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42th Annual Awards Presentation and 6th Annual Member Recognition Dinner April 19 2001

By Douglas M. Gandy, Director of Awards

ur 42th Annual Awards Presentation and 6th Annual Member Recognition Dinner meeting, emceed by President Mike Noble, was an overwhelming success. In addition to recognizing the Chapter's Past Presidents, Chapter members who have belonged to AGA for twenty-five years or more, and this year's Chapter award recipients, our speaker, The Honorable Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service was outstanding and the final highlight of the night.

President-Elect Janet A. McBride, CGFM, recognized the following Past Chapter Presidents attending the dinner meeting.

1999-2000 Vincette L. Goerl, CGFM

1998-1999 Eva J. Williams, CGFM, National Treasurer-Elect

1997-1998 William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM Capital Region Vice President, Senior Vice President At-Large, and National President-Elect Designate

1995-1996 Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM Immediate Past Senior Vice President for Regional Services

1994-1995 Patricia L. Wensel, CGFM

1993-1994 Larry Wilson, Jr., CGFM

1991-1992 Samuel T. Mok, CGFM

1989-1990 Doris A. Chew, CGFM Past Senior Vice President for Regional Services

1982-1983 Robert A. Pewanick, CGFM Past Capital Region Vice President

1975-1976 Joseph J. Donlon, CGFM Past Senior Vice President for Regional Services and Past Capital Region Vice President

1957-1958 Raymond Einhorn, CGFM Charter Member and 11th National President

1952-1953 T. Jack Gary, CGFM Charter Member and 3rd National President

Membership Director Robert L. Buchanan, Jr., CGFM, recognized the following Chapter members who have belonged to AGA for twenty-five years or more, and attended the dinner.

1950 - 51 Year Charter Members

Raymond Einhorn - 11th Nat. President T. Jack Gary, Jr. - 3rd National President

1957 T. Darrell Verner

1965 John Edward Murphy

1968 Irvin E. Faunce

1970 Robert J. Biancucci Gordon W. Harvey

1971 Joseph J. Donlon

1972 Roland W. Cyr Robert A. Pewanick Jean Bowles

1973 Raymond A. King

1974 Evelyn A. Brown George H. Stalcup Jeffrey C. Steinhoff - 44th Nat. President Eugene L. Waszily James P. Wesberry, Jr.

1975 Joel B. Charney Doris A. Chew Paula L. Rubin Richard B. Willett

And our newest crop of twenty-five year members from the class of 1976

Christine Baughman Karl L. Boettcher

In addition, the Chapter recognized the many contributions of our 32nd National President (1981-1982), Eleanor M. Clark, who passed away recently. Ellie played a key role in nurturing the development of the Association, was the first woman

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President's Message.....

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Mike Noble, CGFM, Chapter President

Another Ending—and Another New Beginning

ay marked the end of our pro gram year and the end of my term as president of your chapter. Last September, at the start of this 2000-2001 program year, I welcomed you to a new beginning for the Washington DC Chapter. It is now time for another new beginning with Janet McBride at the helm. Janet and the officers and directors that will serve with her provide another opportunity to do the same thing again but hopefully better and with a fresh outlook-new people, new ideas, new energies. This is an excellent group of people who are eager to carry the flame for the next year.

As I step down, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the Chapter and for your unwavering support. Many of you contacted me to express your pleasure, or displeasure, with the way the Chapter was going. I hope you feel you were well served and that your issues were addressed. I also want to thank those Chapter members who worked with me during the year as officers, directors and advisors-they did all the hard work and certainly deserve your thanks. It takes a lot of people to run the many activities of the Washington DC Chapter and you must remember that they are you! They have jobs, families, home responsibilities, social activities, etc., but they still find time to serve you, the members of AGA, and run the chapter. Sure there are glitches, but they do an amazing amount of work—luncheons and speakers happen, conferences are put on, a newsletter is published, community outreach activities are accomplished, our receipts are deposited and bills paid, sponsors are lined up, awards are presented, many meetings are held, and so much more. On behalf of the entire Washington DC Chapter:

Thank You

Have a safe and happy summer. I hope to see you at the PDC in Boston!

