



April 15, 2008

Greetings members and non-members,

Our last training session was great. I was very happy to see you all there. Our next training session, to be held on April 22nd, 2008 will be the last one for this fiscal year 2007-2008.

It has been a tough journey but I feel we accomplished our training goals. I enjoyed being the Chicago Chapter president for this fiscal year. We need to be conscious of our duty and obligation to support and help develop our Chicago Chapter into an ever growing, prestigious, and committed organization. At the same time, maintaining our focus in advancing governmental accountability at all levels of government, local, State, and Federal.

Thank you all for all your support and cooperation throughout the year

Cordially,

Clemente Torres

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President

AGA Chicago Chapter PDC

Please join us on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM for our annual AGA Chicago Chapter Professional Development Conference.

Our event will take place at the following location:

HHS Conference Room
233 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 1329
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Cost is \$50 for members; \$70 for non-members

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

| Speaker | Time | Topic |
|---|-------------|---|
| Morgan Wise , IRS | 8:00 AM | Economic Stimulus Package |
| Bobby Derrick , Former National President of AGA | 9:00 AM | AGA leadership and certifications |
| William Tebbe , Railroad Retirement Board, RIGAS | 10:00 AM | Introduction to the Railroad Retirement Board and RRB fraud cases |
| Robert Swedberg , National Teammate Champion | 11:00 AM | TeamMate issues and problems related to it. |
| LUNCH | 12:00 PM | |
| David Skonieczny , Department of Education/OIG Assistant Regional Inspector General for Investigations, Regions V, VI, VII | 1:00 PM | ED/OIG fraud cases |
| Sport King | 2:00 PM | Communication and Leadership |

Please RSVP to Linda Lenzi Radek at 312.886.4362
by Friday April 18, 2008

CGFM Corner



The Mark of Excellence in Government Financial Management

CGFM Profile: Kathleen Kimmel

Kathleen Kimmel was paging through a brochure of classes offered by Management Concepts, when she came across a description of AGA's Government Financial Management training series.

Kimmel, an auditor with Virginia's Auditor of Public Accounts, was looking for some "nuts and bolts" training because her governmental accounting class in college was too theoretical. When she read the course description for AGA's three classes, she thought, "Whoa, this applies to everything I do."

As a Reporting and Standards Team specialist working with local governments, Kimmel reviews Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) and conducts quality control reviews by checking the documentation of the local CPA firms that do the local government audits.

Kimmel took the three courses in Washington, D.C. over a few months. Her instructor, AGA Past National President Mitch Laine, CGFM, got high praise. "I'm a recent, nontraditional college graduate, so I appreciate a good instructor, and Mitch is a good instructor." The classes were interactive, with information and discussions stuffed into every minute.

She decided to go a step further and take the three CGFM Examinations. After each course, she used the study materials to review the information for the corresponding exam, taking the review quizzes at the end of each chapter. She received her CGFM credential in August, which earned her a bonus from her employer.

"It has given me a better appreciation for the big picture," she said. "When you're new to working in the governmental environment it's such a strange animal compared to public sector accounting."

Kimmel, who is also a CPA, worked for a CPA firm during tax season while she was completing her degree. That stint convinced her that government auditing was more to her liking. She began working for the Auditor of Public Accounts soon after graduation.

"I would absolutely recommend it," Kimmel said of her CGFM experience. She said her office hires a lot of people right out of college who could benefit from the first course at least. "It's an excellent series just to get people into the right frame of mind working in the governmental environment. I will recommend it always, it's a good thing."

**AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Chicago Chapter is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Program Director
Job Referral
Historian
Photographer
Publicity Director
Membership Chair

If you are interested in these positions or have any questions, please contact a member of the Executive Committee for more information. Please note that we need a volunteer for Program Director. This person's main responsibility is to coordinate date, time and speakers for our Chapter meetings.



