

Immediate Past President Mok sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Byron White with Governor Schafer as a witness.



PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

As my term of the Chapter Presidency draws to a close, I am writing this last President's message with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am very proud of the team that we have put together and that we accomplished most of our original objectives despite trying circumstances. On the other hand, I am sorry to learn that some key members of the current team will not be available to serve again, which will deprive our incoming Chapter President of valuable experience gained during a most exciting year. No doubt that Marc Page, our incoming Chapter President, will bring years of AGA and management experience to the Chapter Presidency. However, he will face mounting challenge from what I consider eroding support from some agency senior management officials. This is most ironic and unfortunate since the professionalism and contributions by AGA towards better government financial management has never been questioned to the best of my knowledge.

Quite a few AGA "activists" have informed me of recent hints from their superiors that AGA activities are not a part of their official duties and that such activities may not have a place at work. We all recognize that we must perform our prescribed duties in the office and that AGA is not a part of that. However, unlike other extracurricular activities, AGA is dedicated to the improvement of government financial management as called for under the CFO Act of 1990. I am shocked to learn that some senior managers are not taking advantage of this time-tested and readily available network to assist them in achieving better financial management in their agencies.

However, I am also glad to report that not all senior managers are so short-sighted. Frank Hodson, Ed Mazur, and Hal Steinberg with their team at OMB, Jeff Steinhoff and his associates at GAO, agency policy officials such as Russ Morris of FMS, Dick Kusserow of HHS, Virginia Robinson and Doris Chew of JFMIP, Don Kirkendall and Jerry Murphy of Treasury, Al Tucker of DOD, Morgan Kinghorn of IRS, and Jim Thomas of Education, to name a few, are all excellent examples of successful and progressive Federal executives who understand the importance of AGA's contribution towards their missions and are willing to support AGA activities within the context of their organizational requirements. I am most grateful for the help they have given me as your Chapter President.

I am convinced that AGA has a very important mission during the next twelve months. With the Presidential election around the corner and the accompanying cabinet officer turnover regardless of election results, AGA must position itself to play a very active role in openly assisting agencies and cabinet officers to select new agency CFOs and Deputy CFOs. We should be prepared to volunteer candidates (hopefully AGA members) and assist in technical qualification screening. We should not hesitate to provide input from our past experience in working with the nominees in question. We should step forward boldly and work with Congress in assuring the confirmation of good qualified-candidates and the rejection of the unfit. *We should pay particular attention to agency appointment of Deputy CFOs.* AGA is in an excellent position to solicit input such as managerial ability and technical know-how from AGA members in a particular agency about a specific candidate or the availability of alternate candidates if necessary. We should take every step to guard against the selection of the less-than-highly-qualified and against those who are pledged to keep the status quo in preserving their turf.

By being proactive and making our presence felt in this very critical management process, the members can ensure a strong future for AGA, a sounder financial management system for the government, and a better work environment for all of us. As I say goodbye to you in more ways than one, I pledge my support on the issues described above in my new future capacities. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve you and I hope I will be able to do more for you for years to come.

Association of Government Accountants Washington Chapter

Financial Statements for 1991/1992 (July 1, 1991–May 29, 1992 Unaudited)

By Warren Cottingham, Treasurer

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Statement of Financial Position

