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Greetings!

I hope everyone has had a nice September. By the time you read this, year ends will be over, hopefully. The officers hope your organizations have had a successful year and you're ready to start the next year.

Earlier this month word came out of Washington DC that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will be closing their Denver office. This may not happen for a couple of years; however, our organization is already feeling the effects of the decision.

Two of our board members have resigned their posts and are pursuing other work and education opportunities. We need you to step up and help with this year's activities, especially from the state and local government environments.

We especially need help with Agency representatives. This job involves emailing to your organization the activities that your Denver chapter is doing every month and taking and forwarding any reservations that you receive. See Officer list for vacancies.

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:

We also need help with programs and the Professional Development Conference. If you know of a topic that you would like us to sponsor, please let one of the officers know. We need new insights into the programs that we have every month. This is a rewarding way to help keep your chapter alive and kicking and aids the organizations we work for.

A new project we would like to do is hosting a VITA (IRS Voluntary Income Tax Assistance) site from February, 2006 through April 15, 2006. This would involve a two-three hour commitment once a week throughout the tax season. We will need 4-5 people per week. IRS will train the volunteers. Please consider volunteering for this project. The people that you help are very appreciative of your assistance

Please contact me or one of your officers to become more active in your organization. The next meeting is November 12, 2005. This is a joint meeting with the Defense Contract Auditing Agency (DCAA). The speaker is Mr. William H. Reed, the Director of Defense Contract Audit Agency.

See the announcement in the meetings section and make your reservation.

See you at our next meeting on October 12, 2005.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

OCTOBER 12, 2005 - Joint Meeting with DCAA – “Auditing Issues”

NOVEMBER, 2005 - Joint Meeting with DFAS – Topic TBD

DECEMBER 7, 2005 - Audio-Conference Meeting – 2 CPE
“Identity Theft – What is Being Done to Prevent It”

JANUARY, 2006 - TO BE DETERMINED

FEBRUARY, 2006 - TO BE DETERMINED

MARCH 1, 2006 - Audio-Conference Meeting – 2 CPE
“Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession”

APRIL 19-20, 2006 - Professional Development Conference

MAY, 2006 - Awards Banquet

OCTOBER MEETING

JOINT MEETING: The October, 2005 meeting is a joint meeting with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and the Defense Accounting Audit Agency (DCAA)

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2005

CPE: 1 HOUR

SPEAKER: WILLIAM H. REED, DIRECTOR, DCAA

TOPIC: "ACHIEVING SUPERIOR GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE
AND ACCOUNTABILITY"

LOCATION: RADISSON HOTEL
3333 QUEBEC STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

TIME: 11:00-11:30 AM CHECK-IN & SOCIAL
11:30-12:00 PM LUNCH
12:00-1:00 PM PRESENTATION

COST: AGA/DCAA MEMBERS - \$15.00/PERSON
NON-MEMBERS - \$20.00/PERSON

Please RSVP to Patrick Mulcahy at 303-231-3330, or email Patrick.Mulcahy@mms.gov, by COB 10/7/2005 to make reservations

BIOGRAPHY – Mr. William H. Reed

As Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency since January, 1986, Mr. Reed is responsible for managing one of the largest audit organizations in Federal Government. Its activities are critical to supporting the award and administration of contracts and advising contraction officers on all financial issues. Annually, DCAA conducts audits at over 10,000 commercial companies, issuing upwards of 45,000 audit reports each year involving proposal or actual contract cost of over \$200 billion.

Mr. Reed is a nationally recognized authority on Defense contract auditing and is called on frequently to represent the Department or advise senior management on acquisition and audit policy issues. He has represented the Department in numerous congressional appearances and currently serves as the Secretary's appointee on the Cost Accounting Standards Board. He has written and spoken extensively on contract auditing to professional societies, Government, and industry associations.

After a short period with the Army Audit Agency, Mr. Reed joined DCAA upon its inception in 1965 as an auditor trainee. Since that time he has advanced through numerous audit, supervisory, and management positions in the Southwestern and Northeastern Regions of DCAA. His early management experience included two years as Resident Auditor at the then Rockwell Space Division and two years as Regional Special Projects Manager in the Southwestern Region.

Bio – continued:

Moving to the Northeastern Region in 1978, he served as a Regional Audit Manager with responsibilities for audit offices at several companies including General Electric, Grumman, Sanders, Raytheon, and UTC. In 1979 Mr. Reed became Deputy Regional Director and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1980 upon his selection as Regional Director.

Mr. Reed has an undergraduate degree from Woodbury University in Los Angeles and a Masters Degree in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan University. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of California (1973).

Mr. Reed has received numerous awards throughout his career including the DCAA and DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award. He is also a two-time recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award and received the Presidential Distinguished Executive Rank Award in 2000.

He resides in Reston, Virginia with his wife Cathy and two of his three sons.

