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Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Chapter at Fort Worth, TX
 COWTOWNER NEWSLETTER FOR CHAPTER YEAR 2009-2010 FEBRUARY 2010

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Chapter President's Message

Welcome to the February 2010 Edition of the Fort Worth AGA's Newsletter the "Cowtowner". I hope the New Year has started off in a positive direction for you all.

Our January 13 audio conference had seven members in attendance. Then on January 27 we had another audio conference with 17 folks attending. See the Table of Contents for the location of the minutes.

Our February Community Service project will be to attend the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowl luncheon. It will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Round up Inn near the new Fort Worth Historical Museum. Tickets must be purchased on line at www.tafb.org.

Our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meeting was held immediately following the Chapter Meetings on January 13 and 27.

Our next audio conference will be February 10, 2010. It will be a session entitled **Understanding IT**

Audits for Program Managers and Auditors.

AGA Membership dues are coming due on March 30, 2010. Your CEC hope you have received adequate benefit from your Fort Worth Chapter's and AGA National's activities during 2009-2010 Year. We hope you have decided to be with us again next year. You can conveniently pay your dues on line.

Also, if you become a chapter officer for next year, you will be eligible for a FREE trip to the Sectional Leadership Meeting held May 14-15 in Kansas City, MO. Ask us about it.

Your Chapter Officers will keep you informed by newsletter as to our upcoming meeting dates, speakers and community service! Please support your AGA Fort Worth Chapter.

Volunteer!! Be active!! Help us be better for you!

**Bob Kanaga,
 CGFM Retired
 Chapter President**

January 13, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Our January 13, 2010 AGA Chapter Meeting/ Training Seminar was held at the Fritz Lanham Federal Building, Room 5A30E, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. We had a total of seven members present. We had no non-members, so we did not collect any conference fees. Our February Community Service Project was announced. Volunteers will attend the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowl luncheon on February 19, 2010. Tickets must be purchased on line at www.tafb.org. A sandwich lunch was served to all attendees.

The audio conference was entitled "Sudden Impact or Long-Term Process? Impact of the Stimulus Plan on Internal Controls" and presented by the following speakers:

Arthur A. Hayes, JD, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CFE, CIA, Director, Division of State Audit, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee; and
Thomas J. Sadowski, CGFM, CPA, former Director of Accounting, State of Missouri, as well as AGA Past National President and two-time Past National Treasurer. Both presenters are regular

contributors to AGA's *Journal of Government Financial Management*.

Bob Kanaga, Chapter President opened the meeting by welcoming all members attending. The AGA Moderator, Mr. Ray Harris conducted the seminar. Each speaker presented a portion of the PowerPoint presentation which can be downloaded from:

Double click on "Jan 13 ppt" at public.me.com/ckanaga/, then click on attached zip file screen.

At the end of the seminar, the presenters held a question and answer session which lasted about 20 minutes. Each participant will be awarded 2 CPE for attending this seminar. The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

Special thanks was given to Babette Haines, GSA Analyst and member, for arranging the use of the GSA Conference Room.

Bob Kanaga, CGFM Retired
Chapter President

January 27, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Our January 27, 2010 AGA Chapter Meeting/ Training Seminar was held at the Fritz Lanham Federal Building, Room 5A30E, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. We had a total of eleven members and 6 guests from GSA present. GSA had paid for the audio conference also, but has contacted National AGA and will purchase the first new audio conference in the 2010-2011 Chapter Year in August 2010. There were no moneys collected because GSA had paid for their employees to attend by purchasing the presentation. Our February Community Service Project was again announced. Volunteers will attend the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowl luncheon on February 19, 2010. Tickets must be purchased on line at www.tafb.org. A sandwich lunch was served to all attendees.

The audio conference was entitled "President's Executive Order: Reduce Improper Payments and Eliminate Waste", and presented by the following speakers:

Jeanette Franzel, CGFM, CPA, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office (invited); **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA**, Retired Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S.

Government Accountability Office, Past AGA National President and currently Executive Director, KPMG Government Institute; **Daniel I. Werfel**, controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget; and a state or local official.

Bob Kanaga, Chapter President opened the meeting by welcoming all members attending. The AGA Moderator, Mr. Ray Harris conducted the seminar. Each speaker presented a portion of the PowerPoint presentation which can be downloaded from:

Double click on "Jan 27 ppt" at public.me.com/ckanaga/, then click on attached zip file screen.

At the end of the seminar, the presenters held a question and answer session which lasted about 20 minutes. Each participant will be awarded 2 CPE for attending this seminar. The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

Special thanks was given to Babette Haines, GSA Analyst and member, for arranging the use of the GSA Conference Room.

Bob Kanaga, CGFM Retired
Chapter President



Chapter Recognition Program

The Fort Worth Chapter has earned a total of 13,097 points through November 2009.

Our next Chapter Recognition Report will be completed on March 31, 2010.

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13 & 27, 2010 at Fritz G. Lanham Federal Bldg, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Attendees were: Babette Haines (Membership & CGFM), Bob Kanaga (President), and Bob Kanaga (Education). Debbie Currie, Willie Hunter, and Lakshmi Krishnamurthy (Treasurer) sent in proxy statements.

