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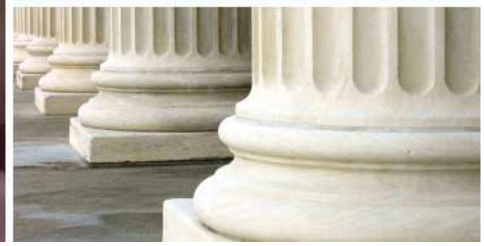

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AGA - DC Welcomes Ms. Karen Alderman as the 2004-2005 President

Ms. Karen Alderman, President

Karen Cleary Alderman is the Executive Director of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP), an interagency organization sponsored by the Government Accountability Office, Department of the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Personnel Management, and the General Services Administration.

Her responsibilities include developing and directing interagency projects to improve financial management in the federal government, issuing government-wide financial system requirements, testing and qualifying financial system software for federal use, and maintaining an ongoing knowledge base to communicate with all stakeholders.

September Luncheon

Financial Management In Transition Luncheon Series
Andrew B. Maner,
Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security

Thursday, September 9 - Luncheon - 11:30am - 1:30pm
Members: $22.00, Non-Members: $27.00
Register online at https://secure.serve.com/AGADC/lform2.html

Marvin Center at George Washington University
800 21st Street, NW (corner of H Street)

(one block from the Foggy Bottom blue/orange line Metro)

President's Message

by Karen Alderman, President

Ms. Karen Alderman, President

Dear Chapter Members,

The DC Chapter Officers and Directors have worked hard over the summer to plan an exciting year for our AGA community. Three major goals will shape this year's activities: maximizing developmental activities for existing members, engaging the "early career" cohort, and giving back to the community through service.

Education and Development. *I would like to summarize the strategies for supporting each of these goals. First, we are developing a strong education and development component. Monthly meeting presentations will provide major speakers to address different aspects of "Financial Management In Transition." Our September speaker is Andrew B. Maner, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, an organization that epitomizes change. This will be complemented by a May educational event focusing on Financial Systems.*

Second, the monthly meetings will be held at lunchtime at George Washington University, Marvin Center located at 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC. It's centrally located and has plenty of capacity. Mark you calendars now to take advantage of the program. We will rely upon online registration and charge card payment for all our programs. So keep your eyes on the AGA DC Chapter Website.

Third, we will be working with agency liaisons and senior officials to communicate the benefits of AGA, particularly the education and development opportunities. Our goal is to gain institutional support for our professional association and including chapter activities. Finally, we plan to leverage both speakers and developmental opportunities by partnering and sharing with our regional AGA chapters both advertising their meetings and educational opportunities to our chapter and vice versa. Our goal is to maximize developmental and educational opportunities available to AGA members by better communication and sharing on a regional basis.

Early Careers*. Our chapter is embarking on active outreach to the next generation of financial management leaders. We do so in recognition that the current generation of financial management professionals will retire in the not too distant future. We need to recruit and groom the next generation both to lead government financial management, and keep our professional association dynamic. The strategy is to reach out to incoming recent hires, particularly financial management interns and presidential management fellows, through offering a series of "brown bag" lunches to present and discuss the world of government financial management and to provide insights into why it's important, what's entailed, and how to succeed. In recognition that the youngest among us frequently do not have a lot of dough, the brown bags will be free (you just have to bring your own lunch). Laura Glass, Chair of the Chapter's Early Career Program, is spearheading these plans. We plan to share these opportunities with our regional chapters, again to leverage the effort, and create a young early career network. Ken Bresnahan is spearheading the chapter CGFM initiative to build awareness and support for improving and documenting government financial management competence though the CGFM certification process. As a complement to the early career program, the DC Chapter is developing plans to make preparation for the CFGM certification process more accessible to early career members. Watch our website for more information.*

Community Service*. On the topic of community service, this year's agenda includes a robust agenda of community service opportunities designed to assist a broad set of worthy causes. These initiatives will be communicated both at our monthly meetings and through the DC Chapter website. Tonya Allen Shaw and Lloyd Farmer are coordinating these activities on behalf of the chapter. Again, we are looking to partner whenever possible with our regional colleagues. To start with the chapter is contributing to the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the September 9th meeting and is soliciting volunteers for the Sunday, September 26th Make-A-Wish Sea Colony Triathlon. You can volunteer to assist, no particular muscles required. Are there any Triathlon athletes out there?*

