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**New Orleans AGA and National Association of Black Accountants
Joint Dinner Meeting
Vincent's City Club
Thursday, September 19, 2002**



Fred Siegel
President and Founder, The Siegel Group, Inc.

TOPIC: Investing in America

Fred has been a Portfolio Manager since 1981 and is President of The Siegel Group, Inc. He personally manages and consults for over one billion dollars of assets. He also serves as President of The Siegel Group International, a company that provides financial news analysis and consulting to the broadcast media both in the U.S. and abroad.

Mr. Fred Siegel will discuss: How to invest in today's stock market . . . a year after 9/11, the Thrift Savings Plan as an investment opportunity, and other topics of interest to all investors (even those who are frightened by the thought of dealing in stocks). This informative talk will last approximately fifty minutes and will qualify for one hour of professional education credit.

Mr. Siegel is a radio and television broadcaster who has been on the air with WWL-TV and Radio continually since 1984. He has an extraordinary ability that makes all types of audiences respond as he communicates complex ideas with impact and simplicity. His audiences are given strategies that are instantly usable to increase growth and profits.

Please join us for an informative and enjoyable evening and you may be the LUCKY AGA MEMBER to WIN a copy of Fred's latest book, "Investing for Cowards."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME BACK to the start of a new and exciting year for AGA's New Orleans Chapter! I hope you had a great summer and are ready for another outstanding year. Our chapter members have much to be proud of...

Last year we earned over 12,000 chapter recognition credits for the 5th consecutive year. As a result, our chapter was recognized with the AGA GOLD CHAPTER DESIGNATION at the Professional Development Conference this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. Many thanks to the leadership of the past five years and to YOU, the members. The rewards and recognition achieved by this chapter is a reflection of each and every New Orleans Chapter member. It is through your dedication that we achieve our goals and move forward in keeping this chapter as one of the best. Our goal is to again achieve this tradition of excellence!

I look forward to serving as your Chapter President and will do my best to continue to have this chapter recognized as one of AGA's outstanding chapters. Congratulations to the 2002-2003 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and to YOU, the members, who are the New Orleans Chapter. As such, our membership is our most important asset. Our chapter has had many leaders aspire to serve AGA at the national level. This year, our very own, Jullin Renthrope, is serving as the National President-Elect. We know he'll make us proud and we will support him, as needed.

The CEC began working over the summer to prepare for another great chapter year. Our National President, William Anderson, Jr., CGFM, announced this year's national theme as "**AGA – The Organization for Accountability Professionals.**" In concert with the national theme and sustaining the initiatives of our chapter, our goals are:

- To achieve chapter recognition status
- To increase the percentage of participating membership
- To provide professional and personal growth to our members by providing superior educational, networking, and social events
- To conduct fiscally sound chapter operations
- To improve member communications by expanding the chapter's website and send newsletters electronically.

These goals are achievable and can be accomplished with your support. As we begin, I urge you to become more actively involved: bring new members, call a CEC member to volunteer on a chapter committee, and give us your recommendations to improve chapter activities.

Looking forward to working with you and hope you join me in this year of excellence,

Pam

EDITOR'S CORNER

In an effort to keep in concert with the Chapter's goal to reduce cost and provide information to the membership in an expedient manner, effective October 2002, the newsletter will be sent electronically. Please ensure that the membership Chair, Linda Lewis, has your correct e-mail address. You may e-mail your information to her at linda.lewis2@usda.gov.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm. Vincent Parenti went over the schedule of meeting dates and locations. There was a discussion over possible speakers and meeting locations.

Ron Parent will have the chapter's financial records audited before turning them over to the new Treasurer, Gary Millet. He will follow up with Lawrence Marley or John Hemstreet for the audit.

There was a discussion on social activities. Mary Herbert suggested that members should be charged a nominal fee to help defray the cost of such events as the Christmas Party. Mary Herbert suggested the Walnut Room as a possible location for the Christmas party. It was agreed that the annual Zephyr's game and the crawfish boil would stay on the agenda.

Education – Chris Cuitto is planning training for August.

Public Service – Activities planned for the upcoming year include: Christmas in October, WYES Showboat Auction and membership drive. A survey will be sent to the membership requesting their interest in the Chapter's Community Service activities.

