded a DC Chapter lapel pin, which will be either presented to you at a DC Chapter luncheon or mailed to you at the end of the program year.

## Audio Conference

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The AGA DC Chapter will participate in an audio conference hosted by AGA National, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:50 pm entitled, "The Latest Tools and techniques for Auditors."

The audio conference will be held at Booz Allen's offices located at 700 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Space is limited, so please register with Lashae McCullough at [mccullough\\_lashae@bah.com](mailto:mccullough_lashae@bah.com) as soon as possible!

Registration will close COB Tuesday, April 20 @ 2PM. Advanced registration is necessary to gain entry to the building. An email will be sent to those participants whose registration is confirmed. If you have any questions please contact Lashae McCullough at [mccullough\\_lashae@bah.com](mailto:mccullough_lashae@bah.com).

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and the Association of Local Government Auditors is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule-using auditing analytics to add value to your organization-set for 2 - 3:50 p.m. (EDT), April 21. The audio conference is worth 2 CPE hours.

The use of technology-particularly audit analytics-is an internal audit industry best practice. Find out how government departments of all types can add significant value to the organization by using audit analytics to increase productivity and mitigate risks that lead to error, fraud and waste. Learn to:

- Develop an audit analytics strategy to support the risk assessment process
- Align audit analytics with strategic direction of your department
- Assign responsibility for key roles
- Standardize audit-relevant data into a controlled repository
- Identify key factors to ensure successful implementation of these analytic approaches

This audio conference features a case study. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a crucial role to play in today's economy through their commitment to sustaining home ownership, creating housing opportunities and supporting community development for those in need. The agency's staff is challenged to oversee numerous programs nationwide and to provide assurance to the Office of the Inspector General in the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of HUD operations.

To share their practical experiences in information technology audits and the use of audit analytics are **Steve Biskie, CPA, CITP, CISA**, director of services product management, ACL Services, Ltd. who has more than 15 years of experience in information technology audit for public accounting (as a former Deloitte manager), private industry and with specialized risk management consulting firms; and **Cliff Cole**, computer audit specialist, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, about 20 minutes will be set aside for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010

**Time:** 2 - 3:50 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

**Learning Objectives:** To learn how audit analytics can be employed to add value to your operation

**Prerequisite:** Some familiarity with information technology audits

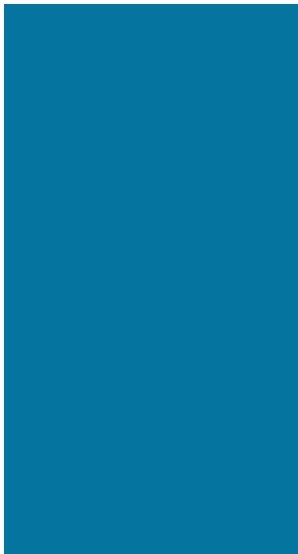
**Advance Prep:** None required

**CPE:** Two credit hours

**Field of Study:** Auditing

# CGFM Training

In March AGA DC Chapter offered free CGFM training classes. Thirty four attendees from Government, Public and Private Sectors had an opportunity to participate in this six day free training. Below are the pictures that we took. AGA DC Chapter wants to extend its appreciation to IBM staff for providing their conference room space, volunteering their valuable time in organizing and coordinating this event.



## Community Service

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Everyone, thanks so much for your contribution at our March luncheon to the American Red Cross. March was American Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross uses this opportunity to promote its services to the American public and for fund-raising. While closely associated with the federal government in the promotion of its objectives, the Red Cross is an independent, volunteer-led organization, financially supported by voluntary public contributions and cost-reimbursement charges. Thanks to your support the American Red Cross will continue to support those in need.

In April we will support Autism Awareness Month. In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

In support of Autism Awareness Month we will have a collection at our April luncheon. Please remember to bring a donation for this worthy cause.

**Please contact:**

Lloyd A. Farmer **703-294-4473**,

Tonya Allen Shaw **202-720-5026**

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if you are interested in finding out more details about these projects.

