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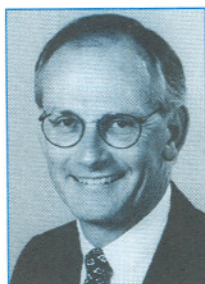
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September 13, 2001 Luncheon Speaker

by Ron Longo, Programs Director



Robert J. O'Neill, Jr. is president of the National Academy of Public Administration, a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress to improve the design and management of federal, state, and local governments. Since its founding in 1967, the Academy has been at the forefront of efforts to create more efficient, effective, and accountable government.

From May through September of 2001, Mr. O'Neill was on temporary assignment at the Office of Budget and Management as Counselor to the Director and Deputy Director on management issues and to coordinate various policy and program issues with government-wide management councils, including the President's Management Council, Chief Financial Officers Council, Chief Information Officers Council, Procurement Executives Council, and the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

O'Neill served as Fairfax County Executive between 1997 and 2000. In that position, he oversaw Virginia's largest general-purpose local government with an annual operating budget of \$2 billion and approximately 11,000 employees. He is credited with

developing a series of strategies aimed at revitalizing older residential communities and commercial areas within Fairfax County. In 1999, he launched a series of initiatives focused on performance and results management, including a pay system with variable awards based on performance.

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Luncheon Logistics

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, NW
(At Metro Center – 11th Street Exit)

11:30 – 12:00	Social
12:00 – 1:10	Luncheon Meeting (1CPE)

Cost:	Members	\$20.00
	Non-members	\$35.00

Joint session with Montgomery / Prince George's Chapter.

For reservations, please call the AGA Washington DC Chapter voice mail line at (703) 758-4080 and select option 1. If you prefer, you can register by email to mikubaki@hq.nasa.gov or you can register at our homepage: www.agadc.org. Please forward your name, agency/company, and telephone number.

President's Message



I can't believe that it is September already and that we are beginning a new program year. Your executive committee is hard at work setting up plans for the next 9 months. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be surrounded by so many wonderful people. You will find their names and positions on the back of each newsletter. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have suggestions, ideas, or want to be more directly involved in the activities of your Chapter.

I have established two primary goals for my term. The first is to rebuild the treasury. Most of the chapter's revenue is generated by education events. The

first conference does not usually take place until mid to late fall. Therefore, it is important for an incoming President to have at least \$25,000 in operating capital to pay bills that will be incurred during the first 3-4 months of operations. Each member of your executive committee has embraced this goal that would ensure sufficient working capital for my successor, Wendy Comes. But we can't do it alone, we need your help and are counting on you to support Chapter activities.

Speaking of education, our **first conference will be held on November 19-20, 2001**. This conference will focus on technology and systems. Yes, that means that the "systems conference" has been moved from the spring to the fall. The **accounting update that is usually held in the fall will be held on May 20, 2002**. We will also be hosting a **management-focused seminar**

on February 22, 2002. Mark your calendars now so you can plan to attend! If anyone is interested in being a member of the planning committee for any of these events, please contact Karen Holmcrans, Education Director. I know she will be delighted.

My second goal is to attempt to recapture "All Star" status. The Washington Chapter was the first AGA chapter and has the largest membership. All-star status is obtained by meeting certain goals established for all AGA chapters by the national office. Like many other professional associations, we have begun to suffer from dwindling participation and declining membership. Membership growth and retention is one of those goals that must be met to be an all-star chapter. We need your help in bringing new members to the chapter. If you need tips on recruiting, contact Bob Buchanan, Membership

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Inside the Black Box: Changing the Statement of Changes in Net Position

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued a draft bulletin (available on their web site) that gives the proposed Form and Content of Agency Financial Statements for FY2002. Among the more radical changes is the proposed reformatting of the Statement of Changes in Net Position (CNP). The new format rearranges the rows, and splits the figures into two columns, based on whether the activity affects the balance of Cumulative Results of Operations (account 3310) or Unexpended Appropriations (3100). The SGL Board has also proposed adding six new equity accounts to match all the activity to be reported in the Unexpended Appropriations column.

