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WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

Grand Hyatt Hotel
1000 H Street, NW
(At Metro Center - 11th Street Exit)

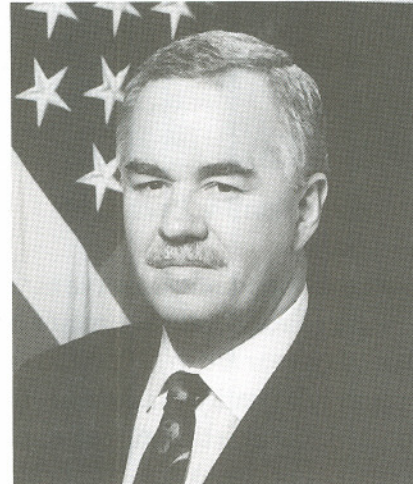
Social: 11:30 - Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Cost:
Members \$17.00; Nonmembers \$22.00

New members - your first luncheon meeting is free!

***** Please make reservations *****
The Hyatt provides us quality service.
In return, we need to tell them
how many people will be attending our luncheons.
Please call (703) 758-4080 for reservations
or to request a sign language interpreter
by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



**Francis E. (Gene) Reardon,
Auditor General of the Army**

Francis E. (Gene) Reardon was appointed as the Auditor General of the Army on March 4, 1992. The Auditor General reports to the Secretary of the Army and is responsive to the Chief of

Staff, U.S. Army. As the Auditor General, he is responsible for the worldwide operations of the U.S. Army Audit Agency and training and guidance of all Department of the Army auditors, including auditors in the National Guard and Army Reserve Internal Review.

Mr. Reardon received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Washburn University and his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Reardon is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Government Accountants, and the American Society of Military Comptrollers. Mr. Reardon is married and has two sons.

At the September luncheon meeting Mr. Reardon will speak on the topic of serving audit customers and understanding what audit customers really want.

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President's Message



Gary Amlin, President

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your 1996-1997 Chapter President. My major objectives for the coming year are to (1) provide our members and guests high-quality speakers at our monthly luncheons; (2) provide educational opportunities needed to sustain professional competencies; (3) serve our communities by being a participant in selected programs and providing them services; and (4) provide representation to the National Office to ensure our members concerns and needs are recognized.

No one can predict what changes will occur in Washington during the next few months. A change will take place at GAO with a new Comptroller General, the Presidential election will certainly bring some changes and probably new or modified priorities in many areas, including financial management. The year promises to be interesting, and I am happy to be a part of this organization

which will adjust and respond to the needs of its members.

The monthly luncheons are a very important part of the Washington Chapter activities. They provide information to our members on current topics and an opportunity to interact and network with other members. The dates are set for the monthly luncheons, and we have arranged an impressive group of speakers for the coming year (see page 8). You will want to mark these dates down so you don't miss out on hearing from some of the leaders within the financial management community.

To help in accomplishing these objectives we have developed a new Washington Chapter Handbook and Directory. The handbook will list events, programs, etc. for the year ahead, and it lists Washington Chapter members alphabetically and by employer. It will also discuss educational programs, opportunities for members to participate in public service programs, and outline some of our commit-

tee functions and responsibilities. I believe the educational programs will fulfill member training requirements and satisfy the continuing education requirements for the CGFM, CPA, and other professional certifications. The Washington Chapter has a long-standing commitment to professionalism and public service. That commitment is reflected

in the number and diversity of the public service efforts by Chapter members. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available for professional and personal development.

Gary Amlin, CGFM



Past President, Evelyn Brown with Gary Amlin at the June PDC in Little Rock. See page 9 for more PDC photos.

..... Highlights of the July 24, 1996, Executive Council Meeting

- The Executive Council approved publishing a "Chapter Handbook" which will contain chapter information and a directory of members. The "Chapter Handbook" will be printed and mailed to members in September.
- Virginia Murphy, Education Director, reported that the Washington Chapter will co-sponsor three training events with the Northern Virginia and Prince George's Chapters. The September event will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington. The February and April events will be held at George Washington University.
- Eva Williams, Membership Director, reported that our membership goal for this year is 263 new members. So far we are on target with 73 new members for May and June.
- Warren Cottingham, Awards Director, announced that nominations for the State and Local Government awards are due by mid-October, and nominations for the Federal Leadership awards are due by mid-November.
- The Executive Council scheduled its next meeting for August 21, 1996, at 11:30 a.m.

