

ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

THE WASHINGTON CONNECTION

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

**THURSDAY
MARCH 2, 1995**

Touchdown Club
2000 L Street, N.W.
(Near Farragut West Metro Stop)

Enter the lower level via the steps near the street corner

Social: 11:30

Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Cost:

Special Associates	\$ 8.00
Associate Members	\$10.00
Retired Members	\$12.00
Full Members	\$16.00
Nonchapter Members	\$18.00

New Members - your first luncheon meeting is free!

Reservations are urged

Call (703) 758-4080 by
Tuesday, February 28, 1995

Request sign language interpreter
by Monday, February 27, 1995

Non-Members are welcome

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Mr. Kevin M. Sabo
General Counsel
Committee on Government Reform
and Oversight
U.S. House of Representatives

In addition to his role as senior legal advisor to the Republican members of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Mr. Sabo is also responsible for management reform initiatives and regulatory affairs. He has an extensive background in public administration, financial management, and the budget and appropriation process.

Before joining the Committee staff in 1992, Mr. Sabo was counsel and government relations manager to the Financial Executives Institute, a private sector association representing corporate financial managers. In that role, he was highly involved in the enactment of the Chief Financial Officers Act and its subsequent funding battles. Throughout the 1980's he served as a management analyst at the Department of Agriculture and budget analyst at the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service. He was also a legislative assistant to Congressman Harris Fawell (R-IL) from 1985 - 1987.

Mr. Sabo received an undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University, a Master of Public Administration degree from George Mason University, and a Juris Doctor from the Catholic University of America. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bars and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Sabo will speak on the implications of the new Congress for government financial managers

Also see page 4 for details of the mini-seminar educational event which will be held in conjunction with the luncheon meeting.

The President's Message.....



Pat Wensel, President

March has arrived and there are only four months remaining in our program year. I thought it was time to look at our plan for the year, assess our progress toward accomplishing our goals and objectives, and determine if we need to make any mid-course adjustments.

Goal 1: To get more Washington Chapter members actively involved in the events and activities of the Chapter.

For the period May 94 through December 1994, we have added 94 new members to our rolls and earned 3 free registrations to the 1995 Professional Development Conference. We are offering these free registrations as door prizes for members who attend our monthly general meetings. Eva Williams will preside over our last drawing to be held this month. Don't miss your chance to be a winner.

Russ Morris and his Program committee have provided a wonderful cast of speakers that were not only interesting but whose topics have been very timely. These include: Barry Anderson, OMB, spoke on OMB 2000; The Honorable George Muñoz, Vice chair of the CFO Council and CFO of

the Department of the Treasury, discussed changes within the CFO Council; Stephen Barr, of the Washington Post, spoke on press coverage of the financial management community; B. Preston Rich, NSF, and Linda Hoogeveen, OMB, described the FinanceNet system; G. Edward DeSeve, nominee for Controller, OFFM, OMB, spoke on the role of financial managers; and G. Martin Wagner, co-chair of the Federal Electronic Commerce Program Management Office, OMB, addressed the government's efforts to streamline procurement through electronic commerce. This month's speaker will continue the tradition. Attendance at monthly meetings has been good although not as good as Russ had hoped. We still have several opportunities to fill the Touchdown Club to capacity. I hope each of you will help us accomplish that goal.

We instituted a reduced lunch price program to encourage attendance at our regular meetings especially for our early career members. We also invite new members to be our guest for their first luncheon meeting so bring your new members for their free lunch.

Goal 2: To serve the professional development needs of our membership and the area's financial management community.

Dan Murrin and his Education Committee have provided a number of professional development opportunities for our members: 1) a regional event that provided tools and techniques for streamlining government and the private sector; 2) a workshop on Government auditing held jointly with the DCICPA; and 3) a free mini-seminar on Internet.

But there's lots more to come. Another free mini-seminar will be held following this month's general meeting. Then don't miss our renowned information technology seminar to be held April 10 and 11 at the GWU Marvin Center. Learn about the latest technology in financial systems, EDI, procurement systems, and credit cards to name a few of the topics to expect. Finally, we will have an Update on Appropriation Law. Watch your newsletter for further details on each of these future events.

