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AGA- OKC
September 2009 Newsletter

September 2009

President's Message

Whew! Summer is over and things are really jumping for all of us government accountability professionals - budget cuts and stimulus funds are making headlines, and deadlines and audits are looming. The rally cry has been sounded across the nation that now is the time for the accountability professionals in all levels of government to step up, speak out and help our policy leaders chart a steady course in these rough times.

AGA is a great organization for those who want to be informed and well-positioned to lead. For example, I was in Washington D.C. attending the AGA National Leadership Conference this past February when the President signed the economic

stimulus bill, titled the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)". The conference speakers included many accountability professionals from the federal government, and it was a great opportunity to learn about the requirements of the Act early on.

AGA is a great organization for networking and building valuable, long-term connections. I have been a member for over 10 years now, and have developed friendships with many of you I would have never met otherwise.

AGA is a great organization for those who want to serve our communities. Over the years

we have enjoyed working side-by-side as we answer the telephones at OETA, sack cans for the local food pantries, help shoppers at the Christmas Connection, or putting our tail-twister money in the hat as it's passed.

I invite you to come join us in all the activities your executive committee has planned this year. It will be time invested in yourself, your profession and your community.

Brenda Bolander
Chapter President

AGA-OKC Luncheon

Wednesday
September 9, 2009
11:30 - 1:00

Topic: Disaster Recovery

Bob Cates
Balfour Property Restoration

Italiano's
4801 N. Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Bob Cates joined BELFOR USA in 2000 after working in the construction field for over 18 years. He has managed and completed over \$29.6 million in projects with BELFOR USA, such as The Holdenville Hospital in Holdenville, OK; KBP Coil Company in Denver, CO; Prowers County Courthouse in Denver, CO; and The Levenworth Apartment Complex, a 64 unit apartment Building located in San Francisco, CA, just to name a few of some of the larger jobs. One of his specialties is consulting with high integrity for some of the largest insurance companies in the world. He has also consulted with the Oklahoma City and Oklahoma State University Risk Managers. He educates large and small business owners and home owners what to do when a disaster strikes.

Today, Bob is the General Manager of two offices in the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. These offices cover the entire State of Oklahoma and parts of Arkansas and Kansas.

Changes Afoot

Remember, our meeting place and day have changed!

Location

Italiano's Pasta & Pizza
4801 N. Lincoln Blvd
OKC

Day of the Month

2nd Wednesday

What hasn't changed?

Good news! The cost hasn't changed! The price for lunch and one hour CPE remains \$12.

See you at the September meeting!

Chapter Recognition Program Report

The Oklahoma City Chapter of AGA participates in the Chapter Recognition Program sponsored by the national organization.

AGA's mission is to serve professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

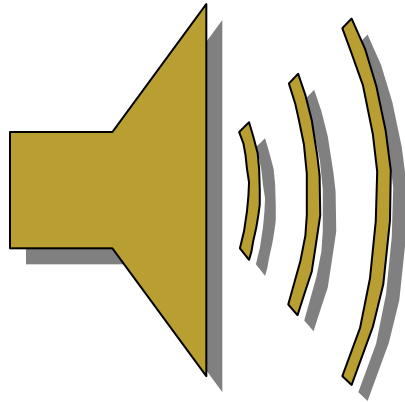
The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is designed to support, encourage and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission, and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The CRP is a noncompetitive program recognizing a chapter's performance in relation to a standard or benchmark linked to AGA's mission.

AGA-OKC

Goal 10,000 points

YTD TBD

Gold Status Goal 17,001 points



Wednesday
September 2, 2009



Grants
Management
Audio
Conference
2 hours CPE



Offered by:
AGA - OKC
NASACT

Upcoming Event - Grants Management Audio Conference

An important event to add to your September calendar.

September 2, 2009

AGA-OKC is teaming up with NASACT and ALGA to offer "Grants Management in Today's Environment."

This audio conference will be held from 1:00 - 2:50 p.m. at the Jim Thorpe Building in the Office of Personnel Management Conference Room.

The presenters are:
Joseph L. Kull, CGFM,

CPA, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; W. Scott Erwin, CGFM, CRA, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, Texas State University; and Thomas N. Cooley, MS, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Budget, Finance and Awards, National Science Foundation.

The presenters will cover some of the recent changes related to grant regulations and begin to sort out the new reporting and compliance requirements related to grant funding. These requirements are not only

important for grant administrators to know, but for auditors, accountants and other financial accountability professionals to understand.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. Register by August 31. See the registration form on page 8.

(Note: Access to the Jim Thorpe Building is restricted to individuals with photo IDs. Purses, briefcases, packages, etc. are subject to search by the Capitol Patrol.)