Visit the Chicago Chapter Website:

www.agachicago.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Community Service, Leadership and Music: April 2008 New Orleans Habitat for Humanity Trip

By: Jeff Hart, CGFM, CFE, Denver Chapter, Immediate Past AGA National President

What do these three activities have to do with each other—*community service, leadership and music*? First, I will be leading a group of AGA members, family and friends on our second national community service project in New Orleans April 28 – May 2. Second, an AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) for selected AGA chapters and other leaders will be held May 2 – 3. And third, the New Orleans Jazz Festival is set for the weekend before and after our community service project (actually, for three days before our work project, and for four days at the end). So, you have more than one good reason to come to New Orleans that week.

Why are we going back again this year? New Orleans still needs our help. By one estimate, as many as 20,000 buildings in the city remain uninhabitable. In fact, 27,500 families, mostly from New Orleans, are still living in tiny, 300-square-foot, government-issued travel trailers across the state, waiting for their homes to be repaired or for some kind of affordable housing to become available. Many other people remain in faraway cities. And hundreds—by some accounts, thousands—live on the city streets.

What are we going to do exactly? The work may be similar to what we did last year: installing floor joists, siding, soffits and fascia (exterior trim), interior molding, kitchen and bath cabinets, doors and door hardware, fencing and address numbers. We painted and scraped. Two volunteers spent a day playing with and reading to elementary school students whose parents were overstressed and overworked as they put their lives back together.

For me, it was one of the best vacations I have ever had. It was so uplifting to be working with my own hands, alongside like-minded people, knowing that we were making a difference with every hour we spent there. We also had plenty of time to go to a ballgame, check out the casino and visit some of the best restaurants and music haunts in the city fabled for its food and music. In the end, nine people volunteered from around the country last year, members of the New Orleans chapter also joined us at the work site, and two volunteers came from the USDA National Finance Center. Volunteer Raul Fierros, a member of AGA's Inland Empire Chapter, also made an inspirational DVD of our experience last year. If you'd like a copy, please contact him at rfierros@dph.sbcounty.gov

This year, anyone can volunteer for any period of time, or for any kind of job (construction or administrative tasks, for example). Volunteers are responsible for their own accommodations and expenses. Last year, some chapters sponsored a member from their chapter by paying some of the travel expenses.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, cont.

Here's the calendar of activities:

April 25 – 27: New Orleans Jazz Festival

April 28: AGA volunteers may do various volunteer tasks in St. Bernard Parish (suburban New Orleans)

April 29 – May 2: AGA volunteers may build houses or other volunteer work in New Orleans for Habitat for Humanity (probably in Musicians' Village in the upper Ninth Ward again)

May 2 and 3: Select Section II AGA volunteer leaders attend SLM in New Orleans (by invitation only)

May 1 – 4: New Orleans Jazz Festival, including performances by the Neville Brothers, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffett, Tim McGraw, Santana, Maze, Sheryl Crow, Widespread Panic, Dr. John, Al Green, Diana Krall and many more. (<http://www.nojazzfest.com/>)

The Embassy Suites New Orleans Convention Center (downtown, where the SLM will be held for selected AGA leaders) has set aside 10 rooms for each night, Sunday through Wednesday, for \$79. This is a great rate—almost 50 percent off the government rate, thanks to AGA's "mission," as the hotel refers to it.

Make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1.800.EMBASSY. Note the following:

- A special discounted rate of \$79 per night, plus 13 percent room tax and a \$2 occupancy tax, is available Sunday, April 27 through Wednesday, April 30. (Share a room with another volunteer, and save another 50 percent.)
- The hotel block will be released 30 days prior to arrival, so make your reservations early to avoid a higher rate.
- If you will attend the SLM, please make your reservations for ONLY the Habitat for Humanity dates you'll be paying for on your own. SLM invitations and hotel reservations must be handled separately.
- Please contact Julie Cupp at jcupp@agacgfm.org with specific questions about the Embassy Suites.

