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## LUNCHEON SERIES

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for December Luncheon*



Read Bio

**Helen Lew,**  
First Inspector General,  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)  
**December 9th, 2009**

*Location: Clyde's*

Ms. Lew will discuss the challenges of setting up an IG office, as well as the challenges faced by Metro.

The luncheon will be held on December 9th, 2009, from 11:45 - 1:45

## Announcements

### Audio Conference - Free for AGA-DC Members!

*"A New Service Model:*

*Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measures"*

- Wednesday, November 18, 2009 • 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM
- Location: Clifton Gunderson's Office • 2 CPE

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## Note From the Editor

by *Leon Fleischer, Co-Editor*

November is a busy time at work for AGA members. I am sure many of you are involved in the year-end audit and financial statements.

November 15th is an important date in the federal financial community and I am confident that agencies will continue and improve on the success from last year in obtaining clean opinions. After that, I hope we can unwind and enjoy Thanksgiving. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. I hope everyone is able to spend some important time with family and enjoy a special feast and give thanks (and maybe watch football!)



In this month's newsletter, there is information on the audio conference on November 18th, the AGA DC-PIN contest, the upcoming December monthly luncheon, as well as the PDC conference (never too early to sign up!). As you can see, there is a wealth of training opportunities provided by AGA to its members and you can read all about in this newsletter's edition.

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!

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the December 2009 issue is November 20, 2009. Please send your comments and contributions to Leon Fleischer and Jorge Asef-Sargent, the newsletter co-editors for the 2009-2010 program year, at [leon.fleischer@sba.gov](mailto:leon.fleischer@sba.gov) and [jasef-sargent@kpmg.com](mailto:jasef-sargent@kpmg.com).

Sincerely,

*Leon Fleischer*

**Leon Fleischer,  
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Co-Editor**



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# President's Message



by **Kim Farington**



October was an outstanding month for the DC Chapter. The DC Chapter was honored to have Ed DeSeve as our luncheon speaker. The 126 attendees at our luncheon listened to Ed as he discussed the risks associated with the Recovery Act. Ed currently serves as Special Advisor to President Barack Obama for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation and reports directly to Vice President Joseph Biden as an Assistant and acts as a Senior Adviser to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget Peter Orszag. Ed kept the attendees engaged as he provided us insight into the Recovery Act using a different perspective than what attendees from Federal agencies, state and local levels, and congressional staff are experiencing. Our next luncheon will be a combined November/December luncheon held on December 9th. Be sure to join us as Helen Lew shares her perspective as the Inspector General for the Washington Metro Transit Authority.

We gave back to the community through our collection of donations at our October luncheon in support of Breast Cancer awareness month.

Thanks to your donations, we helped support those with breast cancer

and the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States. Next month, be sure to join your fellow AGA DC Chapter members on the morning of November 1st as we walk to defeat ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Our first official Networking Reception occurred in October. Many DC Chapter members enjoyed an evening at the W Hotel as members took time to meet new DC Chapter members and catch up with existing members. Be sure to join us in December at the Old Ebbitt Grill on December 15th for the next networking opportunity.

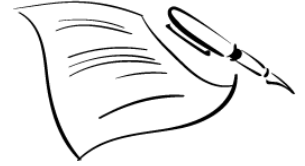
Speaking of networking, some of our Early Career members began exploring DC in October. The members relaxed to Take Five! at the Kogod Courtyard in the American Art Museum. The Early Career's committee plans many exciting events during the year. If you are interested in joining the Early Career members in activities or would like to get more information about the group, please contact *Malena Brookshire* at [brookshirem@sec.gov](mailto:brookshirem@sec.gov) or *Joe Pika* at [jpika@omb.eop.gov](mailto:jpika@omb.eop.gov).

Our Education Committee has been busy. We held our second audio conference entitled, "Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff." The DC Chapter, thanks to our Corporate Sponsors, is able to provide audio conference participants with 2 free CPEs per session. Our next DC Chapter sponsored audio conference, "Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures," is scheduled for November 18th. Be sure to save the date: Our annual May conference will be held on May 4 and 5, 2010. If you are interested in assisting with the May conference, please contact *Mari-Ellen Testa* at [Testa\\_Mari\\_Ellen@bah.com](mailto:Testa_Mari_Ellen@bah.com).