August 24, 2009 Officers' Meeting Minutes

The Oklahoma City AGA Chapter officers met Monday August 24 at Italiano's Pasta & Pizza. The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Bolander. Present at the meeting were Betty Koehn, Riley Shaull, James Calkins, John Miner, Vonna Anderson, Donna Anderson, LaTisha Edwards and Marilyn Capps.

Updates from officers were received. Brenda reminded everyone that meetings are now the second Wednesday of each month starting with our September 9th meeting. We will now be meeting at Italiano's Pasta & Pizza and the luncheon cost will remain at \$12.00.

Vonna talked about the November 12th training that our chapter will be holding. She is still working on speakers, location and length of the sessions. She also discussed the Audio conference to be held on September 2nd in OPM's training room. Dead-

line for registration is August 31st. Officers also agreed to the purchase of AGA travel mugs for speaker gifts.

Riley discussed having a CGFM moment at each meeting where someone would talk to members about CGFM and how this designation can benefit members.

Brenda advised everyone that Ginny Gurney would be unable to fill the Membership chair position and Marilyn Capps volunteered to take over the position. Thank you Marilyn!

John Miner confirmed that our tail twister donations recipient through the end of the year is Red Cross. We will ask the membership to vote on the new tail twister charity to begin in January, with the Ronald McDonald House as the recommendation from the board.

Bob Shaw will be working

with the Daily Oklahoman to get notices of our meetings published in the paper.

The next officers' meeting will be October 5th at Italiano's.

President Brenda Bolander adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Koehn, Secretary

Newsletter Contributions

If you have any technical articles, member news, or any other items you feel would enhance the newsletter, please contact Donna Anderson, 739-3878, donna.anderson@tinker.af.mil.



Welcome To Our New Members

John Miner	OK Dept of Securities
Michael Neander	K Dept of Veterans Affairs
Deric Berousek	Office of State Finance
Matt Clarkson	Office of State Finance
Patricia Garcia	Office of State Finance
Allison Greer	Office of State Finance
J. Johnson	Office of State Finance
Lisa Raihl	Office of State Finance
Laura Swingle	Office of State Finance
Dan Thomason	Office of State Finance
Dana West	Office of State Finance
Steve Wilson	Office of State Finance



If you have any good ideas for increasing our membership, please contact one of our chapter officers.



In the News with Headlines

Source: <http://www.acfe.com/home.asp?copy=news>

[Mafia, Violent Criminals Turn to Medicare Fraud](#)

Lured by easier money and shorter prison sentences, Mafia figures and other violent criminals are increasingly moving into Medicare fraud and spilling blood over what was once a white-collar crime.

- *The Associated Press*

[Mayor's Aide Sentenced for Fraud](#)

Former deputy mayor of London Ian Clement has been given a suspended 12-week jail sentence for fraudulently claiming the cost of restaurant meals.

- *BBC News*

[Agency Missed Its Chance to Stop Scams](#)

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority didn't fully probe transactions at Bernard Madoff's firm and repeatedly failed to investigate tips about R. Allen Stanford's alleged \$7 billion fraud, an internal report found.

- *The Boston Globe*

[Former NY Power Broker Guilty in Pension Probe](#)

A political power broker and an investment executive who advised government officials in several states have pleaded guilty to securities fraud in connection with a "pay-to-play" scandal at New York's public pension fund.

- *The Associated Press*

From AGA Today -

Join AGA at its [Fourth Annual Internal Control & Fraud Conference](#), worth 14 CPE hours, set for **Sept. 16–17** at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. And if you register by **Aug. 24**, you can save \$100 off the registration price. Register online and save even more! **Today** is also the last day to [reserve rooms at the Four Points by Sheraton at the discounted \\$233 rate](#).

Hear from leaders in government, academia and private industry discuss latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes; how poor internal controls can lead to fraud, waste and abuse; and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens. The conference will also cover various aspects of the Recovery Act from an internal control and fraud perspective.

Speakers include:

- Jerry Barber, CGFM, CPA, CISA, Assistant Comptroller, State of New York
- Neil M. Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Brenda C. Bolander, CGFM, CPA, State Comptroller, State of Oklahoma
- U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-ME
- Thomas M. Davis III, former U.S. Congressman
- Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board
- Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Arthur A. Hayes Jr. JD, CGFM, CFE, CPA, CFE, Director, Division of State Audit, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee
- Matthew A. Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Greg Kutz, CFE, CPA, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigations, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Bert Little, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Academic Research and Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics, Tarleton State University
- Joy K. Sebastian, MA, Deputy State Controller, State of Oregon
- Martha J. Smith, Director, Cleveland Office, Defense Finance Accounting Service
- Jeff Troy, Section Chief, Cyber Crime Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Daniel I. Werfel, Deputy Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- David C. Williams, Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service



AGA-OKC strives to meet the needs of our members and other accountability professionals in our state. Do you have an idea or example of how we might enhance our chapter? We need to know! Don't hesitate to contact one of the officers above to make suggestions and recommendations for the coming year. Your input is vital to our success!