2001/2002 Lucheon Dates

September 2001 Thursday September 13, 2001

October 2001 Wednesday October 3, 2001

November 2001 Thursday November 8, 2001

December 2001 Thursday December 6, 2001

January 2002 Thursday January 10, 2002

February 2002 Tuesday February 5, 2002

March 2002 Thursday March 7, 2002

April 2002 Tuesday April 23, 2002 (Awards Dinner in the Evening)

May 2002 Wednesday May 8, 2002

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to be elected National President of AGA, and the second recipient of the Chapter's Einhorn/Gary Award.

President Noble acknowledged and thanked the members of the 2000-2001 Awards Committee for the time and effort spent in the process of selecting this year's chapter award recipients, and the Chapter's Nominees for AGA National Awards. Douglas M. Gandy, Farm Credit Administration, Committee Chair and Director of Awards; William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM, General Accounting Office, Immediate Past President; Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM, National Archives Trust Fund Board, Section IV Representative and Past President; Janet A. McBride, CGFM, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program, President-Elect; S. Sue Lazich, Software Performance Systems, Inc., Assistant Chapter Treasurer, and Joseph J. Donlon, CGFM, Andersen, Past Capital Region Vice President and Chapter President.

President Noble, prior to presenting the awards, made the following remarks. Each spring, the Washington, D.C. Chapter of AGA honors and recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions and service toward improving government financial management. 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 community through significant financial management improvement accomplishments. Congratulations to our 2001 Chapter award recipients.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

GENE L. DODARO, CGFM, Chief Operating Officer U.S. General Accounting Office

The award was presented by Chapter member, David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States and President Mike Noble.

For his sustained distinguished leadership and dedication to excellence in government, extraordinary personal integrity and professionalism, and exceptional commitment to public service Gene Dodaro was recognized for his extraordinary record of accomplishments as a leader, manager, and highly creative thinker. Gene is widely respected for his work with federal agencies and with the Congress and his contributions to improved government performance, his leadership abilities in government and within the profession, and his personal integrity. As the Chief Operating Officer of GAO, he has led GAO's operational efforts to formulate GAO's strategic & tactical plans for the 21st century. He is responsible for day-to-day manage-

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ment to ensure that GAO effectively accomplishes its mission. Gene is also this year's recipient of the AGA National Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE FINANCIAL MANAGE-MENT COMMUNITY AWARD

FRANK W. SULLIVAN, CGFM, Vice President for Program Development, AOC Solutions, Inc.

For his sustained outstanding contributions in advancing government accountability during his twenty-four years of government service.

Frank Sullivan, was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He managed a \$61 million budget with responsibility for department-wide financial operations, financial systems, financial policy, reporting and VA's Franchise Funds. Through his leadership, VA achieved its first unqualified opinion on its FY 1999 financial statements and successfully implemented VA's first Electronic Commerce Strategic Plan.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

LAWRENCE W. ROGERS, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Internal Revenue Service

The award was presented by Commissioner Rossotti and President Noble.

For his outstanding efforts in improving results of IRS' financial audits and enhancing the agency's planning and financial management program. As the Acting CFO of IRS, Larry Rogers played a key leadership role in strengthening IRS' financial reporting and controls. He also contributed to laying the groundwork for sustainable improvement in several critical areas and taking action to address several management issues. Under Mr. Rogers strong leadership and tremendous commitment, IRS produced, in FY 2000, combined financial statements encompassing both its tax custodial and administrative activities that achieved, for the first time, the milestone of receiving an unqualified audit opinion on all financial statements from GAO.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD

FASAB Staff

For exceptional contributions to the development, delivery and promotion of Federal Generally Accepted Accounting Principles education and training programs that benefited the financial management community

Part of FASAB's mission is to provide education and training to parties affected by its actions. In support of this effort, the staff has developed, delivered and facilitated hundreds of presentations, workshops and panels to increase preparers' and users' knowledge of FASAB processes and products. As a result of formal recognition as the jurisdiction to establish GAAP for Federal entities, FASAB expanded its educational efforts to reach a broader audience and to more fully educate both the federal and non-federal communities on the nature of FASAB and its concepts, standards, and issues.