We also kicked off our Mentoring Program for the DC Chapter! To date, we have over 40 volunteers to be mentors and over 30 members who signed up as mentees. Watch your email for information regarding our Mentoring Program kick-off event. If you would like to participate as a mentor or mentee, please contact *Doug Glenn* at [douglas.glenn@gsa.gov](mailto:douglas.glenn@gsa.gov).

# President's Message

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With regard to our corporate sponsors, I would like to extend a big DC Chapter welcome and thank you to our three newest corporate sponsors, Oversight Systems, Teradata, and Clifton Gunderson. With the addition of our new sponsors, the DC Chapter now has 14 corporate sponsors that enable the chapter to provide the many educational, member services, and early career events for our members. Thanks again to Savantage, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, MIL Corp, KPMG, Kearney & Co., PricewaterhouseCoopers, Watkins Meegan, Thomson Reuters, Delta Solutions, and Management Concepts for your continued corporate sponsorship and making our year a great one.

To obtain more information about any of the events sponsored by the DC Chapter, please see the articles in this newsletter or visit our Chapter's website at [www.agadc.org](http://www.agadc.org). You can also reach out to any of the Officers and Directors listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

*Kim Farington*

**Kim Farington, CPA**

**President**

**Washington DC Chapter**

# Welcome, New Members!

## MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

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| <i>Mr. Patrick Scherder</i>        | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>        |
| <i>Mrs. Angela Y. Lee</i>          | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Rite Aid Pharmacy</i>                 |
| <i>Mrs. Beverly Brooks Summers</i> | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>USDA Forest Service</i>               |
| <i>Mr. Chris Carrell</i>           | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Federal Election Commission</i>       |
| <i>Mr. Micah McKenna</i>           | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>        |
| <i>Ms. Wyvonnie Harsley</i>        | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Metro Washington Council of Govts</i> |
| <i>Mr. Johnathan Cole</i>          | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>        |
| <i>Ms. Pam Lokeman</i>             | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Library of Congress</i>               |
| <i>Ms. Xiaolei Wang</i>            | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>DP George LLC</i>                     |
| <i>Ms. Arlene McDonald</i>         | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>General Services Administration</i>   |
| <i>Becky Shoustal</i>              | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Kearney and Company</i>               |
| <i>Ms. Nina Kelley</i>             | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>        |
| <i>Ms. Oni Crawford</i>            | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>KPMG LLP</i>                          |
| <i>Mr. Andrew J. Hale-Byrne</i>    | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>World Committee on Disability</i>     |
| <i>Mr. Timothy W. Morse</i>        | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Unisys Corp</i>                       |
| <i>Ms. Renita Bonner</i>           | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>        |
| <i>Ms. Jillian McArdle</i>         | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Deloitte</i>                          |

# Welcome, New Members!

## MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC (cont'd)

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| <i>Mrs. Janice Trey, CPA</i>    | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Danaher Corp</i>                   |
| <i>Ms. Sharon V. Delfino</i>    | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>     |
| <i>Ms. Margaret An</i>          | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>GSA OIG</i>                        |
| <i>Mr. Steven M. Koons, CPA</i> | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>US Government</i>                  |
| <i>Ms. Connie Washington</i>    | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>WACO</i>                           |
| <i>Mr. Robert Loring</i>        | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Corp for Nat'l &amp; Comm Serv</i> |
| <i>Ms. Louisa Cocci Gantley</i> | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Watkins Meegan Govt Svcs LLC</i>   |
| <i>Mrs. Megan Ruth Amend</i>    | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Kearney and Company</i>            |
| <i>Mr. Adam Jackson</i>         | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>MasterCard Worldwide</i>           |
| <i>Ms. Gail H. Jenifer</i>      | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Brown and Co CPAs</i>              |
| <i>Ms. Leslie F. Siddeley</i>   | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Deloitte.</i>                      |
| <i>Mrs. Terri Jackson</i>       | <i>September 2009</i> | <i>Army Corps of Engineers</i>        |
| <i>Mr. Justin Stutler</i>       | <i>October 2009</i>   | <i>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</i>     |
| <i>Ms. Marcella Michaels</i>    | <i>October 2009</i>   | <i>KPMG LLP</i>                       |
| <i>Mrs. Maribel Roque</i>       | <i>October 2009</i>   | <i>FBI</i>                            |
| <i>Mr. John R. Eberhardt</i>    | <i>October 2009</i>   | <i>Deloitte</i>                       |

