



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

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

Hello Everyone,

Hope this message finds you well! So much has happened since my last chat with you that I hardly know where to begin!

First, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, Jullin Renthrope, AGA Past National President, represented the chapter during his presentation to University of New Orleans Beta Alpha Psi members, about the benefits of joining AGA. His visit was a great success!

Then, on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, our annual Spring Seminar was held at Longue Vue House and Gardens in New Orleans. Forty-seven (47) chapter members and guests enjoyed a great lunch and listened to three impressive speakers: Ms. Caroline Fayard, Attorney (Former Candidate Lt. Governor State of Louisiana), Dr. Janet Speyrer, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Economics, University of New Orleans, and Mr. Kurt Weigle, CEO/President, Downtown Development District, as they spoke about "Economic Recovery: How It Effects Our City". During the seminar, Tracey Rollins also presented this year's Chapter Scholarship Award to Janice Hutchinson, an accounting student from Nicholls State University. I would like to thank Patrick Nedd and Griselda Taylor for working so hard and making our Spring Seminar a great triumph!

On Friday, April 29, 2011, twenty-one (21) chapter members and guests attended our Annual Zephyr Tailgating Party and Baseball Game. They enjoyed wonderful food, great camaraderie and awesome fireworks!

Then, on May 3-6, 2011, for the 5th consecutive year, Jeff Hart (Denver Chapter), AGA Past National President, lead 22 of our fellow AGAers from around the nation to New Orleans for the Annual AGA National Community Service Project with Habitat for Humanity. During the week, the volunteers worked to help rebuild a house in the Upper 9th Ward of New Orleans, enjoyed wonderful music at Jazz Fest, toured our lovely city and dined on spicy crawfish at the crawfish party that the New Orleans Chapter held in their honor at Don's Seafood Hut in Metairie. Many thanks to the Five Happiness, Zea's on St. Charles and Smilie's Restaurants for donating scrumptious food to feed our hard working volunteers and to Peggy Javery, Amanda Green, Gary Millet, Knica Lloyd, Howard Tamborella and Jullin Renthrope for all of their hard work in helping to make this year's project a great success!

Finally, on Thursday May 19, 2011, we had our Annual Crawfish Boil and Officer Awards Ceremony at Green Acres Country Club. Over thirty (30) members and their families enjoyed delicious crawfish and desserts and we recognized our chapter officers for their hard work and dedication to the chapter. Many thanks to Chris Cutitto for his assistance in securing the country club for this event.

As we look ahead to the new chapter year 2011-2012: As my term comes to an end, I would like to again, thank my officers for all of their time, support, hard work and dedication in making this year very successful and very memorable. We have accomplished so much this year and through it all, we offered 19 CPEs, held several outstanding community service drives, honored 21 past chapter presidents, had a terrific Spring Seminar, offered quality CGFM study groups and increased our overall membership! I would be remiss if I did not say that none of this would have been possible without YOU! Thank you chapter members for all of your participation and unwavering support!

Please join me at our last meeting of the chapter year that will be held on June 9, 2011 at Don's Seafood in Hammond, LA. This is our Joint Meeting with the Baton Rouge Chapter and our featured speaker will be AGA National President- Elect Richard Bunce, CGFM, CPA.

Farewell!

Darlene M. Fisher, MBA
Chapter President

Association of Government Accountants May 2011 Minutes

- AGA held its annual crayfish party at the Green Acres Country Club, Metairie, LA on Friday, May 19, 2011
- Darlene Fisher, AGA President presided over a brief awards ceremony and issued awards to all officers present. Darlene also acknowledged Clyde McShan and Howard Tamborella for their contributions to AGA; Darlene thanked everyone for their support of the chapter and for the success of the 2010-211 year.
- A brief Officers' Board meeting was held to discuss the following agenda by the President-Elect Patrick Nedd (12 officers were present for the meeting)
 1. Open Officer Positions
 - a. New Position: Accountability Officer
 2. SLM Recap (Sectional Leadership Meetings)
 3. 2011-2012 Goals
 - b. Early career/Student Members (Agency visits)
 - c. Increase Sponsorship (objective is to get more support for members especially for the Professional Development Conference (PDC) to help reduce expenses on members)
 - d. Increase Member Participation
 4. Officer Responsibilities (objective is to get the Chairs and Co Chairs to discuss the responsibility of each position)
- Patrick Nedd, President-Elect will conduct one-on-one meeting with all officers for the upcoming 2011-2012 year
- Brief dialog focused on the new Accountability Officer position; Pamela Lincoln volunteered to fill the position; officers stated that this position may be involved with AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative
- Patrick stated that he would do additional research on the position and determine if potential conflict of interest may exist; officers stated that some auditor positions may prevent them from holding the position; officers stated that the Chapter's vacant officer positions should be first priority before the accountability position.
- Patrick will send out email distribution to solicit volunteers for open positions
- Knica Lloyd mentioned that our last event of the 2010-2011 chapter year, a joint meeting with the AGA - Baton Rouge Chapter, will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Don's Seafood in Hammond, LA

