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## LUNCHEON SERIES

*\$10 Early Sign-up Special  
for Federal Employees for  
February Luncheon*

### Jeff Hoge

#### Director, Accounting Systems Division

Treasury Department Financial Management Service

"GTAS: The Nitty Gritty Details"

[Read Bio](#)

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Clydes of Gallery Place

Mr. Hoge will discuss the Government wide Treasury Account symbol, (GTAS), which comes on-line in 2 years. It replaces several stove-pipes with one integrated trial balance system. It checks the quality of the data by applying the rules of the U. S. Standard General Ledger, and by comparing trial balance data to receipt and collection data agencies have already sent us. It also provides actionable feedback that agencies can use to improve the quality of their accounting. When fully implemented, it could create the Financial Report of the U. S. Government and agency statements from the same underlying database, ensuring consistency between the two.

## Save The Date

**Annual Spring Education Conference**  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
at the Ronald Reagan Building

Planning is underway and we look forward to another informative and worthwhile conference. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

## Announcements

### Early Careers Social Hour

Thursday, February 17th.

Aria Trattoria Pizzeria & Bar

Starting at 5:30

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- John LeCarre

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## Note From the Editor

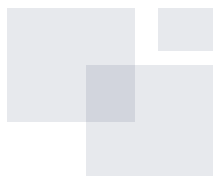


by **Jorge Asef-Sargent,**  
**Editor**

Welcome to the February edition of the Washington Connection! In this month's edition of the newsletter we have information on the up-coming luncheon for February (which remains

popular as ever!), the winter and spring training schedules for the CGFM, and community service opportunities. In the Inside the Black Box, Simcha Kuritzky, brings us an article on proprietary and budgetary cash account balances. Also, the AGA/DC Awards Committee needs your help in identifying outstanding individuals in the federal, state, and local government arenas for the National Leadership Awards. Each year, AGA recognizes professionals of visionary Leadership, innovative Management, and educational commitment to our profession and AGA. For more details refer to the Awards section of this newsletter.

This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles—these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offer, in particular the high quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.



Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

Sincerely,

*Jorge Asef-Sargent*

Jorge Asef-Sargent, CPA, CGFM  
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor

## Newsletter Team

*Jorge Asef-Sargent, Editor*

*Erwin Solbach, Graphics*



# President's Message



by Doug Glenn

Dear fellow AGA DC members,

In my first letter I mentioned that one of the areas our industry (i.e., we) have fallen down is promoting our value. We currently have an opportunity to do something about that. As most of you know, Treasury produces the consolidated Financial Report of the United States. It's 268 pages, which is more than I, or most other Americans care to read in depth. However, if 268 pages is not too much for you, go to <http://www.gao.gov/financial/fy2010/10frusg.pdf>. All of our year-end efforts, the resulting statements and footnotes, the audits, and the opinions, all lead to this document.

Fortunately, Treasury produces a much more manageable report, the Citizens Guide to the 2010 Financial Report of the United States Government. You can find it at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/frsummary/frsummary2010.pdf>. The 12-page web version covers the deficit, net operating cost, projected spending and interest, revenue sources, revenue uses, what we own, what we owe, projected debt levels, and other interesting financial information. In my mind, this is fundamental financial information that every American should be aware of. Unfortunately, only a few people outside the beltway do. Each year, I send out an email to all my friends and family with the Citizens Guide attached and ask them to look at it. I know this may sound strange to some but I consider it an annual opportunity to say, "Hey, my industry cares about your tax dollars and here's what's happening with them."

Thanks to the improvements we have made in the last decade in Federal financial reporting, we have known for years that the financial forecast for America is not positive. The press and politicians are finally catching on to this and that something needs to be done. In my opinion (and we all know what they say about opinions), I do not believe decisive action will be taken in time to save us and our children from tough times ahead. I cannot predict what will happen when taxes are significantly raised or benefits are drastically cut, but I can say that it will not be good. I fear that if we don't take this opportunity to tell America, "Hey, we care about your tax dollars and here's what's happening with them", the backlash of frustrated and angry Americans could easily be directed at us.