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## Luncheon Speaker: Helen Lew



Helen Lew is the first Inspector General at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), overseeing independent audits and investigations of WMATA's programs and operations. She retired from the Federal Government in April 2007 after 36 years. Prior to her retirement,

she was the Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Education (ED), where she was responsible for auditing and evaluating ED programs and operations. She chaired the Federal Audit Executive Council (FAEC) during the period July 2005 to April 2007; the FAEC is comprised of audit executives from federal audit agencies and departments. She also chaired the Project Advisory Board for the National Project to Statistically Measure the Quality of Single Audits. She was a member of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency working group that revised the Quality

Standards for Federal Offices of Inspectors General, also known as the 'Silver Book.' Prior to joining ED OIG in November 2000, Ms. Lew worked for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) for 27 years. At GAO, she worked in the Washington Regional Office, Accounting and Financial Management Office, and Accounting and Information Management Division. Ms. Lew graduated from The American University in Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business. She holds a Management Information Systems Certificate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is a Certified Public Accountant (Maryland), Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Inspector General. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Government Accountants (Washington D.C. Chapter), Association of Inspectors General, and American Public Transportation Association's Internal Audit Committee. She also was a 2007 recipient of the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive.

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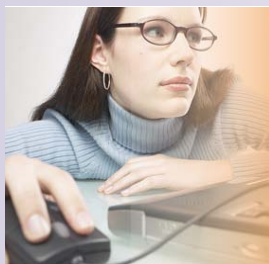
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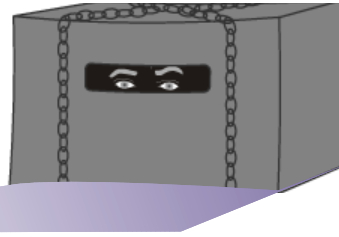
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# Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



## Reimbursable versus Direct on the FY2010 SF-133

### Background

The Office of Management and Budget has significantly revised the format of the SF 133 Report on Budget Execution for FY2010 to bring it in closer alignment with the Programming and Financing (P&F) Schedule. In the September column, I wrote about these changes using version one of the proposed format.

However, since then version two has come out, with some significant changes, especially to how Section Two reports reimbursable and direct spending.

### Section One Changes

The changes to Section One between the two new versions is minor. There is a new section on Advance Appropriations composed of lines 1170-1174 with a total on line 1180. Lines 1170, 1171, and 1172 were originally reported on lines 1106, 1107, and 1108. Account 4392 for Advance Appropriations has been moved from line 1130 to a new line 1173, and the same was done for account 4382 from line 1132 to new line 1174. The same was done for lines 1205 and 1206 moving to 1271 and 1272, and accounts 4392 and 4382 moving to 1273 and 1274 for the mandatory spending. A new total line 1930 was added, but it seems to have the same value as line 1910. There is also a new line 1940 for expiring available amounts in SGL accounts 4450 through 4720.

### Section Two Changes

This section is where the most significant changes are. The earlier version had line 2000 for Category A, 2011 through 2169 for Category B with one line per project, and 2170 for exempt from apportionment. The new version has direct spending split out between line 2001 for Category A, 2002 for B, and 2003 for exempt from apportionment, with a total on line 2004. The same structure is repeated for reimbursable spending on lines 2101, 2102 and 2103 with a total on 2104. The unobligated balances reported on lines 2180, 2181, and 2182 have been renumbered to lines 2201, 2202 and 2203. The exempt from apportionment available amounts on lines 2190, 2191, and 2192 have been renumbered to lines 2301, 2302 and 2303. The unapportioned amounts on lines 2200, 2201 and 2202 are now 2401, 2402 and 2403. The total lines 2210, 2211, and 2212 are now 2500, 2501, and 2502.

### Section Three Changes

This is easy. There are none.



## Inside the Black Box (cont'd.)

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### Section Four Changes

In the older version, line 4051 was Offsetting collections credited to expired accounts (discretionary) and this has been moved to line 4052 in the new version. A new line 4051 has been added which lists Change in uncollected customer payments from Federal sources (expired) (discretionary), which is basically line 4050 but for expired funds. Of course, the old line 4052 is now 4053. In the Mandatory section, the new line for expired funds is 4141, which pushed the old lines 4141 and 4142 to 4142 and 4143.

*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.

