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From the President . . .

Welcome to Member Appreciation Month! As I mentioned last month the February meeting will be free for members. L. C. Williams, the Programs Vice President has sent everyone the flyer. T.A. Taylor-Hunt will speak on “What is your Legal Health Quotient?” The meeting is on February 23, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel at Stapleton Plaza. Please make your reservations by February 20th.

Our January meeting with Dr. Bruce Porter was very successful and had many of us with tears in our eyes. It was truly an eye-opening experience to think about how each one of us can make a difference.

Don’t forget to put the Professional Development Conference on your calendar. It will be held on April 26th and 27th. The registration form is on the chapter’s website, www.denveraga.org. We will have the conference schedule out there very soon. There are some great sessions planned that will help you in a variety of ways.

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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:

Remember if you register prior to April 1st you will get a reduced rate. In addition, encourage your co-workers to attend and join. The Board has voted to give an incentive to those non-members who join the AGA during the PDC. We will pay for ½ of their first year's membership!

I want to take this opportunity to recognize a long-term member of the AGA as well as Board member who recently retired from DFAS. Elaine Hanak-Hall has been tireless in her support of the Denver Chapter. She has held many positions and recently retired. She and her husband Tom will be moving to the western slope to enjoy life. They also have plans to continue traveling. Thanks Elaine for everything you have done and we will definitely miss you!

Please welcome Alberta Brehm as the agency representative for Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Have a great February and don't forget that we need your support and ideas.

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2005:

Mark your calendars for April 26-27 and make plans to attend our 2005 PDC. The PDC theme this year is "Government Accountability Excellence Drives Performance" and will be held at the Radisson Hotel Aurora Southeast (I-225 and Parker Rd). PDC information, including registration forms, will be posted on our chapter website. Registration cost for this year's PDC will again be \$250 for early registration by 8 April.

Denver Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants Presents:

Membership Appreciation Luncheon

Speaker: T. A. Taylor-Hunt

Counselor & Attorney-at-Law

“Topic: What Is Your Legal Health Quotient?”

- *Is your credit identity safe? - Does your insurance protect you?* -
- *Are your personal assets secure? - Are your views about life support enforceable?* -
- *Are you a caregiver? - Do you have a right to keep your job?* -
Have you really secured a positive financial future for your family?

“Your answers are the key to “Legal Wellness™ and personal freedom.”

T. A. believes that information is the key to personal freedom and is committed to helping you achieve legal wellness™ and peace of mind in your personal and financial affairs. T. A. has conducted Legal Wellness™ assessments for individuals, businesses and community organizations throughout the metro Denver area. She is the Managing Director of the Law Offices of T. A. Taylor-Hunt, LLC, the CEO of GTHS & Associates, LLC, a family owned Internet Sales & Marketing Business, and Founder of GTHS Sharing & Caring, a Colorado Non-Profit, dedicated to helping homeless families and others in need of support!

Where: Radisson Hotel, Denver
Stapleton Plaza
3333 Quebec Street
303-321-3500

When: Feb 23, 2005
Check-in: 11:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served: 11:30 a.m.
Presentation: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: **Free for Members**
\$15 for non-members

Menu: Baked Chicken with Herbs Provencale or
Stuffed Jumbo Pasta Shells
served with soup or salad, dessert; coffee/tea

Please RSVP no later than Feb 20 to L C Williams at
303-382-7638 or lcwilliams@kpmg.com.

AGA Denver Chapter, January 10, 2005, Board Minutes

Attendees: Beth Machann, Pat Mulcahy, Glen Struempf, L.C. Williams, Karl Greve, Karla Gomez-Meyer, Jeff Hart

I. Approval of December Minutes – Minutes approved

II. Treasurer's Report - Pat Mulcahy presented the report. He is still waiting for payment from one attendee at the December meeting. Glen will contact him. Pat will bring an updated budget statement to the February meeting.

III. National Leadership Conference – Pat will attend the National Leadership Conference in February. He will check to see if his employer will cover the cost.

IV. January Meeting update/February Meeting Planning – L.C. reported that the January meeting is firmed up. The presenter will need a projector. Glen will take care of that. L.C. purchased speaker gifts, AGA portfolios. The cost was @ \$20 with shipping.

The February meeting will be a Member Appreciation luncheon, held on February 23, 2005. The topic will be Identity Theft and L.C. has a proposed speaker. Jeff will follow up on having Andrew Romanoff as the speaker at the March meeting, March 23, 2005. We will attempt a joint meeting with another organization.

