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who attend the February luncheon will receive the new DC Chapter lapel pin.

New members and sponsors







LUNCHEON

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

Phyllis K. Fong



Inspector General. U.S. Department of Agriculture

Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010

Phyllis Fong's focus of her discussion will be on her experience as the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE) first Chair.

Announcements

March CGFM Training

March 2nd - 4th (1st Half) and March 8th - 10th (2nd Half), 2010 IBM Building, 1301 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. (Near McPherson Square, Orange Line)

Applicants accepted on first-come first-serve basis

Save The Date: Annual Spring Conference

May Conference

The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future

Mark your calendar for the AGA DC Chapter Spring Conference, May 4-5, 2010, at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center. Stay tuned for program information in our next newsletter.

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Note From the Editor

by Jorge Asef-Sargent, Co-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 training opportunities and conferences, including:



- The National Leadership conference on February 18-19;
- The AGA's intensive review course to obtain the CGFM certification (which is also becoming a source of new members for the AGA DC Chapter) on March 2-4:
- The JFMIP Federal Financial Management Conference on March 23: and
- The AGA's Professional Development Conference and Exposition in July 11-14 in Orlando

In the Inside the Black Box, Simcha Kuritzky, brings us a technical article on the unavailable funding life cycle. Also, look for information on our mentoring program (which had a very successful kick-off last January) in the Mentor Program section of this letter.

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,

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President's Message





by Kim Farington

Dear Chapter members,

We are off to a great start this New Year, with another month of exciting activities held in January. We started the month of January off with a joint member service event watching the Capitals take on the Montreal Canadiens on January 5th. This event was co-sponsored with the Northern Virginia Chapter and 40 AGA members and guests enjoyed watching as the Capitals overcame the Canadiens by a score of 4 to 2. Be sure to join us for our next Member Service event, celebrating the Chinese New Year on February 16th.

We also held our January luncheon on January 20th at Clyde's. Mr, John Tangherlini, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Performance Officer, was our featured speaker. We had 140 members attend the luncheon where Mr. Tangherlini shared his insights on his topic of "The Evolving Role of Financial Management in Local, State and Federal Government." Be sure to register for our next luncheon on February 17th. We will be hearing from Phyllis K. Fong, who will share her thoughts as

Chairwoman of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

During our January luncheon, we decided to postpone our Make-a-Wish Foundation community service event to instead focus our efforts on helping those in need in Haiti after the devastating earthquake. As a result of member contributions, we raised \$1,200 for the UNICEF - Haiti Relief Fund. Thank you for your contributions!

In January, our members enjoyed another networking opportunity. Our last reception was held at the University Club of Washington DC. This event, too, was sold out and a success! We are planning to hold another networking reception in March. As soon as the details are finalized, we will send members an email with the details and also post the details on our website.

Another success last month was the Mentoring kick-off held on January 13th. Close to fifty mentors and mentees gathered for the meet-and-greet. We actually had many mentors who themselves also became mentees at the event. Mentoring pairs were released just last week. If you haven't received your mentoring partner, please contact Doug Glenn at douglas.glenn@gsa.gov. Thank you to Doug for leading this fun and important effort!

President's Message

Cont'd.



On the educational front, thanks to our corporate sponsors, the DC Chapter was able to offer a free one day training event on "Assessing the Quality of Performance Information and Performance Reports." Be sure to sign up for our next audio conference scheduled for February 10th entitled "Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors."

With it being Valentine's month, I would like to close by thanking you for your relationship with the DC Chapter of AGA. It is because of our members, our volunteers, and our corporate sponsors that we are able to provide such wonderful chapter events that are both educational and enjoyable. In the spirit of the Winter Olympics, your continued support will help make this year a perfect "10" in 2010!

Sincerely,

Kim Farington

Kim Farington, CPA

President

Washington DC Chapter







Welcome, New Members!

MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

Ashley Johnson November 2009 KPMG

Winona Green December 2009 Dept of Navy

Nate Smith December 2009 Booz Allen Hamilton

Harold Youra December 2009 Alliance Solutions

Dennis Fischer December 2009 KPMG LLP

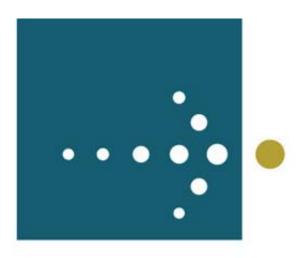
James Spore January 2010 Ascella Technologies

Priyadarshini Seth January 2010 Ascella Technologies

Andrew Chase January 2010 JustinBradley

Monica Carter January 2010 Morgan Franklin Corporation

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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 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 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 2010 issue is February 19, 2010. 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, and jasef-sargent@kpmg.com.











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If you're interested in being a liaison or joining the mentor program, as either a mentor or mentee, please contact Doug Glenn: douglas.Glenn@GSA.gov

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Teradata Government Systems

February Luncheon Speaker: Phyllis K. Fong



Phyllis K. Fong was sworn in as Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on December 2, 2002. USDA is one of the largest and most diverse departments in the Federal Government. Its mission includes the management of traditional farm programs, private lands conservation, domestic food

assistance, agriculture research and education, agricultural marketing, international trade, meat and poultry inspection, forestry, and rural development programs.

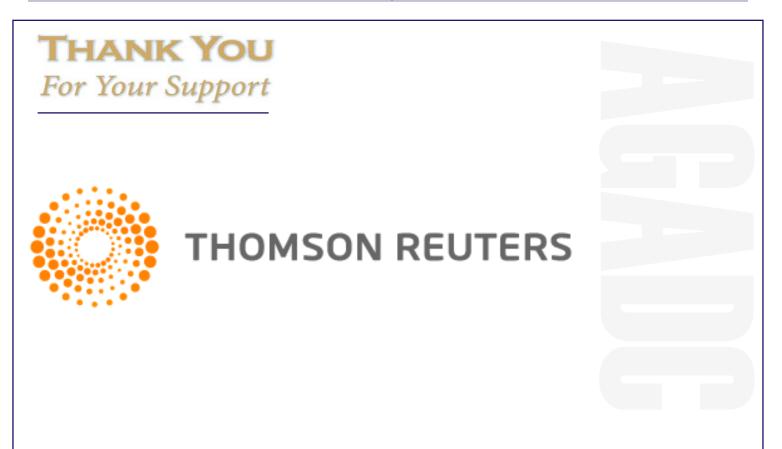
As Inspector General, Ms. Fong is the senior official responsible for audits, evaluations, investigations, and law enforcement efforts, relating to USDA's programs and operations. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) provides leadership in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in USDA programs and addressing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Ms. Fong was recently elected as the first Chair of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), which was established by the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, Public Law 110-409, to consolidate the former President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency. CIGIE's members include 67 Federal Inspectors General,

and its mission is to promote economy and effectiveness in Federal programs through coordinated Governmentwide activities. Previously, Ms. Fong served as Chair of the PCIE Legislation Committee and was a member of the PCIE Audit Committee. She also served as PCIE representative to the Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards.

Prior to her appointment at USDA, Ms. Fong served as the Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) from April 1999 until December 2002. A career member of the Senior Executive Service, she had also held several positions at SBA OIG, including Assistant Inspector General for Management and Legal Counsel (1994-1999) and Assistant Inspector General for Management and Policy (1988-1994). She also served as Assistant General Counsel for the Legal Services Corporation (1981-1983) and as an attorney with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1978-1981).

Ms. Fong was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She graduated from Pomona College with a B.A. degree in Asian studies and earned her J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Ms. Fong is a member of the Tennessee and District of Columbia bars. She and her husband, Paul Tellier, have two children.







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 or contact Jessica Jones at JJones@agacgfm.org.