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## Member Services

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The month of October was quite busy for Member Services! On Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 groups of AGA members gathered to celebrate Virginia wine on the lawn of Mount Vernon for the Annual Mount Vernon Wine Festival. This is a wonderful event, and this year we had great weather and an even better turnout. The event was so popular that it quickly sold out for Saturday evening! In addition to the Wine Festival, we held a DC Chapter Networking Reception on Wednesday, October 21 at the W Hotel Roof Terrace. This event also sold out and we had a wonderful turnout. Not only was the view spectacular, but the weather was perfect. We appreciate everyone who attended to network and meet new Chapter members. We are working to bring you additional Networking Receptions on a more frequent basis, as there was such an overwhelming response for this event.

November is quickly approaching and we have two additional events that we are excited to announce. On Tuesday, November 10, we will be doing another walking tour of DC. This year we will be doing the "Memorials by Moonlight" walk. A registration email will be sent to the Chapter shortly with additional information regarding meeting place and time. Additionally, we are hosting a Redskins gamewatch on Sunday, November 22 to cheer on the Redskins as they take on the Dallas Cowboys. We are still in the process of finalizing the gamewatch location and details, so please keep an eye out for a Chapter announcement. We hope to see you at one of the upcoming events!

## Community Service

The Toys for Tots Foundation has been chosen by the Washington DC chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) as our community service project for the month of December. The primary goal of the Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in throughout the Washington DC metropolitan area.

To support this worthwhile cause we need our members to bring new unwrapped toys or money to our December luncheon. The luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at Clyde's of Gallery Place.

We are also encouraging our members if possible to have a toy collection at their individual offices. All you need to get started is large box for toys, a sign for Toys for Tots and a willingness to help needy children throughout the DC area experience the joy of Christmas.

Please remember if you cannot have a toy collection at your office you can still bring an unwrapped toy or money to our December luncheon. Last year we collected approximately 60 new toys and \$420 dollars in donations. We are hoping to increase our contribution this year.

**Please contact:**

Lloyd A. Farmer **703-294-4473**,

Tonya Allen Shaw **202-720-5026**

or AnnMarie Walker **202- 461-6499**

if you are interested in these programs.

## Raffles at our Monthly Luncheon!

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## CGFM Training

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Karl Payne, AGA D.C. CGFM - Assistant Director

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- Governmental Environment,
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- Governmental Financial Management and Control.

The Program's 4 key eligibility criteria are:

1. Being an active member of D.C., Northern Virginia or Montgomery/Prince George's County chapter of AGA (you can join now to meet this requirement).
2. Having five or fewer years (early careers) of professional experience. Please note that preference is given to early careers but others should still apply.
3. Obtaining your supervisor's approval.
4. Committing to take the 3-part CGFM examination within one year of the training.

Training will be held on December 1, 2, and 3 with the second half being held on December 8, 9, and 10 at the Booz Allen Hamilton building located at 300 M Street S.E., Washington D.C. The closest metro station is the Navy Yard, Green Line.

*Please Note: Applicants accepted on a first - come first - served basis.*

*Please do not forget to include the following statements in your application.*

- "I am a member in good standing with the (choose one or more: D.C., Northern Virginia, Montgomery/Prince George's County) chapter of AGA."
- "I have received the approval of my supervisor to participate in six day training and commit to attending all sessions."
- "I will sit for all three parts of the CGFM examination before December 2010."

*Please submit your complete application and/or any questions to:  
Boris Lyubovitsky: [Boris.Lyubovitsky@usda.gov](mailto:Boris.Lyubovitsky@usda.gov) and  
cc: Karl Payne [karl.payne@reznickgroup.com](mailto:karl.payne@reznickgroup.com)*

## Federal News Article

### *Federal employees' health insurance premiums to rise 8.8 percent*

By Alyssa Rosenberg [arosenberg@govexec.com](mailto:arosenberg@govexec.com) September 29, 2009

The average amount federal employees pay for their health care will rise 8.8 percent in 2010, the Office of Personnel Management announced on Tuesday.

"An 8.8 percent increase is not an increase we feel comfortable with," said Nancy Kichak, associate director for strategic human resource policy at OPM. "It's not one that we would like to have to see our enrollees bear, but unfortunately we're a victim of the market. This is the cost we're experiencing."

The total average premium increase for plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will be 7.4 percent, or \$25.57 per pay period, OPM said. Of that figure, the government will absorb \$16.35 per pay period, increasing its contribution to employees' health care costs by 6.8 percent. That leaves federal employees with an average increase of \$9.21 in their premiums, or 8.8 percent.