EINHORN/GARY AWARD

This award was established in 1998, to honor the financial management excellence and AGA achievements inspired by Ray Einhorn and Jack Gary. Ray and Jack are AGA charter members, Past Washington DC Chapter Presidents, Past AGA National Presidents, and Certified Government Financial Managers. The chapter bestows the Einhorn/Gary Award on a Washington DC Chapter member who has provided, over a sustained period of time, superior service that enhanced the Washington DC Chapter and the Association's prestige and stature in the financial management community.

Presentation of the Einhorn/Gary

Award by Presidents:

Raymond Einhorn, CGFM, 1957-1958 T. Jack Gary, Jr., CGFM, 1952-1953 Mike Noble, CGFM, 2000-2001

Presented to:

WILLIAMJ. ANDERSON, JR., CGFM, Manager of Professional Development Financial Management and Assurance, U. S. General Accounting Office

For his dedication and outstanding service at the chapter and national levels that have significantly enhanced AGA's prestige and stature in the financial management community

Bill has dedicated himself to excellence in government financial management and to the advancement of his profession. Bill has served AGA in numerous leadership positions including, Senior Vice President At-Large on the National Executive Committee, Capital Region Vice President, Chaired the 50th Anniversary Gala and the Bylaws and Procedures Committee, was actively involved in the CGFM program, and coined AGA's byline "Advancing Government Accountability" as the theme for the 1998 PDC. Bill has served this Chapter as President, CGFM Coordinator, as a Director, and as Chair, Vice-Chair or a member of several Committees.

Bill's dedication and achievements at the chapter and national levels have substantially enhanced the Association's prestige and stature in the financial management community, and epitomize

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the standards the Einhorn/Gary Award embodies. Bill is AGA's National President-Elect Designate.

JAMES W. SAYLOR AWARD

ROBERT L. BUCHANAN, JR., CGFM, Division Manager Anteon Corporation

For his outstanding service to the Washington DC Chapter.

Bob has served the Chapter as the Director for Publications/ Newsletter & Membership. These two extremely demanding positions require considerable time and collaborative working relationships to be successful. Bob served as Director of Publications and Editor of The Washington Connection from 1993-2000. During that seven-year period the newsletter's content and coverage was greatly increased and the Chapter was the recipient of numerous newsletter awards. This year Bob assumed the responsibilities of Director of Membership. He has also coordinated all the Chapter's publications, served on the Community Service Committee, and provided a measure of continuity on the Chapter and AGA through his numerous activities.

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Recognized the following individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the success of the Chapter's programs.

Karl L. Boettcher, CGFM, U.S. Department of the Treasury, FMS, for his outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Chair of Partnership Liaison for 2000-2001.

Chad Davis, EDS E Strategy, for his outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Treasurer for 2000-2001.

David A. Fitz, CGFM, KPMG Consulting LLC, for his outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Webmaster for 2000-2001.

Kathryn Healy, Urbach Kahn & Werlin Advisors, Inc., for her outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Director of Community Service for 1999-2001.

Margaret L. "Lucy" Lomax, CGFM, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, for her outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Director of Budget and Finance for 1999-2001.

Jolene Romanyshyn, CGFM, General Services Administration, for her outstanding contributions and efforts in support of the Chapter as Director of Agency Liaison from 1998-2001.

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Germaine P. Roseboro, CGFM, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Customs, for her outstanding contributions and efforts in support of the Chapter as Director of Administration from 1996-2001.

Michael D. Sciortino, U.S. Department of the Interior, for his outstanding contributions and efforts in support of the Chapter as Director and Editor of the Washington Connection.

Cameron M. Weber, CGFM, U.S. Agency for International Development, for his outstanding contributions and efforts as the Chapter Secretary for 2000-2001.

Eva J. Williams, CGFM, U.S. Department of the Treasury, IRS, for her outstanding contributions and efforts in support of the Chapter during the 2000-2001 Program Year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Community service awards were presented by Kathryn Healy, Director of Community Service to the following individuals for significant volunteer service to the community on behalf of the Chapter during the 2000-2001 program year. The chapter supported the following program over the year: American Heart Association, Arlington Animal Welfare League Pet Therapy, Toys-For-Tots Campaign, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and the Walk to d'feet ALS.