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## Raffles at our Monthly Luncheon!

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## Training Opportunity

### *Welcome to AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition*

**Location:** Orlando World Center Marriott

**Conference:** July 11-14, 2010

**EXPO:** July 11-13, 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition—the premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.

**Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010.** Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to Dream. Learn. Achieve. – Register today!

- [Register Online Now](#)
- [Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions, and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, **rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.** Reservations received after June 18, or after the room block has been filled, will only be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates.

To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also [reserve a room online](#).

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

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## Awards Committee Update

### RONALD J. LYNCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The AGA Washington DC chapter awards committee is seeking nominees for the Ronald J. Lynch Memorial Scholarship Award. Annually, the Chapter presents one scholarship award for up to \$1,000 to a Washington DC chapter member for the furtherance of professional education. An accredited university undergraduate degree course, graduate courses, CPA review programs and other professional development programs are covered by the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to the winning nominee at the Chapter's annual awards banquet in June. Nominees will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Type of course/program**
2. **Contributions to the Washington Chapter**
3. **Years of professional experience**
4. **Applicant's application**

If you or someone you know meet the criteria or if you should have any questions, please contact Eleanor Long at [Eleanor.long@ey.com](mailto:Eleanor.long@ey.com) or 202-327-5903 for an application.

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## AGADC Mentor Program



Mentors have had a direct and positive influence on my career throughout the years and have probably helped you in one way or another as well.

The Washington DC chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is organizing a mentorship subcommittee and is looking for volunteers to serve as a mentor. The time requirements and format for mentoring are flexible. It could take as little 1 - 2 hours a month and be conducted via email, phone, Facebook, happy hour, or whatever venue you and your mentee find appropriate (e.g., at the local polka festival). This is your opportunity to "pay it forward" and positively impact the career of someone else.



If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact **Douglas Glenn** at 202-501-0562 or [Douglas.Glenn@GSA.Gov](mailto:Douglas.Glenn@GSA.Gov).

## Federal News Article

### GovernmentExecutive.com

#### Turning around negative view of government will take time, Obama official says

By Elizabeth Newell [enewell@govexec.com](mailto:enewell@govexec.com) March 9, 2010

The federal government will have to tackle big-picture challenges in areas such as information technology and human capital to improve program performance and ultimately address low public trust in government, Office of Management and Budget Director Peter R. Orszag said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a Government Executive breakfast, Orszag declined to give the government a grade for its performance, joking that he is a "tough grader" and wouldn't want to publicly discuss the mark he would give. He acknowledged there are many significant gaps between where he would like to see government and where agencies are.

Overarching deficiencies in IT and the workforce, for example, keep agencies from improving, according to Orszag. "It is impossible to move to a new level of productivity and efficiency in the federal government without addressing those kinds of issues," he said.

Despite the nondiscretionary, nonsecurity budget freeze, the Obama administration still is willing to make investments where necessary, Orszag said. But the budget chief noted an influx of resources is not always necessary to tackle even the largest problems.

"In some cases it requires more, but in many cases it just requires doing even better than what we have," Orszag said. "More money is not always the solution, and in some cases it can actually be counterproductive, because it perpetuates processes and systems that are broken instead of forcing harder choices that can lead to higher productivity and more efficiency."

In this way, the spending freeze is actually "healthy," he said, because it forces agencies to streamline and become more efficient.

The administration also aims to reform human capital management without large increases in the federal workforce. Orszag noted recent staffing increases have stemmed from urgent and topical needs at the Defense, Homeland Security and Justice departments, as well as the short-term ramp-up required for the 2010 census.

"No one should expect continual increases in the workforce," he said.

Nevertheless, OMB considers human capital one of its top priorities, and Orszag is working with Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry on issues such as hiring reform.

Orszag warned that public opinion will be slow to change, even as agencies make strides.