Goal 3: To focus on meeting the diverse needs of chapter members.

We have provided interpreters at monthly meetings for a number of our hearing impaired members. We will continue the service as long as we believe there is a need. Don't miss the St. Patrick's Day social event to be held on March 15 at the

Our Chapter has earned 10,361 points in the Chapter Recognition Program through January 1995.

National Press Club planned by Gary Amlin and his Member Services Committee. Bring all your friends and fellow professionals to enjoy the complimentary snacks and great company. We have established the Ronald J. Lynch Memorial Scholarship Award for a Washington Chapter Member to continue their professional education. Deadline for applications is March 31, 1995. A copy is enclosed with this newsletter.

Missy Johnston and Anthony Marasco have worked hard to develop our early career member mentorship program. I hope all of you have either agreed to be a mentor or have requested one.

Goal 4: To increase our community service involvement and outreach.

Jeff Williams and his committee have done a great job in helping us accomplish this goal. We've had an active community service program but we can and will do more. Many of our members participated in Project Harvest to provide food for those less fortunate than we are. Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is well underway at the Martin Luther King Library with a group of dedicated volunteers. But there's still room for more. Planning continues for our Small Business Program, the Partners in Education project, PBS Telethon, and our Student Scholarship Awards. Watch the newsletter for more information on these projects.

Goal 5: To recognize the proficiency of our members by promoting certification through AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager Program.

A large number of our members have been awarded the CGFM certification. We will continue to list our CGFM awardees in the newsletter as we receive them. We are proud to recognize our members for their proficiency in the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals making up the government financial management community. If you have not yet applied, it is not too late. Contact Evelyn Brown for more information.

I believe we have made good progress as indicated above but much remains to be done. We still need active participation by all members in our planned events. You can make a difference!

Pat Wensel

NEW JFMIP FRAMEWORK FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Including the latest in information technology for financial management

The Washington Chapter AGA, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and Beta Alpha Psi are co-sponsoring an informative 2-day seminar on the new JFMIP Framework for Federal Financial Management Systems. Each major section of the JFMIP framework document will be reviewed by one of the primary OMB/Treasury/agency authors and then a case study of a federal agency's practical approach to meeting the guidelines will be presented.

Interspersed throughout the sessions will be information on the latest in technology for financial management. Topics to be covered include:

- An introduction to the new JFMIP document,
- Program execution processes and the new GAO financial management system review guide,
- Data stewardship,
- Management information for program execution,
- Financial management systems architecture,
- Planning,
- Design (e.g., the use of client/server technology, open systems, and object-oriented programming),
- Implementation considerations (e.g., the use of case tools, rapid prototyping, and business process reengineering),
- Electronic commerce and the use of credit cards, and
- Integrating procurement systems with financial systems.

Mark your calendars now and don't miss this session - April 10-11, 1995 at the George Washington University Cloyd Heck Marvin Center. Please call Virginia Murphy at (202) 778-1738 for more information and watch your mailbox for a separately mailed brochure.

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and
American Society of Military Controllers

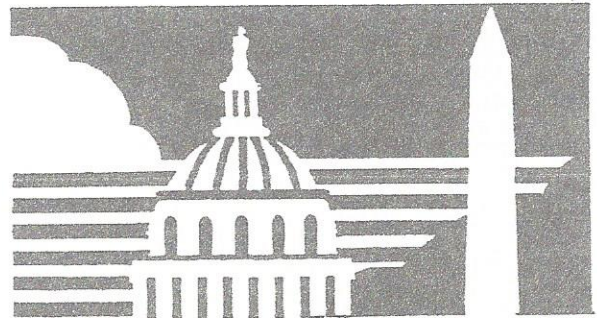
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THE IMPACT OF NEW CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ON
FEDERAL FINANCIAL INITIATIVES

DATE: March 2, 1995

TIME: Social at 11:30 a.m.;
luncheon and panel 12:00 - 2:00 p.m

PLACE: Touchdown Club
20th and L Streets
(lower level at corner)



This joint March 2 luncheon meeting is expanded into a "mini-seminar" consisting of a presentation and panel discussion on the impact of new Congressional leadership on federal financial initiatives. We have brought together three noted speakers to update us on what is happening. **Kevin Sabo**, General Counsel, House committee on Government Reform and Oversight, **John Hill**, General Accounting Office, and **Wallace Keene**, National Performance Review Office will present their respective perspectives about what is coming next in financial initiatives. Mr. Sabo will present the Congressional perspective during lunch followed by Mr. Hill and Mr. Keene who will then form a panel to openly discuss how anticipated changes *will affect each of us*. Please join us for this informative and lively speaker and panel presentation.