Volunteers may also stay at Habitat's new and improved "Camp Hope" dormitory for next to nothing, or in student dorms at the University of New Orleans' (UNO) Pontchartrain Hall with semi-private accommodations for just \$20.60 per person, per night. Contact Elizabeth Johnson at 504.280.7731 or eyjohnson@uno.edu. You may also

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, cont.

contact New Orleans Chapter member and former RVP Peggy Javery at PEGGY.JAVERY@usda.gov for details. If you'd like to sign up to join us, please e-mail me at hart.jeff@epa.gov.

I'm looking forward to being with you all again this coming year. My wife, Roxy, a Habitat veteran, is also looking forward to building a house, and visiting the Crescent City for her first time. I hope you choose to come on this fun and worthwhile trip, and bring friends and family along with you!

For information on events hosted by other AGA Chapters, please see pages 10-15 of this newsletter or log on to
AGA National
www.agacgfm.org

From our National Office

AGA Welcomes Three New Chapters!

AGA's National Executive Committee approved three new chapters at its February 20 meeting, bringing the total number of chapters to 94. We want to welcome the Mid-Ohio Valley, Charleston, WV, and Northern Nevada chapters to the AGA family! Congratulations and thank you to everyone that helped make these chapters possible.

AGA Blog

AGA is welcoming a wide variety of government financial management experts to share their wisdom and insight with readers through a weekly blog, which began **Tuesday, April 1**, with **AGA Past National President Jeffrey Steinhoff, CGFM**. We are looking for guest bloggers and participants. Each of our “celebrity” bloggers will check back during their day with us to answer questions and comments posted by readers. It’s a fun way to interact with some of the top names in the profession.

Bookmark <http://aga.typepad.com/aga>—the place for government finance professionals to share ideas and dialogue with some of the top names in the business. Contact AGA Communications Director **Marie Force** at mforce@agacgfm.org to get on the guest list.

Take the CGFM Examinations Before the PDC

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the 57th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Atlanta, GA. We are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 24, and Friday, July 25, 2008, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on July 26-27, 2008. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. **Special Bonus:** The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

More [information and a registration form](#) for this event are available on the AGA website. If you have any questions, please e-mail [Crystal Vanison](mailto:Crystal.Vanison@aga.org) or call 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.

FMSB Issues Comment Letter to HUD

The Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) issued a comment letter to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on its proposed rule to establish an Independent Public Accountant Roster. ***Read more.***

Small Town Officials Rise Up and Quit Over Ethics Requirements —Eric Mortenson, *The Oregonian*. [Read more.](#)

OMB to Agencies: Don't Bother Submitting 2010 Budget Requests —Dan Friedman, *CongressDaily*. [Read more.](#)

AGA's AFGA Announces the Mortimer A. Dittenhofer Dissertation Award Application Deadline

The Academy for Government Accountability (AFGA) has established the Mortimer A. Dittenhofer Dissertation Award to provide up to \$12,500 to support research of selected doctoral candidates whose dissertation is focusing on the field of government financial management or accountability or auditing. Deadline for submission of the RFP is **June 13, 2008**. [Learn more.](#)





SOUTHERN
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CHAPTER

THIRTY-FIRST ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

May 13, 2007

University of Wisconsin
Memorial Union
800 Langdon Street
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 265-3000

The Association of
Government Accountants

*Advancing Government
Accountability*

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

7:30 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Conference
Tripp Commons, UW Memorial Union

Please note: All general sessions will be in
Tripp Commons, Memorial Union building.

Objective: The intended audience is financial managers, controllers, treasurers, auditors and IT personnel whose responsibilities involve governmental accountability and financial management. This conference is designed to enhance understanding of some of the problems encountered today in the public sector, inform of public policies and emerging issues, and provide managerial techniques to affect positive changes. The 31st Annual Accounting and Financial Management Conference continues the Association of Government Accountant's commitment to a planned program of professional education and development for public sector financial managers.

Format: Lecture, question and answer

Level: Update/Overview

CPE Credits: 7.5 hours

Fee: AGA Member \$35
Non-Member \$70
Retired AGA Member \$25

Registration deadline: May 1, 2008

Note: Fees include breakfast rolls, beverage, luncheon with dessert, and refreshments.

