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President's Message

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

New Members

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.

Greetings to our returning and new members! To our returning members, thank you for your continued support, dedication, and loyalty to your New Orleans AGA Chapter. To our new members, welcome to your extended professional family and thank you for joining! We have an exciting year planned and I am pleased to serve as your 2013-2014 Chapter President. As in past years, we have a strong group of committed Chapter officers. It is very important for our Chapter leaders and members to work together in order to ensure longevity and that we are making a positive impact in our communities and organization.

What's in store for this year? As a member of society, it is our responsibility to make sure that we are serving in a capacity that will improve our communities. We also want to make sure that we are up-to-date on the latest technologies. Therefore, we will focus more on increasing our involvement in community service events and making our chapter more technologically savvy (e.g., providing method to pay for CPE and other events in advance and electronically).

Of course, we will have our regular CPE events, including two joint events already confirmed! One joint event in March 2014 will be held in conjunction with ASWA and another with the AGA Baton Rouge, LA Chapter in April 2014. We are also looking into having other joint meetings with organizations, such as the Greater New Orleans Urban League of Young Professionals and the National Association of Black Accountants. With these meetings, as well as social and other events, we are also planning to provide more benefits to our members and their spouses/significant others, such as providing discounted rates to events and incentives for remaining a member and recruiting new members.

Last but not least, change is inevitable. With that said, we must make some changes within the local chapter that will make us stronger and more viable. Therefore, if you have any innovative ideas, suggestions, comments, or constructive criticism, please contact me or one of our chapter leaders in person or by telephone, email, note, text, pigeon, etc., so that your voice can be heard! We will keep you updated on new changes, as they happen.

We hope that both our returning and new members will continue to support this great organization and chapter.

CPE Alert Chapter Members! Our chapter's first monthly dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Lakeview Harbor Restaurant, 911 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans, LA. We are pleased to have as our speaker, Howard Rodgers, a Raymond James Financial Advisor, to discuss what the new retirement looks like with all of the legislative changes. Please RSVP with Gloria Samuels (gsamuels@orleanslevee.com) or me (aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com) by NOON, Tuesday, September 17, 2013, if you are planning to attend. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you next week!

Tracey Carney, CPA, CFE
Chapter President 2013 - 2014

This Month's Meeting will be held on

Thursday, September 19, 2013.

Speaker: Howard Rodgers

Financial Advisor, RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL

Topic: What Does the New Retirement Look Like?

Please RSVP Gloria Samuels (gsamuels@neworleanslevee.com), or

Tracey Carney (aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com)

By noon

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Event Date: September 19, 2013 (Thursday)

1 Hour CPE

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

Location: LAKEVIEW HARBOR RESTAURANT
911 Harrison Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Menu:

Sirloin Streak

Or

Fried or Broiled Catfish

Mashed Potatoes and Green Peas

Entrée (PLEASE RSVP YOUR CHOICE):

Soda & Ice Tea

Member Cost: \$27/Non-Member Cost: \$37

**Association of Government Accountants
Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
Annual Plan for the New Orleans Chapter
2013-2014**

GOAL 1 - Support Current CGFM's

- ❑ 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 CGFM's 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 CGFM's 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 CGFM's 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.
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