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April 11, 2001: "Performance Measurement, GPRA: Going Beyond Compliance" at the Capital Hilton, Washington DC (16th and K Street), (see page 7 and the insert for details)

April 19, 2001: Annual Awards Dinner and Member Recognition Event, featuring remarks by Charles Rossotti, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, at the Grand Hyatt.

May 10, 2001: Monthly Luncheon meeting featuring Wendy Comes, Executive Director of FASAB, at the Grand Hyatt.

May 22-23, 2001: "Financial Systems in Transition" at the Holiday Inn on the Hill (see details in the May newsletter).

July 2-6, 2001: AGA's 50th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Boston, Mass.

## Washington DC Chapter 42nd Annual Awards Presentation and 6th Annual Member Recognition Dinner



*The Honorable Charles O. Rossotti,  
Commissioner of  
Internal Revenue*

On the evening of Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, we will hold a very special event that you will not want to miss—the Chapter's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Presentation and Sixth Annual Member Recognition Dinner. The evening will start with a social gathering at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00. To make this event even more memorable, the Honorable Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner of Internal Revenue will present remarks to the group at 7:00 pm. Following Mr. Rossotti's remarks, we will recognize three distinguished groups: (1) our chapter award recipients, (2) Chapter members who have been AGA members for twenty-five years or longer (see page 5), and (3) the Chapter's past presidents.

Through hard work and outstanding dedication, this year's chapter award recipients have made significant contributions toward advancing government accountability. Their vision, leadership, and service have contributed greatly to the government financial com-

munity. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- The Einhorn/Gary Award: William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM.
- The Distinguished Leadership Award: Mr. Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM
- The Distinguished Service to the Financial Management Community Award: Mr. Frank W. Sullivan, CGFM
- The Achievement of the Year Award: Mr. Lawrence W. Rogers
- The Education and Training Award: The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board Staff.
- The James W. Saylor Award: Mr. Robert L. Buchanan, Jr., CGFM

In addition, we will also honor several people with President's Awards for outstanding efforts in support of the Chapter and

Community Service Awards for service to the community on behalf of the Chapter.

The cost for the event is \$25.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members. There

will be a cash bar. 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 [nderu@ukw.com](mailto:nderu@ukw.com) or you can register at our homepage: [www.agadc.org](http://www.agadc.org). Please forward your name, agency/company, and telephone number.

## Special Note to Members:

*The April 5th luncheon meeting/CPE session has been cancelled.*



## President's Message .....

### AGA

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### Membership Renewal and Education

Last month I discussed the impact of the ethics certification on your membership renewal application. This month, I'd like to cover the other certification on required CPE for renewing CGFM's. The AGA mission statement, shown below, focuses heavily on the objectives of education and professional development.

*"AGA serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability."*

Education, then, is both a primary goal of AGA and one of the primary benefits. The importance of CGFMs maintaining proficiency in government financial management is the reason for a certification on the membership renewal application for minimum CPE credits. However, I think it is important for all AGA members to maintain a high level of professional proficiency, as called for in the ethical standard on professional competence and performance. Continuing professional education is one way of accomplishing this.

National AGA offers many educational activities for members through the AGA Academy: the Professional Development Conference (with 30 CPE credits), the Federal Leadership Conference (8 CPE credits), and the State and Local Leadership Conference (8 CPEs). The

Academy offers online and classroom courses, as well as access to chapter conferences and workshops. In addition, there are publications like the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management* and the newsletter *Government Financial Management Topics*.

### Lifeblood of the Chapter

Education is certainly the lifeblood of the Washington Chapter—it is our primary benefit for members, main source of revenue, largest expense, largest participation activity, and a key focus of this newsletter. Two of the hardest jobs in the chapter belong to the Monthly Programs Director, who is responsible for luncheon speakers and CPE sessions, and the Education Director, who is responsible for educational events. But it is the revenue from our conferences and seminars that pays for most other Chapter activities, including awards, luncheon subsidies, contributions to charities, newsletter, officers' salaries, and cars (joke! joke!). And the main purpose of Chapter activities is to provide you with knowledge that will enhance your professional skills.