For more information and to register call the AGA voice mail line at (703) 758-4080

SUMMARY OF LUNCHEON SPEAKER'S REMARKSby *Cis Kuennen, Secretary*

Mr. G. Martin (Marty) Wagner, who currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Federal Electronic Commerce - Program Management Office (ECA-PMO), was the guest speaker at the February luncheon. Mr. Wagner spoke on the federal government's current efforts to streamline procurement through electronic commerce and to build a government-wide infrastructure that will support electronic data interchange (EDI).

*"...grab the sails
and move with
the wind."*



**Left to right: Marty Wagner, luncheon speaker;
Pat Wensel, President; Russ Morris, Program Chair**

Mr. Wagner said there is a wind blowing through the federal government that is a mixture of technology, budget cuts, National Performance Review initiatives, and other forces that could figuratively "swamp our agencies' boats unless we can grab the sails and move with the wind." The Presidential mandate to institute electronic commerce by July 1995 is one of the strong forces of change that organizations are attempting to deal with. Mr. Wagner said that several different approaches toward the development of electronic commerce are being pursued. He discussed the procurement or acquisition approach and EDI.

Initial development efforts began with the assumption that whatever was developed should display a single face to industry and be standardized. Development went forward on the basis that an agency could be whatever it needed to be internally, but once it went outside the agency, it would have to meet standardized requirements. Agencies, with their many legacy systems, could meet these standards by buying readily available software translators that would format their transactions into required standardized formats. Procurement data could then be transmitted through a network maintained by DoD to registered vendors or trading partners. Vendors would be in a database maintained by DoD in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Wagner stated that electronic commerce development plans for the future include the promotion of electronic funds transfer (EFT) for the payment of acquisitions. He said companies have been reluctant to trade electronically with the federal government because they haven't been able to get the financial information necessary for reconciliation. Software has now been developed for banks that will allow financial information to be matched with purchase data. Agencies interested in EDI pilots are encouraged to direct their attention toward the vendors that they do the most volume of business with. Start-up costs for vendors can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars, which may not make it cost effective for some small businesses. However, opportunities to open EDI to small businesses are being pursued.

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Mr. Wagner related that the X12 industry-wide standard setting body for EDI will be working on additional standardized formats, such as the Remittance Advice, that will assist in future automation efforts. Reengineering measures are being directed toward the integration of procurement and acquisition systems which should also prove beneficial. In the near term, Mr. Wagner suggested three things that agencies can do to promote electronic commerce:

- Form an electronic commerce or electronic data interchange team and tie it into the existing organization;
- Establish a gateway to connect to the EDI system; and
- Prepare to receive vendor registration data.

In the long term, systems must be ready to handle electronic invoices and electronically automate purchase orders and payments at the line item level. In closing, Mr. Wagner stated that there is still a lot of learning going on in the area of electronic commerce and EDI, but that he is encouraged by the development group's operating creed of "just do it..."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 25TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Chapter Executive Council met at the National Press Club on January 25, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for its regular monthly business meeting. Highlights are:

- The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program is in progress. Volunteers are needed to help at the Martin Luther King Library, Mondays through Fridays, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday mornings. Interested volunteers may contact Jeff Williams, Pat Wensel, or Evelyn Brown.
- Arrangements are underway for the Career Awareness Day to be held April 26th at the Department of Commerce.
- The Small Business Workshop is still seeking a program coordinator and volunteers to host one-day sessions. The tentative period during which the sessions would be held is April through June, 1995. Contact Jeff Williams for more information and to volunteer.
- The Community Outreach Scholarship Committee will be visiting local schools to provide information on chapter scholarships.
- The Executive Council voted to further extend the special luncheon prices through May. Eighty-five people attended January's meeting, including six new members.
- The March luncheon meeting will feature a mini-education event on the implications of the new Congress on government financial management. The event will be provided free as part of the luncheon.
- The Chapter will have a Social on or near St. Patrick's Day, at the National Press Building. The tentative date is March 17; Member Services will make final arrangements and provide information for the membership in the March newsletter.
- Bob Clark, Chair of the Research Committee, briefed the Council on a research project on federal financial systems that was begun two years ago. Findings are being reviewed and updated and will be submitted for publication to the AGA Journal, our newsletter, and FinanceNet.