Newsletter – The newsletter editors hope to send this year's newsletter electronically, and mail only to those members who do not have e-mail. This will greatly reduce mailing costs.

Membership – The chapter is beginning the year with 201 members and needs to focus on retention of its membership. As an incentive, it was motioned by Jim Julian and seconded by Mary Herbert that the new members receive a dinner meeting certificate for a value not to exceed \$20.00. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Awards – The speakers' gifts on hand will be given to Jim Julian.

It was announced that the CGFM exam would be administered at no cost at the PDC in Atlanta this year.

Publicity – Wilbert Antoine advised that he would be traveling two weeks every month so information should be faxed to him at his office. His office will then forward the information to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

July 25, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. Attendees were Pam Lincoln, Marcie Tureaud, Barbara Smith, Betty Salisbury, Vincent Parenti, Linda Lewis, and Lila Thompson.

Membership – AGA's National Office is stressing increased membership. Ways to improve membership were discussed. Linda Lewis will send an e-mail to all members for ideas to increase membership. One suggestion was to invite as many prospective members to meetings as possible. Issues discussed were how to get in touch with suspended members and get current members involved in chapter activities. A suggestion was made to have members make telephone calls to suspended members.

Public Service – Betty Salisbury reported that we will participate in the WYES Membership Drive on August 17, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A good response was received from the survey of the officers for community service events. Some of the suggestions were to collect teddy bears for children's hospital, help with the Times Picayune Doll and Toy Fund at Christmas, and work with the Junior Achievement by participating as classroom tutors in the local schools. Another activity considered is to partner with the blood drive to get AGA members out to give blood.

Education– Chris Cutitto will follow up on a continuing education class for August. Ron Parent suggested an ethics class. Marcie Tureaud is going to talk to Mayor Nagin to pursue city members and their training needs.

Meetings – Discussed the proposed meeting schedule, locations, and speaker topics. Pam Lincoln and Vincent Parenti visited the Walnut Room as a possible location for the Christmas party. After their visit, it was decided that the Christmas Party will be held the Walnut Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Come join us in a choice of opportunities to serve our community!

Our public service projects for the current chapter year are underway! We have already participated in two WYES Educational Television Membership Drives. The first event was at the very beginning of this reporting year. Thanks to Babette Haines, Angele James, Gerry Knepp, Charles Kyser, Carolyn Lewis, Linda Lewis, Shelda Melancon, Trina Merridy, Gary Millet, Jennifer Stewart, Lila Thompson, and Marcie Tureaud for their participation in the May 2002 WYES Showboat Auction. Another round of thanks to Jill Byrd, Chris Cutitto, Shirlaine George, Jim Julian, Gerry Knepp, Pam Lincoln, Gary Millet, and Lila Thompson for representing the New Orleans Chapter of AGA at the Summer Showcase Membership Drive in August 2002.

Our biggest Community Service month is October. We will have 2 major events for which we need volunteers. In addition, we need donated items for various needy organizations.

On October 5th and 12th, we will work with the Insurance Women of Greater New Orleans to repair, scrape, and paint the house of Mrs. Lizzie Halley at 1407 France Street. This is a project sponsored by Rebuilding Together and Christmas in October. There

are two shifts: one from 8:00am to noon and one from noon to 4:00 p.m. We need as many volunteers for both days as we can get. Your spouses and other concerned individuals are welcome.

On October 18th from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., we need approximately 10 volunteers to answer phones for WYES's Art Collection Twelve Auction.

We are also organizing AGA participation in Junior Achievement. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Betty at betty.salisbury@usda.gov

Until the first week in December, we are collecting new toys for the Toys For Tots and Adopt A Child program as well as possible participation in the Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund. Throughout the year, we are collecting canned goods, magazines, books, cell phones, and personal care products. Canned goods are for St. Philip Center, Christian Concern Community, and the Food Bank. The magazines and books are for the elderly, the cell phones are for the battered woman, and the personal care products are for the homeless.

We are also collecting maternity and baby clothes for the Crisis Pregnancy Center, teddy bears for hospitalized children, as well as clothes for the Dress For Success Program.

We are considering other events as well. Please fill out the survey in this newsletter to let us know what you are interested in supporting!