Each month, we feature noted speakers on financial management issues at our monthly luncheons, CPE sessions on specific topics (such as capital asset planning, CGFM training, and GAO Yellow Book issues), and three themed conferences (financial statements and reporting, GPRAs/performance measurement, and financial systems). In addition, each month the newsletter features a page called "Inside the Black Box", which explains accounting procedures for standard general ledger entries, and one or more announcements of upcoming educational events. Between National AGA and the Washington DC Chapter, you could earn up to 95 CPE credits per year!

### Upcoming Events

So where am I going with this discussion? ("Discussion" you say? Sounds

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**AGA Washington DC Chapter presents:**  
*Performance Measurement*  
**GPR: Going Beyond Compliance**  
April 11, 2001

**REGISTRATION**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY/ BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

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8 Hours CPE

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|------------|-------|
| AGA Member | \$140 |
| Non-Member | \$175 |
| Student    | \$75  |

Please register by April 4 to confirm attendance and meal preference. Walk-ins welcome on the day of the conference, space permitting.

This conference falls during Passover week. Please check if you prefer a Kosher lunch.

Are there any other special arrangements we can assist you with?

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*(President's Message, continued)*

more like an infomercial!). I'm making an appeal to you to support our next two conferences because doing so will benefit both you and the Chapter. We're not offering rippled abs, toned bods or two-day mini-vacations, just plenty of good ol' cerebral "stuff". On April 11, we are presenting "Performance Measurement: Going Beyond Compliance". This one-day conference, co-sponsored by NASA and Grant Thornton, will look at the benefits and lessons learned from implementing GPRA and will feature speakers Joe Kull (OMB), Barry White (Council for Excellence in Government), Ron Longo (KPMG), and others. It will be held at the Capitol Hilton, 16th and K Streets NW.

On May 22-23, we are presenting "Financial Systems in Transition: Improving the Chances for Success". This two-day conference is co-sponsored by USAID and PricewaterhouseCoopers and will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Hill, 4th St. and New Jersey Ave NW. It will focus on strategic planning for systems, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, JFMIP initiatives, best practices in data conversion, security, HR systems, and lessons learned in financial systems implementation. This is a popular conference every year and usually sells out. For complete information on the April conference see page 7. Detailed information on the May event will be published in the May issue of this newsletter.

At the national level, the March 2001 issue of *Topics* contains the program for AGA's 2001 PDC, to be held in Boston on July 2-6. The conference theme is "Managing Change in the 21st Century," and the program is filled with dynamic sessions to help all financial managers prepare for the challenges of working in a rapidly changing government environment. There are also many historical, and educational, things to do and see in Boston which makes this a "must-do" event for the whole family. Hope to see you there!

**Get Smart with AGA**

Exercise your mind! Enhance your knowledge! Improve your professional skills! Do these things for yourself and your friends and bosses *will* notice. Let AGA help achieve your goals and we end up helping each other. Don't just think about it, do it!

Mike

**Chapter Officers Leadership Training Workshop**

All current officers and officers-elect are cordially invited to attend the annual Chapter Officers Leadership Training Workshop, which will take place on Friday evening, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 at the Crystal City Hyatt. Details will be furnished in the next issue of the newsletter. If you are interested in attending, please let Mike Noble know as soon as possible, so the workshop committee can make adequate plans. If you have any questions, please call Stu Sklamm, Capital Region Vice President-Elect at 301.443.5260 or by fax at 301.443.5462. Stu's e-mail address is [ssklamm@hrsa.gov](mailto:ssklamm@hrsa.gov)

**From the National Office**

***PDC 2001—Don't Miss Your Chance to Attend!***

Are you prepared to manage change in the 21st century? Join more than 1,400 financial executives from federal, state and local governments, the private sector, and academia, all looking to enhance their careers and learn from other leaders in government financial management. Attend the Professional Development Conference & Exposition, set for July 2-6 in Boston, MA. Register now and get the early bird rate! Interested in registering online? Visit and take care of it in an instant! Hotel space is going fast! Get ahead of the rush and book your hotel rooms now. Go to [www.agacgfm.org/pdc](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc) for program and registration information and to view the Boston-area accommodations listing.