By the time this column comes out in print, OMB and the SGL Board may have decided whether to adopt these proposals, but I'm going to give my two cents' worth anyway. The new format is much more intuitive than the old, with fewer subtotals, and better descriptions. The old statement was arranged by the following formulae: Net Cost of Operations + Financing Sources = Net Results; that + Prior Period Adjustments = Net Change in Cumulative Results; that + Increase in Unexpended Appropriations = Net Change in Position; that + Beginning Balance = Ending Balance. The new statement has Beginning Balance + Prior Period Adjustments = Adjusted Balance; that + Budgetary Financing Sources + Other Financing Sources - Net Cost of Operations = Ending Balances. The Increase in Unexpended Appropriations line has been expanded into Appropriations Received, Appropriations Transferred, Other Adjustments, and Appropriations Used. The only complaint I have with the new format is that both lines 10 and 13 are called Transfers-in/out without reimbursement. The memo itself explains that line 10 is for balance transfers and 13 is for capital asset transfers; these should be part of the title to avoid confusion.

Most of the activity reported occurs in either the Cumulative Results column or the Unexpended Appropriations Column, but not both. Three items (other than totals) can have balances in both columns. One is Appropriations

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E-mail Mailing List

Would you like to receive e-mail reminders of our monthly meetings and conferences? If so, please go to <http://www.agadc.org> to sign up for our mailing list in the Member Services section of the website.

President's Message

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Director. Be sure to renew your membership if it has lapsed. Bob can help you with that task as well.

Another all-star goal encompasses chapter meetings and activities. Ron Longo, Programs Director, has laid out plans for a very diversified program year. **For our initial meeting on September 13, Ron has persuaded Bob O'Neill to be our speaker.** As you may recall, Mr. O'Neill has been serving as the chief counselor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget. Mr. O'Neill will address the new management agenda. We look forward to seeing you there!

Phyllis Hunter, Director of Member Services, is working on a plan for activities beyond monthly meetings. Check out her questionnaire in this edition and let her know your interests. If you have an interest in one-time volunteer opportunities, let Keith Fowler know. The chapter once again will participate in the ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Walk on October 21, 2001. Joan Kilgore, the wife of one of our members, has been stricken with this terrible disease. To show support for Andy and Joan, we will be walking again this year. If you wish to be a member of our "walking team" or wish to sponsor one of the walkers, please contact Keith. He can put you in touch with the event coordinator, Andy Kilgore.

We're all wishing to make this the best year of the 21st Century, and we're counting on you to help us make that wish come true. See you on September 13. •

CNP Line	Old Accounts	Proposed Accounts
Appropriations received	4111-4121	3101
Appropriations transferred-in/out	4170, 4190	3102, 3103
Other adjustments (recissions, etc.)	4391-4396	3106
Appropriations used	5700	3107

Washington Chapter, AGA Executive Committee Meeting

August 2, 2001

by Patricia Clark

The first meeting of the 2001 – 2002 Washington Chapter Executive Committee, often referred to as the Board, was held on August 2, 2001 at 1990 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. The following Board Members were present.

Karl Boettcher,

Early Career Member Services

Bob Buchanan,

Membership

Pat Clark,

Administration

Keith Fowler,

Community Service

Doug Gandy,

Awards (Teleconference)

Karen Holmcraans,

Education Events

Steve Johnson,

Webmaster

Simcha Kuritzky,

Publications/Research

Sue Lazich,

Treasurer

Ron Longo,

Programs

Janet McBride,

President

John Webb,

Budget/Agency Liaison
(Teleconference)

Diane Wright,

Newsletter Editor

The President's major goals for the 2001 – 2002 term are to rebuild the Chapter treasury and to recapture the Chapter's all-star status.

For the 2001 – 2002 Chapter Recognition Program, Board members were asked to send their AGA and community service activities for each month to Pat Clark. Pat will present a monthly report of credits earned for the respective month.



Seated from bottom left: Ron Longo, Diane Wright, Pat Clark, Simcha Kuritzky, Karl Boettcher, Eva Williams, Keith Fowler, Bob Buchanan, Karen Holmcraans, Janet McBride, Sue Lazich.