Please deliver or mail the completed survey to:

Betty Salisbury, Post A-4, 1st floor, TANO National Finance Center, TANO Building 4277 Poche Court West
New Orleans, LA 70129

Please volunteer your time and help us with these worthy causes. Contact Betty Salisbury at 255-2344 or Gerry Knepp at 255-4602 for additional information and/or to schedule your participation.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
SURVEY**

Member Name _____

This survey was prepared in order to assess your community service interests and concerns. Please place an X by any activity you would support or donation you are likely to make. Please provide any comments or suggested activities in the section at the end of this survey. Please E-mail this survey back to Betty at betty.salisbury@usda.gov, or Gerry at gerry.knepp@usda.gov. We will include the results received to date in the next newsletter.

Classic AGA community service activities you will participate in:

- _____ Scholarship Fund
- _____ VITA Program
- _____ Showboat Auction & Membership Drive for WYES Educational Television
- _____ Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in October)
- _____ Career Day for area students
- _____ Toys For Tots

Different activities you would participate in:

- _____ Walk for Life for fighting cancer
- _____ March of Dimes Walk volunteers
- _____ Junior Achievement in area schools
- _____ Special Olympics

Items you will donate:

- _____ Canned goods
- _____ Magazines
- _____ Clothing, including baby and maternity clothing
- _____ Toys
- _____ No longer used cell phones
- _____ Personal care products (Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Combs, etc)

Serve on COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE and organize an event:

- _____ Yes

Comments/Suggested Activities:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Orleans Chapter of AGA wishes to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Andria Milton
Glenda Perez
Linda Catalon
Cheryl White
Lydia Boutte**

The New Orleans Chapter of AGA offers all of its new members of the 2002-2003 fiscal year with a complimentary \$20.00 dinner certificate. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us as soon as possible.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

AGA National has adopted REAP-Recruit & Retain Essential Accountability Professionals Membership Campaign, as its theme this year. The focus is on recruiting 2,300 new members into membership this year. That can only happen with your support. In September, expect to receive a recruitment outreach package from the National Office. The intent is to encourage you to recruit one new member into AGA. As always, prizes will be offered to Top Sponsors and Top Recruiters.

GRADUATION NEWS

Congratulations to the following graduates listed below our chapter members:

Archie McDonald

Archie D., son, BS Computer Information System (CIS), Delta State University, Cleveland, OH

Best wishes and continued success from AGA New Orleans Chapter.

SPONSOR'S HONOR ROLL

The following list includes sponsors from May 2002 through August 2002:

Jullin Renthrope	1
Peggy Javery	2
Gerry Knepp	1
Patricia Allison	1

To all of our sponsors, we appreciate your efforts with the growth of the New Orleans Chapter of AGA. **Continue to keep up the good work !!**

AGA Logo Information

Are you looking for AGA merchandise? If so, log on to <https://www.agacgfm.or/marketplace/index.htm> for ordering polo shirts, coffee mugs, executive notebooks and lots of other items.

Renew your AGA Membership Online

AGA members can renew membership online via the Members Only section of the AGA website. To renew online, just access the Members Only site, login, then press the "Renew Your Dues/CGFM Online" button. Your information is updated immediately into the AGA database.

Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Linda M. Lewis at 255-5902 or linda.lewis2@usda.gov

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

2002-2003

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CPE</u>
October 17, 2002 5:30pm Social/6:00 Dinner	Don's Seafood Hut 4801 Veterans Blvd. Metairie, LA	Dinner Meeting	Yes
November 21, 2002 12:30pm – Lunch	Commander's Palace 1403 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA	Lunch Meeting (Stress Management.)	Yes
December 13, 2002 7:30pm – 11:30pm	The Walnut Room 6001 Stars & Stripes Blvd. N.O.(Lakefront Airport)	Christmas Party	No
January 16, 2003 11:30am – Lunch	NFC Eastside Cafeteria 13800 Old Gentilly Rd. New Orleans, LA	Lunch Meeting	Yes
February 20, 2003 5:30pm Social/6:00 Dinner	Doug's Restaurant 348 Robert Blvd. Slidell, LA	Dinner Meeting	Yes
March 20, 2003 5:30pm Social/6:00 Dinner	Five Happiness 3511 Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA	Joint Dinner Meeting with ASWA	Yes
April 24, 2003 5:30pm Social/6:00 Dinner	Bull's Corner (Laplace) 1036 W. Airline Hwy. Laplace, LA	Joint Dinner Meeting with Baton Rouge Chapter	No
May 2003	Green Acres C.C.	Crawfish Boil	No
June 2003	Zephyr's Stadium	Zephyr's Baseball Game/Tailgate Party	No

