



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.

As we start the New Year, I welcome the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President for the 2011-2012 AGA year. Our year started off in July at the Annual Professional Development Conference in Atlanta where the New Orleans Chapter again was recognized for achieving Platinum Level status in the Chapter Recognition Program as accepted by our outgoing President Darlene Fisher. We also had the privilege of having Past New Orleans Chapter President and Past National President Jullin Renthrope receive the Einhorn Gary Award. This award formally recognizes major contributions to advancing government accountability and contributions that have significantly enhanced AGA's prestige and stature.

Immediately after the PDC the Chapter took part in AGA's national community service week July 7-10th by partnering with the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau to help restore a home in Gentilly with the St. Bernard Project. We then moved full steam ahead with our new Community Service Chair Kimberly Henry who coordinated a successful school supply drive July 28 through August 9, 2011, for students living in the Marrero Housing Development. Be on the lookout for exciting community services activities coordinated by Ms. Henry as our Chapter looks to give back and engage the community.

The Chapter Executive Officers meeting was held on August 18, 2011. At this meeting, a new partnership agreement was approved between Becker and the New Orleans Chapter to offer access to unlimited use of Becker's CPE Courses for a year at the low price of \$350 per person. For more details contact me or any AGA officer.

As we get into full swing for the year we look forward to bringing you many exciting speakers and educational courses. Christopher Lewis our Education Chair is working hard to plan an outstanding Spring seminar with engaging speakers and a venue unlike any other. Stay tuned for the audio conferences that will be offered at the National Finance Center. Membership Co-Chairs Thomas Sylvester and Jason Harris are also working to keep our members active and engaged. At our monthly dinner meetings you will have the opportunity to learn about relevant topics of the day while enjoying many of the finer restaurants New Orleans has to offer. We will also be partnering with the National Association of Black Accountants, American Society of Women Accountants and the Baton Rouge Chapter for joint meetings in the upcoming months. Be on the lookout especially for a special lunch meeting around Mardi Gras at Commanders Palace pending availability.

In addition to our monthly meetings and CPE offerings we are working to provide a Citizen Centric report for the Chapter. The Citizen Centric report will be a key step in raising public awareness of Government Accountability, Transparency and Performance in an easy to read document. Pam Lincoln, Accountability Chair, is working hard to coordinate these efforts.

In closing we look to make this year exciting and rewarding for our members. In these trying economic times we know it takes commitment and dedication of time and financial resources to be a member of AGA. If you have any suggestions or comments on how to make our chapter better we welcome them, as we are here to serve you. Stay tuned for our exciting year!

See you at the September 15 meeting at Zeas Rotisserie & Grill at 4141 St. Charles Avenue where we will raffle off a 60 minute customized massage and foot soak treatment at Esthetique Facial Spa on Magazine Street.

*Patrick S. Nedd, MBA
Chapter President*

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER OFFICERS 2011-2012



*(seated left to right) Gloria Samuels, Kimberly Henry, Patrick Nedd, Linda Lewis, Faye Martin
(standing left to right) Christopher Lewis, Knica Lloyd, Gary Millet,
Marcie Tureaud, Jason Harris, Thomas Sylvester*

Association of Government Accountants Chapter Officers Meeting Minutes August 18, 2011

- An Officers' Board meeting was held on August 18, 2011 at the National Finance Center, New Orleans, LA 70129, to discuss the following agenda by the President Patrick Nedd (11 officers were present for the meeting).
 1. Welcome and Introduction
 2. Officer Responsibilities
 3. Meeting Schedule
 4. Chapter Recognition Program (changes and goals)
 5. Membership (recruitment scholarship, membership goals, and un-renewed members)
 6. Sponsorship (Becker partnership)
 7. Open Discussion
 8. Adjournment/Officer photo
- Knica Lloyd, CPA is 2012/2013 President-Elect
- First meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011 at Zea's Rotisserie & Grill; Commander's Palace may be used as substitute; discussion centered on new meeting locations; full meeting schedule will be finalized and published in the monthly newsletter.
- Membership Co-Chairs Thomas Sylvester and Jason Harris led discussion on membership; discussed the new early career changes from AGA National and how student and early career membership will be consolidated for the 2012 year; ideas were tossed on how to get members to renew and attract new members.
- Community Service Chair Kimberly Henry gave a brief display of how to attract new members and draw on community service. She explained how to bridge the gap with college student members by offering membership in the chapter with the reward of serving the community. Other ideas were discussed on how to attract members. Patrick requested that all officers submit any information on chapter sponsorship with private sector organizations. Becker has agreed to partner with the New Orleans Chapter.
- 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.
- Officer pictures will be uploaded to the chapter website; officers are asked to send Gary Millet a bio for the picture on the web.
- Patrick will continue to send out email distribution to solicit volunteers for open positions. First meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011.
- Meeting adjourned

Linda Lewis

AGA New Orleans September Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker



Joseph Threat, Sr.
Acting Executive Director
FEMA, Louisiana Recovery Office

Joseph Threat Sr. currently serves as Acting Executive Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Louisiana Recovery Office. Before his appointment as Acting Executive Director, he served as Deputy Director of Support Services.