# President's Message (cont'd)

Therefore, I highly encourage you to take this opportunity to say to your friends and family outside the beltway, "The Federal financial industry costs less than 1/3 of 1% of the annual Federal budget and cares about your tax dollars. I've attached a 12-page document that summarizes what happens with your tax dollars and possibly what lies ahead for all of us. You should take a look at it!"

Good luck!

Sincerely,

*Doug Glenn*

Doug Glenn, CPA  
President  
Washington DC Chapter

# Welcome, New Members!

## MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <i>Christopher Alvarez</i> | <i>Department of Justice</i>             |
| <i>Sophia M. Carty</i>     | <i>Cotton and Company LLP</i>            |
| <i>Patricia Collins</i>    | <i>DHS/FEMA</i>                          |
| <i>Jewel DeCastro</i>      | <i>Williams, Adley and Co., LLP</i>      |
| <i>Janet M. Downey</i>     | <i>Executive Office of the President</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey Ellis</i>       | <i>KPMG LLP</i>                          |
| <i>Michael Hargis</i>      | <i>KPMG LLP</i>                          |
| <i>Mr. Tim A. Hoover</i>   | <i>Department of Justice</i>             |
| <i>Sam O. Idahosa</i>      | <i>Department of the Treasury</i>        |
| <i>Su Jung Kim</i>         | <i>Smithsonian</i>                       |
| <i>Adam D. Lake</i>        | <i>KPMG LLP</i>                          |
| <i>Alison M. Lee</i>       | <i>PwC</i>                               |
| <i>Charles Maddox, III</i> | <i>USAF</i>                              |
| <i>Marie E. Madzy</i>      | <i>HUD</i>                               |
| <i>Maria McLean</i>        | <i>District of Columbia OIG</i>          |
| <i>Michael T. McNiff</i>   | <i>Federal Aviation Administration</i>   |
| <i>Daniel Mered</i>        | <i>HHS/FDA</i>                           |
| <i>Nita Nigam</i>          | <i>HUD</i>                               |
| <i>Katherine M. Palmer</i> | <i>VA</i>                                |
| <i>Laurie A. Park</i>      | <i>Department of the Treasury</i>        |
| <i>Yong Sun</i>            | <i>HUD/FHA</i>                           |
| <i>Gerald A. Tucker</i>    | <i>HUD</i>                               |
| <i>Adrienne West</i>       | <i>Deloitte and Touche</i>               |

## Request for Newsletter Submissions, Comments, or Suggestions

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local member including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on rollouts of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission.

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the **March 2011** issue is **February 21, 2011**. Please send your comments and contributions to **Jorge Asef-Sargent**, the newsletter editor for the 2010-2011 program year, at [jasef-sargent@pmg.com](mailto:jasef-sargent@pmg.com).



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**Grant Thornton**

## Membership Article

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### January 2011 Luncheon – Recognition of AGA-DC New Member and New Member Recruiter

At the January 2011 Luncheon, Chapter President Doug Glenn thanked new member recruiter Erin Singshinsuk, Managing Partner at Singshinsuk and Associates, LLC, and welcomed new member Margaret Lo Hing of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Financial Reporting Branch. Doug presented each of them with an AGA-DC lapel pin.



**Left to right:** Erin Singshinsuk, Margaret Lo Hing, Chapter President Doug Glenn, Chapter Membership Director Eileen Parlow.



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## WANT TO HELP?

If you're interested in being a liason or joining the mentor program, as either a mentor or mentee, please contact Kesha Pendergrast at 202-351-8636 or:

[Pendergrast\\_kesha@pendergrastconsulting.com](mailto:Pendergrast_kesha@pendergrastconsulting.com).

## Connect to the World of Government Accountability



AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Click on the link below to view a short AGA video:

<http://www.agacqfm.org/downloads/agaweb.wmv>

# CGFM News and Upcoming Events



Karl Payne

by Karl Payne



Leon Fleischer

**Greetings!** Leon and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following items of interest. If you have questions or interest in CGFM please feel free to contact Leon or myself at [kpayne@kpmg.com](mailto:kpayne@kpmg.com) and [leon.fleischer@sba.gov](mailto:leon.fleischer@sba.gov).