Broken down by type of coverage, the typical employee will see premiums increase by \$5.98 per pay period for individual coverage, and by \$12.87 per pay period for family coverage.

Kichak said a number of factors are driving the increase, including the rising cost of health care in the United States, the aging of the federal workforce and the fact that 90,000 enrollees left the Blue Cross Blue Shield Standard Option. Many who switched to other plans were healthy, leaving the Standard Option with less income from enrollees who needed minimal care.

Monthly premiums for individuals enrolled in the Standard Option will rise 15.1 percent in 2010, or \$23.02. And premiums for families in the plan will grow 12.4 percent, or \$44.38.

The price of dental coverage will increase 4.2 percent, and the price for vision insurance will rise 2.4 percent, Kichak said.

"It keeps going up, much, much more than the average increase in pay," said Bill Bransford, general counsel for the Senior Executives Association. "Soon it's going to eat up all the salary increase and then some."

Colleen Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, said she was disturbed by the increase in premiums. This is the third straight year average FEHBP premiums have increased.

"These increases are coming even as OPM again uses money from reserves to keep the increases down," Kelley said. "Clearly, the need to leverage the size of the FEHBP has become even more apparent."

Kelley has long been an advocate for using FEHBP's large enrollment to try to negotiate more favorable prices on prescription drugs for plan participants, and she said the union brought up the issue during a meeting on FEHBP drug pricing and benefits in Washington on Tuesday.

Kichak said that in 2010, the American Postal Workers Union Health Plan would offer incentives to enrollees who switched to generic prescription drugs, which generally are priced lower than their brand-name equivalents.

And she said FEHBP plans to debut a number of other benefits changes in 2010. The agency is introducing *Managing My Own Health*, a suite of tools that will include personal health records employees can download, fill in and give to their doctors to avoid dangerous drug interactions and make providers aware of allergies and health histories. The tools also will feature ratings of how well different states and insurance plans perform in diagnosing and treating various conditions. Lorraine Dettman, assistant director for insurance services programs, said OPM met with agency benefits officers Tuesday morning to let them know about the new offerings, and would work with agencies to make sure employees were aware the forms were available.

FEHBP plans also will be required to cover treatment for mental health and substance abuse problems at the same level that they cover treatment for physical health issues. Kichak said that while FEHBP plans had been required to offer equivalent coverage for in-network mental health treatment since 2001, plans now must provide equivalent coverage for out-of-network treatment as well. In addition to mental health treatment, some health care policies will begin offering plans to help manage childhood obesity and diabetes, Kichak said.

While OPM does not have new policies to announce at present, the agency has begun a series of meetings with major insurance providers to see if there are changes it could make to drive down health insurance prices, Kichak said. OPM also is looking at co-payments on preventative treatment, which can reduce the overall cost of health care.

Open season, the period when federal employees can switch their enrollments in health benefits programs, will run from Nov. 9 to Dec. 14.

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## Who Is Douglas A. Glenn?



**Name:** Douglas A. Glenn

**AGA Position:** President  
Elect - 2011

**Company:** General Services  
Administration

**Title:** Deputy CFO

**Background:** 11 years with the private sector auditing and consulting as well as 8 years with the public sector in Federal financial management.

**How long have you been a member of AGA?** Eight years

**How has AGA helped you with your career?** The networking! I'm smart enough to know how much I don't know and AGA has given me contacts I can reach out to for answers to the many things I'm unfamiliar with.

**What advice do you have for someone thinking of joining the AGA?** Go to some events, talk to members and see/hear first hand what AGA has to offer. If you're serious about a career in Federal/State/Local financial management, AGA offers you contacts for answers to your issues/questions/concerns as well as professional contacts that can positively influence your career down the road.

**What is the best thing about working in government service?** The nobility of it. When I was thinking about leaving the prestige of a big four firm to join the Federal government, I asked a bright systems accountant how she felt about working in the Federal government. She smiled broadly and said: "I'm serving my country". I love that aspect of Federal service. OK, I'm not patrolling Afghanistan with an M-16 risking my life, but I'm still serving the American public. Federal servants are often under appreciated and under paid but in my mind, that only enhances the nobility of our service.