Prior to coming to FEMA, Threat ran his own consulting business, Threat Defense, where he formerly served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Threat also worked as a Chief Executive Officer for Innovative Logistic Support Services (ILSS) in New Orleans. He completed a five year tour at the company and was responsible for its start-up and growth to a multi-million dollar Small HUB Zone business entity.

Threat also worked for Texshield, Inc., a subsidiary of a German parent company Bluecher GmbH as International Sales Director, in Washington, DC and as a Business Developer and Marketer with Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to his private sector work, Threat was an enlistee in the United States Marine Corps, where he logged over 12 years of deployed service overseas including in the Republic of Vietnam and the Republic of Korea. He retired from active service in 1999 with over 26 years of service to our Corps.

His personal decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2nd award, Navy Commendation Medal with 2nd award, Combat "V" for Valor, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with 2nd award, National Defense Medal with 2nd award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Presidential Unit Citation and numerous foreign unit awards and deployment citations.

Threat graduated from Rockhurst High School in 1968 and attended San Jose City College and San Jose State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Financial Banking and a Masters in International Finance. He is married to the former Belinda Tanno of San Jose, California, and together they have six children and eight grandchildren.

Jullin Renthrope, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CGFO, Audit Manager, Louisiana Legislative Auditor Receives Einhorn-Gary Award



Alexandria, VA – Jullin Renthrope, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CGFO, Audit Manager, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, received the prestigious Einhorn-Gary Award from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) on July 13th. Mr. Renthrope's award was presented on the final day of the Association's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Atlanta, GA.

The Einhorn-Gary Award was formally established to recognize major contributions to advancing government accountability and contributions that have significantly enhanced AGA's prestige and stature.

This award serves in recognition of Mr. Renthrope's nearly four decades of extraordinary commitment and dedication to advancing government accountability, and sustained outstanding leadership, tireless dedication and outstanding service to AGA at the chapter, regional and national levels that have significantly enhanced the Association's national prestige and stature in the government accountability profession.

With over 36 years of service with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Mr. Renthrope has made major contributions to advancing government accountability at all levels of government. Although a state office, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has oversight and audit responsibility over the accountability and reporting on federal programs in the state of Louisiana. The Legislative Auditor serves as the watchdog of public spending, overseeing more than 3,500 audits of state and local governments and their related quasi-public enterprises.

Conducting independent financial and performance audits of Louisiana's state agencies, colleges, hospitals and universities, Mr. Renthrope finds ways to improve government efficiency and effectiveness and identifies critical issues to protect public resources and improve government control systems. As a result of his audit findings, Mr. Renthrope provides recommendations for improvement and accountability in government financial management. When necessary, he follows up on allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse and makes recommendations for corrective action, improvement and/or resolution.

In addition, Mr. Renthrope has served for over 22 years as the office manager of the New Orleans Area Office and has also chaired the Personnel Committee of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Throughout his career with state government, Mr. Renthrope has consistently and continually been an enthusiastic and ardent supporter of advancing government accountability at all levels of government. Over the years, his leadership, foresight and dedication have greatly served the accountability profession.

Mr. Renthrope's noteworthy contributions to enable AGA to better serve its membership is exemplified best through his integrity, leadership, and positive professional attitude. As AGA's 54th National President, Mr. Renthrope focused AGA on carrying out its core mission - promoting the CGFM program, enhancing the education and research programs, expanding membership, and enhancing member services. Mr. Renthrope's foresight and dedication have greatly served AGA's membership at the chapter, regional, and national levels.

Mr. Renthrope received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Southern University and A&M College. He is a member of the AGA New Orleans Chapter.

About AGA: The Association of Government Accountants is a 15,000-member professional association that serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and campaigning in the public interest to forward higher standards of government accountability and transparency. www.agacgfm.org.

New Orleans Chapter Receives Platinum Chapter Recognition Award



National President Lisa Casias, CPA, presented Darlene Fisher, MBA, 2010-2011 New Orleans Chapter President, with the Platinum Chapter Recognition Award at the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday July 13, 2011 during the AGA 60th Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia. The New Orleans Chapter earned this recognition by obtaining 19,501-22,000 Chapter Recognition Credits during 2010-2011.

5th Annual AGA School Supply Drive



AGA Community Service Chair, Kimberly J. Henry Myles, is proud to announce the success of the 5th Annual AGA School Supply Drive. The AGA School Supply Drive was announced Thursday, July 28, 2011 and ran through Tuesday, August 9, 2011. The National Finance Center employees were invited to join this initiative and the response was explosive. Donations were easily worth over one thousand dollars. Monetary donations totaled one hundred and sixty-nine dollars.

With the monetary donations, I personally went to Walmart and walked the isles finding the best “Back to School” savings, purchasing numerous items in bulk due to the fantastic prices. When I checked out, to my surprise I had a total of three hundred and sixteen items. How awesome is that?

The AGA School Supply Drive donations benefited homeless students in the Jefferson Parish School District. I have a confession to make and it’s something I immediately confessed to my recruiter after we presented the donations, “How come nobody told me it would feel this good!” I challenge all new and veteran members to get motivated, make a difference and feel good!