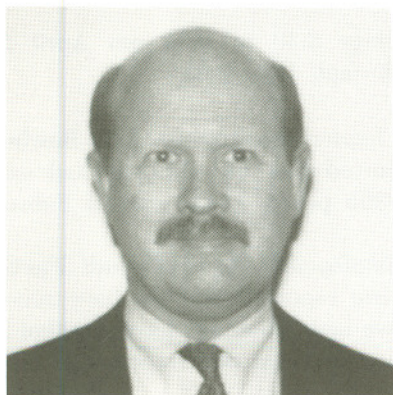
Revenue	Budget	Revenue	Difference	Assets	7/1/91	5/29/92	Change
Education	\$40,290	\$19,025	(\$21,265)	Cash: Checking Account	\$28,410	\$10,122	(\$18,288)
Small Business	2,750	1,250	(1,500)	Money Market	6,740	23,009	16,269
Meetings	14,740	11,065	(3,675)	Total Cash on Hand	35,150	33,131	(2,019)
Membership	7,500	7,328	(172)	Accounts Receivable	4,855	14,955	10,100
Interest Income		880	880	Less Allow for Doubt Accts	0	2,070	2,070
Prior Year Receipts		4,141	4,141	Accounts Receivable Net	4,855	12,885	8,030
Chapter Recognition		820	820	Investments: Prudent Secur.	5,295	0	(5,295)
Conferences		2,655	2,655	Total Assets	<u>\$45,301</u>	<u>\$46,016</u>	<u>\$ 715</u>
Total Receipts	<u>65,280</u>	<u>47,164</u>	<u>(\$18,116)</u>	Liabilities and Equity	7/1/91	5,29/92	Change
Less Prior Year Receipts		4,141	4,141	Accounts Payable	\$ 750	\$ 3,212	\$ 2,462
Current Year Revenue	<u>\$65,280</u>	<u>\$43,023</u>	<u>(\$22,257)</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 3,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,462</u>
Expenses	Budget	Expenses	Difference	Equity	7/1/91	5,29/92	Change
Education	\$14,785	\$9,205	(\$5,580)	Net Worth of Chapter	44,551	42,804	(1,747)
Small Business	2,800	2,119	(681)	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$45,301</u>	<u>\$46,016</u>	<u>\$ 715</u>
Meetings	15,179	11,341	(3,838)				
Chapter Awards	930	911	(19)				
Student Awards	1,160	1,021	(139)				
Newsletter	15,500	15,283	(217)				
Insurance	725	631	(94)				
Program	250	170	(80)				
Officers	500	245	(255)				
Chapter Recognition	15	9	(6)				
Bylaws & Procedures	550	348	(202)				
Employee Referral	50	13	(37)				
Membership Services	100	68	(32)				
Credit charge costs	633	354	(279)				
Answering Service	704	459	(245)				
Other	875	75	(800)				
Prior Year Expenses		2,551	2,551				
Social Functions		125	125				
Total Expenses	<u>54,756</u>	<u>44,928</u>	<u>(9,828)</u>				
Less Prior Year Expenses		2,551	2,551				
Current Year Expenses	<u>54,756</u>	<u>42,377</u>	<u>(12,379)</u>				
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$10,524</u>	<u>\$ 646</u>	<u>(\$9,878)</u>				

*Footnote: If the Chapter is not successful in its appeal for exemption from Washington, D.C. sales taxes, the Chapter may have to pay approximately \$2,528 in sales taxes for fiscal year 1992.

Additional Information

As shown by the unaudited financial statements dated May 29, 1992, the Chapter had net income of \$646. The Chapter had budgeted net income of \$10,524. This low income is primarily due to the fact that less revenue was received from the education seminars than had been expected. As of May 29, 1992, the checkbook balance was \$10,122 and the savings account balance was \$23,009. The accounts receivable balance was \$14,955 of which \$2,070 is doubtful. However, we will continue to try to collect this. The accounts payable balance will be paid by the end of June. These expenses are primarily for the April seminar and the June newsletter.

CHAPTER OFFICIAL OF THE MONTH



Michael W. Noble
Co-Chair
Education Committee

The Education Committee is very demanding, often frustrating, but always rewarding. It's an excellent way to meet a lot of people, both within the chapter and within the Government financial management community. "This is my first year in AGA. When I was asked to 'help' out with this committee, I never dreamed how much work it would be. But the committee has provided a lot of benefit to a lot of members. . . .I've enjoyed that."

Mike is the Chief, Office of Financial Reports, in the Controllor organization at IRS. As such, he is responsible for bureau-wide control accounting and consolidations, financial statements and reports, and development of a cost management system. He is a lead official for the implementation of the CFO Act in IRS and serves as his bureau's representative on the Treasury Audited Financial Statements Task Force. Mike was also one of the key analysts in the development and organization of a Controllor function at IRS two years ago.

Mike has spent his entire Federal career with IRS. Prior to his current position, he was a Planning Officer, a Facilities Branch Chief in the Baltimore District, a Staff Assistant to an Assistant Commissioner, a supervisory systems accountant, and a supervisory operating accountant. Prior to joining IRS in 1975, he was the Controllor for the Mid-Atlantic branch of an international corporation.

Mike received a BS in Accounting from the University of Maryland and is a graduate of the Mid-Career Development Program at Syracuse University.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

CEC Meeting Minutes March 25, 1992

By Pat Wensel, Chapter Secretary

Call to Order: President Sam Mok called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of March 13, 1992 was mailed to all board members for review prior to the CEC meeting. Warren Cottingham reported that accounts receivable for the year are down and payables are the same as last year. Our tax exemption certificate was not renewed five years ago. Joe Cammarada, Counsel, said that we should ask for a retroactive waiver for the last five years. Joe also said we should pay the invoice for the Newsletter but not the sales tax and that we should reimburse Byron Adams for amounts paid to the D.C. government. Joe recommended that we not set up a contingent liability for taxes not paid. Warren requested assistance with follow-up on overdue accounts receivables. Warren will draft a letter to CFOs of debtor agencies for President Mok's signature. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Regional News: President Mok reported that the National Executive Council is taking a position on government experience qualifying for CPA certification. Off-shore chapters are to be assigned to the Capital Region.