No refunds or cancellations will be accepted after May 1 2008. Substitutions are permitted.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Tripp Commons

7:30-8:00 Registration - Tripp Commons

8:00-8:05 Opening Remarks/Welcome
Eric Busse, Chapter President

**8:05-9:30 Technology and Other
Challenges Facing Audit Organizations**

Richard Fair, CGFM, AGA National
President, New Jersey State Auditor

9:30-10:00 Break

10:00-11:30 Healthy Boundaries
Sue Hunter and Susan Fuszard, Living on
Purpose Training Consultants

11:30-12:30 Lunch

**12:30-1:30 Common Audit Findings and
Changes in Audit Requirements**

Ann Marie Anderson, WI Department of
Health and Family Services

1:30-1:45 Break

**1:45-2:45 Macroeconomic Prospects:
Rates? Recession? Recoupling?**

Menzie D. Chinn, Professor, La Follette
School of Public Affairs

2:45-3:00 Break

**3:00-4:30 Listening Effectively in a
Swamped Environment**

Harry Webne-Behrman, UW-Madison
Employee Assistance Office

BIOGRAPHIES

Eric Busse is a Grant Accountant for the WI Department of Public Instruction in the School Management Services Division. Previously, he worked for a public utility, the State of Tennessee, and the University of Wisconsin. Eric is the current chapter president for the Southern WI AGA chapter and has been a member since 2000. He has served as Research Coordinator and was the CGFM Chair the past two years.

Richard L. Fair, CGFM, CPA, is the New Jersey State Auditor. Prior to his appointment as the State Auditor, Mr. Fair was the Assistant Director of Taxation for New Jersey and was responsible for the overall tax enforcement activity within the state. He also serves on the Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group, meeting annually to identify issues affecting the accountability profession and areas of possible mutual collaboration. Fair has been an active member of the Association of Government Accountants for thirty years.

Sue Hunter has been a trainer in a variety of settings for over 25 years. She has taught K-12 teachers alcohol and drug assessment and support group facilitation skills. In addition, she has worked with families in drug prevention/early intervention education, law enforcement, state agency employees and managers, adolescents and families.. Sue has a degree in Psychology, is a state certified social worker and Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP).

Susan Fuszard's background includes teaching, human resources and employee assistance. She taught organizational behavior and human resource management for college students using accelerated learning techniques and appreciative inquiry. Susan has master's degrees in Industrial Relations and Counseling and is a Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP).

Ann Marie Anderson, CPA, is the lead auditor for Single Audit at the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. She is responsible for developing audit policy for sub-recipient and provider

agencies, reviewing and acting on their audit reports, and providing technical assistance to agencies and their auditors.

Menzie D. Chinn is Professor of Public Affairs and Economics at the University of Wisconsin's Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs. In 2000-2001, Professor Chinn served as Senior Staff Economist for International Finance on the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He is currently a Research Fellow in the International Finance and Macroeconomics Program of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and has been a visiting scholar at the International Monetary Fund, the Congressional Budget Office and the Federal Reserve Board. He currently serves as Associate Editor of the Review of International Economics, and was formerly an Associate Editor of the Journal of International Economics.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003, Professor Chinn taught at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He received his doctorate in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and his AB from Harvard University.

Harry Webne-Behrman is a Training Officer with UW-Madison's Office of Human Resource Development. In that capacity, he coordinates professional development programs for campus managers and supervisors, and participates as an instructor in courses on conflict management, communication skills, facilitation skills, managerial mediation and other areas. Along with his wife, Lisa Webne-Behrman, he has served as Senior Partner of a private consulting and mediation firm, Collaborative Initiative, Inc., since 1991. Harry has worked with hundreds of businesses, schools, community groups and public agencies, and he maintains tremendous enthusiasm about the importance of learning to work collaboratively to build positive work environments.