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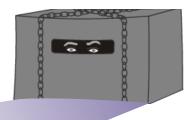
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Inside the Black Box by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA





Unavailable Funding (Account 4630) Life Cycle

Background

The Standard General Ledger (SGL) Board guidance sets the rules for recording transactions in SGL accounts and explains many of the reasons for particular postings. However, it would be a mistake to think that the Transaction Listing is exhaustive or complete. The total universe of possible entries is just too large for anyone to completely innumerate them. One example of an SGL Account that fell through the

cracks is 4630 Funds Not Available for Commitment/Obligation.

What's There

There are seven transactions in the SGL Transaction Listing that include account 4630 which fall neatly into three groups: anticipations, adjustments, and closing.

When collections or recoveries are initially anticipated, the anticipated resource (4310 Anticipated Recoveries of Prior-Year Obligations in A138, 4060 Anticipated Collections from Non-Federal Sources or 4070 Anticipated Collections from Federal Sources in A140) is debited. If the amounts are to be apportioned, account 4450 Unapportioned Authority is credited and then this amount is apportioned to 4590 Apportionments - Anticipated Resources - Programs Subject to Apportionment by entry A118. If OMB does not apportion the amount, then account 4630 is credited (both 4630 and 4450 are reported on the same line of the SF-133 and Statement of Budgetary Resources--SBR). This amount can be adjusted at the end of the year if the balance of 4630 goes negative (due to collecting more than anticipated) by posting the identical entry in F116. However, no mention is made of reducing the balance of 4630 as collections occur or by future apportionments by OMB.

The adjustments listed in entries D573 and D575 are only used in the Exchange Stabilization Fund to record changes in the exchange rate for foreign currency. The offsetting budgetary account is 4295 Revaluation of Foreign Currency in the Exchange Stabilization Fund. Since this entry is specific to a special fund, I won't discuss it any further.

At year end, any balances remaining in 4630 are closed to account 4450 for unexpired funds (entry F308) or 4650 Allotments - Expired Authority for expired funds (entry F312). This posting has no impact on the SF-133 or SBR, since all three accounts are reported on the same line. This implies the funding in account 4630 either is not special, which is to say any special characteristics it has go away at year end.

What's Not There

If account 4630 only represents funds that are not available only because they are anticipated, then when the actual collection takes place, they should be transferred to 4510 Apportionments. If account 4630 instead represents funds that are not available until OMB apportions them, then a new entry to debit 4630 and credit 4510 should be added to the Transaction Listing.

Inside the Black Box (cont'd.)

In the former case, an entry to debit 4630 should be added to entries D110 and D134 when the anticipated recoveries (recorded in account 4310) become actual, and in entry F112 at year end when excess anticipations are closed. For anticipated accounts 4060 and 4070, there are over a dozen entries to realize them, either as a receivable (entries C412, C416, and C648), funding source (entries C101, C103, C104, C106, C109, C116, C117, C124, C148, C152, C154, C602, C604, C606, C608, C612, C614, C616, C618, C620, C626, C628, C640, C646), or reduction to spending (entries C130, C132, C136, D108)-and these would have to be updated as well.

In the latter case, a new entry to debit 4630 should be added to either A116 for apportionments (currently it only shows debit 4450 credit 4510) or A122 for realizing anticipations (currently it only shows debit 4590 credit 4510 or 4610).

Conclusion

It's not really clear when account 4630 is supposed to be used, as the description is vague. The life cycle of account 4630 is also not fully shown in the Transaction Listing. This is just one example of why accounting systems must be able to post entries that are not in the SGL Transaction Listing.

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, 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.





The mind at work



JFMIP Federal Financial Management Conference

Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) Principals

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Federal Financial Management Conference

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel 999 Ninth Street NW • Washington, DC 20001

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John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management

Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director for Management and Chief Performance Officer, Office of Management and Budget

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Improvement will be presented
by the JFMIP Principals during
the luncheon session.





Oversight... Systems

CGFM Training

Free Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Training provided by AGA DC Chapter

Boris Lyubovitsky, AGA D.C. CGFM - Director & Karl Payne, AGA D.C. CGFM - Assistant Director

AGA DC Chapter six-day comprehensive courses are designed to meet the practical and professional development needs of financial managers at every level of government. They also provide the advanced knowledge to instill the confidence you need in order to sit for each of the three CGFM examinations.

