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New Members

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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. Thanks for being one of them!

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President's Message

Greetings and happy holidays to everyone! It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving in the coming days and Christmas is right around the corner. It is my hope that everyone will participate in all of the festivities to come and cherish the time spent with family and friends.

September's Meeting – The September CPE event was our first event for this new fiscal year. The food was great, the company was enjoyable, and we received loads of great information about retirement from our speakers Howard Rodgers and Renee Holt who are financial advisors with Raymond James Financial. However, we were missing many of our members. In planning these meetings, we attempt to accommodate the needs and/or wants that we believe may or may not be important to our members. If there is anything that you feel that we should consider when planning the CPE and other events, **please, please, please** contact one of your friendly CEC members, so that your voice can be heard! One of our goals is to gain full support and participation from our chapter members because we need each and everyone one of you, to keep this organization going for years to come.

October's Meeting – The federal government shutdown affected many of us in our personal and business affairs, including me. Unfortunately, due to the events surrounding the federal government shutdown, we were unable to secure and put into motion concrete plans for the October meeting. Therefore, we regrettably had to cancel the meeting. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused any of our members.

Upcoming Events – Next month, we have our Christmas Extravaganza planned for December 21st and we need your help! If you have any suggestions on a location, food, or activities, please let us know as soon as possible, as we need to secure a place in the coming days.

We hope that you will continue to support this great organization and chapter.

CPE Alert Chapter Members! Our chapter's second monthly dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at The University of New Orleans' Saint Pe' Center (TRAC Building), New Orleans, LA. We pleased to have our speaker, Robert Brown, Managing Director of the Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region will speak on the subject Economic Landscape in New Orleans and South Louisiana. Please RSVP with Gloria Samuels (gsamuels@orleanslevee.com) or me (aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you next week!

Association of Government Accountants

Minutes of September 19, 2013

President Tracey Carney, the 2013-14 welcomed the members and acknowledged the first time attendees and guests.

Reports by officers were given followed by dinner.

Howard Rodgers and Renee Pastor presented "The New Retirement 2013" that was very informative on considerations for retirement preparations. There was a lively question and answer period.

Scholarship drawing.

Ms. Carney solicited members to occupy open chapter positions. Meeting was adjourned.

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

GOAL 1 - Support Current CGFMs

- ❑ 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 CGFMs 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 CGFMs 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 CGFMs 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.

AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings 2013-2014

Date	Time	Location* & Cost	Speaker* & CPE	Menu
Thursday, September 19, 2013	5:30 P.M.	Lakeview Harbor Restaurant 911 Harrison Avenue New Orleans, LA 70124	Speaker: Howard Rodgers Topic: What Does The New Retirement Look Like? 1 CPE	
Thursday, October 17, 2013	5:30 P.M.	CANCELED		
Thursday, November 21, 2013	5:30 P.M.	University of New Orleans – Oliver St. Pe' Center, Training, Resource and Assistive-Technology Center (TRAC)	Speaker: Robert Brown Topic: Economic Landscape of New Orleans and South Louisiana 2 CPE	
Friday, December 13, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Tentative: Smilie's 5725 Jefferson Hwy Harahan, LA 70123		
Thursday, January 16, 2014	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center 13800 Old Gentilly Rd New Orleans, LA 70129	Speaker: Earline Brown (Invited) Topic: Tax Update 1 CPE	
Thursday, February 20, 2014	5:30 P.M.	TBD	Speaker : Bernard Robertson (Confirmed) Topic: TBD 1 CPE	
Thursday, March 20, 2014	5:30 P.M.	Tentative: Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants Speaker : TBD 1 CPE	

Greetings AGA Members and Guests!