Communications*: One final note, in recognition of the electronic age, our principal communication method will be email and website. I would like to thank our website team, Harris Gofstein and William Black for supporting this function and continuously making it better. The "Washington Connection" Newsletter is being supported by Karen Shaffer, with the help of Don Geiger. Together, they make it possible to lead the DC Chapter with the "kiss" principle, keeping communications up to date and simple.*

Yours Sincerely,
Karen Cleary Alderman

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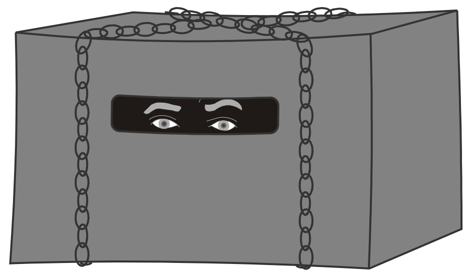
Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



Advances, Cash, and Budgetary Accounts

The U. S. Standard General Ledger (SGL) has several accounts which do double duty. This month, I'm going to discuss the budgetary accounts associated with advances, 4222 and 4802. Account 4222 Unfilled Customer Orders with Advance is supposed to match the balance of proprietary account 2310 Advances from Others, while 4802 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced is associated with both 1410 Advances to Others and 1450 Prepayments. What makes this relationship tricky (actually, triangular), is that 4222 and 4802 are budgetary cash accounts, so their balances must also match proprietary cash. (In actuality, account 4832 is posted for transfers, 4872 for downward adjustments against old years and 4882 for upward adjustments, but for this column we're going to include those accounts under 4802.)

Straightforward Entries

When advances are received or paid for with cash, the posting is very straightforward:

Issue advance [B206]:				|	Receive advance [C182]:			
Debit	1410	Credit	1010	|	Debit	1010	Credit	2310
	4801		4802	|		4222		4221

Payables

In these cases, all the formulae hold. But what do you do when an advance is issued (or reimbursable advance returned) by cutting a check? Obviously, 2110 Accounts Payable must be credited instead of 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury, but what budgetary accounts are posted? If we wait until the disbursement to post 4802 or 4222, then our cash balances will agree between budgetary and proprietary, but until the confirmation is posted, the advance balances will disagree. If we post 4802 or 4222 immediately, then cash won't agree until the confirmation. One way around this is to include the requirement that 2110 balances be supported by 4901 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid. This leads to the convoluted entry:

Issue advance:				|	Confirm payment:			
Debit	1410	Credit	2110	|	Debit	2110	Credit	1010
	4801		4802	|		4901		4902
	4902		4901	|				

Auditors may also wonder why we are posting to delivered orders (albeit, for a net of zero) when no orders have been delivered. My personal preference is to split out the payable account using subaccounts, for example:

2110.1 Accounts Payable - Delivered Orders, will be disbursed with in an entry to 4902
2110.2 Accounts Payable - Undelivered Orders, will be disbursed with in an entry to 4802
2110.3 Accounts Payable - Reimbursement Advances, will be disbursed with in an entry to 4222
2110.4 Accounts Payable - Reimbursements Earned, will be disbursed with in an entry to 4252
and so on, as needed. In our example above, the new entry would be the much simpler:

Issue advance:					Confirm payment:			
Debit	1410	Credit	2110.2	|	Debit	2110.2	Credit	1010
				|		4801		4802

The regular cash equation still works (1010 = 4119 + 4201 + 4802, etc.) and the balance of 4802 should always equal the sum of 1410, 1450, and 2110.2. Note, however, that this requires reporting the balance of 2110.2 as SGL 1410 in external reports.

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Advances, Cash, and Budgetary Accounts, (continued from page 4)

Adjustments

This issue is of greater concern when balances are converted from one system to another, or are adjusted. Take, for example, the following entry from the SGL Transactions listing:

D130 To record a downward adjustment to prior-year prepaid/advanced unexpended obligations with no refund collected.