2002 – 2003 AGA CALENDAR

- Sept. 13 – 14:** NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.
- Sept. 17:** CEAR Award Ceremony, Library of Congress, Washington, DC.
- Sept. 23 – 24:** AGA/NASACT 11th Annual State & Local Government Leadership Conference, Richmond, VA. Sept.25 additional workshop offered by the Richmond Chapter.
- Dec. 6 – 7:** NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.
- Feb. 20 – 21:** First AGA National Leadership Conference, Washington, DC.
- March 6 – 7:** NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.
- March 8 – 9:** Leadership Training Workshop, Alexandria, VA.
- June 29 – July 2:** AGA's 52nd Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Chicago, IL.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION CREDITS

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Sept. 2002
Communications	3,000	1,410
Membership	3,000	250
Community Service	2,000	1,169
Awards	1,000	1,100
Chapter Leadership, Planning Participation	3,000	1,775
Education & Professional Development	4,000	0
Certification	4,000	0
Total	20,000	5,704

CHAPTER'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Chapter's Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2002, has Assets of \$13,069.41, Liabilities of zero, and Equity of \$13,069.41.

The Income Statement from August 2001 through July 2002 has income of \$21,098.33 and expenses of \$23,731.55 for a net loss of \$2,633.22.





THE CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) CORNER....

Since the rollout of the The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) in 1994, I have never been more excited and proud to be a part of it. So much is happening so fast. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

More than 13,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn to experience the benefits of certification first hand - the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. The New Orleans Chapter looks forward to adding your name to the distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

Here are a few of the goals the New Orleans Chapter intends to implement this year for the CGFM program:

GOAL 1 - SUPPORT CURRENT CGFMS

- Publish CGFM member's achievements in newsletter and local newspapers.
- Partner with other organizations and/or governmental entities to promote the CGFM designation.
- Recognize local CGFMs by using the CGFM designation in chapter publications, name tags, etc.
- Contribute items to chapter newsletter such as CGFM recognition, study suggestions, encouragement, and technical requirements.
- Publicize new CGFMs in chapter and local publications.

GOAL 2 – MARKET CGFM LOCALLY

- Encourage employer policy change to recognize CGFM.
- Solicit endorsements of CGFM from area employers and elected officials.
- Coordinate with the Regional and National coordinators to assist in promoting the Chapter's goal.
- Contact area government accountability leaders.
- Create an awareness of the value of CGFM to the general public.

GOAL 3 – ASSIST POTENTIAL NEW CGFMS IN ATTAINING CERTIFICATION

- Coordinate study groups.
- Develop a mentoring program.
- Develop other study options.
- Develop a plan in the Chapter to offer CGFM courses.
- Provide a CGFM Examination Scholarship.

I hope that you can share the enthusiasm that I have for the CGFM program and recognize its importance in your future with the government.

Carolyn Sibley, CGFM Direct



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***TIME VALUE MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE***

Please contact Linda Lewis (255-5902) with address corrections.

**JOINT DINNER MEETING
New Orleans AGA and NABA**

When: Thursday, September 19, 2002
5:30 pm - Social/Cash Bar
6:00 pm – Dinner

Where: Vincent's City Club
5700 Read Blvd. Unit 240
New Orleans, LA 70127

Choice of Entree: (To be made at restaurant)

Grilled Pork Chops
Fried Shrimp and/or Catfish
Barbecued Half Chicken
Pasta Vincent

Choice of One Side:

Creamy Cole Slaw, Side Salad, Home Style Fries, or Creamy Red Beans

Choice of Beverage:

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or Iced Tea

Choice of Dessert:

Chocolate Brownie a la Mode or Cheesecake

Cost: \$17.50

Contact by COB Monday, September 16th:

For reservations: Vincent Parenti (255-5350) or vincent.parenti@usda.gov

For advance payment: Gary Millet (255-5220)

Please remember to bring guests.