Bob Kanaga, opened the meeting and thanked Babette for attending. Bob reminded officers that all Chapter Newsletter articles are due February 4, 2010 for the February newsletter. The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

1. **Treasurer Discussion.** Lakshmi called in the December 2009 Treasurer's report. We have a total of \$5,850.14 in the credit union. A check we written for \$75 to reimburse Bob Kanaga for aying for the January 27th audio conference which we voted on and approved in the December 16, 2009 meeting to be added to our audio conference schedule. It was discussed and approved that the chapter should pay for the sandwich lunch and copy expenses Bob Kanaga incurs each month starting with the January 27, 2010 meeting. A check for \$30 was written to Bob Kanaga to cover lunch and copy expenses.
2. **Next Year's Officers.** At both audio conferences Bob Kanaga asked members to volunteer to be officers for the 2010-2011 Chapter Year. He announced that new officers can attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) to be held May 14 & 15 in Kansas City, MO.
3. **Membership Discussion.** Membership Officer Babette Haines said she continues to invite GSA employees to join AGA. Bob Kanaga reported that Herb Overman joined the chapter in January.
4. **CGFM Plan Discussion.** Babette stated she found the CGFM Study Set which GSA had ordered when Gene Merrel worked there. She said she is working on

organizing a CGFM study group and has five people interested in participating.

5. **Community Service Activities.** We did not have a Community Service Project for January 2010. Our February project will be to support the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowl fund raiser on Friday February 19, 2010. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be ordered on line at www.tafb.org. Our group will meet at the entrance to the Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, 3401 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX at 11 a.m. This location is across the parking lot from the new Fort Worth Natural History Museum. Parking was a problem last year, but a new parking garage has been built next to the new museum.
6. **Chapter recognition Points.** Bob Kanaga reported that our Second Quarter Chapter Recognition Report was submitted to National AGA on December 31, 2009. Our Chapter has earned a total of 13,097 points through November 2009. The next report will be submitted March 31, 2010.
7. **Education Report.** Bob reported that seven members attended the January 13, 2010 audio conference training. Bob Kanaga also reported that we had a total of 16 attendee at our January 27, 2010 audio conference. Attendees included: eleven members and five guests. Thank you members for attending and to GSA for sending four guests and to DCAA for sending one guest.
8. **Next Chapter Meeting.** Our next chapter meeting will be an audio conference held on February 10, 2010. The two hour seminar will be on **Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors.**
9. **Next CEC Meeting.** Our next Chapter CEC Meeting will be Wednesday February 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fritz G. Lanham Federal Bldg, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Our meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

Bob Kanaga

Chapter President

Chapter Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2009 we have a total \$5,850.14. There is \$120.43 in our Share Account; \$4,847.93 in our Money Market Account; and \$881.78 in our Share Draft (Checking) Account.

Lakshmi Krishnamurthy,

Chapter Treasurer



Community Service Project

On February 19, 2010 from 11 AM to 1 PM our Chapter will participate in the Tarrant Area Food Bank's (TAFB) EMPTY BOWLS Luncheon. Tickets are \$35, which is basically a donation to the TAFB. All the food and bowls are donated by area restaurants and ceramic artists. Advance tickets www.tafb.org

**Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors,
Feb. 10 Audio Conference, 1 - 2:50 p.m. CST**

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—understanding information technology audits.

Audits have been conducted for many years. Many years ago, audits were performed using paper as evidence. Financial statement preparation has undergone a massive change since the introduction of computers. As such, one can no longer perform an audit without thinking about Information Technology (IT). Whether one is performing a financial statement audit for a large federal agency, state or local government, or even for a large publicly traded company – IT must be incorporated into the audit. Program managers can benefit greatly from knowing what the auditors are expected to do.

This audio conference will not cover the technical aspects of IT; rather it will cover what elements of IT should be considered when performing an audit or being audited. The following questions shall be addressed:

1. When should IT be incorporated into the audit?
2. As a Program Manager, what should I look for in the external auditors' materials?
3. As a Program Manager, what should be in place and included in the audit to ensure that our department or organization is doing what is necessary?
4. What laws and other regulations arise when concerning IT in an audit?
5. Are there any resources for Program Managers to ensure that we are covered within the regulations?
6. What IT methodologies are there and how do I get a copy?
7. How many hours and how much of the budget should be allocated to IT?
8. Am I always required to consider IT?
9. Are Program Managers required to have IT resources on staff and how should they be trained?

Some of the following regulatory areas that will also be addressed:

- SAS 55
- SAS 99
- SAS 103 – SAS 112
- CFO Act of 1990
- Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002
- OMB A-50, 123, 127, 130, and 133
- GAGAS (Yellow Book)
- FISCAM, CoBIT

To share his expertise in IT auditing is **Jack Heyman, CGFM, CISA, CPA**, who has nearly 15 years of technical and leadership experience providing internal controls, systems auditing, consulting, financial auditing and accounting services to Fortune 500 companies, accounting and consulting firms, and government agencies. He offers hands-on experience leading and managing multiple engagements of varying scope and team composition. Jack is a solution provider with extensive experience assessing, planning, staffing and managing engagements for a diverse range of clients.