V. PDC – Glen and Pat will get together to firm up the brochure on Saturday. Anyone else that would like to attend is welcome. Topics are pretty firmed up and the group discussed a panel on Sarbannes Oxley and an ethics session.

A motion was made by Jeff to have the Chapter pay for 50% of the membership fee for non-members who join at the PDC. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. Other – Glen will bring some website statistics to the February meeting.

Next Meeting: - The Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 5:30 at PERA.

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>



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.

Community Program:

Scholarship program included two \$1000 scholarships.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat will bring an updated budget statement to the February meeting.

Current news from National:

AGA's National Nominating Committee Selects New Slate of National Officers To Take Office on July 1, 2005

Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, a member of AGA's Denver Chapter, Office of the Inspector General, EPA, leads the slate as National President-Elect Designate. **Thomas J. Sadowski, CGFM**, a member of AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter, Director of Accounting at the University of Missouri, was chosen as National Treasurer-Elect Designate.

As outlined in the Association's bylaws, AGA will accept independent nominations from AGA members via petition until Feb. 15, 2005. At that time, if other candidates are nominated, the Bylaws and Procedures Committee will conduct an election to determine the officers. However, if no other nominations are received, the committee's slate will take office effective July 1, 2005.

AGA NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2005-2006 SLATE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jeffrey Hart, CGFM, Denver Chapter

NATIONAL TREASURER-ELECT

Thomas Sadowski, CGFM, Mid-Missouri Chapter

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE

Deborah Loveless, CGFM, Nashville Chapter

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR REGIONAL SERVICES - SECTION III

Lealan Miller, CGFM, Idaho Centennial Chapter

RVPS-ELECT

Section I

New England Gunnar Myrbeck Maine Chapter

North Central Sherri Voigt Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Northeastern David Gotlib Northern New Jersey Chapter

Ohio-Michigan Christy Ryan Greater Lansing Chapter

Current news from National:

Section II

Mid-Western Catherine Long, CGFM Mid-Missouri Chapter

South Central Peggy Javery, CGFM New Orleans Chapter

Southwestern Georgie Ortiz Albuquerque Chapter

Texas-Oklahoma VACANT

Section III

California Stephen Gentry Los Angeles Chapter

Northwestern Billie Jo Gehring Alaska Capital Chapter

Pacific Rim Christopher Wolseley Guam Chapter

Rocky Mountain Kathleen Graves, CGFM Idaho Centennial Chapter

Section IV

Capital Karl Boettcher, CGFM Washington D.C. Chapter

Mid-Atlantic Janine Prybyla Virginia Peninsula Chapter

Southeastern VACANT

AGA Audio Conference - Internal Controls and Fraud

Date: 3/2/2005 - 3/2/2005

Location: Audio Conference

Contact Name: Ray Harris

Contact Email: rharris@agacgfm.org

Contact Phone: 800.242.7211

Website: [AGA Audio Conference - Internal Controls and Fraud](#)

AGA will host an exciting audio conference on Wednesday, March 2, from 2 to 3:50 p.m. EST. entitled, "Key Reasons Why the Breakdown of Internal Controls Contribute to Fraud." This program should be of enormous interest to your members and/or agencies and private firms in your area. The speakers will be John J. Hall, CPA, Hall Consulting; and David Hancox, CGFM, CIA, state audit director, Office of the Comptroller, State of New York. Both are experts on the interrelationship between internal controls and fraud and have spoken to hundreds of groups on fraud related topics. Cost is \$249 per phone line (unlimited attendance) by 2/25/05 and \$299 thereafter. Two CPEs are offered. Material will be available to download for the session.

This audio conference is designed for all accountability professionals, from accountants and auditors to managers and executives who have an obligation and a desire to efficiently and effectively serve the public.

Fraud occurs and goes undetected even in organizations where government and public accountants, auditors, examiners, quality control experts, mid-level managers and executives have described and reported effective controls.

This audio conference describes how specific "soft control" failures contribute to internal controls not working as intended. It will also focus on instances where "strong controls" can be the wrong controls, thereby leaving the door open to fraudulent activities. Included are specific case examples and suggestions that all accountability professionals can use to reduce future frauds.

Ms Sandy Blanscet suggested this may be a topic of interest for the membership. The topic: Key Reasons Why the Breakdown of Internal Controls Contribute to Fraud is being conducted by the National Office via Audio Conference on Mar 02, 2005, from 1200 - 1:50 PM local time. If there is sufficient interest in this topic, we arrange to have the audio conference conducted at a central location, free of charge to members attending. Yes, free of charge--your chapter will pick up the cost for the conference and the location. Consequently, we need to know ASAP who will attend if we set this up.