- Meeting adjourned

Linda Lewis

AGA New Orleans June Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker

**Richard O. Bunce, Jr.
AGA National President Elect**

**Virginia Commonwealth University
Executive Director, Assurance Services**

Mr. Bunce is the Executive Director of the Department of Assurance Services at Virginia Commonwealth University. In that capacity he directs the audit, management advisory services, and compliance functions for the University and the VCU Health System Authority. Prior to accepting the appointment at VCU, he served as Audit Director for the state Auditor of Public Accounts. Mr. Bunce has more than 30 years experience in public accounting, legislative audit services, and internal auditing.

Mr. Bunce has served in several leadership positions for national and international organizations. He currently serves as National President Elect for AGA and is a Vice Chair of the National Executive Committee. His former positions with AGA include Chair of the Professional Certification Board, National Treasurer, and member of the National Finance and Budget Committee.

Mr. Bunce is a past member of the Best Practices Committee and the Quality Assurance subcommittee of the Association of College and University Auditors. He is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, and has served on national task forces and advisory groups for higher education issues.

Mr. Bunce is a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Public Accountant. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his graduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Our joint meeting with the AGA - Baton Rouge Chapter will be held next Thursday,

June 9, 2011 at Don's Seafood in Hammond, LA.

Guest speaker is AGA National President - Elect Richard O. Bunce, Jr., CGFM, CPA

Make your reservation with Knica Lloyd (klloyd@lla.la.gov) or

Gary Millet (gary.millet@usda.gov) by **Monday, June 6, 2011,**

Event Date: June 9, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Networking
6:00 PM Dinner Meeting

Location: Don's Seafood & Steak House
1915 South Morrison Boulevard
Hammond, LA 70403-5741
(985) 345-8550

Menu: Dinner Salad

Choice of :
Fried Catfish
Seafood Salad
Grilled Chicken Breast
Crawfish Lagniappe
Crab AuGratin
Grilled Shrimp

Served with Cajun Potatoes

Tea or Soft Drink

Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

\$22.00 AGA Members \$24.00 Guests

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 - completed**
Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with children

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2011 Annual Crawfish Boil





Crawfish Event



**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.
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RECOGNITION POINTS 2010-2011

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through March 2011
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	3.825
Education & Professional Development	4,000	4.250
Certification	4,000	6.175
Communications	3,000	7.400
Membership	3,000	1.900
Early Career and Student Members	2,000	800
Community Service	2,000	2.800
Awards	1,000	2.950
Total	22,000	30.100

AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location & Cost	Speaker & CPE	Menu
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	Dinner Salad Choice of : Fried Catfish; Seafood Salad; Grilled Chicken Breast; Crawfish Lagniappe; Crab AuGratin; or Grilled Shrimp Cajun Potatoes Tea or Soft Drink Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
 NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 AS OF May 31, 2011

	ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED
ASSETS	OPERATING REVENUES
CURRENT ASSETS:	EDUCATION \$ 3,725.00
CASH \$ 538.67	MONTHLY MEETINGS 4,490.12
SAVINGS 3,735.52	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE 72.00
DEPOSITS ----0----	MEMBERSHIP DUES 201.70
PREPAID SEMINAR ----0----	SPONSORSHIP 1,000.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE <u>2,060.00</u>	INTEREST INCOME <u>61.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS <u>\$6,334.09</u>	TOTAL REVNEUES \$ <u>9,550.44</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	OPERATING EXPENSES
LIABILITIES:	EDUCATION \$ 2,391.60
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ -	MEETINGS 8,203.18
NET ASSTS:	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE 37.00
MEMBERSHIP \$ 460.32	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS 37.19
HABITAT FOR HUNAMITY -	PDC EXPENSES 300.78
HURRICAN REFLIE FUND 1,923.83	BANK SERVICE CHARGES 60.51
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS 3,949.94	DONATIONS 100.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	SCHOLARSHIP 500.00
NET ASSETS <u>\$ 6,334.09</u>	OFFICER EXPENSES <u>731.63</u>
	TOTAL OPERATING
	EXPENSES \$12,361.89
	OPERATINGINCOME(LOSS) (2,811.45)
	NONOPERATING REV/(EXP) -
	INCOME (LOSS)
	BEFORE CONTR (2,811.45)
	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS
	(PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT) <u>(74.04)</u>
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ (2,885.49)
	NET ASSETS BEGINNING
	OF PERIOD <u>6,835.43</u>
	NET ASSETS AT END
	OF PERIOD \$ <u>3,949.94</u>