**What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today?** The AICPA losing my CPA exam in 1992. I had planned to move to DC from California as soon as I passed the test. After being informed that my exam was one of many that had been lost in shipment, my whole move/career change was put on hold for four months until I could retake the exam. I have the letter from the California State Board of Accountancy apologizing to me for losing my exam along with a front page newspaper clipping of the story hanging in my office and reminding me of that time. I remember reading that letter and immediately concluding: "OK, I just have to pass it again".

**What is your favorite hobby or outside activity?** Fixing stuff (e.g., bicycles, lawn mowers, pressure washers, anything with a small engine) and donating them to charity. I review/respond to approximately 60 emails a day but it's hard to feel like I've accomplished much. However, when I take a piece of junk, do something to it, and then it magically works, I feel like I've made a difference. This is especially true when you give that something to someone and they appreciate what you've done for them. I have yet to find a more rewarding feeling than doing something nice for somebody who appreciates it.

**What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?** Ice cream is a sad topic for me. I was fired from Baskin Robins when I was 16 for eating too much while on the job. I ate four brownies during an eight hour shift. The next day I was called into the Managers office. She had checked the sales register and saw that only one brownie had been sold. It was my first experience with internal control and one I've never forgotten.

**Anything else that you would like to highlight?** In my opinion, we (the Federal/State/Local financial industry) owe our country and our fellow citizens two things:

## Who Is Douglas A. Glenn? (cont'd)

- A call to arms in regards to the impending fiscal crisis America faces with social security, health care, and other benefits. America has been fiscally irresponsible these last few decades and we need to be screaming "Hey America, we need to get our act together or we will be saddled with much higher taxes and significantly less benefits unless we make some sacrifices today". If we fail to do this and things progress as forecasted, there could be a huge backlash on our industry. If we raise the alarm now, we can either help prevent the turmoil currently forecasted or at least be able to confidently stand up and say: "Hey America, we've been screaming about this for years. Don't blame us because you failed to listen".
- A government-wide clean opinion. Call it a pipe-dream if you want but I am working for the day when I'm sitting at home on the couch with a beer in hand and I hear the national news commentator telling the American people that for the 1st time in American history, the Federal government received an unqualified audit opinion. That is a day that our entire industry will be proud of and perhaps the American public will be just a little more appreciative of what we do for them on a daily basis.

## AGADC Mentor Program



Mentors have had a direct and positive influence on my career throughout the years and have probably helped you in one way or another as well.

The Washington DC chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is organizing a mentorship subcommittee and is looking for volunteers to serve as a mentor. The time requirements and format for mentoring are flexible. It could take as little 1 - 2 hours a month and be conducted via email, phone, Facebook, happy hour, or whatever venue you and your mentee find appropriate (e.g., at the local polka festival). This is your opportunity to "pay it forward" and positively impact the career of someone else.



If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact **Douglas Glenn** at 202-501-0562 or [Douglas.Glenn@GSA.Gov](mailto:Douglas.Glenn@GSA.Gov).



## Vote for AGA-DC Pin

### Vote for your favorite AGA-DC Pin!

The entries for the AGA-DC Design-a-Pin Contest were so awesome that we are asking AGA-DC Chapter members to vote for the winner.

Below are the finalists. Please note that freehand entries represent concepts that the pin company artists would work on, as well as potential color adjustments, in consultation with the member who wins the design contest.



To vote, click on the link below. The ballot is on the right-hand side of the page.

**Note:** We are asking members who submitted the entries above to abstain from voting.

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Voting will close at COB on November 30, 2009. The winner will be announced at the December 2009 Chapter luncheon.

## Audio Conference

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The Chapter will participate in an audio conference hosted by AGA National on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:50 pm EST entitled, **A New Service Model: Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measures**.

The audio conference will be held at Clifton Gunderson's office located at 4250 N Fairfax Drive, Suite 1020, in Arlington VA, right at the Ballston Metro stop on the Orange line. Space is limited, so please register with Delores Davis at [Delores.Davis@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:Delores.Davis@cliftoncpa.com) as soon as possible! Registration will close COB Friday, November 13. A confirmation email will be sent to each registered participant.

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule—the auditor's role in government performance measures.

