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Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to present our continuing professional education program for our 2002-03 year, our 25<sup>th</sup> as an AGA Chapter, on behalf of the Chapter Executive Committee and our members. The purpose of our education program is to provide comprehensive training and development in the field of public sector financial management for the Chapter membership, the prospective membership, and the community. This year, the Chapter will be providing you with the opportunity to earn more than the required number of continuing professional education credits, along with great events, excellent speakers, and relevant and timely topics.

During the last program year, we provided a roundtable forum for government audit and financial management directors to discuss the future needs of the profession and how our Chapter can help to address those needs. In addition, we provided a roundtable forum for Chapter members in their early careers focusing on their needs and identifying ways in which the Chapter can help them. These forums helped us plan our 2002-03 continuing education and networking programs based on the needs of government financial and auditing professionals, including our members. In addition to the ever-popular three-day, three-track TCTC to be held in March 2003, this year's program will focus on:

- **Topical Issues Affecting Accountability Professionals**
- **Financial Management for the Non-Auditor**
- **Fraud Prevention and Investigation**
- **Emerging Technology**

The Chapter will also be providing informative non-educational seminars and will continue to host roundtable discussions for audit and financial management directors. In addition, the Chapter will continue last year's effort to focus on ways in which we can help our members in the early stages of their careers. For example, this year, in addition to social and charity events, the Chapter will be offering a seminar to expose members to the various certifications available for government finance, accounting, and auditing professionals.

Whether you are an audit or financial management director, in your early career, or somewhere in between, we think our education and other programs will benefit you. As you can see from our program brochure, we offer extensive quality training and development opportunities at a reasonable cost. We hope you will take advantage of what the AGA has to offer.

As always, we welcome your feedback on any of our programs, events or other activities at any time. We also invite you and your staff to participate in any way possible in the continued success of our Chapter. Feel free to contact Rose Ellis Johnson, our 2002-03 Vice President for Programs and Education; Ken Evans, our Vice President for Early Careers; or me with your comments, ideas and suggestions.

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Sincerely,

***Linda Zinzow***

Linda Zinzow, CGFM, CPA  
Chapter President

*Not everything that can be counted, counts  
and  
Not everything that counts, can be counted.  
- Albert Einstein*

# AGA NY Capital Chapter

# Program & Special Events Summary

**September 17, 2002**

CPE: none

***Luncheon and Civil Service Exam Preparation Seminar***

Jack's Oyster House, 42 State Street, Albany, NY  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Registration and Lunch  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Seminar  
\$25 for AGA Members, \$35 for Others

**October 22, 2002**

CPE: 4

***The New Yellow Book / Where Did We Miss the Boat?***

Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Registration and Lunch  
1:00 pm - 4:45 pm Presentations  
\$25 for AGA Members, \$75 for Others

**October 22, 2002**

CPE: none

***25th Anniversary Celebration***

Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception and Awards  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner  
\$25 for AGA Members, \$50 for Others  
(See Page 7 for Special Registration)

**November 26, 2002**

CPE: 8

***Fraud Prevention and Investigation***

Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY  
7:45 am - 8:30 am Registration  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm Presentation  
\$50 for AGA/ACFE Members, \$100 for Others

**December 10, 2002**

CPE: none

***Holiday Luncheon - Health and Wellness***

Wolfert's Roost Country Club  
Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY  
11:30 am - 12:45 pm Registration and Lunch  
12:45 pm - 1:30 pm Presentation  
\$5 for AGA/IIA/ACFE/ISACA Members, \$15 for Others

**January 29, 2003**

CPE: 8

***3rd Annual Technology Conference***

Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6, Albany, NY  
7:45 am - 8:30 am Registration  
8:30 am - 4:45 pm Conference (lunch on your own)  
No Charge for AGA/IIA/ISACA Members, \$50 for Others

**February 25, 2003**

CPE: none

***Professional Certification Information Seminar***

Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration and Workshop  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Networking  
No Charge for This Session (But Must Register)

