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April is Professional Development Conference Month!!! We have an exciting program scheduled and I can't wait to see you all there. If you haven't registered it isn't too late. The PDC will include a variety of sessions that will help you in your career. Some of these topics include sessions on Ethics, fraud awareness, service efforts and accomplishments, measurements, Colorado finance issues and IT infrastructure. In addition, you can earn 16 hours of CPE for less than \$18/CPE. You can find the PDC brochure and registration form on the chapter website, [www.denveraga.org](http://www.denveraga.org). I hope to see you there.

We were honored to have Speaker of the House, Colorado State Representative, Andrew Romanoff at our March meeting. Those of you who attended received some very timely information on the State Legislature's budget discussions.

**AGA's mission is to serve professionals in the government financial management community, by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT - CONTINUED:**

There is a brief recap later in this newsletter. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 18, 2005. It will be at Simms Landing at 6:00 p.m. We will present two scholarships to outstanding students, grant awards and have a great speaker, Courtney Cowgill who will discuss the benefits of belonging to a professional organization. Please plan on attending.

Pat Mulcahy is the President-Elect of this chapter and is looking for volunteers to serve on the board next year. If you are interested please contact him at [Patrick.mulcahy@mms.gov](mailto:Patrick.mulcahy@mms.gov). We have been very successful this year at increasing the activity and participation of members and Pat wants this to continue.

Again, we hope to see you at the PDC!!

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 2005 MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER: ANDREW ROMANOFF**

Mr. Romanoff was very informative about what's happening with the budget. Colorado has done all of the short-term adjustments to balance the budget and now needs to change some of the constitutional constraints of the budget. He stated that the legislature needs to adjust the constraints of the Tabor Amendment. Colorado is limited to very slow growth, however, the income to the state is greater than what the budget is limited to by the constitutional constraints. The Tabor Amendment says that any excess in income must be refunded to the taxpayers. The legislature will put to a vote at the next elections an amendment to modify the Tabor Amendment so the state can keep some of the excess funds to fund education, highway construction, prisons, and the community college system. Read and learn about Amendments C and D that will be on the next ballot.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2005:**

Our PDC 2005 is almost here and we are busy making final preparations for another wonderful program. This year's PDC theme stresses accountability and performance. Nationally recognized service efforts and accomplishments expert Jay Fountain will be one of our featured speakers on April 26. Colorado Society AICPA speaker Dan Chenowith will provide accountability and ethics training (2 Hours CPE credit) on April 27. Mingled in between these presentations will be workshops on Microsoft software, Fraud Awareness, and the Sarbanes Oxley Act. Our chapter takes great pride in presenting this training opportunity to our members and the financial community of Colorado.

**Denver Chapter Membership Drive.** Let's share with others the many benefits of joining AGA and **Resolve to Recruit in 2005.** All members are challenged to recruit at least one new AGA member by April 27th. As an incentive, the member who recruits the most new AGA members will receive a grand prize of AGA merchandise. Also, everyone who recruits at least one new AGA member will be entered into a drawing to win dinner for two at an exclusive restaurant in Orlando during the 2005 National PDC. Also, your local chapter will recognize every new recruiter at the local PDC.

Encourage potential members and new members to attend the annual PDC on April 26th and 27th. For more information on membership contact [sylvia.taylor-porter@dfas.mil](mailto:sylvia.taylor-porter@dfas.mil) or visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

## **AGA Denver Chapter, February 15, 2005, Board Minutes**

**Attendees:** Patrick Mulcahy, Jennie Chon, L.C. Williams, Karla Gomez-Meyer, Karl Greve

**Approval of February Minutes** – Minutes Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Mulcahy gave a short presentation on the budget and the expenses and income for February, 2005.

**March Meeting Update:** LC Williams confirmed that Andrew Romanoff would be the speaker at the March 23, 2005 meeting.

**Awards Banquet:** LC Williams stated that two locations were being considered for the Awards Banquet. These are Simms Landing and Baby Doe's Restaurant. The date of the Awards Banquet is May 18, 2005.

**Scholarship Update:** No information

**PDC:** Patrick Mulcahy stated that all of the speakers had been arranged. Some registration forms had come in. The PDC is April 26-27, 2005 located at the Radisson Hotel, Denver Southeast, at Parker Road & I-225.

**Membership Drive:** No information.

**Federal Cup 5K Event:** Pat Mulcahy stated he received information from the organizer of the event and it sounded like they were more interested in money donations from sponsors instead of organized help. Pat stated that he wasn't sure that this was something that AGA should get involved in. The event is May 9, 2005 at the federal center located at Kipling & 1st Avenue.

## **AWARDS BANQUET – MAY 2005**

The Awards Banquet will be held at Simms Landing, 11911 W. 6th Ave. - take the Union/Simms offramp and proceed west on the north frontage road to Simms Landing. Dinner Choices are 1) Slow Roasted Prime Rib (medium), 2) Grilled Chicken with Peppercorn Crust, and 3) Vegetarian Pasta with a tomato based sauce. Dinner comes with salad, dessert and coffee/tea. Special subsidized price of \$15 per person. Guest Speaker, Courtney Cowgill, will discuss "The Career Benefits of Active Membership in Professional Organizations", about a 30 minute presentation - no CPE. President, Board Members and Directors will be recognized and receive a small award. Meet the scholarship winners, who will also attend.

## **Education Corner :**

CPEs: Earn CPEs through on-line classes using SMART-PROS;  
<http://education.smartpros.com/main> (Financial Management Network)

CDFM: Sponsored through ASMC. To apply:  
<http://www.asmc certification.com>

CGFM: Sponsored through AGA. To apply:  
<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx>

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:**

### **CGFM Exam 3 Study Guide Now Available!**

Be sure to order the new Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3: *Governmental Financial Management and Control* to help in your preparation for the examination.

Check the AGA National web site for details.



Federal Civil Service employment: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Denver City employment: <http://www.denvergov.org/Jobs/jobsm.asp>

Colorado State employment: <http://www.state.co.us/jobinfo.html>

AGA Career Bank listings: <http://www.aga.careerbank.com>

## **AGA Community Service: ATTN: Members!!!**

Please provide suggestions for our next project.

### **Scholarship Program:**

Scholarship program included two \$1000 scholarships.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Pat gave an update to the board members that attended March meeting.