Debit 1310 Accounts Receivable
Credit 1410 Advances to Others

An agency could also reclassify advances as receivables or vice-versa as part of an overhaul of procedures or accounting practices. It would be tempting to record the simple entry above, since no cash or budgetary accounts are directly involved. However, that would violate the principle that 4802 is supported by the 1410 and 1450 balances. The proper entry to make when reclassifying an advance as a non-reimbursement receivable is to record SGL transactions B404, B134 (if appropriated funds are affected), and C212, thereby expending and expensing the advance and then issuing a bill. Depending on how flexible your accounting system is, this may require the processing of up to three documents. The combined entry would be:

Debit 1310 Accounts Receivable
6100 Operating Expenses/Program Costs
3107 Unexpended Appropriations - Used
Credit 1410 Advances to Others
6790 Other Expenses Not Requiring Budgetary Resources
5700 Expended Appropriations

Debit 4802 Undelivered Orders Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced
Credit 4902 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Paid

On the budget side, there would be a reduction in undelivered orders (unliquidated obligations) and an increase in delivered orders (expenditures). Funded expenses would also increase, offset by unfunded expenses. Only then can the advance become a receivable. (See my March, 2000 column for a similar discussion concerning the writing off of advances.)

Some agencies take a more expedient approach, and create a special account such as 1310.2 for receivable advances. They treat these as advances in that they still support the 4802 balance, and when the receivable is collected, account 4802 is debited instead of 4902. In that case, they could make a simple debit 1310.2 credit 1410 entry for the reclassification, but they would have to report 1310.2 as SGL 1410 to make the 4802 formula work.

Comments, suggestions, and critiques are welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@cgi-ams.com, and not to the AGA.

EARLY CAREERS

Career Foundations Conference & Exposition
Wednesday, October 6, 2004
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel
999 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Cost: FREE

Join AGA for a brand new conference geared to help upcoming/recent college graduates, post-graduate students and young professionals build a successful and lasting career as a government financial manager.

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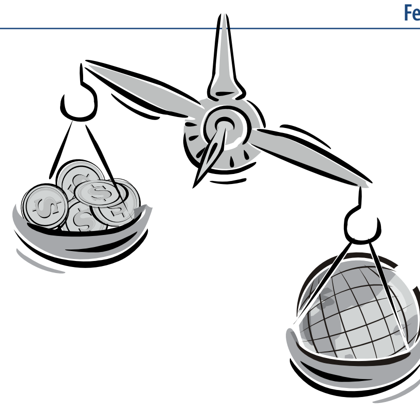
Office of Management and Budget *by Don Geiger*



Did You Know?

OMB has provided 3 guidance updates under "What's New" on OMB website at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/financial/index.html*. Below is a brief summary of each.

1st Update

The *2004 Federal Financial Management Report (August 2004)* on OMB website at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/financial/2004_report.pdf*

The entire document of the *2004 Federal Financial Management Report (August 2004)* is available in PDF format online. The table of contents is summarized below:

- Executive Summary
- Office of Federal Financial Management
- Improving Financial Reporting
  - Achieving Accountability – FY 2003 Financial Results.
  - Reducing Material Weaknesses.
- Financial Management Improvement Initiatives
  - Strengthening Asset Management.
  - Eliminating Improper Payments.
  - Strengthening Controls over Federal Credit Cards.
- The Chief Financial Officers Council
- CFO Council Committees
  - Best Practices.
  - Financial Management Policies and Practices.
  - Financial Reporting Acceleration.
  - Financial Systems and E-Government.
  - Improper Payments.
  - Performance Measurement.
- Five Year Outlook
- Appendices:
  - Appendix A: Summary of FY 2003 Financial Statement Results by Agencies and Selected Components.
  - Appendix B: Material Weaknesses Reported by Auditors and Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Tables.
  - Appendix C: Government Corporations Required to Submit Audited Financial Statements to OMB.
  - Appendix D: Executive Branch Management Scorecard.

2nd Update

M-04-22, Amendments to OMB Bulletin No. 01-02, Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements (July 27th, 2004) on OMB website at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy04/m04-22.pdf*

The Key points of a July 27, 2004 Memorandum from Joshua B. Bolten, Director are:

- The consolidated financial statements of the United States Government remain a challenge.
- To address this challenge, a new process for compiling the Government-wide financial statements is being used in this year's closing process to assist in resolving the material deficiencies in those statements.
- To implement this new process, OMB is amending OMB Bulletin No. 01-02, Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements.

