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Speaker: John E. Homan

AGA National President Elect

“AGA Update and Issues and Challenges in Government Accountability”

John spoke about AGA Current Activities, his theme for 2015-16 – Celebrating the Government Workforce, and the key issues in Government Accountability.

He discussed the AGA current scheduled activities which include CRO-CIO Summit, Government Performance Summit, CEAR Dinner, and Professional Development Training . There are new chapters in Mexico City and AGA is trying to expand their international focus. There are many opportunities for training with AGA which are presented at leadership and professional development conferences. There is also an AGA Journal of Financial Management which is distributed to all members. It is a good resource and tool for all members.

His theme when he is in office is “Celebrating the Government Workforce . He believes that this mantra will increase the dedication, skill and integrity at both the federal, state and local levels. His perspective on Government is very positive which contrasts with a lot of what we hear about the government and government workers. He would like to focus on changing the public’s perception of the government worker. He encourages support of the work of our corporate partners group as a bridge between governments, the AGA, and the public.

He spoke about key issues in government accountability and the need to address critical gaps in accounting education. A focus group will be created to address the CPA exam which has very limited requirements related to government accounting. Human capital issues need to be addressed as far as women participating in government accounting. Less than 7% of the workforce is under age 30. We need to find ways to encourage people to fill the workforce of aging governmental accountants. There is an initiative by AICPA for Accounting to be classified as a STEM discipline.

John concluded by discussing how AGA can help your career. You can obtain knowledge and skills by being part of AGA. AGA is where the leaders in government accountability go to think and exchange ideas.