## Winter CGFM Training

The DC Chapter just wrapped up its Winter CGFM Class. During the six days, one of AGA's national instructors guided 32 students from federal, local government, and the private sector through all three modules of the CGFM exam. There was no cost to the students, not even the cost of the CGFM study guides – all provided compliments of the DC Chapter. Thanks to the assistance of our government members, the Winter Class was hosted by the USDA in its Waugh Auditorium location, downtown. The instructor's and materials for these classes are always top notch and the students usually find that it is a rigorous but rewarding six days. Congratulations to all of our Winter Class participants!

## AGA's CGFM Website – It's a Great Place for Information

Have you visited the CGFM Certification Directory on the AGA national website? If not, make sure to check it out at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm). You will find a wealth of valuable information that will help you along your path to attaining certification. Just some of the topics you will find covered on the website are: Why Earn the CGFM, Where Do I Start, What Do Exams Cover, How Do I Prepare, How Do I Purchase Exams, and How Do I Maintain a CGFM. And, of course, Leon and I are available at a Chapter level to answer any of your question or concerns. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

## CGFM Compensation Survey

Did you know that AGA conducted a compensation survey earlier this year? The results of the survey showed that those who had earned a CGFM designation reported a higher average salary than those who do not hold this certification: \$105,815 compared to \$78,905, a difference of 34 percent. The compensation survey report can be found at

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMCompensationSurvey.pdf>



Winter CGFM Training

# CGFM News and Upcoming Events

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## Intensive Review Course

The National AGA Office recently announced that it is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the Ninth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). AGA will be hosting a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 22, 2011, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on February 23-24, 2011. The event will take place in Alexandria, VA. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees. **Deadline: Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so everyone is encouraged to sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after February 9, 2011.**

More information and a registration form for this event are available on the AGA website ([http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc\\_2011/cgfm\\_exams.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2011/cgfm_exams.htm)).

## Spring CGFM Training

We are also offering a Spring CGFM Training. The dates will be March 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17. The scope and content is the same as the Winter CGFM Training: six days, all three modules, no cost to the students. The registration will also be first come, first serve. Registration will open in early February. When registration opens, an announcement will be posted to the Chapter Website, and an email notification will be sent via the Chapter email distribution list.

# Early Careers Corner

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## Check out our events for the New Year!

**March 2011** – Fondue Party

**April 2011** – Beer Lab

**May 2011** – Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Regards,

*Lena Lewis & Stephen Wills*

DC Early Career Committee Directors

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# Accountability Outreach Committee Corner

## AOC Kickoff Event And Reception

Visit the Snapshots pages 26 - 27 for the photos from this event.

### Who and What

On December 1, 2010, the Association of Government Accountants Washington, DC Chapter Accountability Outreach Committee (AOC) hosted a kick-off event and reception to educate attendees about the **Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR)** program. The agenda included remarks from Doug Glenn, DC Chapter President on the value of serving as a reviewer and John Hummel, KPMG Partner and Chair of the CEAR Review Board who provided an informative overview on the CEAR program. An average of 15 public sector and industry professionals enjoyed networking, trivia, refreshments, and the opportunity to garner insight regarding key legislation, genesis of the program, quality metrics, program expectations and timeline. The AOC is committed to promoting AGA's performance and accountability programs to the chapter members and the community and this was an excellent forum to help facilitate the requirements and benefits.