Cis Kuennen, Secretary

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

The first two door prizes for free registration at the July 1995 Professional Development Conference to be held in San Diego were won by:

- Jean Boles at the January luncheon meeting
- Bob Lee at the February luncheon meeting

The final drawing for a free registration will be at the March luncheon meeting--so don't miss your chance to win!

**RONALD J. LYNCH
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

(WASHINGTON CHAPTER MEMBER ONLY)

PURPOSE: To extend scholarship assistance to a Washington Chapter Member for the furtherance of professional education. Accredited university undergraduate and graduate courses, CPA review programs, and other professional development programs are covered by the scholarship.

AWARD: Certificate and cash award up to \$1,000.

NUMBER AWARDED: One

ELIGIBILITY: Full Washington Chapter AGA Member in good standing.

CRITERIA AND EVALUATION: The Washington Chapter Scholarship Committee will use these factors in its evaluation and ranking of applicants:

APPLICATION FACTORS

1. Type of course/program
2. Applicant's statement
3. Supervisory assessment
4. Years of professional experience (private & public)
5. Contributions to the Washington Chapter

APPLICATIONS: Applications for the award will be accepted from Washington Chapter Members only. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 1995. Mail or fax application to:

AGA Washington Chapter
Director, Member Services
10123 Thornwood Road
Kensington MD 20895
ATTN: Ms. Lydia Moschkin
Voice (703) 607-0831
Fax (703) 607-0588

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF APPLICANT

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

City State ZIP Code

Home Phone Work Phone

AGA WASHINGTON CHAPTER MEMBER Yes ___ No ___

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL HS ___ BA ___ BS ___ MA ___ MBA ___ PhD ___

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APPLICATION FACTORS:

1. Type of Course/Program

a. Name: _____

b. Brief Description: _____

c. Dates of Course/Program: _____

d. Location of Training (Full Address): _____

2. Applicant's Statement (How will this course/program benefit my professional career?)

3. Supervisory Assessment (Supervisor statement on applicant's justification)

(Supervisor's Signature)

4. Years of professional experience (private and public) _____

Brief Description: _____

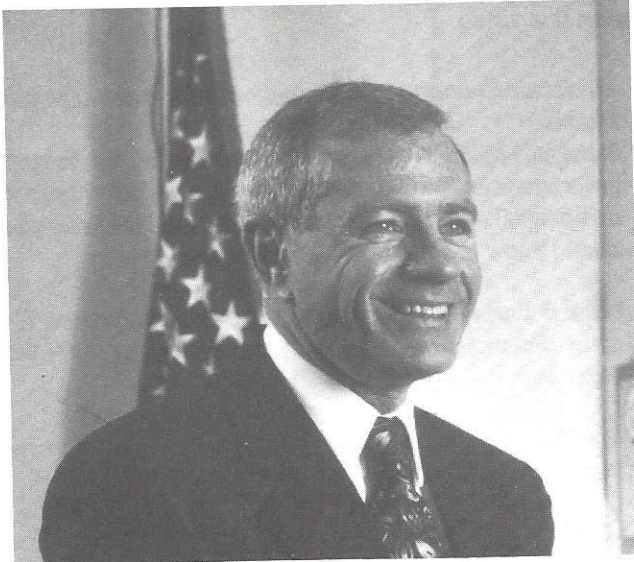
5. Contributions to the Washington Chapter

(Applicant's Signature and date)

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..... **MEMBER NEWS**

PROFILE - GARY AMLIN



Gary W. Amlin is the Principal Deputy Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), HQ. The DFAS provides the Department of Defense with finance and accounting services through its organization of 26,000 employees located at five DFAS Centers and over 300 Defense Finance and Accounting Offices. Gary's previous positions within DFAS Headquarters include the Deputy Director for Finance and the Deputy Director for Policy.