Marianne Morahan, Secretary

Membership 97

Welcome back to another year featuring outstanding luncheon meetings at the Grand Hyatt with great speakers and CPE credits for those attending, our 2nd Annual December Holiday Social, the chance to participate in community service projects, top-of-the-line educational events, and an April 1997 evening social/meeting. As you can see we have many exceptional programs and activities planned for you this year.

We want to congratulate you on your spectacular efforts to recruit 359 new members for the Washington Chapter during 1995-1996. But, we are not going to let you rest on your laurels. We challenge you to increase your efforts by at least ten percent this year, and make this a phenomenal year for our National President, Mitch Laine. We are already off to a record start. We have recruited 73 new members in May and June. So, as a member of the premier professional organization representing government financial managers, spread the word about the many benefits of AGA membership to your colleagues.

We also are looking for volunteers to work with the Membership Committee and Early Careers Subcommittee. Please call me at (202) 622-8719 if you are interested in working with us or if you just have a great idea for membership.

Eva J. Williams, CGFM, Director for Membership

Advertisements

The Washington Connection accepts advertisements that would be appropriate for our membership, i.e., ads which relate to the financial management profession and which do not conflict with the Association's goals and objectives. Advertisement prices are: full page (7" x 9" ad on 8½" x 11" page) \$300.00 - half page \$150.00 - quarter page \$75.00. All prices are for one printing in one issue. Advertisement copy may be provided on disk or by fax. Camera ready copy should be provided for most logos and other graphics. If you are interested in advertising in *The Washington Connection*, call Bob Buchanan at (703) 246-0298 or Michael Sciortino at (703) 246-0673 for details.

Next month...

The back page of this newsletter lists the names of the Chapter's officers and directors for the 1996 - 1997 program year and the area of Chapter administration for which each person has taken responsibility. Many of them have other people working with them as a committee, and they can always use more help. In next month's issue we will provide a summary of the committee duties and responsibilities. Please review this and pick out an area where you might help.

Agency Liaisons

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(703) 875-5634

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(202) 927-0119

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(202) 273-5528

For more information contact liaison coordinator, Renee Barry at (202) 606-5000 extension 374.

..... Nominations Solicited for AGA Awards

The Washington, D.C. Chapter is soliciting nominations for the Federal Leadership Conference Awards to be given at the annual AGA Leadership Conference in January. The announcement on the next page has the details on the award categories, criteria, and nomination procedures. Please route this sheet around your office and/or post it on a bulletin board.

Nominations should be submitted by 10/18/96. Mail nominations to:

AGA Washington, D.C. Chapter
ATTN: Awards Committee
P.O. Box 423
Washington, D.C. 20044-0423

or fax nominations to:
Warren Cottingham at
(202) 874-9634.

After reviewing the nominations, the Awards Committee will make recommendations to the Washington, D.C. Chapter's Executive Council and forward approved nominations to AGA National. The members of the Awards Committee are Bill Anderson, Evelyn Brown, Lydia Moshkin, Eva Williams, and myself.

If you have any questions about the awards or nomination procedures, please call me at (202) 874-9584.

Warren Cottingham, CGFM, Awards Director

New Year for Community Service

In keeping with the National President's message that "AGA should continue to strengthen its community service involvement," we need your help. Community service is a rewarding way to make a difference. Our projects will be featured in this newsletter. Innovative projects will be featured by the National Community Service Committee.

We are asking for volunteers to serve in the following areas:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA program)
- Small Business Symposium
- Career Awareness Program
- Scholarship Community
- Community Charities Committee

Volunteers are asked to sign up by calling Harvey Wiley at (202) 401-9119. Fax (202) 401-9417.

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
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is accepting nominations for:

FEDERAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AWARDS

To recognize individuals who have clearly distinguished themselves in providing leadership in the Federal financial community and the private sector. The awards are:

ELMER STAATS AWARD

Recognizes Federal professionals who exemplify and promote (1) excellence in government; (2) outstanding leadership; (3) high ethical standards; and (4) innovative management procedures.

ANDY BARR AWARD

Recognizes financial executives in the private-sector who promote and exemplify (1) excellence in government financial management; (2) outstanding leadership; (3) high ethical standards; and (4) innovative management techniques.

DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes elected or Presidential appointed Federal officials who exemplify and promote excellence in government management and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies, and systems (2 awards).