### Web resource

<http://www.agacqfm.org/performance/cear/>

## AGA-DC Membership Contest Winners

At the January luncheon, Chapter President Doug Glenn presented Ken Matos and eight of Ken's colleagues at the Department of Housing and Urban Development with AGA-DC lapel pins and Visa gift cards:

- **Christopher Bergin**
- **Marie Madzy**
- **Marc Martinez**
- **Nita Nigam**
- **Solomon Scholz**
- **Yong Sun**
- **Jerry Tucker**
- **Tommy Weakland**

*Note: We hope to award the final prize at the February 2011 luncheon.*



**Front row:** Maria Madzy, Nita Nigam  
**Back row:** Jerry Tucker, Yong Sun, Christopher Bergin, Marc Martinez, Ken Matos, Tommy Weakland, Solomon Scholz, Chapter President Doug Glenn; Chapter Membership Director Eileen Parlow at podium

## Awards Committee Update

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### THE AGA/DC AWARDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Annually, the Association of Government Accountants presents at the Professional Development Conference and Exposition a series of awards to recognize individuals for their contributions to the Association. We need your assistance in identifying outstanding individuals who exemplify the characteristics described below:

- **Robert W. King Memorial Award**—an AGA member who has provided superior service that enhanced the AGA's national prestige and stature.
- **Einhorn-Gary Award**—An active AGA member or organization that has, over a sustained period of time, made major contributions to advancing government accountability at the federal, state, and/or local level.
- **Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award**— A government employee who has demonstrated sustained outstanding leadership and notable contributions to financial management, and to encourage increased interest, growth, development and distinctive leadership in the field of financial management.
- **Achievement of the Year Award**—A government employee who has exhibited leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing and improving financial management in government service in the past year.
- **Educator Award**— An individual who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers.
- **Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award**— An individual who throughout their careers (minimum of 15 years) have made continuous contributions to governmental financial management by their direct participation in research activities and/or through their encouragement and support of others engaged in government financial management research.
- **Chapter Service Award**—An active AGA member who has consistently made important contributions to the development and enhancement of a chapter.
- **International Achievement Award**—A government employee who has exhibited leadership or outstanding achievement in international government financial management.
- **Emerging leader Award of Excellence**— A government financial manager with 5 to 10 years experience providing notable contributions toward excellence in financial management.

Please send the names and nomination information of outstanding professionals to Eleanor Crawford at [Eleanor.long@EY.com](mailto:Eleanor.long@EY.com) no later than March 15, 2011. If you need assistance or have questions, feel free to contact Eleanor at 202-327-5903. For more information on each of these awards and their nomination forms, visit AGA's National website: [www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards).

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## Want to Make a Difference?

### Consider a Career in Government Financial Management

Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section on the AGA national website [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) or contact **Jessica Jones** at [JJones@agacgfm.org](mailto:JJones@agacgfm.org).

## Mentorship

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### Thank You Mentors And Mentees...

For taking time to complete the Mentorship survey! Your feedback will help improve the Mentorship program and future initiatives.

### We Want To Hear From You!

#### How can the AGA DC Mentorship Program be improved?

We are seeking feedback from our mentors and mentees.

What would you like to see done differently?

What activities would you like to see implemented in the future?

What can we do to help you be more effective in your role (mentee/mentor)?

Feel free to let us know what you think about the program. All feedback can be sent to [Pendergrast\\_kesha@pendergrastconsulting.com](mailto:Pendergrast_kesha@pendergrastconsulting.com)

## Community Service

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### Tax Nite

The Community Services Committee is sponsoring a Tax Nite. On **February 21** at the **Jackson-Hewett Tax office** in Gaithersburg, I will be present to handle tax filing questions and preparing simple returns.

Please come by @ 9165 Rothbury Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20886. The time is 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Email questions @ [stue50@aol.com](mailto:stue50@aol.com) or call 240 994 2357



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# EARLY CAREERS SOCIAL HOUR



Please join us at Aria Trattoria Pizzeria & Bar for an exciting networking evening!

This event will provide a great opportunity for you to interact one-on-one with government and private sector accountability leaders as well as other early career professionals in the Capital Region.

**When?** Thursday, February 17th, 2011  
5:30pm–7:30pm

**Where?** Aria Trattoria  
Reagan Building  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC

**Cost?** \$ 0.00 \*

**Value?** Priceless!

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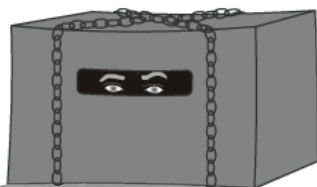
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- AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter



# Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



## Cash Substitutes

### Introduction

Last year, I wrote about tying proprietary and budgetary cash, with special emphasis on 1120 Imprest Funds and 1090 Fund Balance with Treasury under a Continuing Resolution. This time, I look at two other accounts used specifically for transfers of authority unaccompanied by cash.