REGISTRATION FORM AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter Symposium

May 13, 2008

Name _____

Employer _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

CPE Credits: 7.5 hours

Fee - Mark Appropriate Fee:

AGA Member - \$35 _____

Non-Member - \$70 _____

Retired AGA Member - \$25 _____

AGA Vendor I.D. 391300514

_____ Fee Enclosed (make check payable to the Association of Government Accountants or AGA)

_____ Purchase order forthcoming.

Registration should be received by May 1, 2008.

Mail to:

Association of Government Accountants

P.O. Box 1454

Madison, WI 53701-1454

Registration Contact:

Sherri Voigt at 608-267-9818 or Fax 608-264-6277

sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov

For Symposium content questions and specific dietary requests, contact:

Carrie Ferguson at 608-259-9839

carrie.ferguson@legis.state.wi.us

Location Information



The UW Memorial Union is located at 800 Langdon Street, marked by the sun on the above map. Parking is available at the Lake Street Ramp.

NEARBY LODGING CHOICES:

-Double Tree Hotel, 525 W. Johnson Street, 6 blocks from Memorial Union, 608-251-5511

-Edgewater Hotel, 666 Wisconsin Avenue, 7 blocks from Memorial Union, 608-256-9071

-Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton Street, 7 blocks from Memorial Union, 608-257-6000

-Best Western Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll Street, 10 blocks from Memorial Union, 608-257-8811

Membership

If you are not currently a member and you would like to join AGA to take advantage of the member rate for this training, visit the National AGA web site and include a copy of your membership application with your registration to help speed our processing.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/membershipdefault.aspx>

Remember, membership benefits include not only a reduced price for this training, but also national publications, discounts on other chapter and national training events, and a free luncheon meeting from the chapter.

Membership dues are as follows:

- **Full Government**—\$90/year—Full Government - This class of membership is available to individuals with three or more years of government experience.
- **Private Sector**—\$150/year—available to individuals working for private companies, corporations, partnerships and sole proprietors.
- **Early Career**—\$45/year—available to individuals with less than three years of experience.
- **Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to full-time college/university students that are not gainfully employed.

Note that these are the dues charged by AGA national, and that the Southern Wisconsin Chapter does not charge any additional chapter dues.

If you would like more information, you may also contact our chapter Membership Chair David Mellem, CGFM, CIA, CISA, via e-mail at david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov or phone at (608) 264-5415, ext 25.

The Dallas AGA Proventsure 2008 PDC

*"A Dynamic Government:
Key Issues for Success"*



When: Thursday and Friday
April 24-25, 2008



Where: Doubletree Near the Galleria
Dallas, TX

CPE: 16 Hours

| Cost: | <u>2-Day</u> | <u>1-Day</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| AGA Member | \$295 | \$185 |
| Non-Member | \$355 | \$255 |
| Retiree | \$195 | \$125 |



Registration

- Online registration:
 - Go to www.regonline.com/aga (Credit Card Payment Only)
- Mail-In/Fax:
 - Complete the registration form on page 4 and send it to:
Dallas Chapter—AGA
ATTN: Erica Turon
1301 Young Street, Suite A938
Dallas, Texas 75202
FAX: 214-767-1350

Deadline for Registration is COB, Friday April 18, 2008

PDC Outline

The 2008 Professional Development Conference will provide attendee the opportunity to hear distinguished professionals from both the government and private sectors.



The Dallas AGA Proventsure 2008 PDC

"A Dynamic Government: Key Issues for Success"

