



New Members

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AGA operates under a national-chapter partnership with its 100 chapters located throughout the U.S., Guam, Japan, Puerto Rico and Saipan. AGA is governed by a National Board of Directors (NBD), which includes regional leaders and chapter presidents. AGA's 16-member National Executive Committee (NEC) acts for the NBD, meeting quarterly to discuss strategic issues. The day-to-day operation of the Association is handled by the National Office, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, with 28 employees reporting to an executive director who reports to the AGA National President. More than 800 volunteer members serve the Association through committees, boards, and chapters. Thanks for being one of them!

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Our February dinner meeting was held at Salvatore's Ristorante in Metairie. We were treated to a very informative presentation by Special Agent Will Hatcher, FBI, New Orleans Division, about safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Thanks to Gloria Samuels for scheduling Special Agent Hatcher, Knica Lloyd for conducting the meeting in my absence and choosing a great place for dinner, and to all the members and guests that attended!

It's time to renew your membership. Everyone should have received their **Annual Membership** packet, via email or mail. Please remember, you have the option of renewing on-line at www.agacgfm.org. I would like to encourage everyone to renew their membership and continue receiving all the wonderful benefits AGA has to offer. As an AGA member, you understand the value of membership. Please consider sharing the value and benefits of AGA membership with friends, colleagues, and early career employees in your area.

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Spring Luncheon & Seminar will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2011 from 11:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M. at Longue Vue House & Gardens, 7 Bamboo Road, New Orleans, LA. Our theme is "*Economic Recovery: How It Affects Our City*". Griselda Taylor and Patrick Nedd, our Education Co-Chairs have been working very hard putting this program together. The Spring Seminar will count for 3 hours of CPE.

The time has arrived for us to start planning for the 5th Annual AGA National Community Service Project with Habitat for Humanity! Jeff Hart will be leading 20 of our fellow AGAers from around the nation to New Orleans for the event. Project dates are May 3-6, 2011, between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. I'm asking members to take time to assist with this worthwhile event. We need volunteers to help with picking up and delivery of donated lunches, airport transportation if needed and working with the team at the site to which they are assigned. Please contact me at dfisher@lla.la.gov or any Executive Officer with your availability to assist.

As we look ahead to the new fiscal year 2011-2012: If anyone is interested in becoming an Officer or Committee Chair/Co Chair for the upcoming fiscal year, please send an email to our President Elect, Patrick Nedd (Patrick_Nedd@msn.com).

I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Five Happiness Restaurant in New Orleans, LA. This is our joint meeting with Association of Women Accountants (ASWA).

Our next event is the Zephyr Tailgating Party and Baseball Game on Friday April 29, 2011 at Zephyr Stadium in Metairie, LA.

Darlene M. Fisher, MBA
Chapter President

AGA serves government accountability professional by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

AGA New Orleans February Chapter Meeting

Guest Speaker

Michael Bertaut

Michael Bertaut is a Certified Health Consultant and Professional of the Academy of Healthcare Management. He has 20 years of Analytical Experience in the Healthcare, Telecom, and Retail Sectors. In 2007 his collaboration on a Position Paper on Doctor Populations in Post-Katrina New Orleans was honored with a Lantern Award, the highest honor given by the Southern Public Relations Federation.

In May of 2010, he was asked to join the editorial board of the Healthcare Journal of Baton Rouge. In September 2010 he was invited as a keynote speaker to the International Medical Tourism Conference in Los Angeles where he spoke four times to three different conferences and hundreds of attendees in just two days. He now sits on the Advisory Board of the National Healthcare Reform Conference and Magazine.

Michael is a financial modeler, responsible for the models which forecast membership activity for the nearly 1.4 million Louisianans who are members of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Since May of 2009 Michael has engaged in over 200 public discussions on Healthcare Costs and the Politics of Reform with stakeholder groups ranging from healthcare insiders to your local Kiwanis Club.

