



New Orleans Le Journal de Nouvelle Orleans

Volume 31, Issue 3

November 2011

President's Message



AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders, committed to advancing government accountability.

New Members

Irma Nuar

Congratulations new CGFMs

Malcolm C. Mark

Helen M. Moyer

Leslie Ann Ricardo

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!

(An excerpt from the Journal of Government

Giving Thanks! With the holidays drawing near lets remind ourselves to give back to those in our community not as fortunate as us. The New Orleans Chapter of AGA closed out October with a flurry of events and an exciting joint meeting with the National Association of Black Accountants. Our 2nd meeting of the year was held on October 20th at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood Restaurant on St. Charles and was a rousing success. Congratulations to Warren Wilson for winning the 50/50 Raffle and Barbara Carmon for winning the tickets to the Aquarium of the Americas and Audubon Zoo.

Guest speaker Travers Mackel investigative reporter for WDSU news gave us a colorful and informative report on transparency in local government. Mr. Mackel was personable and a big hit with the members who were honored to have a local celebrity in their presence. In addition to our celebrity guest speaker we also had a visit from our incoming Regional Vice-President Elect Pamela Hill of the Montgomery Chapter who made a stop by our meeting on her whirlwind Southern Regional Chapter Tour. We thank Ms. Hill for stopping by the New Orleans Chapter, and hope she was able to learn a little bit of how we do things down here in N'awlins.

Our October Community service event "The Race for the Cure" 5K and 1-mile fun run/walk to benefit the New Orleans Affiliate of Susan G. Komen was an overall success. The weather was perfect as the thousands in attendance including AGA members did their part in the fight against breast cancer. Thank you to all who participated at the race and for the monetary donations submitted. Let us continue to do our part to help those who need quality care in the fight against breast cancer. For our upcoming community service event please don't forget those who are in need during the upcoming holidays and do your part to bring in a canned good for the Second Harvest Food bank. Also be on the lookout for volunteers needed for the WDSU telethon. Let's continue to touch the lives of those not as fortunate as us.

Accountability Chair Pam Lincoln is hard at work preparing the New Orleans Chapters first Citizen Centric report to be available by the beginning of the year. We are excited and waiting with anticipation as this report is part of AGA's plan to promote and advance accountability in government with an easy to read report that will help members and the public get a clear understanding of the New Orleans Chapter. Once the Chapters have completed our Citizen Centric report we can then show other agencies the benefits of having useful, transparent information available to the public.

Our first Audio Conference of the year will be in December and the topic will be "Using Performance Information to Drive Performance Improvement" at NFC. Be on the lookout for more specific information. Members are again reminded about taking advantage of our CPE subscription agreement with Becker where for \$350 a year you have access to all of Becker's courses via webcast or on-demand. To sign up and for more information please contact me at Patrick_Nedd@msn.com or any AGA officer.

Shape the Future of AGA: A Call for Leadership Nominations—This is your opportunity to shape Association programs, advance your profession and represent members' interests. AGA is seeking leaders to serve on our National Board of Directors. **Deadline to submit: November, 18, 2011.** For more information please visit the AGA website. The New Orleans Chapter will also be sending out a call for Open Officer positions for the 2012-2013 fiscal year which is fast approaching. Do your part to keep the chapter strong while enhancing your leadership qualities.

In closing I again ask the membership to be active in the Chapter by community service, monthly meeting attendance and participation in our CPE offerings. The strength of the Chapter is dependent on engaged members. Your suggestions or comments on how to make our Chapter better are always welcome. We are here to serve you!

See you at Smilie's Restaurant on November 17, 2011.

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



Gloria Samuels currently serves as the Chapter's Programs Chair. This is Gloria's second term as Program Chair. As Program Chair, Gloria's main responsibility is to secure interesting and educational speakers for our monthly meetings.

Gloria currently is employed with the Orleans Levee District and has been with the Levee District for 30 years. She is an Account Manager with the District. Gloria has been an active AGA member since 1986.



Jason Harris works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency as a Senior Financial Analyst. He recently completed courses to become a Federal contracting officer because he enjoys working with acquisitions. He has worked for the Federal government for six years and previously worked in the private sector as a small business owner offering accounting and organizational services. Jason has an MBA degree and is currently working on a master of science in accountancy with a concentration in public accounting. Jason is a native of Columbia, SC and has lived in the New Orleans metropolitan area for 17 years. He enjoys bike riding and participating in biking tours around the State. He also enjoys the culture and people of Louisiana.