Program—May's luncheon meeting will honor Chapter Award winners and past presidents. The CEC decided to adhere to tradition and pay for past president's lunches.

Activities—Co-chairs, Bob Faber and Rachelle Harris, reported that the objectives of their committee are to get new members involved in Chapter activities and sponsor new activities for members. The committee is composed of six members representing five agencies. Social events were held in November, January, and March attended by 35 members representing 17 agencies. Future events for the year are planned.

Meetings—Judy Parsons reported that we had 58 for the March luncheon meeting and that we will return to the Touchdown Club for the April meeting. Alternative locations for future meetings are being considered. The possibility of a luncheon buffet will be explored.

Education—Speakers have been lined up for the 2 day seminar scheduled for April 15 and 16.

Membership—Evelyn Brown reported that we have 1085 members to date.

Student Awards—Dianne Guensberg reported that files from last year were lost. The committee is developing a workplan to pass to the next administration. Local colleges and universities were contacted for nominations for this year. Reina Diaz and Richard Fontenrose will serve on the evaluation committee to select the scholarship winner. It was suggested that next year we may include those who work for the federal government who want to pursue advanced education in addition to full-time college students.

Research—Marc Page reported that next meeting of teams will be April 16.

Small Business—Board members were requested to visit some of the small business classes scheduled to begin April 22 at the Department of Labor. Classes are held on Wednesday eve-

nings 6:30 to 9:00 pm April 22nd through June 24th.

Chapter Recognition—Jean Bowles reported that the Chapter had earned 9355 points at the end of February.

Employment Referral—Judi Fuerstenberg reported that we have received five new job announcements that have been put on our voice mail.

Newsletter—President Mok stated that he would like the May Newsletter to be an end-of-year report. A separate notice will be sent announcing the May luncheon.

Nominating Committee—The slate, representing nine agencies and two from the private sector, was presented and accepted.

Awards—Nancy Fleetwood presented the list of award winners. They will be recognized at the May luncheon. A program will be printed for the occasion.

President Mok adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The next CEC meeting will be held on April 29.

CEC Meeting Minutes April 29, 1992

By Pat Wensel, Chapter Secretary

Call to Order: President Sam Mok called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of April 13, 1992 was mailed to all board members for review prior to the CEC meeting. President Mok reported that this has been a break-even year. Below the line charges include accounts receivables that may not be collectible and a potential back sales and use tax liability due to fail-

ure to renew the Chapter tax exemption certificate. The Chapter's current application for tax exempt status was sent forward. This administration will make provision in the financial statements for potential tax liability with a footnote. Pat Dews noted that the Chapter purchased an accounting software package for use by the Treasurer.

The treasurer has agreed to close the books after May. He will prepare final statements for audit and publication in the final newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Activities—A flyer was distributed for an event, "Spring Fling," to be held on May 7 at the Touchdown Club.

Education—Our final seminar was successful. Mike Noble will write a lessons learned report for this year's educational events.

Membership—Evelyn Brown reported that we exceeded 1100 members by the end of March. The Chapter had 144 new members this year. Evelyn's challenge to the new board is to get more members actively involved.

Small Business—Thirteen members attended the first class of the latest small business course. Five or six more are expected to attend the second class. It is a very diverse group of students. President Mok attended the first class and was very impressed by the design of the course, the manual, and the quality of the instructors. He recommended that all Board members get a copy of the manual and visit some of the small business classes.

Chapter Recognition—Jean Bowles reported that the Chapter had earned 11,200 points through April. The Chapter maxed out in all categories except Community Service and Membership.

Employment Referral—Judi Fuerstenberg reported that we received nine new job announcements since our last meeting.

Newsletter—A final edition of the Newsletter will be mailed after the May luncheon. It will include accomplishments for the year and a report of the Chapter's financial condition.

Nominating Committee—The membership elected the following new board members: Ronald Adolphi, Evelyn Brown, Warren Cottingham, Patricia Dews, Nancy Fleetwood, Judi Fuerstenberg, and Dennis Mitchell.

Awards—Nancy Fleetwood reported that programs had been printed for the Awards luncheon and that all award plaques are ready.