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Did You Know? (continued from page 7)

- Agencies will be required to submit audited financial statement information for the compilation of the Financial Report of the United States Government (FR).
- There are new procedures for Retirement, Health Benefits and Life Insurance Withholdings/Contributions and Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report submitted to OPM.
- Attachments to this document include requirements for special-purpose financial statements, auditor requirements, revised listing of executive departments and agencies required to prepare financial statements, revised listing of components of executive departments and agencies required to prepare financial statements (appendix B), and OPM agreed upon procedures.
- Copies of OMB Bulletin No. 01-02, as amended may be obtained from the OMB home page.
- Questions should be directed to Dana James, Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) at 202.395.7480, email: *DMJames@omb.eop.gov*

3rd Update

M-04-20, FY 2004 Performance and Accountability Reports and Reporting Requirements for the *Financial Report of the United States Government* (July 22, 2004) on OMB website at *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy04/m04-20.pdf*

The key points of a July 22, 2004 Memorandum from Linda M. Springer, Controller are:

- Discusses progress toward achieving the accelerated financial reporting requirements of the President's Management Agenda (PMA).
- Provides guidance for FY 2004 PARs, Due November 15, 2004.
- Provides key due dates for the Financial Report of the United States Government (FR) to be issued December 15, 2004.
- Provides guidance on submitting legal and management representation letters.
- Attachment 1 – Agency Performance and Accountability Reports.
- Attachment 2 – Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA) Summary of Implementation Efforts.
- Attachment 3 – Improper Payments – Reporting Details.
- Attachment 4 – Legal and Management Representations.
- Attachment 5 – Financial Report (FR) KEY Dates.
- Attachment 6 – Agencies Required to Prepare Closing Package and to Submit Management and Legal Representation Letters.
- Attachment 7 – Contacts.
- Questions should be directed to David M. Zavada, Chief Financial Standards and Grants Branch, Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) at 202.395.3993.

EARLY CAREERS

AGA Washington Chapter, Early Careers "Brown Bag" Lunch Series
JFMIP Board Room, 1990 K Street (19th and K)
Washington, DC

Cost: Free, bring your own lunch.
Time: 11:30-1:00
Dates: September 21, 2004/ November 16, 2004/ February 15, 2005

The AGA Washington Chapter will host 3 brown bag lunch sessions for Early Career Members to learn about career growth opportunities in government. Early Career Members are those chapter members with less than five years of experience in the government accounting/accountability field. Each session will feature a speaker that will present perspectives on careers in governmental accounting and accountability, as well as a time for questions and answers.

Please contact Donna Tebeau at *donna.tebeau@gsa.gov* or 202.219.0526 to register for these sessions.

What's in a name?
Is the new name for AGA a good idea?
- a commentary by outgoing President Robert N. Reid

There is a proposal emanating from the national Board of Directors to change the name of our organization to the Association for Government Accountability (AGA). This proposal neatly retains the existing logo which is thought by many to have much public name recognition value and something very important to be retained. As many of you know the Congress formally agreed in July to change GAO's name to the Government Accountability Office thereby also retaining their existing logo. This change for us would thereby synchronize our change with GAO's. I have some serious reservations about the proposed change.

Over the years our organization has provided a significant contribution to the quality of Federal financial management. We have a well-earned reputation, in my opinion, for the quality and scope of our educational efforts. The scope of our efforts has carried us to a much richer place than was envisioned when we adopted the name "Association of Government Accountants" many years ago. Many believe, myself included, that the term Accountant is outdated and limits our ability to recruit new members. It is thought that the new name will fix that problem while retaining our existing logo. I agree that it will deemphasize the role of the accountant but it does little to emphasize who we really are. At the directors meeting held at the Professional Development Conference (PDC) in June, many representatives voiced concern that somehow we were losing our link to financial management. Many others were concerned that the new name sounded somehow like an advocacy group and not like an organization of professionals. One solution to this dilemma is to alter the proposed name slightly to read "Association of Government Accountability Professionals" (still keeping the AGA logo by adding the word professionals under the main title). This goes part of the way there but is not adequate in my view.