***Agencies Receive Clean Audit Opinions***

According to Govexec.com, half of the largest twenty-four federal agencies received clean opinions on their fiscal year 2000 financial statements as of March 1, the deadline for agencies to submit their annual audited financial statements to Congress. Successful agencies include the U.S. Departments of Education, State and the Treasury as well as the Environmental Protection Agency. Visit [www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com), for more information.

***Printed Version of the SGL Discontinued***

The Financial Management Service (FMS) has stopped distributing printed copies of the U.S. Government's Standard General Ledger (SGL), in keeping with the federal mandate to eliminate paper whenever possible. For more information, visit [www.fms.treas.gov](http://www.fms.treas.gov).

***OMB Chief Presses Outsourcing, Management Cuts***

According to Govexec.com, Mitchell Daniels, director of the Office of Management and Budget, asked federal agency leaders to cut their management staff, expand outsourcing, and advance e-government. Daniels asked leaders for specific goals for the three highlighted areas in their performance plans that will be sent to the Bush Administration by April 3. To read further, visit [www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com).



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- Gain a better understanding of computer security issues and what must be done to protect your information assets
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### SESSIONS

VIENNA, VA: Mar. 28-29, 2001 • Jul. 16-17, 2001

WASHINGTON, DC: Feb. 6-7, 2001 • May 30-31, 2001

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our web site at [www.managementconcepts.com](http://www.managementconcepts.com)



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### 1981-1982 AGA National President and Washington DC Chapter Member, Eleanor M. Clark, CGFM, Passes Away .....

Eleanor M. Clark, CGFM, the first woman to hold AGA's highest elected office, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 27. A member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, she was a member for more than thirty years. National President W.A. "Bill" Broadus Jr., CGFM, expressed his sympathies to the Clark family and recalled her enormous contributions to the Association and the profession. "Ellie Clark was a trailblazer," he said. "She opened doors for women in our Association and our profession. She will be sorely missed by all of her AGA friends and colleagues."

In 1999, Clark was awarded the Association's highest honor, The Robert W. King Memorial Award, recognizing her many years of service to AGA. Clark was the wife of the late John Zych. She is survived by two brothers, John D. Clark Jr. and William S. Clark; and three nephews, Kevin A. Clark, J. Jeffrey Clark and A. Andrew Clark. The family has requested contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Northern Virginia.

### AGA Scholarships

AGA offers scholarships to AGA members and their families! Extend the value of your AGA membership and either apply for, or encourage a family member to apply for, an AGA national scholarship.

Each year AGA awards:

- six \$1,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members
- two \$500 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- one \$1,000 community service scholarship to AGA members and nonmembers.

Apply now and take advantage of your AGA membership. Visit the website for more details at [www.agacgfm.org/about/a\\_ascholar.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/about/a_ascholar.htm).

All applications are due by April 2, 2001.



**Washington DC Chapter AGA Members with Membership of Twenty-Five Years or Longer** .....

**1950:** William J. Armstrong  
Raymond Einhorn  
T. Jack Gary, Jr.

**1952:** Donald W. Bacon  
W. Fletcher Lutz

**1953:** C. R. "Joe" Jauchem  
Maynard B. Woodbury

**1956:** Robert B. Brown  
Francis E. Chaney  
Gordon F. Heim  
Max Hirschhorn

**1957:** Raymond A. Beaudet  
Ralph D. Dunavant  
Louis N. Lushina  
T. Darrell Verner

**1958:** Charles C. Lowe  
Francis W. Lyle  
Edward J. Mahoney  
Susumu Uyeda

**1960:** Charles C. Martinez  
Frederick McGrath  
David Mosso  
Dennis J. Polivka  
Aaron Rosenthal  
Thomas M. Ryan  
Cornelius E. Tierney

**1963:** Stanley J. Grande  
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Alan J. Strelser

**1964:** Audrey B. Dysland  
Elliott H. Forgosh  
Gerald Murphy  
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**1965:** John Edward Murphy

**1966:** Nicholas Jougras  
Albert Shanefelter

**1967:** W. A. "Bill" Broadus, Jr.  
Earle A. Gumbs  
Virginia B. Robinson  
Edward W. Stepnick  
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**1968:** Irvin E. Faunce  
Harry W. Feldman  
Joseph F. Reday

