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Greetings!!

Your officers and I hope you and your families had a very nice Easter and are looking forward to enjoying the spring and summer.

Our year is winding down. There's two more events happening in May, the Audio-Conference on May 10, 2006 and the Awards Banquet. See the announcement for the audio conference in this newsletter.

The Professional Development Conference on April 19-20, 2006 was a success. I want to especially thank Glennon Struempf and Karla Gomez-Meyer for their efforts in co-chairing and developing this conference. I also want to thank Dave Lewis and Beth Machann for their efforts in getting speakers for this conference. I want to also thank the people that attended the conference. I hope that you enjoyed the conference as much as I did.

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):

The National Professional Development Conference will be held on June 18-21, 2006 in San Diego, California. 25 CPEs will be given at this training. There are six different educational tracks being given at this conference. San Diego is a great town. There's lots of things to do, tourist-wise. Also, this is a great opportunity to meet AGAers from around the world. To get information, and the registration form, about the national PDC, log on to the national AGA website, www.agacgfm.org.

Besides our normal newsletter, two areas that we tried to promote this year was education and community service.

- 1). Education - Our chapter would like to be the main source of your education. However, we have tried to promote other organizations and their PDC's or monthly educational opportunities. Please let us know what education you would like us to put into our program for next years program.
- 2). Community Service - We have also listed different community service opportunities for you to volunteer your talents too. We hope that you have volunteered your time and talents to these worthy organizations. Please let us know if you like the community service section of the newsletter, and what we can do to improve this service.

Karla Gomez-Meyer will be the chapter President next year. She is putting together her team of officers. She needs your help. If she calls you, please say "**YES**". If she doesn't call you, please call her at 720-913-1544 and become a part of next year's board.

The board needs new officers and committee members to bring new ideas into play. Please consider helping your association by becoming a board or committee member.

EDUCATION

The AUDITFORUM is hosting their 16th Biennial Forum of Government Auditors Conference on May 23-25, 2006 in San Jose, California. The brochure and registration information are available on their website www.auditforum.org/sanjose/index.htm.

The National AGA 55th Annual Professional Development Conference is June 18-21, 2006 in San Diego, California. The theme of this years conference is "**Navigating the Way to Citizen-Centered Government**". There are six education tracks being offered.

The brochure and registration information are available on the national AGA website, www.agacgfm.org. See you in sunny San Diego.

There will be a CGFM training session at the PDC in San Diego.

MAY MEETING

TOPIC: "PERFORMANCE AUDITING: PLANNING, CONDUCTING AND REPORTING RESULTS in TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT"

SPEAKERS: DRUMMOND KAHN, CIA, CGAP

Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon

JERRY BARBER, CGFM, CPA, CISA

Controller, New York State Office of the State Comptroller

Pam Tumler, Senior Analyst

Government Accountability Office, Denver, Colorado

CPE: 2 HOURS

DATE: MAY 10, 2006

LOCATION: RADISSON HOTEL

3333 QUEBEC STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

TIME: 11:00 – 11:30 AM CHECK-IN & SOCIAL

11:30 - LUNCH

12:00 - 2:00 PM PRESENTATION

COST: AGA MEMBERS - \$25.00

NON-MEMBERS - 30.00

Please RSVP to Patrick Mulcahy at 303-231-3330 or Patrick.Mulcahy@mms.gov by COB
May 5, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

"In the wake of corporate and government frauds and scandals, accountability professionals conducting performance audits of government programs and operations also find themselves under the microscope of citizens as well as the managers they serve and audit. Can these auditors really function with total transparency and accountability and be protected by the audit standards that entrust them with the independence they need to report the truth? What are the barriers to planning, conducting, and reporting review results that will lead to positive change in government operations, and how can auditors overcome these barriers?"

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MAY 10, 2006 - Audio-conference
MAY , 2006 - Awards Banquet

CGFM CORNER

Governor Bill Owens signed a proclamation declaring March, 2006 as CGFM month in Colorado. The proclamation was presented to our chapter at the Professional Development Conference.

If you are interested in obtaining information about the Certified Government Financial Manager Certificate (CGFM), please contact the national AGA office at 1-800-AGA-7211, or www.agacgfm.org. The CGFM application form can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>.