### Currently Invested Balances

The U.S. Standard General Ledger (SGL) has two accounts used for transfers of authority from a trust fund to an appropriated fund, where the cash temporarily remains behind in the trust fund: 1330 Receivable for Transfers of Currently Invested Balances and 2150 Payable for Transfers of Currently Invested Balances. There are over a dozen SGL transactions where these balances are established and about a dozen where they are liquidated. In most cases, these proprietary accounts are posted along with special budgetary accounts used exclusively for this purpose, as shown in the following summary:

- 4126 Amounts Appropriated from Specific Invested TAFS – Receivable**  
Established by entries A173, A516, A519, A524; Liquidated by A175, A518  
Exclusively used with account 1330
- 4127 Amounts Appropriated from Specific Invested TAFS – Payable**  
Established by entries A520; Liquidated by A522, A523, A526  
Exclusively used with account 2150
- 4137 Transfers of Contract Authority**  
Established by entries A177, A179; Liquidated by A180, A181  
Exclusively used with accounts 1330 and 2150
- 4166 Allocations of Realized Authority - To Be Transferred from Invested Balances**  
Established by entries A416, A424, A426; Liquidated by A420, A422, A430  
Exclusively used with accounts 1330 and 2150
- 4171 Nonallocation Transfers of Invested Balances - Receivable**  
Established by entries A532; Liquidated by A536  
Exclusively used with account 1330
- 4172 Nonallocation Transfers of Invested Balances - Payable**  
Established by entries A534; Liquidated by A538  
Exclusively used with account 2150

## Inside the Black Box (Cont'd)

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Usually these account balances are liquidated by transferring the 1330 or 2150 balance to 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury, and a corresponding transfer of the budgetary balance to a cash budgetary account, although A523 transfers 2150 to 5765 Nonexpenditure Financing Sources - Transfers-Out – Other.

However, there are a small number of entries which do not simultaneously post a receivable or payable budgetary account. These can cause problems when an agency tries to apply Treasury's tie points, and I suspect the SGL accidentally included these accounts in the transaction definition.

In A440, A442, A444, A446, A452, and A454, accounts 1330 or 2150 are posted along with budgetary accounts 4175 Allocation Transfers of Current-Year Authority for Noninvested Accounts and 4176 Allocation Transfers of Prior-Year Balances. However, 4175 and 4176 are usually accompanied by postings to 1010 cash (see A180, A181, A404, A406, A432, A434, A436, A438, A448, and A450). Even in entries A440, A442, A444, and A446, 1010 is given as an alternative account to post instead of 1330 or 2150. I suspect the SGL Board intended 1330 or 2150 to be posted along with 4171 or 4172, then those accounts closed to 4175 or 4176 when the fund balance is transferred on Treasury's books. However, in entry A428, the 1330 balance is liquidated by 1010 cash, but there are no budgetary accounts posted. Perhaps A428 was intended to post the liquidation of A440, A442, and A452, since the budgetary cash account was already posted, though there is no equivalent entry to liquidate account 2150 established in A444 or A446.

### Conclusion

In order for agencies to tie their budgetary and proprietary cash account balances, there has to be a clear segregation of the budgetary accounts. An account can't be posted along with cash in one transaction and along with a payable or receivable in another. If the SGL Board intended 1330 and 2150 to be treated the same as 1010 for tie points edits, then they need to change the FACTS II edits to include these accounts whenever they include 1010. The current model is inconsistent with regard to these accounts.

*Simcha Kuritzky*

**Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA**

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to [Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com](mailto:Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com), and not to the AGA.

This column is provided as part of a free exchange of ideas in federal accounting, and is not reviewed substantively before publication.