Prior to joining DFAS in January 1991, Gary was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Accounting, Finance and Banking in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller).

Gary began his government career with the Defense Contract Audit Agency and has held various accounting positions with increasing responsibilities within the Air Force and DoD Comptroller's Office.

Gary has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1985. He is a certified public accountant and certified cost analyst. Gary earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Georgetown College and a master's degree in business administration from Xavier University. He is an active member of several professional societies, including the Association of Government Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and the Senior Executives Association.

In May 1994, he was a recipient of the DoD Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and in August 1992 received the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award.

Gary is currently a member of the AGA PDC Program Committee and also serves as the Washington Chapter's Director for Member Services.

The Chapter membership extends congratulations to:

- **Sky Lescher**, Office of Management and Budget, who has been appointed Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior.
- **Steve Varholy**, Department of the Interior, who has been appointed Deputy Director of Financial Management at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- **Ken Winne**, Senior Project Director, JFMIP and **Joan Bozzanetti**, Director, Office of Financial Services, Department of Commerce, who both recently retired from Federal service.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER SOCIAL *by Gary W. Amlin*

Mark your calendars for the annual Washington Chapter Social to be held at the National Press Club Building on Wednesday, March 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will be featuring free hors d'oeuvre selections of assorted cheese, fruit, and meatballs!

The National Press Club is located at 14th and F Street, N.W., Washington, near the Metro Center metro stop. Parking is available at the PMI Garage at 1325 G Street, N.W. The Social will be held in the "Reliable Source" located on the 14th floor. Take the elevator to the 13th floor and walk up the remaining one flight of stairs. Tell the receptionist that you are a guest of Sam Mok of GL Associates.

24th Annual JFMIP Conference - A New Vision for Federal Financial Management

Leaders in the executive and legislative branches of government have challenged all of us to find new, more efficient ways to conduct the government's business. For federal financial managers this is nothing short of a new vision for operating. The 24th annual JFMIP Conference will help you formulate and implement this vision.

Morning Session:

Keynote Addresses

William Clinger, Chairman, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, U.S. House of Representatives

John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget

Other high level officials from the executive and legislative branches.

Concurrent Panel Sessions:

Linking Performance Measures with Strategic Plans

Learn how three agencies are using performance measures in strategic planning and for implementing the Government Performance and Results Act.

Leader: Sallyanne Harper, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

Steven App, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Shirl Ruffin, Director, Division of Financial Management Policy, Department of Health and Human Services

Streamlining Financial Management Reporting

A CFO Council project team is looking at ways to streamline financial management reporting (i.e., FMFIA, CFO Act, and others). Learn what they are doing to assist you in reducing your reporting burden.

Leader: Frank Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Management, Department of Veterans Affairs

Gregory Holloway, Acting Director, Civil Audits, General Accounting Office

Deborah Ingram, Financial Policy Analyst, CFO Issues, Environmental Protection Agency

Steven Schaeffer, Director, Office of Financial Policy and Systems Design, Social Security Administration

Gregory Ulans, Director, Management Controls and Financial Integrity Division, Department of Education

Electronic Commerce – The Impact on Procurement and Finance

Plans to implement electronic commerce by the federal government by July 1995 will have a significant impact on financial and procurement systems. Find out what you should know about electronic commerce.

Leader: Larry Stout, Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury

Paul Denett, Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Department of the Interior

Martin Wagner, Director, Federal Electronic Commerce Program Office

Michael Wilson, Deputy Director, Finance, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Luncheon Session:

Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Awards Presentation by Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher

Afternoon Session:

CFOs and IGs—Streamlining and Maintaining Quality Financial Management

This group of prominent federal officials will address ways both the CFO and IG offices can work as partners to achieve quality financial management in their agencies.

Leader: G. Edward DeSeve, Office of Management and Budget

June Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services

Louise Stoll, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation

Stephen Trodden, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs

Concurrent Panel Sessions:

Reengineering and Accounting for Costs

Panel members will describe activities that use process reengineering and cost accounting to improve government operations.