"Even as we make progress on many of the topics, there still is an underlying issue in regard to the American public that I think is going to take a significant amount of time to correct," he said. "It has been a persistent problem."



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## Montgomery County AGA Events

The chapter holds monthly meetings from September through May. Meetings usually occur on the third Wednesday of each month. Our reception starts at 6:00 p.m., and the dinner meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner meetings take place at the [Hilton Hotel](#), located at 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, MD. The hotel is across from the Congressional Shopping Center, and also across the street from the Twinbrook Metro Station on the Red Line. Parking is complimentary in the hotel's parking garage. For specific directions or questions about the hotel, you can contact the Hilton Hotel at 301-468-1100.

You will earn 1 CPE for attending.

It cost \$30 to attend for non-government employees. For state, local and federal government employees, we are offering a reduced fee of \$15. You can pay by cash, check or credit card.

### Monthly Schedule

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	LOCATION	TIME	COST	METRO/PARKING
4/21/10	Larry Bedker, Director of Financial Management Service at DHS will give a presentation.	TBD	Hilton Hotel  1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852	Reception 6:00pm-6:30pm  Dinner and Presentation 6:30-8:30pm (approximate ending time)	\$30 per person for non-government employees;  \$15 for state, local and federal government employees	The Hilton Hotel is located across the street from the Twinbrook Metro Station (Red Line). Self-Parking is complimentary in the hotel garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.

Contact: [Jimmy Hauer](#)

Phone: 202-533-3624

## Member Services

Spring is here and that means fun, outdoor events for Member Services!! The annual wine tour is planned for April 10 and we are certain it will be as fun as it has been in past years. For those who are attending, more information will be provided via email soon. Our president, Kim, has been nice enough to continue organizing White House tours and we had our third one in March. We are still working through the wait list from the very high interest in September and hopefully we will be able to accommodate everyone soon. Stay tuned for more events in the coming months including a trip to a Nationals game. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at one of the events in the near future!

# APRIL 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 AGA CEC	7	8	9	10 <u>Member Services</u> Virginia Vineyard Tour
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Luncheon (University Club of DC)	21 Admin. Professional Day <u>Audio Conference</u> The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors	22	23	24
25	26	28	29	30		
		<b>NOTES:</b>				



# MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6 AGA CEC	7	8
		Spring Conference The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present, and Our Future				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Luncheon (University Club of DC)	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	NOTES:				



# JUNE 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> AGA CEC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AWARDS DINNER
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
		<b>NOTES:</b> <i>No Luncheon held this month.</i> <i>Member Services: Nationals Game &amp; Golf Tournament - Date TBD</i>				

## Calendar of Events — 2009/2010 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	Membership/ Liason Committee	Awards	CEC Meetings
April	20-Apr-2010	20-Apr-2010	10-Apr-2010	21-Apr-2010				6-Apr-2010
	<b>Luncheon</b> Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm <b>Speaker and Location:</b> Danny Werfel, OMB Controller, University Club, DC CPE: 1	<b>Autism Awareness Month</b> Donations will be accepted at the Chapter luncheon. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.	Virginia Vineyards Tour	<b>Audio Conference:</b> The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors				<b>Veterans Administration</b> Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
May	18-May-2010	18-May-2010	TBD	4-May thru 5-May-2010				4-May-2010
	<b>Luncheon</b> Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm <b>Speaker and Location:</b> Major General Arnold Fields, Special IG for Afghanistan Reconstruction, University Club, DC CPE: 1	<b>Cell Phones and Eyeglasses</b> Donations will be accepted at the Chapter luncheon. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.	Charity Fashion Show and Brunch	<b>Federal Financial Management Conference:</b> The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future				<b>Veterans Administration</b> Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
June			Date: TBD				12-Jun-2010	1-Jun-2010
			Nationals Game ***** Golf Tournament				<b>Awards Dinner</b> <b>Location:</b> Hyatt Downtown <b>Time:</b> 6:30 - 11:00pm	<b>Veterans Administration</b> Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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