The program is FREE for qualified enrollees and will address the three key components of the CGFM examination:

- Governmental Environment,
- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and
- 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 March 2, 3, and 4 with the second half being held on March 8, 9, and 10 at the IBM Building located at 1301 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. The closest metro station is McPherson Square, Orange Line.

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

Please submit your complete application that can be found at http://www.agadc.org/documents/cgfmapp2010.doc to:

Boris Lyubovitsky: <u>Boris.Lyubovitsky@usda.gov</u> and cc: Karl Payne <u>karl.payne@reznickgroup.com</u>

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Member Services

AGA Member Services kicked off the New Year with two fun and exciting events in the month of January. On Tuesday, January 5 a group of AGA DC and NOVAGA members attended the Washington Capitals game as they beat the Montreal Canadians, 4-2. In addition to that, we also held another, successful Networking Reception on Thursday, January 21 at the University Club. Once again, we had a great turnout and an overwhelming response. We plan to have a couple additional Networking Receptions in the upcoming months, so please keep an eye out for announcements and RSVP quickly as these events fill up fast. During the month of February, we will be hosting our Annual Chinese New Year Dinner. AGA National Past President Sam Mok will be in attendance and will say a few words to the guests. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm at China Garden in Rosslyn, VA. The cost is \$25 per person and this cost includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverages, tax and tip. You may pay at the door by cash or check, or online through the DC Chapter Website by credit card. RSVPs will be accepted until February 10. We hope to see you there!

Community Service

In February, The AGA DC Chapter is continuing our tradition of supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (\$37,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

Please contact:

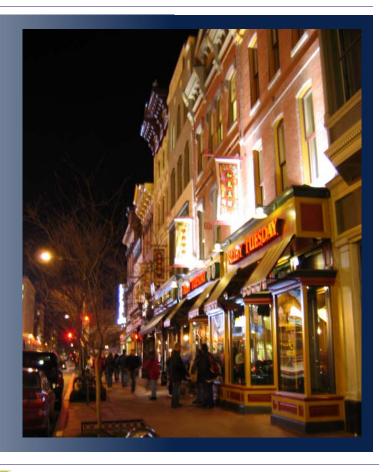
Lloyd A. Farmer 703-294-4473, Tonya Allen Shaw 202-720-5026 or AnnMarie Walker 202- 461-6499

if you are interested in volunteering for this program.

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Professional Development Conference & Exposition

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Training Opportunity

Welcome to AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Location: Orlando World Center Marriott

Conference: July 11-14, 2010 *EXPO:* July 11-13, 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition— the premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.

Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010. Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to Dream. Learn. Achieve. – Register today!

- <u>Register Online Now</u>
- <u>Registration Form (PDF)</u>

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions, and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

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 only be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates.

To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also *reserve a room online*.

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

- Ad/Exhibit/Sponsorship Info
- <u>Ad/Exhibit/Sponsorship Application</u>
- Exhibit Floor Plan
- PDC 2009 Website

Awards Committee Update

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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 <u>Eleanor.long@EY.com</u>

no later than March 15, 2010. 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.

Training Opportunity: National Leadership Conference

Welcome!

Government financial managers are deeply committed to producing timely, reliable and useful financial information, with the goal of running government programs more efficiently. At AGA's National Leadership Conference (NLC), those sentiments are more than just words.

The NLC brings together a stellar lineup of respected government financial management and accountability leaders to share valuable insight, proven strategies, lessons learned, and discuss the newest management techniques and the most recent information on always-changing standards and regulations.

Stay on top of issues that affect you. Sessions cover current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions, a look at the first year of Obama's presidency, and what the future holds. This event also features the newest tools and innovations to help agencies do their jobs more easily and more effectively.

Don't miss this opportunity to earn 14 CPE hours, share best practices, find solutions to shared challenges, network with your peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts.

Join us **Feb.18–19, 2010** at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. and show your commitment to a more accountable future.