New Orleans
Chapter Meeting
October 20, 2011



AGA New Orleans Chapter October 20, 2011 Chapter Meeting

- AGA held its October 2011 meeting at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood, 4141 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA.
- Standing in for AGA New Orleans President Patrick Nedd was Marcie Tureaud, AGA New Orleans Chapter Web Master, and AGA Regional Assistance & Development Officer. Marcie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer given by Tracey Rollins.
- The October meeting was a joint meeting held with the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), Dillard University Chapter, New Orleans, LA. Twenty five AGA members were in attendance and eight members from the NABA Chapter.
- A brief update was given by Pamela Hill, AGA Montgomery, AL Chapter member. Ms Hill is visiting all Southern Region Chapters and is the 2011-2012 AGA Regional Vice-President Elect.
- Tracey Carney, Office of Inspector (OIG) Audit Supervisor, NABA President, gave an update on NABA's recent activities and goals for the upcoming year that included: (1) workshops, (2) spring event (3) scholarships, and (4) training with CPE credit at Xavier University. Also, Ms Carney reported that NABA is sponsoring presentations on how to save documents in the event of a disaster like Hurricane Katrina. Also, NABA will announce an upcoming event to be held at the Cotton Mill.
- Kimberly Henry, AGA Community Service Chair gave a brief report on the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Cancer Walk held at City Park.
- Gloria Samuels, AGA Meetings Chair introduced guest Speaker Travers Mackel. Travers is an award winning reporter and heads up the WDSU Investigative Unit called the I-Team. A mainstay at WDSU since 2003, Travers has played a role in covering every major news story in this area. Travers' investigations have led to changes inside the New Orleans Police Department and helped to bring more transparency and accountability to local government.
- Tracey Rollins, AGA Awards Chair presented Travers with a certificate from the AGA New Orleans Chapter and thanked him for his presentation.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Warren Wilson, AGA Historian and the Audubon Zoo and Aquarium of the Americas raffle was won by Barbara Carmen.
- Next meeting will be held at the Smilie's Restaurant on November 17, 2011.

Meeting adjourned.

Linda Lewis, Secretary



Community Service Project



AGA MEMBERS RAN IN THE RACE FOR THE CURE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011



AGA participants included Knica Lloyd, Marcie Tureaud, Mittie Boyer, Kimberly Henry Miles, President Patrick Nedd and guest, along with AGA member/photographer Floyd Miles.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

Guest Speaker:

TBA

Please RSVP (klloyd@lla.la.gov), Faye Martin (fmartin@lla.la.gov) or Patrick Nedd (patrick_nedd@msn.com) by

Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Event Date: November 17, 2011 (Thursday)

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

Location: Smilie's Restaurant
5725 Jefferson Hwy.
Harahan, LA 70123
(504) 733-3000

Menu:

Soup de Jour

Salad with House Dressing

Catfish Pecan

Catfish dipped in homemade fish fry with Pecans,
Fried to a Crispy Golden Brown and topped with a Lemon Butter Sauce
Served with Potatoes and a Vegetable Medley

Or

Veal Parmesan

Panne' Baby Veal & Mozzarella Cheese
Served with Angel Hair pasta & Marinara Sauce

Or

Chicken St. Charles

Boneless Breast of Chicken, baked and topped with a Shrimp Cream Sauce
Served with Potatoes and A vegetable

Iced Tea, Water & Coffee

Member Cost: \$23/Non-Member Cost: \$25

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. Susan G. Komen – Race for Cure - Saturday, October 22, 2011. **Completed**
AGA team to run for a cure.
3. Thanksgiving – Canned and Dry Goods – November 17, 2011

Replenish the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans –
November 17, 2011 Monthly Meeting
4. Toys for Tots – Adopt-A-Child
Christmas Gifts for Needy Children – December 2011
5. Children’s Hospital “A Child is Born” Bring Love Peace and Joy
University Choir/Quartet Singing Christmas Carols to hospitalized
children –December 2011
6. Rebuilding Together New Orleans (www.rtno.org)
Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with
children – TBD
7. Dress for Success – SOS “Send One Suit” Week
Accept donations of slightly used clothing for disadvantaged women
entering the workforce – TBD
8. 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.
9. 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