VITA—The Chapter reported 138 hours of volunteer time for VITA.

The AGA Research Foundation is preparing an agreement with area chapters to share the profits of educational events sponsored by the Foundation.

President Mok adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. A transition meeting of the incoming and outgoing officers and board members will be held on May 27.

**Ron Lynch
Farewell Luncheon**

A farewell luncheon is being planned for Ron Lynch on August 19, 1992, at 12 p.m., Golden Palace Restaurant, Chinatown, Washington, D.C. Please call Doris Chew/Jessica Kaplan at 202-376-5415 for details.

SOCIAL EVENT

Washington Chapter

Potomac River Brunch Cruise aboard
THE SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON

Sunday, September 13, 1992, from 12 noon to 3:00. Meet at Pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, Southwest.

Cost: \$11.50

Reservations must be made by August 28.

Call 703-758-4080, Voice Mail, Luncheon Reservations.

— MOVING ON —

Samuel T. Mok, Immediate Past President of the Wash., D.C. Chapter, will be leaving his position as the Comptroller of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He has been named as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of the Board of a private sector company. He will remain in the Wash., D.C. area and stay active in AGA. Mr. Mok was appointed Comptroller of the Treasury in 1986 by then Secretary James Baker.

Chapter Recognition Program

By Jean Bowles, Committee Chair

Category	Yearly Maximum	Points Claimed
I: Chap. Admn. Excess Credits	2,000	2,300 300
II: Chap. Mtgs. Excess Credits	2,000	2,136 136
III: Newsletter Excess Credits	2,000	2,420 420
IV: Educ. Events Excess Credits	3,000	3,100 100
V: Membership *Footnote	2,000	*Note *Note
VI: Public Service Deficiency	2,000	1,200 800
VII: Chapt. Awards Prog. Excess Credits	1,000	1,600 600
Total	11,200	12,756
Excess Credits		2,356
Deficiency		800

*Note: To be calculated by the National Membership Committee based on 4/30/92 Membership

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

By Velma J. Speight, Director

Following is an accomplishment report for the VITA program for the 1991-1992 year:

- Recruited 21 Volunteers for VITA:
- Provided 1991 Tax Information to 15 Volunteers; and
- Five Volunteers Prepared Income Taxes for a total of 131 hours.

Edyth V. Anderson—Martin Luther	32 Hours—King Library
Evelyn A. Brown—Martin Luther	26 Hours—King Library
Patricia Wensel—Martin Luther	31 Hours—King Library
Alvin Garner—Laurel Community	13.5 Hours—Center
Virginia Robinson—Martin Luther	28 Hours—King Library
Total	130.5 Hours

Student Awards

*By Dianne Guensberg,
Committee Chair*

The winner of the 1992 Association of Government Accountants, Washington Chapter Scholarship, is David Levush. Mr. Levush is currently in his junior year at the University of Maryland at College Park, majoring in accounting. While maintaining a perfect grade point average at Maryland, David is an active member of Beta Alpha Psi participating in their VITA program and providing tutoring services. In his free time, David enjoys participating in intramural sports.

*1992 Professional Development Conference (PDC)
June 22–June 24, 1992
An Event to Behold*

By Dennis S. Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief

Many shiny advertising brochures read **Let's Go To Dallas!* *June 22–24, 1992* *41st Annual AGA PDC** and we went, in droves.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 1992 AGA, PDC, in Dallas, Texas, into a rip roaring, stampede of a success, beginning with the opening ceremonies on Monday morning, June 22, 1992, and keynote address by Mr. Edward J. Mazur, Controller of the United States. The program ended Wednesday evening, June 24, 1992, with the Awards Banquet. And bully/bully to our outgoing National President, Clyde Jeffcoat, who helped make the entire 1992/1993 year a rousing success.

We participated in the most important panel discussions ever during a PDC, conversed with some of the most brilliant government financial management thinkers of our time, and received information on the current status of government financial management topics.

If you missed this PDC, mark your calendar now for the 1993, 42nd PDC, June 21-23, 1993, Orlando, FL. Also, mark your calendar for the First Annual State & Local Government Leadership Conference, September 28-29, 1992, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact the AGA National Office for information (703) 684-6931 (Alexandria, VA). Early Registration for Nashville, by August 3, 1992, Members \$200, Non-Members \$250. Late Registration (After August 3) Members \$225, Non-Members \$275.