Government auditors can increase their value by taking on new roles and practices aimed at improving performance measurement and management. Audio conference participants will learn how to apply an organized framework to determine which specific practices provide the best opportunities for adding new value to the entity they serve. The framework will be presented in the context of models of effective governance, service delivery, managing for results and organizational learning. Situational examples and case histories will help participants learn:

- Where to obtain tools used by innovative auditors for implementing these practices.
- How to change auditor roles and practices used over time to keep adding more value as performance management in their government entity evolves.
- To share their practical experiences in auditing and views towards government performance measures are Paul D. Epstein, Project Manager, Auditor Roles in Government Performance Measurement, and Leader of the Results That Matter Team, Epstein & Fass Associates; Stuart S. Grifel, CIA, CGAP, Audit Services Division, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, Palm Beach County, FL; and Stephen L. Morgan, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, CFE, former City Auditor of Austin, Texas.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speaker's commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speaker questions and share their own experiences.

*Date:* Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009

*Time:* 2 – 3:50 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

*Learning Objectives:* To learn how auditors can add value to their organization by taking on new roles related to performance measurement and management

*Prerequisite:* Some familiarity with auditing and performance measures

*Advance Prep:* None required

*CPE:* Two credit hours

*Field of Study:* Auditing (Government)

## Education Training

### *Hotel Reservations Now Being Accepted For 2010 PDC in Orlando*

**Make plans now to attend AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)--the premier education and networking event of the year!**

Dream. Learn. Achieve. The PDC has it all! Join us *July 11-14, 2010*, in Orlando, FL, to hear dynamic speakers, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

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Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and registration is coming soon. In the meantime you can reserve your spot at the official conference hotel.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Orlando World Center Marriott to accommodate PDC attendees. The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, *rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.*

Reservations received after June 18, or after the room block has been filled, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly...we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

- To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.
- You can also [\*reserve a room online\*](#).
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# NOVEMBER 2009

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>Community Service Event<br>ALS Walk for the Cure   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>AGA CEC  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>                  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Member Service Event<br>Walking Tour of D C:<br>Memorials by Moonlight Tour | <b>11</b><br>Veteran's<br>Day  | <b>12</b>                 | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>Agency Financial<br>Statement Due  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>Audio<br>Conference<br>Auditors' Role<br>in Government<br>Performance Mea-<br>sures | <b>19</b>                 | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>Member<br>Service Event<br>Redskins Vs.<br>Eagles<br>Gamewatch  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Thanksgiving | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Last day for<br>members to<br>vote for the<br>winner of the<br>Design-a-Pin<br>Contest |  |  |                           |           |           |
| <p><b>NOTES:</b><br/>AGA DC Chapter will hold a combined November/December lunch on December 9th.<br/><a href="#">Community Service Event: ALS Walk</a>. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.</p> |   |  |  |                           |           |           |

# DECEMBER 2009

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY  |
|-----------|-----------|---|--|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
|           |           | <b>1</b><br>AGA CEC   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>               | <b>5</b>  |
|           |           | CGFM Training, Mod 1 and Mod 3<br>Location: TBD   |  |           |                        |           |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> Luncheon<br>(Clyde's)<br>Speaker: Helen Lew | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>              | <b>12</b> |
|           |           | CGFM Training, Mod 2<br>Location: TBD   |  |           |                        |           |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Member Service<br>Event<br>Holiday Happy Hour<br>Old Ebbitt Grill  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>              | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>Christmas | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b> |                        |           |
|           |           | <b>NOTES:</b><br><a href="#">Community Service Event: Toys for Tots.</a> Toys and donations will be accepted at the Chapter Luncheon. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information. |  |           |                        |           |

# JANUARY 2010

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                | THURSDAY | FRIDAY             | SATURDAY |
|--------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
|        |                              |   |                          |          | 1<br>New Years Day | 2        |
| 3      | 4                            | 5<br>AGA CEC  | 6                        | 7        | 8                  | 9        |
| 10     | 11                           | 12  | 13                       | 14       | 15                 | 16       |
| 17     | 18<br>Martin Luther King Day | 19  | 20<br>Luncheon (Clyde's) | 21       | 22                 | 23       |
| 24     | 25                           | 26  | 27                       | 28       | 29                 | 30       |
| 31     |                              | <b>NOTES:</b><br><a href="#">Member Services: Washington Capitals Game - date TBD</a><br><a href="#">Community Service Event: Make A Wish. Donations will be accepted at the Chapter luncheon. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-284-4473 for more information</a><br><a href="#">Education: Audio Conference - date TBD</a> |                          |          |                    |          |