The Treasurer, Sue Lazich, presented the Chapter's financial status as of 7/31/2001.

John Webb presented the 2001 Provisional Budget. This provisional budget was adopted but will be revisited after the first education event.

Ron Longo, Programs Director, presented his plan for monthly meetings. The board members voted to set luncheon rates for the coming program year. The luncheon rates will be \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Karen Holmcraans provided a report on planned education events. The first event is scheduled for November 19-20, 2001, at the Grand Hyatt Washington.

Keith Fowler presented his Community Service Schedule and noted that the ALS walk will be held

on October 21, 2001, at the Lincoln Memorial.

A discussion of Member Services and Early Career Services was initiated by Karl Boettcher. A questionnaire will be included in the newsletter to garner feedback from chapter members.

Bob Buchanan, Membership Director, presented a report on member statistics. Diane Wright, Newsletter Editor, presented a schedule of dates to ensure timely publication and distribution. Steve Johnson, Webmaster, provided an update on the status of the revamping of our website. The web site should be accessible after August 10, 2001.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 25, 2001, at the same location. •

Inside the Black Box

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Used, which, of course, affects both 3100 and 3310 equally (though in opposite directions). Another is adjustments, which the memo says includes rescissions (affecting 3100) and revenue refunds (affecting 3310). The most important one, however, is Prior Period Adjustments. I am very glad that separate treatment is being given to Prior Period Adjustments based on whether they affect 3100 or 3310. The SGL Board has proposed a new account, 3109 Unexpended Appropriations—Prior Period Adjustment, for this purpose. Currently, any such adjustment has to be recorded in 7400, which changes the balance in 3310, then an expenditure must be recorded in 5700 to transfer the effect into 3100. I wholeheartedly support adding 3109 to the national chart of accounts.

As to the other proposed equity accounts, I don't see much need for them. As the chart on page 3 shows, there are already budgetary or other proprietary accounts that capture this activity (the listing is not complete, but covers the most common cases). I also don't know why the SGL Board thinks we need transfers in (3102) in a separate account from transfers out (3103), when both are reported together on the same line (and no such distinction currently exists in the budgetary accounts). •

Comments, suggestions, and critiques are welcome. Send them to Simcha_Kuritzky@ams.com, and not to the AGA.

Employee Profile

John Johnson to Retire

by Marcia Caplan



On October 3, John Jonson, Division Director, Financial Audit Division, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector

General (VA OIG), will retire after more than 33 years of federal service. Prior to his current position, John served as a team leader and then Audit Manager for the Los Angeles Audit Operations Division of the VA OIG. John began his federal service career with the Army Audit Agency. He served two years in the U.S. Army with service in Korea. Mr. Jonson recently received the Career Achievement Award and has received the Division Director of the Year Award and

numerous performance and special contribution awards.

Mr. Jonson is a CPA (licensed in the State of Washington) and CGFM. John is a 25-year member of the AGA, and a former officer from the Los Angeles Chapter. He is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Washington (State) Society of CPAs, and the Institute of Internal Auditors. John received his BA at Central Washington State College in 1968 and his MS at the University of Colorado in 1978.

John will be moving to San Antonio, Texas, after his retirement. If you would like further details about John's retirement celebration, please contact Linda Rhinehart at 202-565-7913 or Paul Chang, 202-565-8409. •

Community Service Outlook for the Year

by Keith Fowler

Again this year our chapter will participate in a wide variety of community service efforts. Our ability to be successful in these activities is dependent on your participation. Please contact Keith Fowler to obtain more information about these activities and your interest in participating. He can be reached at (202) 633-7604 or via email at keith.fowler@irs.gov.

Technical Projects

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance *Jan-April 2001*
- Career Awareness Days (4 District High Schools) *Jan-April 2002*

Non-Technical Projects

- Dog Companionship – St. Elizabeth Hospital *Ongoing*
- American Heart Association
 - Wine Tasting, Live and Silent Auction *October 2001*
 - Jazz Brunch and Silent Auction *April 2002*
- AIDS Walk *October 2001*
- ALS Walk *October 2001*
- Toys for Tots *December 2001*
- Jaycees Cherry Blossom Parade *April 2002*



CGFM News from National AGA

Special AGA Back to School Offer!