Leader: C. Morgan Kinghorn, Chief Financial Officer, Internal Revenue Service

Regina Begliutti, Director, Financial and Information Technology Initiative, Department of Defense

Joseph Kehoe, Managing Partner, Coopers and Lybrand

Matthew Schwientek, Associate Commissioner for Financial Policy and Operations, Social Security Administration

Joe Thompson, New York Regional Director, Department of Veterans Affairs

The New Accounting Standards and Their Implementation

Officials will discuss the new federal government accounting standards and how federal agencies are likely to implement them.

Leader: Gerald Murphy, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury

Thomas Bloom, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce

Ronald Longo, Office of Management and Budget

James Reid, Deputy Controller, Department of Energy

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel 2500 Calvert Street, NW Washington, DC - When: Tuesday, March 21, 1995 - Cost: \$95.00 per registrant - Credits: 6 CPE credits. For information about registration, contact Isabelle Howes at (202) 401-9138 or Sanaa Zeinab at (202) 401-9421

THE CENTER FOR APPLIED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT March - April 1995 Courses

March 1995

- 7 Managing Your Imprest Funds
- 8-9 Dollars and \$ense
- 10 Certifying Officers
- 14 Basic Accounting Concepts *New*
- 15-17 Accrual World
- 21-22 SF 224
- 23-24 SF 1219/SF 1220
- 30 Fundamentals of Cash Management

April 1995

- 11-12 Appropriations Law
- 13-14 SF 224
- 18 Basic Accounting Concepts
- 19-21 Understanding Standard General Ledger
- 25 Fundamentals of Cash Management
- 26-28 Accrual World
- 26 Certifying Officers (Kansas City)
- 27 Basic Accounting Concepts (Kan. City)

To register for Center courses, submit an SF-182 to the Registrar, The Center for Applied Financial Management, Room 1100 KSB, 401 14th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20227. All classes are held at 1411 K Street, N.W., unless otherwise noted. For information, call (202) 874-9560.

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Professional Development Conference and Exposition



NEW ON FINANCENET IN JANUARY '95

FinanceNet, the Internet service linking governments and taxpayers to improve the stewardship of public resources, is now being visited at the rate of better than 2,000,000 hits per year. Gopher and WWW servers are being updated and added to daily as new materials are received.

FinanceNet encourages state and local governments to participate in this important "reinvention initiative" by promoting participation in FinanceNet's public mailing lists and by supplying financial documents and/or exchanging pointers with its electronic libraries.

Visit our URLs:

- <http://www.financenet.gov>
- <gopher://gopher.financenet.gov>
- <ftp://ftp.financenet.gov>

and point news readers to <news.financenet.gov>

NEW PUBLIC MAILING LISTS:

(1) News news@financenet.gov

FinanceNet's "master" listserver, the "News" Internet e-mail list, is intended as a distribution and discussion list to catalyze improvements in the accountability and stewardship of public assets and taxpayer resources at all levels of government. The "News" list is designed for the distribution of general government financial management documents, news, announcements and notices and to facilitate dialog across all geopolitical boundaries on these issues. Participants are encouraged to post, or cross-post, their own region's news announcements to this list for all to share and to participate in dialog in sharing successes, best practices, fresh ideas and approaches, etc. Because of its general nature, "News" is likely to become a very popular and patronized list, and we suggest you consider setting the "digest" option here to limit mailbox overload when traffic builds.

(2) Municipal and Township MuniNet@financenet.gov

A distribution and discussion list for issues relating to financial accountability and stewardship of municipalities, towns and townships within larger geopolitical jurisdictions. As in the "state-county" list, documents and discussions will broadly relate to accounting matters, bonds, revenues and taxation, budgets, systems, fees, licenses, audits, controls, payroll, and all other issues of interest to clerks, and other local government financial management staff and taxpayers. This list will also provide a communications medium for the membership and agenda issues for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and other local government professional organizations.

(3) State & County state-county@financenet.gov

A distribution and discussion list for issues broadly relating to government financial stewardship and taxpayer accountability issues at state and county levels of government. Documents and discussions will broadly relate to accounting matters, bonds, revenues and taxation, budgets, systems, fees, licenses, audits, controls, payroll, and all other issues of interest to local government financial managers and taxpayers.