**1969:** George C. Davis  
Beatrice D. Fones  
Clyde G. McShan, II

**1970:** Robert J. Biancucci  
Richard Billig  
Frank L. Coveleski  
Gerard R. Edwards  
Gordon W. Harvey  
Kenneth W. Leland  
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Thomas F. Mundell  
Adam T. Shaw

**1971:** Robert W. Beuley  
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John J. Getek

**1972:** Jean Bowles  
Charles A. Bowsher  
Roland W. Cyr  
Irby W. Fleming  
Stanley W. Fredericks  
John H. Gartner  
Bruce Michelson  
Thomas W. Novotny  
Robert A. Pewanick  
Francis E. Quinn  
Joyce D. Shelton  
Robert L. Zanetell

**1973:** Richard B. Calahan  
Robert E. Cavanaugh  
James R. Goulden  
Raymond A. King  
Marvin A. Marks  
W. Wayne McKeel

Herbert S. Millstein  
Dorothy R. Norwood  
Joseph R. Willever

**1974:** Ronald L. Adolphi  
Evelyn A. Brown  
June G. Brown  
Dennis S. Mitchell  
Richard Alan Levine  
George H. Stalcup  
Jeffrey C. Steinhoff  
Thomas M. Vapniarek  
Eugene L. Waszily  
James P. Wesberry, Jr.  
Arley R. Whitsel

**1975:** Mary M. Bennett  
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Marcia Caplan  
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Doris A. Chew  
Ramon A. Evon  
Gregory S. Gibson  
Elissa E. Karpf  
Wallace R. Keefe  
Leonard J. Koczur  
Helen Lew  
Ronald Longo  
Gertrude K. Mangan  
William A. Mullen  
Joseph H. Potter  
Paula L. Rubin  
Dwight T. Tayman  
Winslow O. Vickerie  
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**1976:** Christine Baughman  
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John R. Sansing  
Linda E. Steckley  
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Frances E. Tafer



Inside the Black Box: Correcting Imbalances .....

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

Usually I write about what ought to be posted, but this time I've decided to broach the subject what needs to be posted to correct a situation inadvertently created when the financial statements were adjusted. This is not to advocate adjusting statements in such a way that it causes imbalances, just acknowledging that, in the heat of audit, such entries are sometimes made, and then the agency has to correct the problem.

The Situation

During their financial statements audit, an agency discovers they have no support for an accrual that had been made in a previous year. When the auditors say the liability is invalid, the agency transfers the beginning balance payable to 3310 Cumulative Results of Operations, and restate their beginning balance on the Statement of Changes in Net Position.

The next year, the agency discovers that this entry caused an imbalance in their payables between proprietary and budgetary accounts, since 4901 Expended Authority - Unpaid still has a balance but the 2000 series does not. The adjustment was made in an unexpired appropriated fund, and since the accrual was in error, the funding should be available. How do you correct this in the new year?

The Solution

The first step is to correct the budget. We know that 4901 is overstated and available authority is understated, so the first correcting entry is:

dr. 4971 Downward Adj. of Prior-Year Unpaid Expended Authority
cr. 4450 Unapportioned Authority

This will increase the available amount and also recoveries on the Statement of Budgetary Resources, so that statement will remain in balance. To restore equity, the reduction in expenditures has to be recognized in the proprietary accounts with:

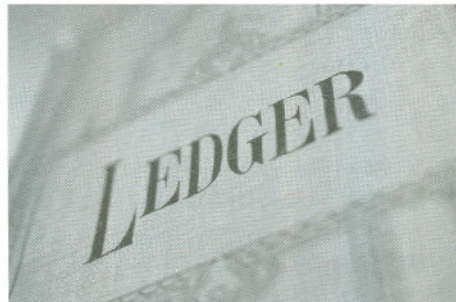
dr. 5700 Expended Appropriations Used
cr. 3100 Unexpended Appropriations

On the Statement of Changes in Net Position, this entry will decrease appropriations used but show as an increase in unexpended appropriations, so there will be no effect on net position. When account 5700 is closed, it will back the balance of this former accrual out of 3310 Cumulative Results of Operations. So far, so good.