**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.
-

RECOGNITION POINTS 2010-2011

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through August 2011
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	2,600
Education & Professional Development	4,000	900
Certification	4,000	1,000
Communications	3,000	1,532
Membership (Early Career and Student Members)	4,000	400
Accountability	2,000	50
Community Service	2,000	1,000
Awards	1,000	0
Total	22,000	7,482

AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location*	Speaker & CPE
November 17, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Smilie's Restaurant 5725 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA 70123 (504) 733-3000	Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
December 17, 2011	7:00 P.M.	TBD	Christmas Event
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 OCTOBER 31, 2011

ASSETS		FOUR MONTHS ENDED	
CURRENT ASSETS		OPERATING REVENUES	
CASH	\$ 3,205.12	EDUCATION	\$ 0.00
SAVINGS	3,235.52	MONTHLY MEETINGS	1,417.00
DEPOSITS	0.00	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLES	91.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	0.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	190.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>0.00</u>	SPONSORSHIP	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$6,440.64</u>	INTEREST INCOME	<u>1.99</u>
		TOTAL REVNEUES	<u>\$1,699.99</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		OPERATING EXPENSES	
LIABILITIES		EDUCATION	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 0.00	MEETINGS	1,725.51
NET ASSTS		50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	19.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 460.32	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	0.00
HABITAT FOR HUNAMITY	-	PDC EXPENSES	0.00
HURRICAN RELIEF FUND	1,923.83	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,056.49	SCHOLARSHIP	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		DONATIONS	0.00
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,440.64</u>	OFFICER EXPENSES	<u>0.00</u>
		TOTAL OPERATING	
		EXPENSES	<u>1,744.51</u>
		OPERATINGINCOME(LOSS)	<u>\$(44.52)</u>
		NONOPERATING REV/(EXP)	-
		INCOME (LOSS)	-
		BEFORE CONTR	(44.52)
		CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
		(PRIOR YEAR	
		ADJUSTMENT)	
		CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(44.52)
		NET ASSETS BEGINNING	
		OF PERIOD	<u>4,101.01</u>
		NET ASSETS AT END OF	
		PERIOD	<u>\$ 4,056.49</u>

**New Orleans Chapter
Association of Government Accountants
2010-2011 Chapter Officers**

FitzPatrick S. Nedd, MBA
President
504-293-4702
Patrick_Nedd@msn.com

Knica M. Lloyd, CPA, CFE
President-Elect
504-465-3200
klloyd@lla.la.gov

Darlene Fisher, MBA
Immediate Past President
504-465-3200
dfisher@lla.la.gov

Faye W. Martin, CPA, CGFM
Treasurer
504-465-3200
fmartin@lla.la.gov

Linda Lewis, CGFM
Secretary
504-426-6121
linda.lewis2@usda.gov

Warren C. Wilson, CGFM
Historian
504-426-1095
warren.wilson@usda.gov

Tongie LeBeau
CGFM
504-426-5447
tongie.lebeau@usda.gov

Kimberly Henry Myles
Community Service
504-426-5327
kimberly.henry@usda.gov

Thomas Sylvester
Jason Harris
Membership/Early Career
Co-Chairs
504-426-5366(Thomas)
504-762-2237(Jason)
thomas.sylvester@usda.gov
Jason.harris@dhs.gov

Pam Lincoln, CGFM
Accountability Officer
504-426-0422
pamela.lincoln@usda.gov

Peggy Javery, CGFM
Marcie A. Tureaud
Webmaster
Co-Chairs
504-426-5267 (Peggy)
504-426-5367 (Marcie)
peggy.javery@usda.gov
marcie.tureaud@usda.gov

Gary A. Millet, CPA, CGFM
Newsletter
504-426-1014
gary.millet@usda.gov

Tracy L. Rollins, MBA
Awards
504-426-5448
tracey.rollins@usda.gov

Maurizio Francescon
Publicity
504-460-37578
mdfrancescon@gmail.com

FitzPatrick S. Nedd, MBA
Meetings
504-465-3200
Patrick_Nedd@msn.com

Gloria Samuels, CGFM
Programs
504-286-3100
gsamuels@orleanslevee.com

Christopher Lewis
Education
504-426-5109
christopher.lewis@usda.gov