Karl L. Boettcher, CGFM, FMS Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM, National Archives Trust Fund Board Marcia Caplan, CGFM, VA Darryl Carter, IRS Keith E. Fowler, IRS

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President Noble in his introduction of our distinguished speaker pointed out that he was a professional manager with extensive experience in the information technology world. Commissioner Rossotti was described by President Noble as a person personifying the AGA goal of Advancing Government Accountability. Commissioner Rossotti's remarks were an excellent ending to a great program.

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Inside the Black Box: Charts of Accounts from Around the World

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

F or the past decade, there has been a concerted effort by accountants around the world to formulate more meaningful government financial statements. Here in the U.S., the federal accounting community has placed a great deal of emphasis on creating a Standard General Ledger (SGL) that can easily be used to produce statements. But how did other countries structure their charts of accounts? Certainly their intended audience requires similar information to ours. We're going to compare the SGL of the U.S. and some other countries. For ease of comparison, only two other countries will be used, whose accounting rules are similar to those of the U.S.: Australia and Canada. Revenues not Providing Cash and 7110200 Expenses not Requiring Cash. These accounts parallel those in other statements, for example, cash flow reconciliation account 7110008 records depreciation as does income statement account 2241000. A similar duplication exists in the accounts for cash flow, which parallel the accrual based accounts (e.g., 6211001 records cash received for taxes while 1100000 records all taxes accrued, whether or not they have been collected).

The biggest difference between the U.S. and the other charts of account is with the budgetary accounts. The Canadian chart

Code Structure

The U.S. SGL has 4-digit codes, and every account is a posting account. The Australian SGL uses 7-digit codes, and forms summary accounts by making the last digits zero (generally, the last three digits are zero). The Canadian SGL has a 5-digit code, but summary accounts have fewer digits, so total assets is 1, cur-

rent assets is 11, and the first posting account is 11111. No one uses alpha characters.

has no budgetary accounts at all. The terms "appropriation" and "commitment" (which in the U.S. is called an obligation) do not occur anywhere. The Australian system, on the other hand, does have a Capital Budget Statement and a Schedule of Commitments, but there is no selfbalancing set of budgetary accounts as we have in the U.S. SGL.

Conclusions

The idea of having statement lines in the chart of accounts, as an account that always equals the sum of a fixed set of other accounts, is intriguing, but also confusing. The U.S. SGL originally treated summary accounts this way, but never issued definitions for these accounts, and eliminated them in 1999. The

| The table shows the |
|--------------------------|
| basic classifications |
| for SGL accounts, |
| based on the first digit |
| of the account number. |

Basic Account Classification

Comments

The Australian accounting system is interesting in that it assigns accounts in the SGL to report lines. The Financial Statements set of accounts includes such items as

| | United States | Canada | Australia |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Assets | Assets | Revenue |
| 2 | Liabilities | Liabilities | Expenses |
| 3 | Equity | Equity /Deficit | Liabilities |
| 4 | Budgetary | Revenue | Equity |
| 5 | Revenue | Expenses | Assets |
| 6 | Expenses | Cash Reconciliation Memo | Cash Flow |
| 7 | Gains/Losses/Adjustment | | Cash Flow Reconciliation |
| 8 | Credit Reform Memo | | Commitments/Contingency |
| 9 | Other Memo | | Financial Statements |

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lack of budgetary accounts in Australia and Canada may just be because the chart of accounts is used to produce the government-wide statements, and most budgetary information loses its meaning at such a high level. Even the FY2000 Financial Report of the U.S. Government does not include dollars appropriated or obli-

9000046 Accumulated Results at Year End, and 9000002 Balance Sheet.

Both the Canadian and Australian charts include special accounts for cash reconciliation, but the Canadian accounts are used for interdepartmental cash transfers, while the statementsbased Australian system includes activity which gives rise to a difference between the accrual and cash bases, such as 7110100 gated, though every individual department is required to report these.

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.



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