Jack's background includes operating his own consulting practice, serving as a senior manager within the internal audit department for a Fortune 500 company and manager for a Big 4 accounting firm.

Chapter Activity Plan 2009-2010 Chapter Year

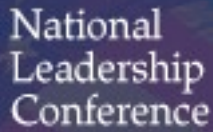
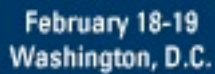
Months	CEC Meetings	Chapter Luncheons	Community Service/Social Activity	Other Events
May 2009	Wed. May 13 CEC Meeting Welcome new Officers	Wed. May 13, 2009 Audio Conference <i>Ethics in the Workplace</i> 2 CPE	Work at Mayfest on April 30 Chapter provided Gift Junk Yard Dog Golf Tournament is May 15 at Whitestone Golf Course.	May 15 Officer's List Due May 31 Fourth Qtr CRP Due
June 2009		GSA members attend National PDC.	Worked at Habitat for Humanity at PDC in New Orleans.	Sent Basket to National Community Service Fund at PDC
July 2009	Sat. July 10 CEC Meeting	Officers Prepare Activity Plans	Presyberian Night Shelter On going Volunteer work	July 15 Chapter Plans Due
Aug 2009	Wed. Aug 12 CEC Meeting after AC	Wed. Aug 12 Audio Conference <i>Stimulus Spending: Are Internal Controls in Place?</i> 2 CPE		
Sept 2009	Wed. Sept 2 CEC Meeting	Wed. Sept 2 Audio Conference <i>Grants Management in Today's Environment</i> 2 CPE	Wed. Sept 16 Chapter members attended an orientation presentation at the Trinity River Valley Project Headquarters.	Sept 30 First Qtr CRP Due Annual Chapter Audit Due
Oct 2009	Wed. October 7 CEC Meeting	Wed. October 7 Audio Conference <i>Internal Controls for Auditors, Managers and Staff</i> 2 CPE	Chapter members donated food items to the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Collected food was added to the GSA office location food drive.	
Nov 2009	Wed. Nov. 18 CEC Meeting	Wed. November 18 Audio Conference <i>Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures</i> 2 CPE	We collected monetary donations for the Tarrant Area Food Bank and mailed in \$110 to the food bank.	
Dec 2009	Wed. December 16 CEC Meeting	Wed. December 16 Audio Conference <i>Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud</i> 2 CPE	Bought gifts for needy students at the Meadowbrook Middle School through the Buffalo Santas Program.	Dec 31 Second Qtr CRP Due
Jan 2010	Wed. January 13 CEC Meeting	Wed. January 13, 2010 Audio Conference <i>Internal Controls</i> 2 CPE Wed. January 27, 2010 Audio Conference <i>President's Executive Order: Reduce Improper Payments and Eliminate Waste.</i> 2 CPE	No Community Service project for January.	
Feb 2010	Wed. February 10 CEC Meeting	Wed. February 10, 2010 Audio Conference <i>Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors</i> 2 CPE	Fri. Feb 19, 2010 Community Service Event: Attend the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowls event. Advance ticket purchase only.	
Mar 2010	Wed. March 3 CEC Meeting	Wed. March 3, 2010 Audio Conference <i>Fraud</i> 2 CPE		Mar 31 Third Qtr CRP Due
April 2010	Wed. April 21 CEC Meeting	Wed. April 21, 2010 Audio Conference <i>The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors</i> 2 CPE		Chapter Officer Elections
May 2010		Wed. May 19, 2010 Audio Conference <i>Ethics</i> 2 CPE	Junk Yard Dog Golf Tournament	May 31 Fourth Qtr CRP Due

CEC Meetings: After Audio Conferences or as noted in Schedule above.

Chapter Meetings: See Audio Conference location below

Audio Conferences: Fritz G. Lanham Federal Bldg, 5th Floor (GSA), Suite 5A30E or 5A27

AGA National News

Registration & Housing Now Open for AGA National Leadership Conference!National
Leadership
ConferenceFebruary 18-19
Washington, D.C.

Make plans now to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference (NLC), to be held **Feb. 18–19, 2010** in Washington, D.C.

Join us to hear from high-level government officials and industry leaders, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

Technical education sessions will focus on hot topics in government financial management and accountability, current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions and what the future holds. The NLC also features an exhibit hall showcasing the newest tools and innovations to help agencies do their jobs more easily and effectively.

In addition to an outstanding technical education program, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours, AGA's NLC is packed with opportunities to network, make professional connections and meet new friends.

Visit our website for more information. Show your commitment to a more accountable future: **register by fax or online today!**

NLC Hotel Accommodations: We have reserved a block of rooms at the JW Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue to accommodate NLC attendees. The rate is \$207 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, rates are only guaranteed until **Friday, Jan. 29**, or until the room block is sold out.

Reservations received after Jan. 29, *or after the room block has been filled*, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly...we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

- To make a reservation, please call the JW Marriott at 800.393.2503 and mention you are attending the "AGA NLC" to receive the discounted rate.

You can also [reserve a room online](#).



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