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Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Chapter at Fort Worth, TX
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Our Mission: To be the AGA chapter dedicated to providing continuous educational opportunities for our members, promoting AGA Government Financial Management certification with fidelity anchored in professionalism, integrity, and competency.

President's Message

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Fort Worth AGA Year.

If you haven't met me before, I'm Kane Urban and I'm the 2007-2008 Chapter President. Over the next several months, I will try and focus our chapters resources on providing educational opportunities, facilitating networking and expanding our horizons through community service. I certainly understand that we are all busy and do not have an exorbitant amount of time to spend on AGA, so we will only be doing two activities a month; an educational and a social/community service. I will provide more detail as it becomes available. A current listing of our activities is located on page 5, so mark your calendars!!

On the last page of the news letter you will see our officer list and may notice a few new names. If you don't know, Joyce Creger will be serving as the treasurer and Tony Munoz will be the chapter secretary. Welcome!

I would like to thank Bob Kanaga for his continued participation in the chapter; he's basically my right hand man and helping me through an enormous learning curve. Paul and Shad have served as AGA officers in the past and am glad that they are providing their knowledge and time. Debbie Currie has volunteered to continue maintaining the Fort Worth AGA website and I am so glad that she has because I know very little about webpage design. Please note that she requested that I provide additional/updated information for the site a few weeks ago, but I not done so yet. Expect the website to be updated within a month.

Again, I look forward to a great year and hope to meet each one of you.

Kane Urban
Chapter President
2007-2008 Chapter Year

AGA-Fort Worth Chapter CEC Meeting September 6, 2007

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the Applebee's Restaurant located at 6600 West Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76116. Attendees were: Kane Urban, Bob Kanaga, and Tony Munoz. We had proxies from Paul O'Connor, Joyce Creger, and Kaisa Ballard.

Kane Urban, Chapter President opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m and thanked Bob Kanaga and Tony Munoz for attending. The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

Bob Kanaga reported that he paid \$400 to the Texas State of Accountancy so our chapter can issue CPE certificates. He also reported that he signed the chapter up for six Audio Conferences at a cost of \$1,270. Debbie Currie will still be our Webmaster. Joyce Creger and Kaisa Ballard are the current treasurers. A third person is needed to cover for Joyce and Kaisa in case they are absent. Tony Munoz agreed to be the alternate treasurer.

We also discussed that all audio conferences are to be held at the Federal Building in downtown Fort Worth. There will be no charge for members attending the audio conferences. Non members will be charged \$30.00 to attend each meeting. First audit conference is to be held on November 14, 2007. We need speakers for October 23, 2007, January 16, 2008, and April 23, 2008. Bob Kanaga will find speakers for the October and January meetings and Kane Urban will find a speaker for the April 23, 2008 meeting.

It was also discussed that we need to come up with some thoughts for community service and social activity within the next two weeks in order to complete the Fort Worth Chapter AGA schedule. After finalizing the schedule, Kane Urban will submit it to Debbie Currie to update the website.

Our meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.

Tony Munoz
Chapter Secretary

Social Activity

The Social Activity for September 26, 2007 was to attend a Texas Ranger Baseball game.

Kane Urban
Social Chairperson
For September 2007

No Chapter Meeting for September 2007

Please make plans to attend our Chapter meeting at the Olive Garden on October 3, 2007. Our speaker will be Joel Welch, City Financial Manager, Haltom City, TX. Joel will share his experiences with us on Contract Law involving public and private contractors when installing city wide WiFi services.

Tony Munoz
Chapter Secretary

Why Earn the CGFM?**The Certified Government Financial Manager**

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In today's complex and changing world, a professional certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world." John Radford, CGFM, State Controller, State of Oregon.

Expertise, Value and Recognition

The foundation of the CGFM is the requirement for Education, Experience and Examination. Building on this foundation is a Code of Ethics and required Continuing Professional Education (CPE).