CRITERIA

- AGA membership is not required.
- For the Elmer Staats Award, individual must have been a Federal employee at the time the work to be recognized was performed.
- For the Andy Barr Award, individual must have been employed in the private-sector at the time the work being recognized was performed.
- For the Distinguished Federal Leadership Award, individuals nominated must have served in an elected Federal position at the time the contributions being recognized were performed.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations should include the name and phone number of the individual or group making the nomination; the nominee's name, phone number, title, agency, time period and one or two paragraphs on achievements. Please send nominations by 10/18/96.

For additional information, call Warren Cottingham at (202) 874-9584. Nominations can be faxed to Warren at (202) 874-9634 or mailed to:

AGA Washington, D.C. Chapter
ATTN: Awards Committee
P.O. Box 423
Washington, D.C. 20044-0423

The Washington Chapter is jointly sponsoring with the Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Prince George's Chapters a one-day event on:

**Doing More With Less...
Improving Your Organization's Effectiveness
Through Cost Management**

Date: September 26, 1996

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Location: Sheraton National Hotel
Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd.
900 South Orme St.
Arlington, Va. 22204
(703) 521-1900

CPE: 8 hours

Price: \$100 members/\$125 non-members

Focus: Cost management techniques in the Federal government with focus on enhancing business performance and satisfying customers while reducing and controlling costs. Speakers from several U.S. Treasury agencies, the General Services Administration, FASAB, and others will highlight cost accounting standards and describe how to initiate cost management in your agency.

Check your mail for a flyer with more details. For additional information or registration information, please contact:

Kathryn Coppola at
(703) 847-7635

..... Technical Articles Wanted

One of the principal reasons for publication of a Chapter newsletter is to help keep Chapter members informed on current governmental financial management topics and emerging issues. We would very much like to publish **your** technical article. Or, if you could provide us an article for reprint that you have seen elsewhere or point us to an article source, that would be great too.

You may fax articles to Bob Buchanan or Michael Sciortino at (703) 246-0294 or Ed Baxter at (703) 607-0588. We would prefer to receive material electronically, however, at any of the following internet addresses:

rbuchanan@anteon.com

msciortino@anteon.com

ebaxter@cleveland.dfas.mil

The deadlines for the next two issues are:

September 9 for the October issue and October 11 for the November issue.

Upcoming Financial Management Courses**September - October 1996 Courses at
The Center for Applied Financial Management****September 1996**

- 4 Certifying Officers
- 5-6 SF 224: Statement of Transactions
- 9-11 Sixth Annual Government Financial Management Conference - Reston, VA (Sheraton Reston)
- 19-20 Unlocking Key Reports
- 24-25 FASAB II Workshop - Crystal City, VA (Doubletree National Hotel)
- 25-27 Standard General Ledger

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- 24-25 Accrual World
- 28-29 Standard General Ledger
- 30-31 Dollars and Sense

Contact Kimberly Pringle at (202) 874-9560 for more information or fax requests to (202) 874-9629. To register for Center courses, submit an SF-182 to the Registrar, The Center for Applied Financial Management, 401 14th Street S.W., Suite 1100 KSB, Washington, DC 20227. All courses are held at 1411 K Street, N.W., 11th floor, unless otherwise noted.

**November - December 1996 Courses at
The National Capital Training Center
Graduate School, USDA****November 1996**

- 4-7 Government Bookkeeping and Accounting
- 6-8 Federal Accounting Standards
- 12-15 Budget Execution
- 14-15 Federal Budget Process
- 18-20 Cost Accounting Concepts in Federal Government Operations
- 21-22 Accounting for Non-Accountants

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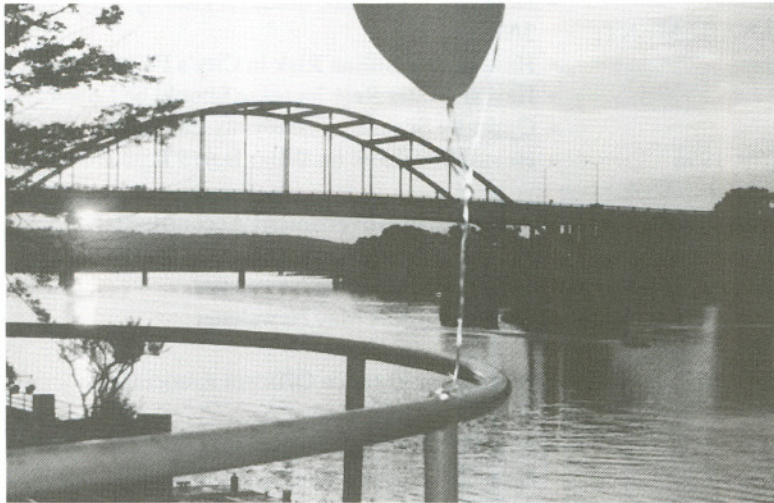
- 2-4 Federal Appropriations Law
- 5 Federal Appropriations Law Update
- 5-6 Activity-Based Costing
- 9-12 Budget Formulation
- 10-13 Introduction to Federal Budgeting
- 16-18 Introduction to Financial Management
- 30-31 Federal Budget Process