**March 17-19, 2003**

CPE: 21

***The Conference That Counts***

*Technology, Audit & General Management*  
Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm Each Day  
(Separate Brochure and Registration)

**April 2003**

CPE: 1

***Meet the New State Comptroller***

Date and Location to Be Announced  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Registration, Lunch and Presentation

**May 2003**

CPE: 8

***State and Local Government Financial Managers' Seminar***

Date, Topics and Location to Be Announced  
8:30 am - 4:45 pm Seminar  
\$25 for AGA Members, \$50 for Others (1/2 Day Session)  
\$50 for AGA Members, \$75 for Others (Full Day Session)  
Lunch Included for Full Day Attendees

## Chapter Special Events

**August 20, 2002**

***Audit/Financial Management Directors Roundtable***

State Education Building  
111 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY  
8:00 am - 10:00 am Roundtable

**September 18, 2002**

***Early Career Member Activities***

Jillians, 59 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY  
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
No Charge for Early Career Members, But Must Register  
Other Events to Be Announced

## Luncheon and Civil Service Exam Preparation Seminar

Come join us for our inaugural meeting for the 2002-03 program year. Linda Zinzow, our Charter President, will talk about her plans for the Chapter and provide an overview of the education and training program planned for the year.

Following lunch, we have a very interesting and timely program for you. Have you ever wondered why some of us do better than others on the Civil Service Test Batteries? If you are a State employee and have ever taken the Civil Service Promotion Test Batteries, you will want to stay for our timely seminar on Strategies for the State's Test Batteries. Alan Stern, a well-known trainer and presenter from the New York State Education Department, will present a program designed to help you better prepare for the Civil Service Test Batteries, and hopefully to improve your score. He will provide insights and tips for understanding the skills and competencies being tested and suggest approaches to the tests.

The Batteries for Mid and High-Level Managers and Administrators are now scheduled for October 5, 2002, while the Batteries for Supervisors and Specialists are scheduled for November 16, 2002. Timing for this seminar could not have been better.

### Speaker:

*Alan Stern*, Manager of the Office of Process Improvement and Management Support, State Education Department

September 17, 2002	11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Registration and Lunch 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Seminar
CPE: none	
\$25 for AGA \$35 for Others	Jack's Oyster House 42 State Street, Albany, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## The New Yellow Book and Where Did We Miss the Boat?

### *New Yellow Book*

Government Auditing Standards (commonly referred to as the Yellow Book), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, are being revised. The Yellow Book guru, Marcia B. Buchanan, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance at the General Accounting Office (GAO), will address several issues, most notably the independence standard.

Independence is the cornerstone of the auditing profession. The new independence standard deals with a range of auditor independence issues, with the most significant being the rules associated with non-audit, or consulting services. In this session, Marcia will explain the implications of the new standards from both a private sector and government accountability perspective. This will be a most timely and relevant session for those in and impacted by the audit profession.

### *Historical Perspective on Auditing – Where Did We Miss the Boat?*

A session on the evolving changes in the audit profession over the past 30 plus years will complement the session on the changes in audit standards. From the establishment of the first set of GAO audit standards in 1972 to the Enron/WorldCom/Arthur Andersen debacle of 2002, much has changed over the years, but perhaps less than should have. Listen as popular speaker David R. Hancox takes us on a historical trip that will challenge us to identify where and when we missed the boat regarding ethics, uncomfortable audit situations, and other circumstances that have brought down companies and placed the audit profession under the microscope, again.

### Speakers:

*Marcia B. Buchanan*, CPA, CGFM, U.S. General Accounting Office (invited)  
*David R. Hancox*, CIA, CGFM, NYS Comptroller's Office

Special Note: This half-day seminar will be followed by the Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Separate registration and payment will be required. See the next page for details.