## Calendar of Events — 2009/2010 Program Year

| Month    | Luncheons   | Community Service  | Member Service   | Education   | Early Careers | Membership/<br>Liason<br>Committee | Awards | CEC Meetings   |
|----------|---|--|--|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--------|--|
| November |   | 1-Nov-2009<br>ALS Walk for Cure<br>Please contact Lloyd Farmer<br>at 709-294-4473 for more<br>information.   | 22-Nov-2009<br>Redskins vs. Dallas<br>at 1pm<br>Gamewatch<br>Location: TBD | 18-Nov-2009<br>Audio Conference:<br>Auditors' Role<br>in Government<br>Performance Measures         | Happy Hour    |                                    |        | 3-Nov-2009<br>Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
|          |   |  | 10-Nov-2009<br>Walking Tour of<br>DC: Memorials by<br>Moonlight Tour       |   |               |                                    |        |  |
|          |   |  | TBD  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
|          |   |  | Haunting Tour of DC  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
|          |   |  |  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
| December | 9-Dec-2009<br>Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, Clydes<br>CPE: 1  | 9-Dec-2009<br>Toys for Tots. Toys and<br>donations will be accepted at<br>the Chapter luncheon. Please<br>contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-<br>4473 for more information. | 15-Dec-2009<br>Holiday Happy Hour<br>@ Old Ebbitt Grill                    | 2-Dec thry 3-Dec-2009<br>CGFM Training, Mod 1<br>and Mod 3<br>Location: TBD                         |               |                                    |        | 1-Dec-2009<br>Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
|          |   |  |  | 8-Dec thru 10-Dec-2009<br>CGFM Training, Mod 2<br>Location: TBD                                     |               |                                    |        |  |
|          |   |  |  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
| January  | 20-Jan-2010<br>Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, Clydes<br>CPE: 1 | 20-Jan-2010<br>Make-a-Wish. Donations will<br>be accepted at the Chapter<br>Luncheon. Please contact Lloyd<br>Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more<br>information.            | TBD<br>Washington Capitals<br>Game   | TBD<br>Audio Conference   |               |                                    |        | 5-Jan-2010<br>Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
|          |   |  |  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
| February | 17-Feb-2010<br>Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, Clydes<br>CPE: 1 | TBD<br>VITA  | 10-Feb-2010<br>Chinese New Year  | 10-Feb-2010<br>Audio Conference:<br>Understanding IT Audits<br>for Program Managers<br>and Auditors |               |                                    |        | 2-Feb-2010<br>Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
|          |   |  |  |   |               |                                    |        |  |
| March    | 19-Mar-2009<br>Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, Clydes<br>CPE: 1 | TBD<br>Designer Fashion Show   | TBD<br>Australian Embassy<br>Wine Tasting and<br>Art Show                  | 10-Mar-2010<br>Audio Conference:<br>Fraud   |               |                                    |        | 2-Mar-2010<br>Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
|          |   |  |  |   |               |                                    |        |  |



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| Month | Luncheons   | Community Service           | Member Service                             | Education  | Early Careers | Membership/<br>Liason<br>Committee | Awards   | CEC Meetings   |
|-------|---|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| April | 20-Apr-2010   |                             | TBD  | 21-Apr-2010  |               |                                    | 6-Apr-2010   |  |
|       | Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, University Club, DC<br>CPE: 1 |                             | Virginia Vineyards<br>Tour                 | Audio Conference:<br>The Latest Tools and<br>Techniques for Auditors |               |                                    |  | Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
| May   | 18-May-2010   | 18-May-2010                 | TBD  | TBD  |               |                                    | 4-May-2010   |  |
|       | Luncheon<br>Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm<br>Speaker and Location:<br>TBD, University Club, DC<br>CPE: 1 | Cell Phones and Eyeglasses  | Charity Fashion<br>Show and Brunch         | Federal Financial<br>Management<br>Conference                        |               |                                    |  | Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |
| June  |   | 16-Jun-2009                 | Date: TBD                                  |  |               | 12-Jun-2009                        | 1-Jun-2010   |  |
|       |   | Golf Tournament for Charity | Nationals Game<br>*****<br>Golf Tournament |  |               |                                    | Awards Dinner<br>Location: Hyatt<br>Downtown<br>Time: 6:30 - 11:00pm | Veterans Administration<br>Teleconference #: 1-800-<br>767-1750<br>Access code: 71805<br>12:00 - 1:00 PM |

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