AGA is offering a 20 percent discount as a Back to School special for the online CGFM Course 1, The Government Environment, during August, September, and October 2001. The cost of this online course is \$195, but during this special offer the price is reduced to \$156. This online course is valuable to financial management professionals who are interested in learning more about the government environment in which they work. It will also help individuals prepare for this CGFM examination. The course is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of home or office. To access the course, please visit the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/index.cfm for this special back to school offer.

Veterans Reimbursed for Cost of CGFM Exams

The Virginia State Approving Agency for Veterans Education has approved AGA's CGFM Examinations for reimbursement by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If veterans are eligible, they can receive reimbursement for the cost of the CGFM Examinations taken on or after March 1, 2001. Veterans can receive up to \$2,000 per test, but not more than the actual cost of the examination. The number of tests individuals can take is unlimited, and they can receive benefits to retake a test that they failed. Veterans will not be reimbursed if they retake an exam that they passed. For more information go to www.gibill.va.gov and click the link to the Licensing and Certification page, or call 1-888-GIBILL-1. •

Membership and Early Career Services Activity Survey

by Karl Boettcher

Membership and Early Career Services want to join our president, Janet McBride, in providing Washington Chapter AGA members with an "all star" year. As part of this effort, we would like your input as to the type of professional and social events that would be of interest for the 2001 - 2002 membership year. We plan to organize a majority of activities that will appeal to and be supported by as many members as possible. A few events will be targeted at specific membership groups such as senior, mid-level or early career members. Professional presentations are envisioned to be in the evening, lasting for one to two hours, and located near a metro. In some instances, we may integrate a shorter presentation with a social (happy hour) event. Where economically feasible, we will attempt to "partner" some activities with other organizations.

The survey on the next page contains a list of possible events. Please check the activities that are of interest to you as well as provide us with "other" new ideas. For the events checked or suggested, provide any detailed information, i.e., names of possible partners, speakers, places, teams, times, etc. We appreciate any input you might provide, as it will greatly assist membership and early career services in planning the year's events.

A copy of this survey is available at <http://www.agadc.org>. Send your electronic response or direct any questions to Phunter@gt.com (703-847-7651) or karl.boettcher@fms.treas.gov (202-874-3611). A written response can also be sent to AGA P.O. Box 423 Washington D.C. 20044-0423, Attn. Membership and Early Career Services.

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Membership and Early Career Services Activity Survey

Member Name _____
Organization _____
Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____
Type of Member _____ Number of Years with AGA _____

Professional Presentations

- ☐ Financial planning
- ☐ Thrift Savings Plan
- ☐ Careers in Government
- ☐ Cross Gender Communications
- ☐ Tax preparation/planning
- ☐ 171/Resume preparation
- ☐ Other: _____

Comments

Social

- ☐ Happy hours with presentations
- ☐ Happy hours without presentations
- ☐ Theater: ☐ Kennedy Center
- ☐ ☐ Wolf Trap
- ☐ ☐ Arena Stage
- ☐ Crab Feast
- ☐ October Fest
- ☐ Chinese New Year Celebration
- ☐ St. Patrick Celebration
- ☐ Jazz Brunch
- ☐ Boat Cruise
- ☐ Other: _____

Comments

Sporting

- ☐ Baseball
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Hockey
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Other: _____

Comments

Additional Comments:

2001 PDC Award Recipients

Each year, AGA proudly presents prestigious National Awards to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association and the government financial management profession it serves. This year a number of our chapter members received these awards.

Einhorn-Gary Award

This award is named for Charter Members and Past National Presidents Raymond Einhorn, CGFM, and T. Jack Gary, CGFM, to formally recognize an AGA member or organization that has, over a sustained period of time, participated in Association activities/programs at the chapter and national levels, made major contributions that advanced government accountability and enhanced the Association's prestige and stature.