October 22, 2002	11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Registration and Lunch 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm - Presentations
CPE: 4	
\$ 25 for AGA \$ 75 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



... Before there was a Federal Single Audit Act  
 ... Before the first Space Shuttle  
 ... Before New York State first issued GAAP-based financial statements

there was the  
 New York Capital Chapter of the AGA

Please join us to commemorate this proud milestone in our Chapter's history. Following our afternoon seminar (see previous page), we will start our celebration with a reception at 5:00 p.m. when hors d'oeuvres are provided (cash bar). Then we will briefly hear from our National AGA President, Bill Anderson. Following Bill, we plan to present a new set of awards to our *Chapter Champions* (our version of the Hall of Fame), to those members who exemplify Tone at the Top Excellence and to our Outstanding Corporate Partners. The evening is capped off with an excellent dinner at the Century House, one of the premier restaurants in the Capital District.

To celebrate our silver anniversary, we have priced this special event at, what else, \$25 for members. Please purchase your tickets in advance from:

Katie Meyer (518) 474-9021      Ken Evans (518) 485-5181  
 Ray Harris (518) 473-6017      Rose Johnson (518) 473-3765

October 22, 2002	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Reception and Awards 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Dinner
CPE: none	
\$25 for AGA \$50 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY
Registration: See Above for Registration Information	

## Fraud Prevention and Investigation

This year's annual fraud conference should be outstanding. In the morning session, listen to Arthur Hayes, Director of State Audit and Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, a popular speaker because of his deep knowledge of fraud and his sheer enthusiasm for finding fraudsters. Art knows that the best protection against fraud is prevention, and his session provides 12 steps your organization can take to bolster your defenses.

The afternoon session will be just as informative and entertaining with two prominent State Police investigators. The ease and speed of the Internet can be used to facilitate fraud, enabling criminals to commit crimes with relative impunity. Victims of these techno-crimes are now able to report fraudulent activity on a secure web site administered by the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC), a joint initiative between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center. Ronald Stevens will describe how the New York State Police have created a database to record and analyze these IFCC complaints. He will explain what additional resources are needed to develop a systematic and coordinated response plan to disseminate complaints to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

### Speakers:

*Arthur A. Hayes, Jr., JD, MBA, CPA, CFE, CGFM, DABFE, DABFA*, State of Tennessee

*Ronald R. Stevens*, Lieutenant, New York State Police

*William Mosher*, Senior Investigator, New York State Police (invited)

November 26, 2002	7:45 am - 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - 4:45 pm - Presentations
CPE: 8	
\$50 for AGA/ACFE \$100 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## Holiday Luncheon - Health and Wellness

Join your colleagues again this holiday season at the always popular Wolfert's Roost Country Club for our annual holiday luncheon. Local television personality, Benita Zahn from WNYT (Channel 13) in Albany, will join us to discuss holiday health and wellness as we get into the holiday spirit.

We will continue our tradition of charging members only \$5 for lunch. The food at "the Roost" is extremely good and to hear Ms. Zahn is quite a bonus.

Happy holidays!!!

### Speaker:

Benita Zahn, WNYT, Channel 13



December 10, 2002	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm - Lunch 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm - Presentation
CPE: none	
\$5 for AGA, IIA, ACFE, ISACA; \$15 for Others	Wolfert's Roost Country Club Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technology Conference

The local chapters of the AGA, IIA and ISACA will again join forces to present this must attend conference on emerging technology issues. As a thank you to our respective membership, there will be *no charge* for members (\$50 for non-members). The topics that we have chosen this year include:

*Progress Report on E-Government in New York State*- The Office for Technology has been leading a strategic initiative to place more and more information and services on the Internet. Creating and implementing e-government is a very difficult task that requires skillful and creative development, artful and scientific collaboration and incredible resources. Since June 2000 when the "Government Without Walls" initiative was unveiled, e-government efforts have accelerated with many issues and challenges encountered along the way.

*New York State E-Grants Project* – E-Grants is a project jointly sponsored by the New York State Comptroller's Office and the Office for Technology. The project is a collaborative effort between various State and not-for-profit agencies and municipalities to improve grant making processes and to make NYS grants available on the Intranet.