## Luncheon Speaker: Jeff Hoge

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Jeff Hoge is the director of the Accounting Systems Division in the Government-wide Accounting area of the Treasury Department's Financial Management Service. Mr. Hoge's division is responsible for building and maintaining several accounting and reporting systems that are used by all federal agencies. These include:

- STAR, the central accounting system of the federal government. This system tracks the spending authority of all agencies at the account level, produces the annual surplus/deficit figures, and, along with OMB's MAX system, is a primary tool for maintaining the Congressional Power of the Purse, the primary check on executive power in the system of checks and balances.
- GFRS and FACTS I, the primary sources of data for the Financial Report of the U. S. Government.
- FACTS II, the tool agencies use to report budget execution data to Treasury and OMB.

Mr. Hoge has worked in the accounting data collection area since he joined FMS in 1985. He has an MBA and a BS in Business Administration from George Mason University in Virginia.

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# Congratulations to our Washington D.C. Chapter

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AWARDEES

The AGA Washington D.C. Chapter would like to congratulate our members for the following National Leadership Awards.

### **Elmer Staats Award**

Mark Reger, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Assistant Fiscal Secretary, Accounting Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury—In recognition of Mr. Reger's leadership, integrity and enthusiasm for federal financial management. His work at the Federal Communications Commission and the Office of Personnel Management resulted in improved collections practices and increased accountability. At Treasury, he is now guiding the development of a new set of goals for financial operations with the goal of automating common activities. Mr. Reger maintains a sharp focus on increasing efficiency and reporting to ensure taxpayer funds are spent efficiently and effectively.

### **Distinguished Federal Leadership Award**

Donald V. Hammond, Deputy Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board of Directors—In recognition of Mr. Hammond's strong leadership in financial and fiscal management that focuses on changing existing practices, systems and processes to achieve better financial management. His efforts have resulted in measurable operational efficiencies and improved the way the federal government does business, therefore benefiting the American taxpayers.

### **Andrew Barr Award**

Joseph L. Kull, MBA, CGFM, CPA, Director, Washington Federal Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers—In recognition of Mr. Kull for exemplifying and promoting excellence in federal financial management over 32 years in the federal sector, where he served as CFO at two federal agencies, and six years in the private sector. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and provided high-quality performance and program improvement recommendations to improve financial management at numerous federal agencies. Further, Mr. Kull has developed professionals through his supervisory positions, college teaching, research and writing.

## Regional Membership News

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### The Capital Region is proud of its members who have been elected to national and regional AGA leadership positions.

**Evelyn Brown** - our Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance, has been selected for the position of National President-Elect Designate. Evelyn will become the President-Elect on July 1, 2011. Evelyn was nominated for this position unanimously by the chapters in the region. She is a member of the DC Chapter and resides in Montgomery County, Maryland.

**Kim Farington** - Past President of the DC Chapter, has been selected for the position of Regional Vice President-Elect Designate. She will become the RVP-Elect on July 1, 2011.

**John Homan** - a former Capital Region RVP and former President of the Northern Virginia Chapter, has been selected for the position of Senior Vice President At-Large beginning July 1, 2011.

**John Lynskey** - a former DC Chapter treasurer, has been selected for the position of National Treasurer-Elect Designate. He will become the Treasurer-Elect on July 1, 2011.

**Congratulations to all on your leadership positions!**

*Flora Milans*

Flora Milans,  
Regional Vice President, Capital Region



## Meetings Team

Ryan Bolz



The Meetings committee would like to once again thank all of YOU and Clyde's Restaurant for an outstanding January luncheon. We sold out in less than two days. This is the Chapter's fourth sell-out in a row! That is a testament to the excellent line up of speakers that we have this year, along with the great teamwork from all of our chapter members.

For the February luncheon, please ensure to sign-up early, as we expect another early-sell out. Also, make sure you get to Clyde's on time to enjoy the 3-course meal that is offered.