Washington Chapter membership contributed in many ways to a successful 1992/1993 season as demonstrated by the many members who participated in organizing the Dallas/Fort Worth PDC—arranging for speakers, arranging for panel discussions, etc. The membership also did itself proud, as demonstrated by the many members who received awards during the PDC Wednesday luncheon and Wednesday evening Awards Banquet. And, the Chapter was recognized in several categories for racking up points in the Chapter Recognition Program as reported in the Newsletter throughout the year by Jean Bowles, Chapter Recognition Chairperson.

Our own, Virginia B. Robinson, Executive Director, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, was awarded the prestigious Robert W. King Memorial Award. The award was established in honor of the Association's founding president, conferred in the form of a gold medallion to a member of the Association for distinguished service of such significance as to have importantly enhanced the Association's national prestige and stature. Ms. Robinson won the award for enhancing the prestige and stature of the Association of Government Accountants by her sustained leadership and service in improving financial management through her work and professional activities.

Several non-members were recognized, including Frank S.M. Hodsoll, who was awarded the Frank Greathouse, Distinguished Leadership Award, that is conferred on individuals in government service who have provided sustained outstanding leadership in financial management over a period of years, resulting in notable contributions to financial management. Mr. Hodsoll is Deputy Director for Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Our own **William L. Kendig**, Director of Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, was also awarded the Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership award. Mr. Kendig won the award for his dedicated leadership, innovation and efforts in federal financial management programs and the AGA activities which resulted in measurable savings involving many millions of dollars through cost reduction and systems consolidation activities.

Ronald J. Lynch, another Washington Chapter member, received the President's Award in appreciation for his many years of untiring support of virtually every major program sponsored by AGA. Mr. Lynch's efforts this year have principally focused on the update of AGA's bylaws and procedures. Mr. Lynch is Principal, Office of Federal Services, Arthur Anderson & Co.

Cornelius E. Tierney, another Washington Chapter member, received the President's Award in appreciation of his superb leadership year after year in every aspect of AGA operations. As Chairman of the Education and Research Foundation, he has turned the Foundation into one of the most prominent providers of government financial management training in the nation. This year, the Foundation has provided more education and realized more revenue than in all prior years combined, thanks largely to Mr. Tierney's leadership. Mr. Tierney, is National Director, Public Sector Practice, Ernst and Young.

The **Washington Chapter** was recognized for exceeding 10,000 credit points in the National Chapter Recognition Program, under the watchful eye of Chapter President Samuel T. Mok.

The **Washington Chapter** received the **Silver Chapter Designation** for reaching or exceeding 10,000 credit points three years in a row under the watchful eye of Chapter Presidents Samuel T. Mok, Joyce D. Shelton, and Doris A. Chew.

The **Washington Chapter** received the **Gold Chapter Designation** for reaching or exceeding 10,000 credit points five years in a row under the watchful eye of Chapter Presidents Samuel T. Mok, Joyce D. Shelton, Doris A. Chew, and Diane M. Bray.

The Washington Chapter Newsletter received honorable mention behind the winner of the newsletter award, the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Congratulations to one and all, and keep up the good work during the 1992/1993 season.

VOLCKER COMMISSION SUCCESSORS FINALLY NAMED

President Bush has made his long-awaited nominations to the National Advisory Council on the Public Service. The 15-member commission, created by Congress nearly two years ago, will pick up where the National Commission on the Public Service (known as the Volcker Commission) left off in 1990. It will monitor the state of the federal civil service, recommend ways to attract candidates to Federal jobs, and promote better understanding of the role government workers play in implementing programs and policies. The council will submit annual reports to the President and must issue a final report within three years of its first meeting.

Raymond Shafer, a former governor of Pennsylvania who is now with a Washington law firm, will be chairman of the council. The eight other presidential nominees are: John Brademas, president of New York University; Hal Daub, former Nebraska Congressman who is now director of federal government affairs at Deloitte & Touche, an international accounting firm in Washington; Samuel Mok, comptroller of the Treasury Department; Antonia Novello, U.S. Surgeon General; Edward Joseph Perkins, director general of the Foreign Service; Jesse Rios, president of the National Council of Field Labor Locals; Shirin Tahir-Khell, alternative representative of the United States at the United Nations; and Charles Untermeyer, director of the Voice of America.

Four Members of Congress will also serve on the commission: Rep. Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn.; Rep. Constance Morella, D-Md.; Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark.; and Sen. Hank Brown, R-Colo. Ralph Mecham, director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, will be the panel's judicial branch representative. (*Government Executive Magazine*, May 1992)

Mr. Mok, was recently sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Byron White. (See Photo on Page One with Mr. Mok's Farewell Message.)

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