The New Orleans Chapter's November Dinner Meeting is on
Thursday, November 21, 2013, at the
University of New Orleans
Oliver St. Pe' Center/
Training, Resource and Assistive-Technology Center (TRAC)

Our Speaker
Robert W. Brown
Managing Director
Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region

Subject:
Economic Landscape of New Orleans and South Louisiana

Please RSVP w/Gloria Samuels (gsamuels@orleanslevee.com) or Patrick Nedd (patrick_nedd@msn.com) by NOON, Tuesday, November 19, 2013

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2013

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

LOCATION: UNO/TRAC Center
St. Anthony
Between Bienville Hall Building and Franklin High School
New Orleans, LA 70148
[\(504\) 280-5700](tel:5042805700)

Directions to TRAC on last page of newsletter

COST: AGA Members/Spouses \$15, Nonmembers \$25

MENU:

Soup of the Day/Garden Salad

McAlister's Assorted "WRAP" Sandwiches

Desert and Beverage

November Speaker

ROBERT W. BROWN

Bob Brown is the Managing Director, Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region. Mr. Brown coordinates and manages relationships with elected officials and governmental bodies and civic groups, develops and executes the initiatives of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and compiles, analyzes and presents research aimed at supporting the organization's goals and priorities. Prior to joining the Business Council in October, 2007, Robert served as Vice Chancellor, Governmental, Community and Diversity Affairs at the University of New Orleans, Louisiana's public urban university. In 1996, he was designated by Chancellor Gregory O'Brien to lead the university's first ever comprehensive capital campaign, raising more than \$150 million in resources for endowed chairs and professorships, facilities, scholarships and other programs. He also currently holds higher education posts on the Board of Trustees for Loyola University-New Orleans and as a gubernatorial appointee to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors. He serves on numerous community and civic boards, including the Council for A Better Louisiana, the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, the Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education and is a trustee for the Greater New Orleans YMCA. Mr. Brown has been honored with a Role Model Award from the Young Leadership Council, and was selected as a Community Hero/Olympic Torch Bearer for the 1996 Summer Olympics. In 2007, he was honored with the Times-Picayune Loving Cup for community service, an individual award extended annually to an outstanding New Orleans citizen since 1901. For more than 22 years he was a high school and college basketball referee and officiated in the NAIA (small college) National Championship tournament in 1994, '95 and '96. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree (Magna cum Laude) in History from Park College (Parkville, MO) in 1975 and a Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Management from Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA) in 1979. Mr. Brown is a native of Franklinton, Louisiana and resides in New Orleans.

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Wreaths Across-America

Again this year we are recognizing our fallen heroes through "Wreaths Across-America" Organization. In conjunction with this organization the US Air Force (Auxiliary) places these wreaths on military gravesites throughout our Country. Last year your donations made many veteran families proud. We need your support again this year to ensure enough wreaths are in place to honor all fallen heroes. To sponsor a wreath please go to <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> Your San Antonio Association of Government Accountants Chapter webmaster@agasanantonio.org again is requesting your count. We thank you for sponsoring wreaths recognizing our fallen heroes.

- [Stories](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Videos](#)

Remember | Honor | & Teach

Our mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states, ceremonies at sea, and 24 national cemeteries on foreign soil. - See more at: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>.



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the website for Wreaths Across America. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.wreathscrossamerica.org. The website's navigation menu includes links for ABOUT, MISSION, ACT NOW, MERCHANDISE, EVENTS, and CONTACT. A prominent red banner on the right side of the page reads "SPONSOR A WREATH". The main content area features the organization's logo, which consists of three wreaths above the text "WREATHS across AMERICA". Below the logo, the text "NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY" is displayed in blue, followed by "Saturday December 14, 2013" in red. A large photograph shows a person in a red jacket standing in a cemetery, looking at a grave. To the right of the main content, there is a "Get Our Newsletter" section with an email input field and a "help" button. Below that is a "Our Locations" section featuring a map of the United States with numerous red pins indicating wreath-laying sites. At the bottom of the page, there is a green "Stay" button.

Directions to UNO/TRAC Center

From the WEST

Take I-10 East and continue on I-610 East toward Slidell. Take the Elysian Fields exit and turn left on Elysian Fields. Continue on Elysian Fields till you arrive at Leon C. Simon Blvd. Take a left turn on Leon C. Simon Blvd.

From the EAST

Take I-10 West and continue on I-610 West to Elysian Fields. Take Elysian Fields exit and turn left on Elysian Fields. Continue on Elysian Fields till you arrive at Leon C. Simon Blvd. Take a left turn on Leon C. Simon Blvd.

On Leon Simon Blvd.

Continue on Leon C. Simon Blvd. and pass Ben Franklin High School. At the Red Light turn right on St. Anthony. You are now on the UNO Campus. Turn left into the first parking lot. The UNO/TRAC Center is the 3-story building at the end of the parking lot. Park in a spot marked by the white lines only.