I just don't like the whole accountability thing. It sounds more like a function than a profession and in addition it introduces the possibility that readers will think that GAO and AGA are the same organization. This may be helpful in attracting members from certain sectors; however, our members have vitally important responsibilities that are not limited to those fulfilled by GAO. I think this introduces a bigger problem than it solves. In addition I just don't see it helping us attract new members. What I don't understand is why we feel the need to reinvent the wheel. We already sponsor the CGFM. This is tremendous achievement with excellent name recognition and significant value to AGA. Why not use it to help us redefine who we are? What's wrong with something like this?

- Council of Government Financial Managers (CGFM)
- Society of Government Financial Managers (SGFM)
- Government Financial Managers Association (GFMA)
- Professional Financial Managers Association (PFMA)

Well.. some would argue that it jeopardizes the existing AGA logo. Perhaps it should. Isn't the word accountant the problem? Doesn't that make many potential new members feel like they are joining the wrong group because the name doesn't fit their roles? What's wrong with retaining the AGA logo and phasing something resembling CGFM in over time?

In June the Directors voted to convene a focus group to propose a SINGLE name for adoption by the members. I don't like that solution because I believe a series of new names should be proposed with the membership given the chance to whittle down the list through a series of two or more votes.

AGA will be asking you to weigh in on this new name thing in the near future. I hope you do. Our association deserves something more up to date than accountant but I don't believe accountability is right. I prefer something that includes financial management and recognizes us as the qualified professionals we are.

Treasurer's Report

After the financial troubles of the last few years, we are looking forward to being on sound financial ground this year. Past President Bob Reid led the charge towards accomplishing this by doing two things last year: reducing our expenses and enhancing our drive for sponsors. In previous years, we spent a lot each month by printing and distributing a hard copy newsletter and by incurring losses on all seven monthly lunch meetings. Last year, we switched to electronic monthly newsletters and held our monthly meetings in less costly venues. In addition, last year twelve companies very generously sponsored our monthly meetings, annual conference and awards dinner, social events, and advertised in our newsletter.

The DC chapter has a June 30 fiscal year end. Financial statements and tax returns for FYE June 30, 2004 will be prepared shortly. The tax return will be posted on the DC chapter's website.

— Ann Davis, Treasurer

Update our Membership Rolls!

To keep you fully informed on upcoming AGA-DC events, we would like to make sure all of your contact information (i.e., name, organization, e-mail address, telephone number, etc.) and your certification status (i.e., CPA, CGFM, etc.) is up-to-date. If any of this data has changed in the past year, please update the information on the AGA national website at: https://members.agacgfm.org. If you do not recall your member ID and/or password, please contact Jessica Jones of AGA National at: 703.684.6931 or 800.242.7211.

— Marguerite Nealon, AGA-D.C. Membership Director and Agency-Corporate Liaison

Social Hour

Member Services is sponsoring a social hour at the "GW" Bertucci's brick oven ristorante. It will be on the day of our chapter luncheon meeting – Thursday, September, 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come and meet and network with some of your chapter "Officers, Directors, Chairpersons," fellow chapter members and corporate sponsors.

We will be across from the George Washington University – Marvin Center at the shops located at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. Go to Bertucci's lower level dining area and ask for AGA. Bertucci's is located just two blocks from the Foggy Bottom metro station. No reservations are required. Cash bar is optional. For additional information or directions you can contact the AGA member services director – *karl.boettcher@fms.treas.gov* – 202.874.6131. or Bertucci's at 202.296.2600.

Enjoy complimentary pizza and soft drinks provided by our sponsor

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AGA Washington Chapter
Membership Services Events 2003-2004

To provide our membership with a variety of social activities, Member Services is scheduling the following events for the coming membership year. We will again attempt to partner our activities with local AGA chapters and other professional organizations. Also, watch for our participation in additional partnership activities being planned by other regional AGA chapters and by our own Community Service and Early Careers.