*WA "Bill" Broadus Jr.,
CGFM, CPA
AGA National
President*

In recognition of Mr. Broadus' three decades of extraordinary

commitment and dedication to the government accountability profession. Through his distinguished federal government career, as well as his own consultancy practice, Mr. Broadus has worked tirelessly to promote the profession while lending his time and support to the Association. His work on the first Professional Certification Board and his distinguished term as AGA National President are just two examples of his service and commitment to AGA.



Special National President's Award

*David M. Walker,
Comptroller General of
the United States, U.S.
General Accounting
Office*

In recognition of Mr. Walker's exceptional contributions to AGA and his leadership in advancing government accountability.

National President's Award



*Karen Cleary
Alderman, CGFM,
Executive Director,
Joint Financial
Management
Improvement Program*

In recognition of Ms. Alderman's continued outstanding support and service to AGA as it fulfills its mission of advancing government accountability.

National President's Award



*William J. Anderson Jr.,
CGFM,
Manager, Professional
Development, Financial
Management and
Assurance, U.S.
General Accounting
Office*

In recognition of Mr. Anderson's outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in revising AGA's bylaws as well as his service as a Senior Vice President.

National President's Award



*Kenneth Bresnahan,
Director, E-CFO Practice,
PriceWaterhouseCoopers
LLP*

In recognition of Mr. Bresnahan's efforts during his tenure as a federal chief financial officer to advance government accountability and his continued service to AGA.

National President's Award



*Wendy M. Comes,
CGFM,
Executive Director,
Federal Accounting
Standards Advisory
Board*

In recognition of Ms. Comes' outstanding work as chair of the Professional Certification Board, co-chair of the 2001 Federal Leadership Conference Technical Committee, and her continued service to AGA.

National President's Award



*Linda L. Weeks, CGFM,
Assistant Manager,
External Liaison, U.S.
General Accounting
Office*

In recognition of Ms. Weeks' outstanding leadership as chair of the International Committee and her continued service to AGA.

Author Award

This award recognizes the Journal Editorial Board's choice of the best article published this year in The Journal of Government Financial Management.



*Dale R. Geiger, DBA,
CGFM, CMA,
Professor of
Accountancy, California
State University and
The George Washington
University*

In recognition of Dr. Geiger's outstanding article, "Practical Issues in Avoiding Pitfalls in Managerial Costing Implementation-The Fifth and Final in a Series on Managerial Cost Accounting," which appeared in the Spring 2001 issue of The Journal of Government Financial Management.

Luncheon Meetings

The schedule for this year's luncheon meetings is:

September 13, 2001

October 3, 2001

November 8, 2001

December 6, 2001

January 10, 2002

February 5, 2002

March 7, 2002

April 23, 2002 (Awards Dinner)

May 2, 2002

Ron Longo, Programs Director, is in the process of lining up an outstanding group of speakers. So far, speakers include:

Bob O'Neil

National Academy of Public
Administration

Justine Rodriguez

OMB

Keith Rhodes

GAO

Karen Alderman

JFMIP

Susan Irving

GAO

Richard Norment

AGA National President

All Luncheon Meetings will be held at:

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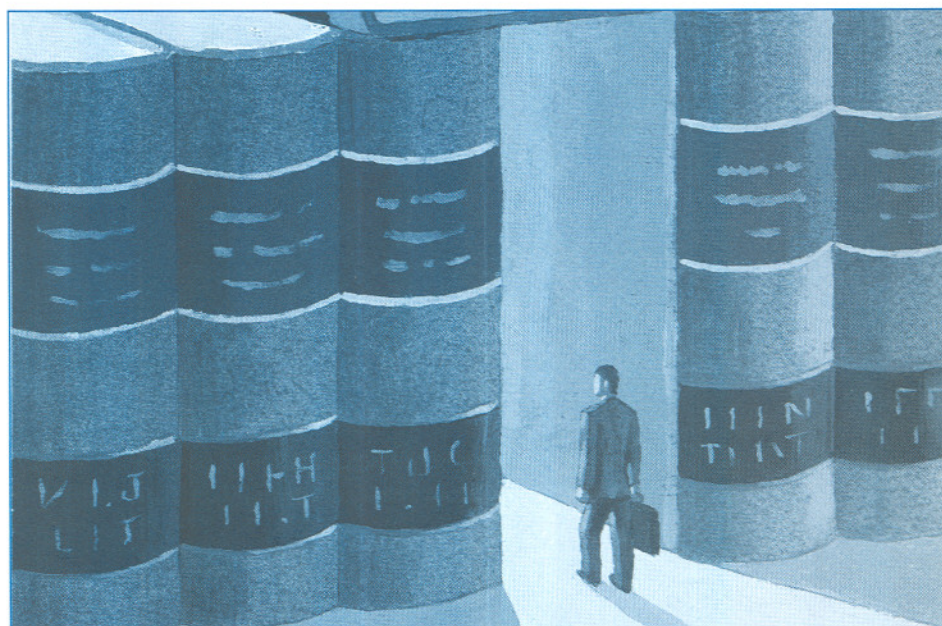
11:30 – 12:00 Social
12:00 – 1:10 Luncheon
Meeting (1CPE)

Need CPE Credits?

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Membership Goals

	Goal	Members
Membership Growth	+10%	1,891
New Member Acquisition	20% of base	344
Membership Retention	90% of base	1,547

As mentioned in the President's Message, one of her goals is to regain "All Star" status. One of the measures of an All Star chapter is based on membership growth and retention. Every one of you has a role to play in helping the chapter attain its membership goals through timely membership renewal and in encouraging your peers to join our chapter. This year we are starting off with a total of

1,719 members. See chart above for our goals this year.

Last year we did very well in meeting our goals in the areas of membership growth (90.7%), and membership retention (103.82%). The chapter didn't fare as well in the new member acquisition goal (50.78%). The Board would like to challenge all members to recruit at least one new member this year. •

September 13, 2001 Luncheon Speaker

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O'Neill's "reinvention" of the government of Hampton, Virginia as city manager between 1984 and 1997 was widely recognized by organizations such as the National League of Cities and Public Technology, Inc., and by writers such as David Osborne and Ted Gaebler, authors of *Reinventing Government*. In the 1997 book *Banishing Bureaucracy*, by Osborne and Peter Plastrik, O'Neill's efforts form the basis of a chapter on "Creating an Entrepreneurial Culture" in government organizations. Among O'Neill's many accomplishments were a downtown and waterfront revitalization initiative and development of a nationally recognized "youth-at-risk" program.

In 2001 Mr. O'Neill received The Spirit of Public Service award – the highest

award presented by The Maxwell School of Syracuse University. In 1996 he was the recipient of the prestigious National Public Service Award presented by the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Society for Public Administration. The award recognizes individuals who have made a difference in public administration for a sustained length of time. In 1997 O'Neill was elected an Academy Fellow.

In the early '80s, O'Neill was the Director of Management Consulting Services for the Virginia offices of Coopers & Lybrand, one of the former "big six" accounting firms. Previously, he served as regional manager for the Management Improvement Corporation of America, providing

financial analysis and organizational restructuring support for cities and counties throughout Virginia.

O'Neill graduated summa cum laude in 1973 from Old Dominion University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He received his Master's in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in 1974. He is a 1984 graduate of The Executive Program of the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia. In 1999 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of Laws from Old Dominion University. •



Chapter Education Programs

Save These Dates

November 19 & 20 Technical Assistance

A presentation of financial system applications and the hardware, software, communications, reporting, and other technical infrastructure components that make financial systems work.

February 22 Management Seminar – Progress on the President's Priorities

A report on meeting the new administration's goals and priorities for financial management.

May 20 Accounting Update

An update on accounting guidance, government-wide systems, financial statements, and audit resolutions.

This year, all education events will be at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC.

Please contact Karen Holmcrans, Education Director, for additional information and to participate in planning an event. Karen can be reached at 703-947-1847 or karen.j.holmcrans@accenture.com.

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