There will be a CGFM training session at the Professional Development Conference in San Diego.

TRAINING

Besides the monthly meetings, check out the training opportunities offered by the national AGA office. There are three national conferences coming this fiscal year. Go to AGACGFM.org/conferences to see these training opportunities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please indicate what additional community service projects in which you (our members) would like to participate. Please have members contact me (Dave Lewis) at DAVID.LEWIS@cI.DENVER.CO.US with suggestions.

This service year we have helped with two food banks, a holiday toy drive, preparation of income tax and earned income documents for low income persons, Habitat for Humanity projects, and American Cancer Society Relay-For-Life events. We also were put on a waiting list of helping at the Denver Dumb Friends League telethon.

Last Month's board meeting minutes:

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS - DENVER CHAPTER APRIL 3, 2006 - OFFICER'S MEETING NOTES

The meeting came to order at 5:50 PM. The officers present were Patrick Mulcahy, President, Karla Gomez-Meyer, President-Elect, James Caldwell, Treasurer, Glennon Struempf, Secretary, and Dave Lewis, Chairman, Community Services.

The first order of business was discussion of the Professional Development Conference. Two proclamations will be given to AGA, recognizing them from the State of Colorado and the City of Denver. The proclamations will recognize the month of March, 2006 as CGFM month from both the state of Colorado and the City of Denver.

The next order of business was talking about preparing the participant bags for the PDC. We decided to meet on Saturday, March 11, 2006, 9AM, to prepare the bags. We decided that the Agenda sheets, Evaluation sheets, and the CPE sheets would have to be done later in the month, closer to the date of the PDC.

Next on the agenda was the Treasurer's report. James Caldwell said that we've spent a little over \$2,000 on supplies for the PDC and a few registrations had come in. He could not tell us how much the bank balance on the account was because the bank statement had not come in from the bank. He would send the report out when the statement came in.

Our next order of business was talking about the Awards Banquet in May. We still do not have a location, but should have one shortly. We will put an announcement on the website when more information is known.

We then talked about the audio-conference meeting on May 10, 2006. Pat Mulcahy said he would invite the Denver speaker to participate with the chapter at the Radisson Hotel for her panel discussion. The announcement for the meeting will be on the website separate from the May newsletter, but will also be included with the May newsletter.

Our next order of business was talking about the national PDC in San Diego, California. We decided to pay for travel and tuition for Patrick Mulcahy and Karla Gomez-Meyer to attend the conference. Plane fare should be @\$200 round-trip, and tuition is \$775/person.

Our last item of business was talking about an online method to sign up for the monthly meetings. We will talk to Karl Greve, webmaster, about the security issues with doing online registration for the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next officers meeting will be on May 1, 2006, 5:30 PM, at the PERA building.

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.

Career Corner:

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:

Volunteer opportunities to help Habitat for Humanity; canned food drive

Scholarship Program:

Scholarship program included two \$1000 scholarships.

Treasurer's Report: FY2006 Budget.

See past month Board meeting minutes.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

“Habitat for Humanity”

This project is in need of volunteers.

Please consider helping out in any way possible.

1. Construction Volunteers - Habitat is in need of volunteers who are available on weekdays (Wed., Thurs. and Fri.). With 11 homes under construction we are in need of 110 volunteers each day. If you are available on weekdays please sign up to volunteer online by visiting www.habitatmetrodenver.org. Volunteer groups are also welcome. Habitat work days make excellent team building opportunities. Please contact Beverly@habitatmetrodenver.org if you would like to schedule a group volunteer day.
2. Habitat Home Improvement Outlets - The Denver location is in need of volunteers to answer the phones and run the cash register on Saturdays. The Wheatridge Outlet is in need of volunteers to help with general warehouse work. If you are interested please contact Alice@habitatmetrodenver.org.
3. Women Build - Habitat's Women Build Committee is planning to organize Women Build volunteer days on Habitat's project in Lakewood. This is a great opportunity for women to work together on construction sites. If you are interested in learning more about the Women Build volunteer days please contact Jeanne@habitatmetrodenver.org.

Thank you all for your support of Habitat for Humanity. If you have any questions please feel free to either email or call me.

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