2004	Event	Partnership
September 9	Social Hour at Bertucci's *(see this issue, page 10)*	DC Chapter only
October 23	Oktoberfest at Blob's Park	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters Baltimore Chapter
November	Visit National Zoo	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
December	U.S. Naval Observatory Tour	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
2005	**Event**	**Partnership**
January	Chinese New Year Dinner	Dept of Labor CFO - Sam Mok NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
February	Skiing at Liberty in PA.	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters Baltimore Chapter
March	Tour of National Cathedral	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
April	Mt. Vernon Tour	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
May	Wolf Trap Event	NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
May/June	Attend Baltimore Orioles or Northern Virginia Cannons Baseball Game	Baltimore Chapter NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters
June	Play in Golf Tournament	ASMC/KPMG NVA/Montgomery/PG Chapters

Additional event information will be provided as the activity draws near and more information becomes available. Some of the activities may be subject to change due to our partnership with the GWSCPA, ASMC and the AGA NVA, Montgomery/PG, and Baltimore chapters. Please check our newsletter, website, or agency liaison for the latest event update. Due to advance notification requirements and space limitations, most activities will have a response cut off date. If you are interested in an activity, please let us know as soon as possible. Send your responses or direct any questions to our chapter Member Services Director - Karl Boettcher- *karl.boettcher@fms.treas.gov* - 202.874.6131.

AGA Community Service Newsletter

The 2004-2005 calendar year will be a very exciting one for the AGA's Washington DC Chapter in the area of community service. We have tried to develop programs that will enhance the participation of the AGA in community service. Hopefully, these programs are the types of community service opportunities and volunteer events in which all members of the AGA's Washington DC Chapter can take part.

We will start in the fall with a collection during our September 9th luncheon for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening medical conditions. We are asking members and non-members to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation by depositing spare change in a fishbowl that will be at the luncheon sign-in table. In October, we will continue our long-standing participation in annual ALS (October 10, 2004) walk as members of "Joan's Wayward Walker's" led by our captain. Andy Kilgore. We will finish up our community service for the fall by collecting nonperishable food items for Project Harvest during our November 18th luncheon meeting.

We will begin our winter activities in December by collecting unwrapped toys in support of the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. In January, we will hosting a baby shower and luncheon to benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. St. Ann's cares for needy women and children in the Washington metropolitan by providing emergency shelter for abused children, training for teenage mothers and providing affordable day care for working families. We will conclude our activities in the winter with our long-standing tradition of supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in February.

We will start the spring/summer activities in March with the "Dress for Success Suit Drive," in support of Suited for Change. We will collect women's clothes for Suited for Change. Suited for Change is a private nonprofit organization that provides women's clothes for low income women who are trying to make the transition to work. In April, we will continue our support of "Christmas in April" by volunteering to assist in the rehabilitation of homes for low income and elderly homeowners. In May we will collect used eye glasses for the Lion's Club and conclude our community service activities in June with a used cell phone collection for HopeLine sponsored by Verizon Wireless Communications.

Please remember that these activities will not be successful without your support. We encourage all members to help us to make this year the best ever for the DC Chapter with community service! If you have any questions or want more details on DC Chapter's community service activities, please contact Tonya Allen-Shaw at 202.720.5026 or Lloyd Farmer at 301.809.1326.

Community Service Plan 2004-2005 Washington DC Chapter

September	Jar “Change” collection at luncheon (September 9, 2004) for Make-A-Wish Foundation Sunday, September 26-Volunteers needed for the Make-A-Wish Sea Colony Sponsored by: Sea Colony Resort Sunday, September 26, 2004 Bethany Beach, Del. Website: http://www.midatlantic.wish.org
October	Sunday, October 10 – Washington, DC **Constitution Gardens** Walk to D’feet ALS Team Name: “Joan’s Wayward Walker’s” Andy Killgore, Captain Website: http://www.alsinfo.org
November	Project Harvest — Collect nonperishable food items at luncheon meeting (November 18, 2004)
December	Toys-for-Tots
January	Baby Shower at Luncheon to benefit St. Ann’s Infant and Maternity Home. Website: http://www.saint-anns.com
February	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
March	Dress for Success Suit Drive
April	Christmas In April
May	Used Eyeglass Collection for Lions Club ***
June	Used Cell Phone collection for HopeLine sponsored by Verizon Wireless ***
	*** Ongoing Community Service Projects to conclude in May and June.

2004-2005 Luncheon Speaker Series

The theme of this year's series is "Federal Financial Management in Transition," appropriate given the pending election and inevitable change in key leadership positions throughout the Federal government, regardless of the election's outcome. The series will kick off on September 9, when Andrew Maner, Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, will discuss lessons learned and best practices used by the Department during its first full year of operation. Throughout the year, distinguished speakers from the public and private sectors, as well as Capitol Hill, will provide their insight on a variety of financial management issues.