- <u>Register Online Now!</u>
- <u>Print Registration Form</u>

http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2010/index.htm

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*.

Membership 2010 & Beyond: Share the Magic of Membership

You chose AGA-now help your colleagues do the same!

Are you looking for an easy way to contribute to the vibrant AGA community? Then get in motion today by participating in the 2009-2010 AGA Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) campaign. Everyone wins when you share the magic in 2010!

Members sharing their experience.

AGA expanding its network of professionals.

Generating more leadership opportunities.

Improving accountability in financial management.

Commitment to the future!

As an AGA member you understand the value of your membership. Share the MAGIC firsthand with friends and colleagues. A vital and growing AGA means greater awareness of the important work of financial managers in advancing government accountability. Who better to spread the word about AGA than you, one of our dedicated members? Not only can you help advance a colleague's career, but you just might win some spectacular prizes.

- Rules
- Prizes
- Recruiting tips
- Membership application

A word from the 2008-2009 Member-Get-A-Member Recruiter of the Year...

"My experience as a member of AGA has been very rewarding. I have had the opportunity to meet and network with numerous people from different agencies within the government as well as the private sector. I have attended a number of AGA PDCs and local luncheons over the last few years and have met and learned a lot from the various speakers and a wide range of subject matter that has impacted my life professionally and personally and many levels. And I cannot forget about the educational, professional and certification opportunities AGA provides.

Those experiences prompted me to become more active as an AGA member. In 2004, I became the Director of Membership for my chapter, Regional Co-coordinator for the Ohio-Michigan Region, as well as a member of the AGA Ethics Review Board. I encourage anyone who is on the fast track to advance in their careers to join AGA because 'membership does have its benefits.'"

- Stephanie Paschel, AGA's Cleveland Chapter, Systems Accountant, Defense Finance and Accounting Service









FEBRUARY 2010							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2 AGA CEC	3	4		6	
7	8	9	AUDIO CONFERENCE Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors	11	12	13	
14	15 President's Day	16 Member Services Chinese New Year @ China Garden	17 Luncheon (Clyde's)	18	19	20	
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<u>Community Service Event:</u> VITA. Please contact Lloyd Farmer at 703-294-4473 for more information.

MARCH 2010							
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		CGFM Training Location: TBD		-			
14	15	16	17 Luncheon (Clyde's)	18	19	20	
21	22	23 JFMIP Conference	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				
		NOTES: Member Services: Australian Embassy Wine Tasting and Art Show - Date TBD					

Calendar of Events — 2009/2010 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	Membership/ Liason Committee	Awards	CEC Meetings
	17-Feb-2010	TBD	10-Feb-2010	10-Feb-2010				2-Feb-2010
February	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: Phyllis Fong, Clydes, DC CPE: 1	VITA	Chinese New Year Time: TBD Location: China Garden	Audio Conference: Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
	17-Mar-2010	TBD	TBD	3-Mar-2010			2-Mar-2010	
	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: Treasury, Clydes CPE: 1		Australian Embassy Wine Tasting and Art Show	Audio Conference: Fraud				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
March				2-Mar thru 4-Mar-2010 8-Mar thru 10-Mar-2010				
				CGFM Training Time/Location: TBD				
	20-Apr-2010		TBD	21-Apr-2010			6-Apr-2010	
April	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: Danny Werfel, University Club, DC CPE: 1		Virginia Vineyards Tour	Audio Conference: The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
	18-May-2010	18-May-2010	TBD	4-May thru 5-May-2010			4-May-2010	
May	Luncheon Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm Speaker and Location: TBD, University Club, DC CPE: 1	Cell Phones and Eyeglasses	Charity Fashion Show and Brunch	Federal Financial Management Conference: The CFO Act Twenty Years Later: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future				Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
		TBD	Date: TBD			2-Jun-2010	1-Jun-2010	
June		Golf Tournament for Charity	Nationals Game ************************************				Awards Dinner Location: Hyatt Downtown Time: 6:30 - 11:00pm	Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800- 767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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