Thursday, April 24, 2008

- 7:45 — 8:30 a.m. ***Registration and Continental Breakfast***
- 8:30 — 9:30 a.m. ***"How Are You Managing Technology Risk?"***
Mark Salamasick, Director, Center for Internal Auditing,
University of Texas at Dallas
- 9:30 — 10:30 a.m. ***"Realities of Linking Compliance and Governance to Metrics and
Data Classification"***
Gary Golomb, President, Proventsure
- 10:30 — 11:30 a.m. ***"The New Challenges of the 2008 Federal and State Healthcare
Enforcement, Audit and Regulation Initiatives"***
Brian Flood, National Managing Director, KPMG, and former
Inspector General, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- 11:30 — 12:30 p.m. ***Luncheon***
- 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. ***"Public Policy in Action"***
Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General, Social Security Administration
- 1:30 — 2:30 p.m. ***"Government Financial Management in a Time of Transition"***
McCoy Williams, Managing Director, GAO
- 2:30 — 3:15 p.m. ***Topic to Be Announced***
Frank Banda, Principal, Reznick Group
- 3:15 — 4:15 p.m. ***"Key Issues for Success - Role of Inspectors General"***
Richard Skinner, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland
Security
- 4:15 — 5:00 p.m. ***"Understanding the IIA's Quality Assessment Process"***
Brian Amend, Associate Director, Protiviti
- 5:00 — 5:30 p.m. ***Cocktail Reception***

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The Dallas AGA Proventsure 2008 PDC

"A Dynamic Government: Key Issues for Success"

Friday, April 25, 2008

- 7:45 — 8:30 a.m. ***Registration and Continental Breakfast***
- 8:30 — 9:30 a.m. ***"Challenges Facing the Accountability Community"***
Ron Cox, Senior Vice President, AGA National
- 9:30 — 10:30 a.m. ***"Auditors and Their Impact on Government Contracts"***
Sajeev Malaveetil, Senior Manager, Ernst & Young
- 10:30 — 11:30 a.m. ***"Keeping the Stress Out of Audits"***
Lisa Choate, Former Chief Audit Executive, Southwest Airlines, and
Owner, Ultimate Health Matters
- 11:30 — 12:30 p.m. ***Luncheon***
- 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. ***"Tools & Techniques For Interviewing"***
Bert Lacativo, Partner, PWC; Member, ACFE Board of Regents; and
former FBI Special Agent
- 1:30 — 2:30 p.m. ***"Improving and Streamlining Processes For a More Efficient
Government"***
Brenda Bolander, State Comptroller, State of Oklahoma
- 2:30 — 3:15 p.m. ***"The Future of Government: Where We Are Headed"***
Mike Rogers, City Auditor, City of Plano
- 3:15 — 4:15 p.m. ***"Effective Communication"***
Patrick Dougher, Professional Speaker and Trainer
- 4:15 — 4:30 p.m. ***Wrap-Up and Evaluations***

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AGA's Dallas Chapter Proudly Presents
The Dallas AGA Proventsure 2008 PDC
 April 24-25, 2008
 Doubletree Near the Galleria
 Dallas, Texas

"A Dynamic Government: Key Issues for Success"

REGISTRATION

Name _____ AGA Member? (Y/N) _____ AGA Chapter _____

For multiple attendees, please attach a separate page listing the above information for each attendee, and complete the information below for your organization.

Agency/Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (required) _____

What day(s) will you be attending? Th F Both

Please let us know of any special needs, including dietary, access, etc.

This conference provides 16 hours of continuing professional education (CPE).

CPE certificates will be issued by the Dallas AGA Chapter, which has entered into an agreement with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy to meet the requirements of continuing professional education rules governing maintenance of attendance records, retention of program outlines, qualifications of instructors, program content, physical facilities, and length of class hours. This agreement does not constitute an endorsement by the Board as to the quality of the program or its contribution to the professional competence of the licensee.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the **Doubletree Near the Galleria at 4099 Valley View Lane in Dallas**, conveniently located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Directions to the hotel:

Traveling eastbound on I-635: Exit Midway Road. Make a U-Turn on Midway and go to your right hand lane on the service road. The hotel is located on the Northwest corner of I-635 (LBJ Highway) and Midway.

The Doubletree has a block of rooms and they are honoring the Federal Government rate of \$109 and the State Government rate of \$85! For Reservations Call Julie Whitten at 972-385-9000.