To register for these courses, fax or mail your training form to The National Capital Training Center, Graduate School, USDA, 600 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 108, Washington, DC 20024-2520 Voice (202) 401-9194, Fax (202) 401-9417, TDD (202) 447-3247 ext. 8123.

**Association of Government Accountants
Washington Chapter
Speakers List for 1996/1997 Program Year**

Date	Speaker	Topic
September 12, 1996	Gene Reardon, Auditor General, U.S. Army	Serving Your Customers--What Do Audit Clients Really Want?
October 3, 1996	Vincette Goerl, CFO, U.S. Customs Service	Will Activity-Based Costing and Budgeting Really Help Managers?
November 7, 1996	John Hamre, CFO and USD, Comptroller Department of Defense	New Directions in Defense Financial Management
December 5, 1996	Hazel Broadnax, Deputy CFO, PBGC	Actions Necessary to Keep a Clean Audit Opinion
January 9, 1997	Gerald Riso, Consultant, 1st CFO of the United States	What Do the Elections Tell Us About the Future of Government Financial Management?
February 6, 1997	Angela Avant, IG, District of Columbia Government	How the IG Function Can Contribute to Improving Financial Management
March 6, 1997	Panel Discussion	Late breaking hot topic
April 3, 1997	Mitch Laine, Deputy CFO, Department of Education, National President, AGA	AGA Accomplishments
April 12, 1997	To be announced	To be announced
May 1, 1997	Chapter Awards Luncheon	

PDC Photos



The view of the Arkansas River from the Excelsior Hotel, site of the President's reception.

AGA National President Virginia Brizendine presenting a chapter recognition award to Evelyn Brown



Sitting from left to right: Joanne Dant, Bob Coyle, Terri Martin, from the Farm Credit Administration; Standing left to right: Doris Chew, JFMIP and Pat Wensel, Farm Credit Administration

..... New on FinanceNet in May and June 1996

NEW GOPHER LIBRARY POSTINGS

(gopher.finance.net.gov)

NEW HAPPENINGS IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- FFMC 12th annual conference on August 7-9, 1996
- General Financial Management Events Calendar
- New Financial Management Training Calendars

MEETING MINUTES and HIGHLIGHTS:

- CFO Council April '96 Minutes
- Draft Issue Paper on FACTS Reconciliation
- Clean Up Costs Subgroup Meeting Minutes
- Draft Issue Paper on Elimination Reporting
- Actuarial Projections Meeting Minutes 05/01/96
- Property Plant & Equipment Issue Paper 5/14/96
- Actuarial Projections Meetings Minutes
- Cost Benefit Subgroup Meeting Minutes 4/18/96
- Credit Reform Issue Paper 5/1/96
- EPA Comment's on Discussion Paper 5/03/96
- Single Audit Next Meeting 5/03/96
- EDP Audit Meeting Minutes 5/9/96
- Actuarial Projections & Audit Requirements 1/31/96

Newsletters, Articles and Information:

- FASAB Newsletter for June 1996
- Jun '96 AGA Newsletter, Sacramento Chapter
- May '96 AGA Newsletter, Sacramento Chapter

Congressional Testimony:

- Koskinen Testimony: Oversight Hearing on GAO

EMPLOYMENT:

- GFOA Newsletter Employment Opportunities
- Executive Connection Job Posting 5/21/96

NEW DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

Central Agencies, Councils and Task Forces:

- OMB Circular A-133, Audits of Institutions of Higher Education
- Issuances of FASAB (and how to order)

NON-FEDERAL POSTINGS AND RESOURCES:

NYC Office of the Comptroller (NYComptNet):

- Judge Rules that Sale of City Water System is Illegal
- Hevesi: City Gained 3,800 Jobs in May 1996
- Hevesi: Classrooms, Students Hurt by City Budget Cuts, 6/3/96
- Hevesi: \$15 Billion Risk in City's FY97 Budget, 5/30/96
- Hevesi: Water Rate Increase Should be Lower
- Optically Scanned Documents Can now be Used in Court
- Hevesi Statement on Water Board Rate Hike