“Next Month - Early Announcement”

November 14, 2007 Audio Conference:

Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency

**Seminar will be held at the
Fritz G. Lanham Federal Building
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102**

**In Conference Room 5A30E South
Free for FW AGA Members*****\$30 for Non-Members
Earn 2 Hours of CPE**

Treasurer’s Report

Please welcome our new Chapter Treasurer Joyce Creger. Joyce has not had time to update our banks balances. However our balance as of February 28, 2007 was \$8,024.29

Joyce Creger
Fort Worth Chapter Treasurer

Chapter Recognition Points through July 2007 are 1,380

**Fort Worth Chapter Activity Schedule
Chapter Year 2007-2008**

Months	CEC Meetings	Chapter Luncheons	Community Service	Other Events
2007 MAY	No CEC Meeting	May 4-5: Section II Leadership May 9: Audio Conf. -Ethics May 10-11: Regional PDC May 11: Junk Yard Dog Golf	May 3 Thur Volunteer Work at Mayfest 3 -7 p.m. to sell cokes.	Fri. May 11 Chapter Picnic at 4 pm at the Riverside golf course in Grand Prairie, TX
2007 JUNE	No CEC Meeting	June 18: AGA NBD Meeting June 19-21: National AGA PDC		
2007 JULY	Wed July 26 CEC Meeting	Review & update Website		Website & Plans due Aug 30
2007 AUGUST	Tues. August 11 CEC Meeting	Wed. August 2 <u>Audio Conference: FASB-GASB</u> 12:30-3 p.m. 2 CPE	Chapter Plans on Education, Membership, CGFM, Community Srvs, Non-CPE Prgm due Aug 30	1st QTR CR Program Report due Aug 14: 1,380 points earned through July 2007
2007 SEPTEMBER	Thur. Sept. 26 CEC Meeting	No Chapter Meeting or Training	Chapter History Report submitted early on Sept 15. <u>Attend Ranger Game with</u> <u>DCAA Sept 20-26</u>	Annual Chapter Audit due Sept 30
2007 OCTOBER	Thur. October 18 CEC Meeting	Tues. October 3 Chapter Meeting at Olive Garden. Speaker: Joel Welch, Haltom City Financial Manager, <u>WiFi Contract Challenges</u> 1 CPE	Kane: Community Service	
2007 NOVEMBER	Thur. November 15 CEC Meeting	Wed. November 14 <u>Audio Conference: The Tools for</u> <u>Performance Audit Efficiency.</u> 2 CPE	Joyce: Community Service	2nd QTR CRP Report due Nov 20: _____points earned through October 2007
2007 DECEMBER	Thur. December 20 CEC Meeting	Tues. December 12 <u>Audio Conference: Anatomy of</u> <u>Fraud: Case Examples of Greed,</u> <u>Collusion & Override of Controls</u> 2 CFE	Bob: Community Service	
2008 JANUARY	Thur. January 17 CEC Meeting	Tues. January 16 <u>Irma Mogilnicki, IRS,</u> <u>New Tax Laws</u> 1 CPE	Tony: Community Service	
2008 FEBRUARY	Thur. February 21 CEC Meeting	Weds. February 6 <u>Audio Conference:</u> <u>Internal Controls</u> 2 CPE	Fri. February 23 Members attend Empty Bowls at Bass Hall's Maddox-Muse Center	Feb 19 3 rd Qtr CRR due Feb 19-20 Nat'l Ldrship Confr
2008 MARCH	Thur. March 20 CEC Meeting	Weds. March 5 <u>Audio Conference:</u> <u>Environmental Fraud</u> 2 CPE Weds. March 26 <u>Audio Conference:</u> <u>GASB Update</u> 2 CPE		AGA National & Local dues are due.
2008 APRIL	Thur. April 17 CEC Meeting	Tues. April 23 Chapter Meeting: Speaker_____ 1 CPE <u>Conduct Chapter Elections.</u>	April 24-25 Regional PDC at Double Tree Galleria, Dallas, TX 14 CPE	Chapter Nominations Open Apr 16 4th Qtr CRP Report due _____points earned through October 2007
2008 MAY	Thur. May 15 CEC Meeting Welcome new Officers	Friday May ? 26 th Junk Yard Dog Golf at _____ Golf Course Noon to 4:00 pm (Picnic) Wed. May 9 <u>Audio Conference:</u> <u>Ethics</u> 2 CPE	May 3 Thur Volunteer Work at Mayfest from 3 -7 p.m. to sell cokes.	Fri. May ? Chapter Picnic at 4 pm at the golf course

CEC Alternate: Chase Bank, Suite 102, 6500 W Frwy, Green Oaks Exit off I-30, FW, TX 76116

Chapter Meetings: 11-1 p.m. at Olive Garden 925 Alta Mere Drive near Ridgemar Mall (817) 732-0618

Audio Conference Location: 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Federal Bldg, 5th Floor (GSA), Suite 5A32E

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