The luncheons will be held between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Marvin Center at George Washington University, 21st St. and H Street (one block from the Foggy Bottom blue/orange line Metro).

Thursday, September 9, 2004	Thursday, February 10, 2005
Thursday, October 7, 2004	Thursday, March 17, 2005
Thursday, November 18, 2004	Thursday, May 12, 2005
Thursday, January 13, 2005	

Special events are planned for December, when we will have our informal holiday get-together, and April, when we will hold our awards dinner.

In addition, the chapter will hold education events and conferences.

Watch the Washington Connection for more details! We hope that you all plan to join us.

September Luncheon Speaker Profile: Andrew B. Maner, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security

Andrew B. Maner

Andrew Maner was appointed by President George W. Bush in January 2004 as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As the CFO, Mr. Maner is responsible for all budget, finance and accounting, strategic planning and evaluation, GAO liaison, bankcard programs, and financial systems for the Department. He is also responsible for the on-going integration of all those functions within the new Department. DHS is the third largest cabinet agency in government with over 180,000 employees and a budget of nearly $40 billion.

Prior to his present appointment, Mr. Maner served as the Chief of Staff to Commissioner Robert C. Bonner at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In that capacity he was the Commissioner's principal operating officer on enforcement, trade, finance, budget, transition, and management issues. Mr. Maner also served as the Director of CBP's Transition Management Office (TMO). The TMO led CBP's complex operations and mission support merger between portions of the former U.S. Customs, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Agricultural Plant Health Inspection Service and the U.S. Border Patrol and included over 42,000 employees within dozens of functions.

Previously, Mr. Maner served as a Vice President at ICG Commerce where he led the company's capital raising and partnership efforts and later its central region sales and operations. He was also a partner with Aligne, Inc., and held positions at the Chicago Board of Trade and in the Financial Institutions Group at A.T. Kearney.

Mr. Maner served in the first Bush Administration in the White House Press Office and later accompanied former President Bush to Houston, Texas to serve as Director of Press and Political Affairs for the former President and Mrs. Bush. He later served as Special Assistant to the United Nations Envoy to Somalia in Mogadishu where he assisted with political, military, financial and trade development efforts.

Mr. Maner is a graduate of Purdue University (B.A.) and J.L. Kellogg School of Management (MBA). He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife Julie and two sons, Cole and Alexander.

2004-2005 Meeting Schedule of the DC Chapter's Directors and Officers

Meetings will be held at noon at JFMIP, 1990 K St., 4th floor, on the following Tuesdays:

Tuesday, September 7, 2004	Tuesday, February 8, 2005
Tuesday, October 5, 2004	Tuesday, March 8, 2005
Tuesday, November 2, 2004	Tuesday, April 5, 2005
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Tuesday, January 11, 2005	

All members are invited to participate. For August Meeting Minutes see this issue, page 16.

Newsletter Comments or Suggestions?

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you'd like to see in print? The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the October 2004 issue is September 14, 2004. Please send your comments and contributions to the newsletter editor, Karen Shaffer, at *KSHAFFER@lmi.org.*

AGA - Washington Chapter, Executive Board Minutes - August 3, 2004

Twenty-one Members of the board participated. The following topics were discussed:

- Meetings
    a. The luncheon meetings will be held at the George Washington University Cafritz Conference Center.
    b. The first luncheon will be on Thursday September 9th. The featured speaker is the DHS CFO, Mr. Andy Maner.

- The theme for this Program Year will be Federal Financial Management in Transition.   Topics will include the Change in Administration, Best Practices, Human Capital, etc.

- The AGA National's Career Foundation Conference will be Wednesday 10/6/2004. It is a job fair type of event for government. Laura will attend the Planning meeting this Thursday (8/5). Plan is to work an AGA Booth with reps from the other regional chapters.