Association of Government Accountants:

- Sacramento CA June Newsletter
- Sacramento CA May Newsletter

Government Finance Officers Association:

- New GFOA Policy Statements (Adopted May 21, 1996)
- New GFOA Recommended Practices (Approved May 18, 1996)
- GFOA Newsletter Employment Opportunities

Government Accounting Standards Board:

- Project Timetable as of June 30, 1996
- List of Series Publications as of May 1996
- GASAC Meeting
- GASB Board Meetings
- GASB News Releases

Association for Government Leasing & Finance (AGL&F):

- New Edition of Fifty State Survey Released

National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT):

- NASACT Comments on SEC's Proposal to Restructure The FAF
- The 1996 Edition of "Auditing in the States"
- National EBT Rules Become Reality, 4/29/96

International Consortium on Government Financial Management (ICGFM):

- June 5th Forum Luncheon/Integrated Financial Management for the Swedish

International Resources:

- Waldegrave: Creating a Labour Market for the Future (UK)
- The Reserves in May 1996
- Treasury Counts on New Advisors
- Britain's Future is at the Heart of Europe

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NEW WWW RESOURCES (<http://www.financenet.gov>)

New FinanceNet Resources:

- National Electronic Commerce Technology Hub
- Regional Electronic Commerce Resource Centers (ECRCs)
- U.S. Department of State, Finance and Accounting News
- VA's FY '95 Accountability Statement
- National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators
- Fed News Online
- San Fran Bay Area FFMC
- Budget Officers Activity Council (BOAC) Minutes
- Simplex FACNET EC Registration
- New Page for the Cost Accounting Work Group
- VA's FY-95 Accountability Statement
- A Guide to OMB's Grants Mgmt Cir. and Related Documents
- FinanceNet's New International Resources
- Minutes of Federal Financial Managers Council
- Bonds Online
- Online Job Search

New State, Local and International Resources:

- New State Treas., Comptrollers and Auditors - via NASACT page
- NY City and Water Finance Authority Requesting Proposals for Underwriters
- Washington State Treasurer
- Ohio Treasurer of State's web site
- National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA)
- Single Audit Act Resources
- The Washington Connection Newsletter in PDF- AGA
- State and Local Governments, Piper
- Virtual Community of Associations-via the AGL&F page
- The New York State Comptroller's Office
- ICGFM - Swedish/Norwegian Presentations/Demonstrations
- ICGFM - June 5th Forum Luncheon
- ICGFM Newsletter - Winter 1996 - Vol. 6 No. 1
- FraudNet
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Pennsylvania State Treasury
- GFOA Conference Gala Night Home Page

Additions to Best of the 'Net:

- PC Computing's 1000 Best Free Downloads

Check out FinanceNet's AGA home page on the World Wide Web. FinanceNet's web address is <http://www.financenet.gov>. Once on the FinanceNet web page, click on "resources." You'll see "AGA" under the "Govt. Accounting Resources" menu item. You can go directly to the AGA page by typing <http://www.financenet.gov/aga.htm>. On the AGA web page you'll find electronic copies of *The Washington Connection* and the Sacramento Chapter's newsletter, *Perspectives* for downloading. You'll also find employment opportunities and links to other related financial resources. Check it out.

Job Opportunities

The following job announcements are from the Office of Personnel Management bulletin board:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, AM06-0049, Washington, DC

Auditor BG7513
 GS-0511-05/07
 Call Sharrean McCrimmon at (202) 326-4111
 Open to outstanding scholars only
 09/30/96 close

Central Intelligence Agency, 96-1, Mclean, VA

Accountant BE2346
 GS-0510-07/11
 Call (800) 562-7242
 Degree in accounting, business administration, finance or related subjects. Minimum GPA of 2.75 preferred. Needs 6 semester hours of accounting related courses. Must complete medical & psychiatric exam, polygraph interview, background investigation. US Citizenship required.
 Open announcement

NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, 95-TEMP, Greenbelt, MD

Accountant BH2256
 GS-0510-07/15
 Call (301)286-7918
 A limited number of temporary employment opportunities available.
 Open announcement

DFAS, BAY-54-96Q, Bayonne, NJ

Accountant BI1706
 GS-0510-09/09
 Call Winston Gaines at (317) 542-2436
 This is a temporary position NTE 1 year.
 09/06/96 close

Department of Justice, 96-31-JJJ, Washington, DC

Staff Accountant BI0651
 GS-0510-05/12
 Call (202) 307-0724
 12/31/96 close



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