BE MORE THAN AN
OBSERVER!
PARTICIPATE!

AGA-OKC is looking
for enthusiastic
individuals willing to
invest time and energy
into making our
Chapter the best it can
be!

Are you looking for
leadership skills /
training? Or need to
add some pizzazz to
your resume? Here's
your chance! Become
a member of the OKC
Chapter Executive
Committee!

Contact
Brenda Bolander
or
Carol McFarland
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addresses to
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Financial Update 01 April - 31 August 2009

Beginning Balance 1 April 2009		\$8,346.91
<u>INCOME</u>		
DHHS - 2009 Fall Conference (& interest paid)	\$1,821.42	
April Member Meals	\$ 264.00	
Tail Twister	\$ 13.00	
March Audio Conference Registrations	\$ 520.00	\$2,618.42
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
April Meals	\$ 247.33	
May Audio Conference Mail-out & Hand-out Expenses	\$114.21	
Stamps for M Audio Conference	\$ 45.36	
Certificates for CGFM Presentations	\$ 5.92	
PDC Registration (Carol McFarland, RVP-Elect)	\$ 775.00	
Chapter Start-up Contribution, El Paso Chapter Scholarship (OCU)	\$ 250.00	\$500.00
May Audio Conference Registration Fee	\$ 249.00	
May Meals	\$ 102.20	
Officers' Meetings (to check out new location, Italiano's, & first 2009-10 Officers' Mtg)	\$ 42.92	
Printing & Notebooks for 2009-10 Officers	\$ 105.46	
PDC Community Service Raffle (GPS)	\$ 145.96	
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$ 20.00	
Checkcard Monthly Fee	\$ 4.00	\$2,607.36
Ending Balance 31 August 2009		\$8,357.97
Note: Tail Twister - Balance		\$ 60.00

AGA – Oklahoma City Chapter
September 2, 2009 Audio Conference
Grants Management in Today's Environment
AGA, NASACT and ALGA to Host Audio Conference on September 2, 2009

Grants administrators operate in a dynamic and complex environment. They face an ever-growing list of compliance issues, closely scrutinized by internal and external auditors. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act has raised the “compliance bar” with additional reporting and accountability requirements. State and local governments, not-for-profits and education and research grant administrators are struggling to untangle, interpret and manage the growing list of requirements that comes with the flow of federal dollars. The presenters will cover some of the recent changes related to grant regulations and begin to sort out the new reporting and compliance requirements related to grant funding. These requirements are not only important for grant administrators to know, but for auditors, accountants and other financial accountability professionals to understand.

The presenters will address many of the concerns already raised in various circles, but participants have the opportunity to e-mail questions **before and during the audio conference**. Please send your questions to wel0@txstate.edu and cc jo-seph.kull@us.pwc.com. We will attempt to include them in the program. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 40 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their experiences.

To share their practical experiences in grants management are **Thomas A. Cooley, MS**, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Budget, Finance and Awards, National Science Foundation; **W. Scott Erwin, CGFM, CRA**, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, Texas State University – San Marcos; and **Joseph L. Kull, CGFM, CPA**, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Time: 1:00 – 2:50 p.m. Central Standard Time

Location: Office of Personnel Management, 560 Conference Room; Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 (Note: Access to the Jim Thorpe Building is restricted to individuals with photo IDs. Purses, briefcases, packages, etc. are subject to search by the Capitol Patrol.)

Cost: \$20 for members; \$40 for non-members

CPE: Two hours

Learning Objectives: To understand the requirements related to grant funding and management.

Field of Study: Finance

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2009

Contact: Vonna Anderson – AGA - 405-522-0164; Vonna_Anderson@sde.state.ok.us
Carol McFarland - AGA - 405-522-7448; Carol.McFarland@okhca.org

September 2, 2009 Audio Conference

Registration Form

(One form per person, photocopies accepted)

Check Included for \$ _____ or Govt PO No. _____

Name (Please Print) _____ Daytime phone _____

E-Mail address (*will be used for registration confirmation*) (Please Print)

Agency/Firm (Please Print) _____

Address (Please Print) _____

City/State (Please Print) _____ Zip _____

Please return this form with check or PO to:

AGA - OKC Chapter, PO Box 10672, Midwest City, OK 73140

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