To subscribe to any FinanceNet list send the following message in the first line of the body of an email message:

subscribe list firstname lastname

for example: *subscribe news john doe*
or: *subscribe MuniNet john doe*
or: *subscribe state-county john doe*

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listproc@financenet.gov

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NEW ADDITIONS TO FINANCE ELECTRONIC LIBRARIES IN JANUARY:

New Under /Happenings in Financial Management

- General Accounting Office (GAO):
 - Revision of Title II Accounting Standards Memo
- Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP):
 - JFMIP October & November 1994 Steering Committee Highlights
 - JFMIP Newsletter, Fall 1994
- U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council (CFOC):
 - "The CFO's Role"
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB):
 - "Primer on Performance Measurement"
- Department of Defense (DoD):
 - DoD's CFO Hamre, "Focus on Performance"
 - "Key Criteria for Performance Measurement"
- Association of Government Accountants:
 - January 1995 "Washington Connection" newsletter
- FinanceNet Core Team (FNet):
 - Minutes from first State/Local Summit, 12/16/94
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):
 - NewsGrams for 1/16 and 1/19
 - "GFOA Urges Congress to Refrain from Intervention in State and Local Affairs"
 - "GFOA Opposes New Muni-Market Legislation"
- Her Majesty's Treasury (UK):
 - "Background Notes on Finance Bill"
 - "Freedom in Overseas Trade"
- NYC Comptroller's Office (NYCComptNet):
 - NYC Request for Proposals for Timekeeping System
- Australian Department of Finance (pointer):
 - Financial Events and News Gopher

New Under /Documents, Publications, and Standards:

- Exposure Drafts for Review and Comment:
 - FASAB, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government
 - Draft NARA Guidance on GILS Core Elements
- Office of Management and Budget:
 - Briefing Package on GPRA
 - Template for Reviewing Annual Performance Plans
 - GPRA Draft Implementation Plan
- General Accounting Office (GAO):
 - "Managing for Results-State Experiences Provide Insight"
- Legislation:
 - House of Representatives Gopher (pointer)
 - GPO Database Access to Legislative Resources

- NYC Comptroller's Office (NYCComptNet):
 - Congressional Testimony from Comptroller Hevesi, 1/11/95
 - Testimony on Use of Derivatives
 - "Audit Finds Boxes of Unused Checks, 1/10/95"
 - Audit Summary on Uncashed Checks
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):
 - GFOA Congressional Testimony, 1/6/95
 - Congressional Testimony of Bonnie Kraft, 1/6/95
 - Public Pension Coordinating Council; 1993 Survey Results
 - New SEC Municipal Securities Disclosure Rule
 - Policy Statement and Recommended Practice
- Canada:
 - 1994 Annual Report of Auditor General
- Seattle, WA, and Local Government Documents (pointer)
- Chief Financial Officers Council (CFOC):
 - HRM/CFO's Role in Strengthening Financial Management

New /Government Asset Sales

- Illinois Land Tract Sales (pointer)

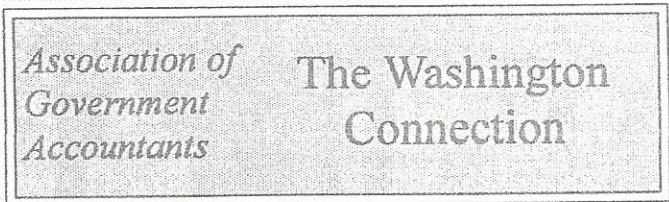
New Under /Closely Related Networks

- BudgetNet:
 - "Scorekeeping for Public Buildings"
 - "Tax Expenditures: Magnitude and Effect"
 - "Rescissions: Use and Impact"
 - "Budget Reconciliation: Issues and Effects"
 - "Investment Budgeting"
 - "Performance Budgeting"
 - "Reducing Costs Through Management Reforms"
 - "Budget Estimates and Actual Results: 1992-93"
- Federal Electronic Commerce Acquisition Team (ECAT):
 - Department of Defense EDI Standards

New Under /Other Related Resources and /Internet Search Tools

- Search the Net at Washington & Lee (pointer)
- Government Resources at University of Michigan (pointer)
- Listservers by Category (pointer)
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