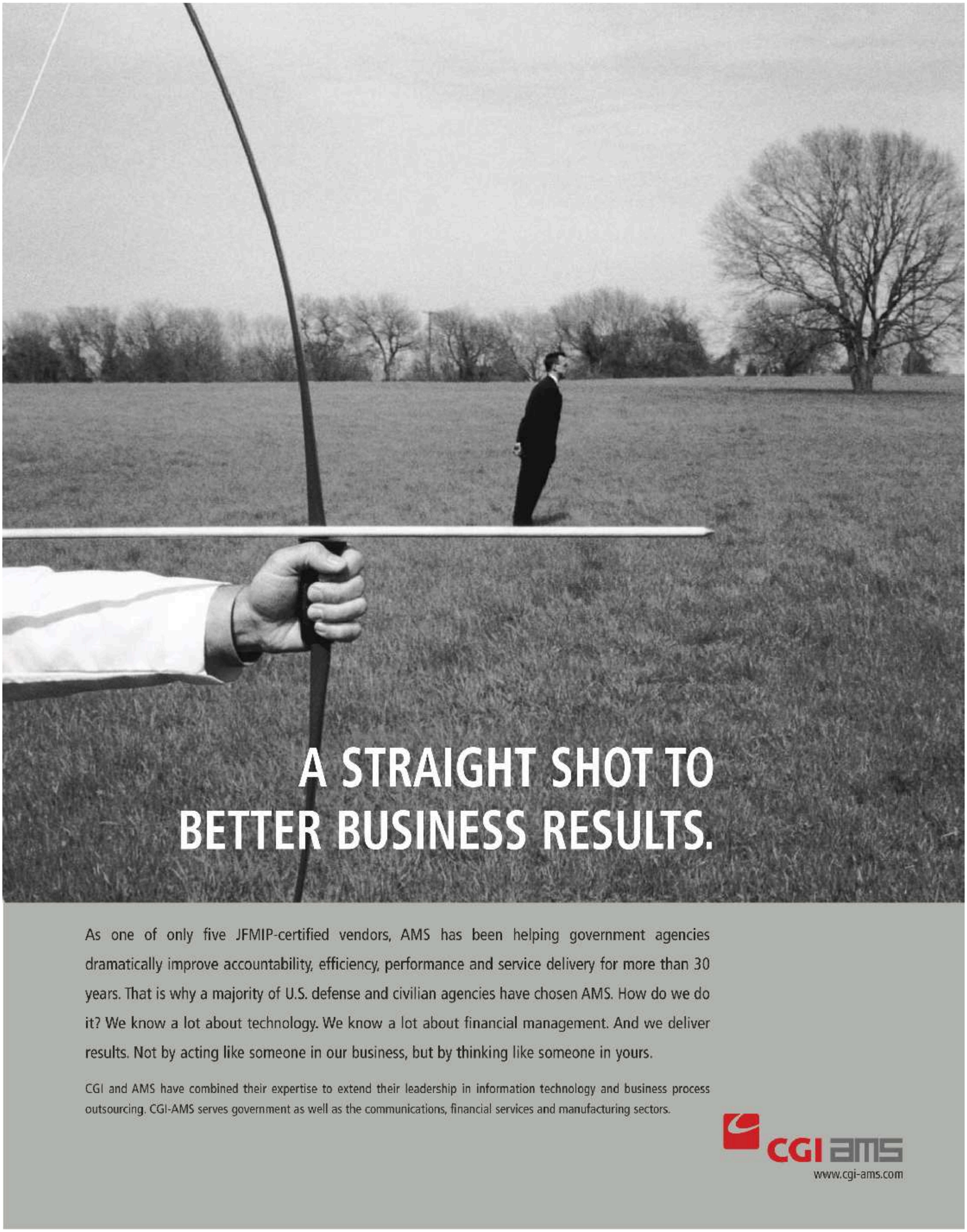
- Early Career Brown Bag lunch series will be held at JFMIP Conference room on 9/21, 11/16, & 2/16/2005.

- Volunteers are being sought to plan the annual chapter conference. If interested, contact Susan Johnson at 703-917-7082. The conference is being planned for GWU in the May timeframe.

- The first social event of the year will be a Meet and Greet Social on Thursday September 9 from 5-7 pm. at Bertucci's, 2000 Penn. Avenue (Across from GWU)

- The next Director's Meeting will be held at JFMIP on September 7, 2004.

Anyone who wants more information concerning items discussed at the Board meeting please contact Dan Christovich at _dchristovich@comdt.uscg.mil_ or 202.267.0443.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