Michael earned his MBA and BA from Louisiana State University. He is a lifelong Louisiana Resident and a Licensed Health and Life Producer currently employed as a Healthcare Economist for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Association of Government Accountants February 2011 Minutes

Minutes of the February Meeting provided by Linda Lewis on behalf of Dawn Wagener:

- The February meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by presiding officer Knica Lloyd
- Knica led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a silent prayer
- Meeting was held at Salvatore's Restaurant in Metairie, LA
- 26 members were in attendance
- There were no new members in attendance
- Brief community service report given by Linda Lewis. Linda reported that our current community service event is the Dress for Success campaign running from February 22 - 24. For further information contact the Community Service Chair-persons.
- Speaker introduced by Gloria Samuels
- Guest Speaker was Will Hatcher, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Orleans Division
- The 50/50 raffle collected \$26 dollars
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Next meeting at Five Happiness Restaurant, New Orleans

AGA - New Orleans Chapter 2010-2011 Community Service Plan Planned Community Service Events

1. **School Supplies - August 2010 through September 2010 - completed**
Assist St. Bernard Parish Schools by donating school supplies to help need (Most deserving school and students will be selected by the School Board)

2. **Thanksgiving - Canned and Dry Goods November 2010 - completed**
Replenish the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans

3. **Toys for Tots - Adopt-A-Child - December 2010 - completed**
Donated toys for group home; Christmas gifts for needy children

4. **Children's Hospital - December 2010 - completed**
Teddy Bear collection for hospitalized children

5. **Rebuilding Together New Orleans (www.rtno.org); Habitat for Humanity**
TBD 0 Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with children

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THANK YOU Everyone!

On behalf of the Association of Government Accountants
A Special THANKS to everyone who participated in this year's
Dress for Success 'S.O.S.' - Send One Suit - Weekend®



Suits were delivered to Claudia Sayago, Store Manager of Dress Barn and Corporate sponsor for Dress for Success



Suit collection bins located at the National Finance Center

It was another great success!

Thanks For Your Donation!

**Association of Government Accountants
 Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
 Annual Plan for the New Orleans Chapter
 2010-2011**

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 Chapters 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.

**AGA New Orleans Chapter
 Educational Sessions 2010 – 2011**

Date	Time	Place	Audio Sessions
03/23/2011	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center (Same Address Above)	Improving Performance Reporting (2 CPE)
05/18/2011	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	National Finance Center (Same Address Above)	Ethics in Government

RECOGNITION POINTS 2010-2011

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through September 2010
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	2,450
Education & Professional Development	4,000	375
Certification	4,000	450
Communications	3,000	675
Membership	3,000	400
Early Career and Student Members	2,000	0
Community Service	2,000	200
Awards	1,000	0
Total	22,000	4,550

AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location* & Cost	Speaker* & CPE	Menu
March 17, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Ave New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants Speaker – TBD 1 CPE	
April 29, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Tailgate Party & Baseball Game	
May 19, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Green Acre's Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Avenue Metairie, LA		Crawfish Boil & Chapter Awards Ceremony
June 9, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Don's Seafood Hut 1915 S. Morrison Blvd Hammond, LA	Dick Bunce, AGA National President-Elect Joint Meeting with BR Chapter 1 CPE	

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**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

ASSETS		EIGHT MONTHS ENDED	
CURRENT ASSETS:		OPERATING REVENUES	
CASH	\$ 1,183.24	EDUCATION	\$ 710.00
SAVINGS	5,714.44	MONTHLY MEETINGS	2,991.12
DEPOSITS	-	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	24.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	672.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	201.70
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>560.00</u>	SPONSORSHIP	1,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$8,129.68</u>	INTEREST INCOME	<u>53.92</u>
		TOTAL REVNEUES	<u>\$ 4,980.74</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		OPERATING EXPENSES	
LIABILITIES:		EDUCATION	\$ 448.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ -	MEETINGS	5,835.80
NET ASSTS:		50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	13.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 460.32	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	7.19
HABITAT FOR HUNAMITY	-	PDC EXPENSES	300.78
HURRICAN REFLIE FUND	2,709.25	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	25.00
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,960.11	OFFICER EXPENSES	<u>152.25</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		TOTAL OPERATING	
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,129.68</u>	EXPENSES	\$6,782.02
		OPERATING INCOME(LOSS)	(1,801.28)
		NONOPERATING REV/(EXP)	-
		INCOME (LOSS)	
		BEFORE CONTR	(1,801.28)
		CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
		(PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT)	<u>(74.04)</u>
		CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (1,875.32)
		NET ASSETS BEGINNING	
		OF PERIOD	<u>6,835.43</u>
		NET ASSETS AT END	
		OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 4,960.11</u>