*How Hard Is It To Snoop?* E-government and e-business promise to cut costs, streamline processes and eliminate paper. These promises are predicated on the extensive use of the latest technology. Unfortunately, systems are not designed to secure the information stored on them, which puts this e-transformation at risk. This session presents ways to test and protect these systems.

*CoBIT: Control Objective for Information Technology* – This session will explain the CoBIT framework and explore its components: control objectives, audit guidelines and management guidelines, as well as CoBIT as a governance tool and a process tool. Further, it will help you determine whether CoBIT is the answer for your organization and real-world strategies for implementing it. Also, we will take an in-depth look at the future of CoBIT.

### Speakers:

Nancy Mulholland, NYS Office for Technology (invited)

Diane Taylor, NYS Comptroller's Office

Keith Rhodes, U.S. General Accounting Office (invited)

John Beveridge, Massachusetts State Auditors Office

January 29, 2003	7:45 am - 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - 4:45 pm - Conference (Lunch on Your Own)
CPE: 8	
Free for AGA, ISACA, IIA; \$50 for Others	Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6 Albany, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## Professional Certification Information Seminar

### Have you asked yourself any of these questions?

- Do I want to pursue a professional certification?
- What certifications are available for government finance, accounting and auditing professionals?
- What are the benefits of each of the professional certifications?
- What are the requirements for applying?
- What do I have to do to earn the certifications?
- Which certification(s) would be most beneficial to me?

If you have asked yourself any of these questions, you may be a good candidate to attend this **Professional Certification Information Seminar**. It will help you answer these questions whether you are early in your career, have a few years under your belt or already have one or more professional certifications.

The seminar will give you a quick overview of the following certifications:

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)  
 Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)  
 Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)  
 Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)  
 Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Representatives from each of the certification sponsoring organizations will take a few minutes to provide an overview of their professional certification and answer questions. At the end of the presentations, there will be an open question and answer session with all five representatives. Written information and applications will also be available for each certification.

After the seminar, snacks and a cash bar will be provided for an opportunity to network with other government finance, accounting and auditing professionals, and the representatives from each of the certification sponsoring organizations.

February 25, 2003	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Registration and Seminar 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Networking
CPE: none	
No Charge, But You Must Pre-Register	Holiday Inn Turf Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## The Conference That Counts

This three-day, three-track jointly-sponsored conference by the local chapters of the AGA, IIA, and ISACA is the premier local educational event for auditors and all accountability professionals. The 2003 TCTC will be the eighth straight year that this conference will offer technology, audit and general management topics on emerging issues important to auditors and other financial professionals.

TCTC generally draws about 400 participants from the Northeast and other areas of the country. Participants enjoy the food and networking opportunities as much as the content of the conference.

A separate brochure providing the details (including the prices) of the conference will be mailed in January 2003. Watch for announcements in each association's newsletters and websites ([www.aganycap.org](http://www.aganycap.org), [www.theiia.org/albany](http://www.theiia.org/albany), and [www.isacahv.org](http://www.isacahv.org)).

March 17-19, 2003	8:30 am - 5:00 pm Each Day
CPE: 21	
	Holiday Inn Turf Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Special Registration required for this event. See separate brochure	

## Meet the New State Comptroller

At the time that our program brochure for the year was developed and disseminated, the new State Comptroller had not been elected yet. However, that fact won't keep us from planning to invite the new State Comptroller to be our luncheon speaker on a date in April 2003 convenient for him. We believe the timing will be excellent for the new State Comptroller to discuss his plans for OSC and perhaps provide comments about the State budget, most likely still in process.

April 2003	11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Registration 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch and Presentation
CPE: 1	
Cost to Be Announced	Location to Be Announced
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## State and Local Government Financial Managers' Seminar

This one-day session will address topics of interest to both State and Local Government Financial Managers. The morning session will be focused on issues primarily affecting State Financial Managers while the afternoon session will address issues primarily affecting Local Government Financial Managers. However, both sessions will be designed to be informative and to provide insight into each other's issues. Specific topics will be announced at a later date in order to ensure the most topical issues are addressed.

