

**AGA Fort Worth Chapter
LUNCHEON MEETING
August 26, 2008**

On Tuesday August 26, 2008 a special National AGA Conducted meeting was held to assist the Fort Worth AGA Chapter with its revitalization effort. The meeting was held at the Reata Restaurant, 310 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102 from 11:30 a. m. to 1:15 p.m. Seven AGA members and two guests were present for the luncheon and meeting.

Bobby Derrick, Field Representative National AGA opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests attending. In attendance were:

- Cecilia Neeley, GSA
- Thomas Haralson, GSA
- Joel Welch, Haltom City Financial Manager
- Willie Hunter, SBA(FW Chapter Co-Treasurer)
- John Trubey, GAO (Dallas AGA Chapter President)
- Michael Pose, GAO (Dallas Chapter Newsletter Officer)
- Shad Sanders, DCAA (Immediate Past AGA RVP)
- Bob Kanaga, Retired DCAA (FW Chapter President)

After self-introductions were completed, Bobby introduced AGA to the guests. Discussions were held about what the National and local AGA associations do for all government agencies. Bobby related many experiences about how AGA has helped local, state, and national agencies. He then introduced the Citizen-Centric Reporting system to the audience. Bobby explained that AGA through Harris Interactive conducted its first in a series of annual of surveys of public attitudes towards government transparency and accountability. The first survey was conducted in January 2008 with the objective of establishing a baseline understanding of public attitudes, concerning transparency and accountability. The results of that survey were distributed to those in attendance. Bobby explained that the survey methodology can be used at

many difference levels of government and could be a very useful tool to introduce AGA into local government arenas. John Trubey, Dallas Chapter President, suggested that the Citizen-Centric Reports can be tailored to offer “life saving” information to local citizens, i.e. response time for police, fire departments and ambulances to citizens calls for help. Dallas Chapter also announced they are offering ethic training for Texas CPAs on September 17, 2008. Information can be obtained at www.regionline.com/agadallas_ethics.

The GSA and Haltom City guests expressed interest in helping the Fort Worth Chapter in its revitalization activities.

Fort Worth Chapter President, Bob Kanaga, presented attendees with the current Chapter’s Activity Plan. He said the overview shows all activities from CEC meeting, educational events, social events and report due dates to National AGA. Bob pointed out the chapter’s next meeting is an Audio Conference scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008. The topic is “Fraud Prevention and Detection.” It will be held in the Federal Building, Room 5A30E, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102 from 1P.M. to 3:P.M. Two hours of CPE will be earned for those who attend. This event will be free to all attendees as an introduction to this type of training. Call Bob Kanaga, Education Officer at (817) 929-8243 for more information and to reserve your place at this event.

Bobby thanked us all for attending the meeting and reminded us that if we were willing to volunteer that there are vacancies available of the Fort Worth Chapter Executive Council (CEC). Please volunteer to help your AGA Chapter.

The meeting ended at 1:20 p.m.

Bob Kanaga
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