CPE OPPORTUNITY:

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is presenting an 8 hour seminar November 18, 2005. The seminar “Best Practices: Governance, Whistleblower Programs & Ethics Hotlines” with Ed Williams and David Clark will be held at the Tivoli Student Center, Auraria College, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver. For more information and reservations contact Allan Wick, COACFE Training Director,

303-616-8381, email allan.r.wick@excelenergy.com.

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; there is also a calendar listing of current events.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/events/calendarlisting.aspx>

Last Month's board meeting minutes:

Association of Government Accountants - Denver Chapter Officer's Meeting
September 12, 2005 5:30 -6:45 PM

Attendees: Patrick Mulcahy, Karla Gomez-Meyer, James Caldwell, Karl Greve

- 1). Newsletter - The September newsletter was put on the DenverAGA website 9/12/2005. Beth Machann was notified and sent messages out to AGA members that the newsletter and the September Meeting highlights were accessible on the website.
- 2). Monthly Meetings - The meetings for September and October were discussed. The location of both meetings would be at the Radisson Hotel at 3333 Quebec Street. The September meeting is on September 21, 11:00-2:00, and the October meeting will be on October 12 11:00 – 1:00.
Pat indicated that the October meeting needed to be put on the website in September before the newsletter came out. Pat would talk to LC Williams to get a speaker bio to put that on the website. The October meeting is a joint meeting with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA).
- 3). Budget - The budget was presented for the coming year with two items expensed for the year, the new banners and the cost for the three audio meetings. The three audio meeting need to be added as items in the budget.
Jim Caldwell is the Treasurer for the year. Pat needs to get signature cards for the checking account.
- 4). Special Projects - Karla and Karl are going to research what groups we are going to donate food to in November and December. Karl said he would write an article about the group we'll assist in November. We'll also do a toy drive with the December meeting which we'll have to announce early since the meeting is on December 5, 2005.
- 5). Professional Development Conference – The date of the PDC is April 19-20, 2005 located at the Radisson Hotel, Denver SE, at Parker Road and I-225. We need to find someone to spearhead the conference. We'll talk about this at the October officers meeting.
- 6). Miscellaneous - There were no miscellaneous items discussed.
- 7). New Business – There was no new business discussed.
- 18) I need to order letterhead paper and envelopes, especially if we're going to give two scholarships again this year. Need to talk about scholarships at the next officers meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM

2005 DENVER CHAPTER AGA OFFICERS

Vince Lithgow	Regional Vice-President
Patrick Mulcahy	President
Karla Gomez-Meyer	President-Elect
Beth Machann	Immediate Past Chapter President
Karla Gomez-Meyer	Co-Vice President - PDC
LC Williams	Co-Vice President - Monthly Programs
Vacant	Co-Vice President - Monthly Programs
Rita Debraccio	Vice President - Communications
Glen Struempf	Secretary
James Caldwell	Treasurer
	Treasurer-Elect
Jennie Chon	Director of Awards
	Director of CGFM Programs
	Director of Community Service
	Director of Early Careers/Mentoring
	Director of Education
	Director of Emerging Issues/Research
	Director of Employment
	Director of Agency Coordination
Sylvia Taylor-Porter	Director of Membership
	Director of Publicity
	Director of Recognition
Robin Moreno	Director of Scholarships
Karl Greve	Director of Webmaster

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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.

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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:

CGFM CORNER

The national office of the Association of Government Accountants is offering a discount to anyone interested in obtaining the CGFM Certificate.

"From September 1 until November 30, 2005 AGA will give a discount of \$20 to CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 discount:

1. The complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of a bachelor's degree) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2005.
2. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?"

Important notes: A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in January.

- the applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the discount.
- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the discount.

CGFM application form can be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

- Audit Supervisor (Performance Audits)
- Auditor's Office
- The City of Denver Auditor's Office is embarking on a new mission and are seeking a supervisor to lead a newly established team of performance auditors. We are looking for a dynamic leader with experience in public sector performance auditing experience to guide the City in improving its business processes. This position supervises the work of two or more professional auditors who audit business performance and operations of various City programs and activities. Duties of the position include monitoring the activities of the performance audit team, assigning work, establishing goals and priorities, interpreting legal provisions and responding to questions or complaints from citizens regarding City activities. The supervisor will also review audits for accuracy, quality and conformance to departmental policy, ordinance and statute requirements. Performance or operational auditing experience in the public sector is preferred. Candidates should be sure and show this experience on the application or resume to receive credit.
- To qualify candidates must possess a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Public Administration or a directly related field and have three years of professional experience in performance auditing at a Senior Auditor level.
- Additional appropriate education may be substituted for one year of the minimum experience requirement on a year for year basis.
- Applications may be obtained and completed on-line by going to www.denvergov.org/jobs; by calling 720.913.5618 and requesting that an application be mailed; or by applying in person at Career Service Authority, 201 W. Colfax Ave., 1st floor, Denver, CO 80202 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday-Friday.
- Salary range: \$4,422 to \$7,056 per month depending upon qualifications.
- Opens Friday, September 30, 2005. Open until filled.