Mark Kandra



*Stay warm and we shall see you February 23rd at Clyde's – Gallery Place/Chinatown.*

*Ryan Bolz and Mark Kandra*

Ryan Bolz, Mark Kandra  
Meeting Team

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# FEBRUARY 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|----------|--------|----------|
|        |                                       | 1             | 2   | 3        | 4      | 5        |
| 6      | 7                                     | 8             | 9   | 10       | 11     | 12       |
| 13     | 14                                    | 15<br>AGA CEC | 16  | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| 20     | 21<br>Tax Assistance<br>Location: TBD | 22            | 23<br>February Luncheon<br>Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| 27     | 28                                    |               |   |          |        |          |

**NOTES:**

# MARCH 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 6      | 7      | 8       | 9  | 10  | 11     | 12       |
| 13     | 14     | 15      | 16<br>March Luncheon<br>Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place | 17<br>Job Fair<br>UMBC                      | 18     | 19       |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23   | 24<br>Fondue Party<br>Location: Melting Pot | 25     | 26       |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30   | 31  |        |          |

**NOTES:**

# APRIL 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                    |
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| 10     | 11     | 12<br>AGA CEC | 13   | 14   | 15     | 16<br>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY<br>Location: TBD |
| 17     | 18     | 19            | 20<br>APRIL LUNCHEON<br>Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place | 21<br>BEER LAB<br>Location: Gordon Biersch | 22     | 23  |
| 24     | 25     | 26            | 27   | 28   | 29     | 30  |

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# Calendar of Events - 2010/2011 Program Year

| Month    | Luncheons  | Community Service   | Education   | Mentorship | Early Careers   | CEC Meetings   |
|----------|--|---|---|------------|---|--|
| February | 23   | 21  |   |            |   | 15   |
|          | <b>February Luncheon</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b><br>Clyde's of Gallery Place; 11:30am<br>-1:30pm<br><b>Speaker:</b><br>Jeff Hoge<br>CPE: 1.0                | <b>Tax Assistance</b><br><b>Location:</b><br>TBD  |   |            |   | Teleconference #:<br>888-283-7402<br>Access code: 2809637<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM     |
| March    | 16   | 17  |   |            | 24  | 14   |
|          | <b>March Luncheon</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b><br>Clyde's of Gallery Place; 11:30am<br>-1:30pm<br><b>Speaker:</b><br>TBD<br>CPE: 1.0                         | <b>Job Fair</b><br><b>Location:</b> UMBC  |   |            | <b>Fondue Party</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b> Melting<br>Pot: TBD          | Teleconference #:<br>888-283-7402<br>Access code: 2809637<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM     |
| April    | 20   | 16  | 20  |            | 21  | 12   |
|          | <b>April Luncheon</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b><br>Clyde's of Gallery Place; 11:30am<br>-1:30pm<br><b>Speaker:</b><br>Mike Najum, CFO: Ginnie Mae<br>CPE: 1.0 | <b>Habitat for Humanity</b><br><b>Location:</b> TBD   | <b>Audio Conference</b><br><b>Topic:</b><br>Fraud             |            | <b>Beer Lab</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b> Gordon<br>Biersch; TBD           | Teleconference #:<br>888-283-7402<br>Access code: 2809637<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM     |
| May      | 18   | 19  |   |            | 4   | 14   |
|          | <b>May Luncheon</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b><br>Clyde's of Gallery Place; 11:30am<br>-1:30pm<br><b>Speaker:</b><br>Patricia Kelly, CFO of PBGC<br>CPE: 1.0   | <b>Cell Phone Collection</b><br><b>Location:</b> TBD<br><b>**Collection during Happy Hour**</b> |   |            | <b>Cinco de Mayo Fiesta</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b> Austin Grill;<br>TBD | Teleconference #:<br>888-283-7402<br>Access code: 2809637<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM     |
| June     |  | 9   | 8   |            |   | 14   |
|          | <b>Awards Gala</b><br><b>Location &amp; Time:</b> JW Marriott; TBD   | <b>Lyons Club<br/>Eye Glass Collection</b><br><b>Location:</b> TBD                              | <b>Audio Conference</b><br><b>Topic:</b><br>Internal Controls |            |   | Teleconference #:<br>888-<br>283-7402<br>Access code: 2809637<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |

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