You may register for either half-day session or for the full day.

### Speakers:

State and local government representatives to be announced.

May 2003	7:45 am - 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - 4:45 pm - Seminar
CPE: 8	
\$25/50 for AGA \$50/75 for Others	Location to Be Announced (lunch included for full day attendees)
Registration: Contact Barbara Wampole at bwampole@wojeskico.com or call (518) 477-1102	

## Special Event Schedule

### Audit / Financial Management Directors' Roundtable

In an effort to provide a service to government audit and financial management directors, the Chapter brought together audit and financial management directors for a roundtable discussion in April 2002. The purpose of the inaugural meeting was to identify training needs that the Chapter might be able to meet. This roundtable helped the Chapter plan our 2002-03 programs. In addition, the roundtable identified issues common to many of the directors. The directors held a second roundtable in June 2002 to discuss recruitment and retention issues in more detail. The Chapter plans to continue coordinating these sessions in this program year, providing directors and invited guests a forum for discussing issues that crosscut agency boundaries.

August 20 2002 and Other Dates to Be Announced	8:00 am - 10:00 am - Roundtable Discussion
By Invitation Only; No Charge	State Education Building 111 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY
Registration and Information: Daniel Tworek at dtworek@mail.sed.gov or call (518) 473-4516	

### Early Career Member Activities

A special welcome to our members in the early stages of their careers. You are not only the future of the AGA, but an important part of the present AGA and especially our Chapter. During the last program year, at a roundtable discussion, representatives of our early career members indicated a willingness and a desire to become more involved in our local Chapter of the AGA—through the continuing education program, social events and community service opportunities.

This year, a number of events are planned with the early career member in mind, beginning with an evening social on September 18, 2002 at a downtown Albany restaurant. All early career events provide opportunities for newer professionals to be able to mingle and get to know each other, exchange ideas, and start developing relationships that will assist them in developing both professionally and personally.

In addition to the evening social on September 18, 2002, events will include participation in a charity event in December 2002, a possible winter activity trip in early 2003, a spring 2003 evening social at a restaurant, and a summer 2003 picnic. At the writing of this brochure, plans for the September event only have been finalized. Come to this event or contact Ken Evans, Vice President for Early Careers, to help plan the other events. Refer to the monthly newsletter, check your email, or visit our website at [www.aganycap.org](http://www.aganycap.org) for updates on these events.

September 18, 2002 and Other Dates to Be Announced	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Networking
No Charge, But You Must Pre-Register	Jillians 59 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY
Registration and Information: Ken Evans at kevens@gw.dot.state.ny.us or call (518) 485-5181	

## Registration Information

AGA luncheons, seminars, conferences and networking events are intended for our members who, as audit and accountability professionals, represent State, Federal and local governments, as well as private industry and academia. We also welcome financial professionals from other associations and, in many cases, we partner with these organizations or provide discounts for specific programs. In fact, five of this year's events are jointly sponsored by the local chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and/or Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), with the Holiday Luncheon jointly sponsored by all!

To register for most of our programs, please contact Barbara Wampole at [bwampole@wojeskico.com](mailto:bwampole@wojeskico.com), call her at (518) 477-1102, or fax her at (518) 477-1302. When you contact Barbara, whether on behalf of yourself and/or others, please provide the following information:

- Your name and agency or employer,
- Membership affiliations(s),
- Address, email address, and telephone number,
- Method of payment, and
- Luncheon choices, when applicable.

To register and purchase tickets for the Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 22, 2002, please see page 7 of this brochure. Also, see page 15 regarding registration and information regarding our special events.

AGA members should refer to our award-winning newsletter, *Capital Ideas*, throughout the year for any changes to the Program Guide. Cancellations are required at least 24 hours in advance of the day of the event. No shows will be billed for the full cost of the event. Payments or government vouchers are due the day of the event to: AGA NY Capital Chapter, PO Box 1923, Albany, NY 12201.

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