REGISTRATION FEES

2-Day Registration

____ AGA member(s) @ \$295 = \$ _____
 ____ AGA retired member(s) @ \$195 = \$ _____
 ____ Non-member(s) @ \$355 = \$ _____

1-Day Registration

____ AGA member(s) @ \$185 = \$ _____
 ____ AGA retired member(s) @ \$125 = \$ _____
 ____ Non-member(s) @ \$255 = \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Less 10% discount for 5 or more (_____) from the same organization

Total \$ _____

PAYMENT (Due by April 18th)

Check one:

- Check/money order enclosed
- Government training form enclosed
- Credit Card (complete below):
 - MasterCard
 - VISA
 - American Express
 - Discover



Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

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Authorized Signature _____

A \$50 fee will be assessed on all refunds. If a registrant is unable to attend the conference, send a written request to the Dallas Chapter (address below) by **April 18, 2008** to receive a refund, less processing fee. Confirmed registrants who fail to attend and did not cancel by April 18 will be charged the entire registration fee. To receive a refund, you must have written verification from the conference registrar (Courtney Black, Courtney.Black@ey.com) that your proper cancellation was received. Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Substitutions are allowed if prior notification is given to the conference registrar.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE AT:

www.regonline.com/aga

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Newsletter Information

Observations is the monthly newsletter of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). Observations is published nine times each year. Subscriptions to Observations may only be obtained by joining AGA. This is the second edition of Observations for the **2007-2008** chapter year. To submit material for upcoming issues, contact Alexandria Hayden at 312/353-3033 (phone) or 312/353-3814 (FAX). **The deadline for submissions to upcoming issues is the second Friday of each month. To update delivery information, contact Alexandria Hayden at 312/353-3033.** If you are not receiving the Chicago Chapter Newsletter electronically, please send your current e-mail address to: Alexandria.Hayden@oig.hhs.gov

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
CHICAGO CHAPTER
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
February 1, 2008 to February 29, 2008

INCOME STATEMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE: | |
| Luncheons | \$ 260.00 |
| Dues | \$ 56.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 316.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Meals | \$ - |
| Postage & Mailing Expenses | \$ - |
| State of Illinois Fees | \$ - |
| Cook County Recorder Fees | \$ - |
| P.O. Box Rental Fees | \$ - |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ - |
| Promotional Expenses | \$ - |
| Speaker Expenses | \$ - |
| Recruitment Scholarship | \$ - |
| Misc. Expenses | \$ - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ - |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$ 316.00 |

BALANCE SHEET

2/29/2008

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | |
| Checking Account | \$ 20,646.81 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 20,746.81 |
| LIABILITIES | \$ - |
| NET WORTH | \$ 20,746.81 |
| 1/31/08 balance | \$ 20,430.81 |
| INCREASES: | |
| Cash Receipts - Checking Account | 316.00 |
| DECREASES: | |
| Cash Disbursements | - |
| NET WORTH - END OF PERIOD | \$ 20,746.81 |

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
CHICAGO CHAPTER
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008

INCOME STATEMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE: | |
| Luncheons | \$ - |
| Dues | \$ - |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ - |
| EXPENSES | |
| Meals | \$ 449.83 |
| Postage & Mailing Expenses | \$ - |
| State of Illinois Fees | \$ 5.00 |
| Cook County Recorder Fees | \$ - |
| P.O. Box Rental Fees | \$ - |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ - |
| Promotional Expenses | \$ - |
| Speaker Expenses | \$ - |
| Recruitment Scholarship | \$ - |
| Misc. Expenses | \$ - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 454.83 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$ (454.83) |

BALANCE SHEET

3/31/2008

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | |
| Checking Account | \$ 20,191.98 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 20,291.98 |
| LIABILITIES | \$ - |
| NET WORTH | \$ 20,291.98 |
| 2/29/08 balance | \$ 20,746.81 |
| INCREASES: | |
| Cash Receipts - Checking Account | - |
| DECREASES: | |
| Cash Disbursements | (454.83) |
| NET WORTH - END OF PERIOD | \$ 20,291.98 |