The greatest gift is giving!!!



Community Service Project



Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Guest Speaker:

Joseph Threat Sr., Executive Director (Acting)

*Acting Executive Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's
Louisiana Recovery Office*

Please RSVP (klloyd@lla.la.gov), Faye Martin (fmartin@lla.la.gov) or Patrick Nedd (patrick.nedd@msn.com) by **Tuesday, September 13, 2011.**

Event Date: September 15, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Networking with Cash Bar
6:00 PM Dinner Meeting

Location: Location: Zea's Rotisserie & Grill
1525 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 520-8100

Menu:

Zeasar Salad

Entrees (choose 1)

Rotisserie Chicken

½ Rack of Thai Ribs

Corn Grits

Sweet Potato Bread Pudding

Iced Tea, Water & Coffee

\$30.00 AGA Members \$32.00 Guests

AGA - New Orleans Chapter 2011-2012 Community Service Plan Planned Community Service Events

1. School Supplies – August 2011 through September 2011 – **Completed**

Assist Orleans Parish Schools by donating school supplies to help needy (Most deserving school will be selected by the Community Service Chair)

2. Thanksgiving – Canned and Dry Goods

Replenish the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans – November 2011

3. Toys for Tots – Adopt-A-Child

Christmas Gifts for Needy Children – December 2011

4. Children’s Hospital “A Child is Born” Bring Love Peace and Joy

University Choir/Quartet Singing Christmas Carols to hospitalized children –December 2011

5. Rebuilding Together New Orleans (www.rtno.org)

Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with children – TBD

6. Dress for Success – SOS “Send One Suit” Week

Accept donations of slightly used clothing for disadvantaged women entering the workforce – TBD

7. Win a Mural Contest!

College students from the surrounding Universities and/or Colleges are chosen to create a Mural for the winning Elementary, Middle or Secondary School by essay entry.

8. On-going Community Service Collections

Slightly used DVDs for area Nursing Homes
Magazines for Nursing Homes
Cell phones for Battered Women
Personal Care Products
Slightly used clothes for mission centers

2011– 2012 New Orleans Chapter Community Service Contact:

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**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 August 2011
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	
Education & Professional Development	4,000	
Certification	4,000	
Communications	3,000	
Membership	3,000	
Early Career and Student Members	2,000	
Community Service	2,000	
Awards	1,000	
Total	22,000	

AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location*	Speaker & CPE
September 15, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Zea's Restaurant 1525 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA	Speaker: Joseph Threat, Sr. FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office 1 CPE
October 20, 2011	5:30 P.M.	New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood 4141 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with National Association of Black Accountants Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
November 17, 2011	5:30 P.M.	National WWII Museum 945 Magazine Street New Orleans, LA	Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
December 17, 2011	7:00 P.M.	TBD	Christmas Party
January 19, 2012	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center Executive Dining Room 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Internal Revenue Service Representative – Tax Update 1 CPE
February 16, 2012	11:30 A.M.	Commanders Palace 1403 Washington Avenue New Orleans, LA	Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
March 15, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants (their year to book speaker) 1 CPE
April 19, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Middendorf's 30160 Hwy. 51 Akers, LA	Joint Meeting with Baton Rouge Chapter Speaker: Richard O. Bunce AGA National President 1 CPE
May 17, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Green Acre's Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Avenue Metairie, LA	Crawfish Boil/Chapter Awards Ceremony
June 1, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Baseball Game

* Tentative – Locations and Speakers based upon availability

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
 NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

ASSETS		TWELVE MONTHS ENDED	
CURRENT ASSETS		OPERATING REVENUES	
CASH	\$ 1,441.00	EDUCATION	\$ 3,985.00
SAVINGS	3,235.52	MONTHLY MEETINGS	4,956.12
DEPOSITS	0.00	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	72.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	0.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	770.45
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>2,310.00</u>	SPONSORSHIP	1,100.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$6,986.52</u>	INTEREST INCOME	<u>61.86</u>
		TOTAL REVNEUES	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$10,945.43</u>
LIABILITIES		EDUCATION	\$2,391.60
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 501.36	MEETINGS	8,701.79
NET ASSTS		50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	37.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 460.32	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	37.19
HABITAT FOR HUNAMITY	-	PDC EXPENSES	851.09
HURRICAN RELIEF FUND	1,923.83	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	60.51
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,101.01	SCHOLARSHIP	500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		DONATIONS	100.00
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,986.52</u>		<u>731.63</u>
		OFFICER EXPENSES	
		TOTAL OPERATING	
		EXPENSES	<u>\$13,410.81</u>
		OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(2,465.38)
		NONOPERATING REV/(EXP)	-
		INCOME (LOSS)	
		BEFORE CONTR	(2,465.38)
		CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
		(PRIOR YEAR	(269.04)
		ADJUSTMENT)	\$ (2,734.42)
		CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	
		NET ASSETS BEGINNING	<u>6,835.43</u>
		OF PERIOD	
		NET ASSETS AT END OF	
		PERIOD	<u>\$ 4,101.01</u>

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