The problem is that the Statement of Financing is out of balance, since the adjustment (account 4971) shows up on line 1B4 Recoveries, but there is no change to Net Cost. To offset this, 7400 Prior-Period Adjustments must be credited (which shows up on line 2G Other Resources that do not Fund Net Cost of Operations). But what is the debit? Account 7400 will close to 3310 and also shows up on the Statement of Changes in Net Position, so some other account that does the same has to be the offset, but we don't want to post a revenue or expense, because it is not a valid charge to this years Net Cost, and it would also throw the Statement of Financing back out of balance.

If we had taken all this into account the year the liability was reversed, we would have posted:

dr. 4971 Downward Adjustments of Prior-Year Unpaid Expended Authority
5700 Expended Appropriations Used
2990 Other Liabilities
cr. 4450 Unapportioned Authority
3100 Unexpended Appropriations
7400 Prior-Period Adjustments



This is similar to what we need to post now, except that the balance is no longer in account 2990. It was moved to 3310 and an adjustment was made to beginning cumulative results on the Statement of Changes in Net Position. In order to rectify the situation, either 3310 has to be debited and Statement of Changes in Net Position adjusted this year as well (in the opposite direction from last year), or 7400 Prior-Period Adjustments (PPA) has to be debited.

You might well wonder how we can both debit and credit 7400. Not all entries to 7400 are reported on the Statement of Financing; only those which are associated with expenditures or capital assets. Therefore, the credit to 7400 will be reported, but the debit won't be. Obviously, a subaccount will have to be used to keep them separate. So the agency could debit 7400P Proprietary-Only PPA and credit 7400B PPA that Affect Budgets. Since both would be reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Position, that statement would be in balance, and since only 7400B would be reported on the Statement of Financing, that statement would also be in balance.

All content is the opinion of the author, and does not represent the AGA. Comments, suggestions, and critiques are welcome. Send them to Simcha\_Kuritzky@ams.com.





**Performance Measurement  
GPRA: Going Beyond Compliance  
April 11, 2001**

Agencies now have two years' experience in measuring and reporting performance under GPRA. Valuable lessons have been learned – what works well and what doesn't. The recently enacted Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 could have a substantial impact on agencies' reporting processes.

This training seminar will focus on the benefits of performance measurement, spotlighting agencies that have successfully incorporated performance measurement into their organizational management. Emphasis will be on the utility of performance data for both program management and day-to-day operations.

8 CPE Credits

| Wednesday, April 11th 2001 |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 7:15                       | <b>Registration</b><br>Breakfast with the Performance Measurement Software Booths   |
| 8:00                       | <b>Welcome and Keynote Speaker</b><br><b>Joseph Kull</b> , Deputy Controller, Office of Management and Budget   |
| 9:00                       | <b>Development and Auditing of Performance Measures -- A Comparison of Views from the IG, GAO, and CFO Communities</b><br>National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J.C. Mihm, Director Governmentwide Management Issues, U.S. General Accounting Office</li> <li>• Russell A. Rau, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, NASA</li> <li>• Stephen J. Varholy, Acting Chief Financial Officer, NASA</li> </ul> |
| 10:00                      | <b>BREAK</b> – Visit the Performance Measurement Software Booths  |
| 10:30                      | <b>Legislative Branch Perspective on GPRA and Accountability Reporting</b>  |
| 11:15                      | <b>The "How To's" of Measuring Performance: Going from Mission to Metrics</b><br>Management Concepts Inc.   |
| 12:00                      | <b>Luncheon Speaker</b><br><b>Barry White</b> , Director Government Performance Projects, Council for Excellence in Government, "Performance Measurement and Budget Decision Making"  |
| 1:15                       | <b>Benefits of Automation for Performance Measurement</b><br>Veteran's Benefit Administration   |
| 2:15                       | <b>BREAK</b> – Visit the Performance Measurement Software Booths  |
| 2:45                       | <b>Best Practices in the Public and Private Sectors</b><br><b>Proactive utilization of the Balance Scorecard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)</li> </ul> <b>Linking Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement</b><br><b>Preparing an Award Winning Accountability Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Longo, KPMG</li> </ul>   |
| 4:30                       | Adjourn   |

The Performance Measurement Training Seminar will be held at the Capital Hilton 16th and K Streets, NW Washington DC. The hotel telephone number is 202-393-1000.

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