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# AGA New York Capital Chapter

**2010-2011  
Kick-Off Breakfast**

**Shelly Taleporos  
President**





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- Overview of the Chapter
- Chapter Executive Committee
- Review of Materials





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# Education

“Maintaining competence through a commitment to learning and development throughout an auditor’s professional life is an important element for auditors.”

*- The Yellow Book*

2007



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## 2010-2011 Events

- Twelve audio conferences – Risk Assessments, Fraud, Ethics, Internal Controls, Auditing Tools and others
- Timely Topics – Leadership, Accountability, Ethics Part 2 and More
- Annual Fraud Conference (11/22-23/2011)
- TCTC – Three Tracks (March 2011)
- Annual holiday reception and awards luncheon





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## **PEF - Workshop & Seminar Reimbursement Program**

### *Changes for 2010/2011:*

- The VALT Program is now called the Workshop and Seminar Reimbursement Program
- The annual reimbursement rate has increased to \$1,000
- Applicants must register with GOER by creating an online account
- All reimbursement applications will be submitted using an online form





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- The Workshop and Seminar Reimbursement (WSR) Program (formerly the VALT Program) reimburses eligible New York State employees in the PS&T Unit (PEF) for attendance at professional development courses, workshops, conferences, and seminars given by the IIA. This valuable program enables employees to maintain job-related skills in their profession, and to achieve the knowledge and skills necessary for career mobility and promotional opportunities .
- For the fiscal year of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, eligible employees can receive a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000. Those employees working less than half-time will be reimbursed at a rate of 50%. The information on this page will help you better understand the WSR program and how it can help you earn the CPEs necessary to maintain your certification or just increase your ability to do your job better.





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- **Step 1:** Review the program guidelines and register for a GOER online user account.
- **Step 2:** Identify the training events you would like to attend. You are limited to \$1,000, so give some thought to how you would like to budget that money. Do you want to attend TCTC 2011, the Fraud Conference... both? A little pre-planning will help you get the most out of your resources.
- **Step 3:** Register and pay for the program
- **Step 4:** Submit your receipt, CPE, and online WSR reimbursement request to GOER





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## Management/Confidential

- The M/C program differs from the WSR in two critical areas. First, unlike WSR, the M/C reimbursements must be pre-approved. Second, employees are reimbursed at 75% instead of 100%





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- **Step 1:** Review the program guidelines.
- **Step 2:** Identify the training events you would like to attend. You are limited to \$600, so give some thought to how you would like to budget that money. Do you want to attend TCTC 2010, the Fraud Conference... both? A little pre-planning will help you get the most out of your resources.





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- **Step 3:** Submit the **MC Reimbursement Part 1** form requesting pre-approval.
- **Step 4:** Once approved, register and pay for the program
- **Step 5:** Submit your receipt, CPE, and **MC Reimbursement Part 2** form to GOER for reimbursement





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## PEF

[www.goer.state.ny.us/training\\_development/  
PEF/index.cfm](http://www.goer.state.ny.us/training_development/PEF/index.cfm)

## Management Confidential

[www.goer.state.ny.us/training\\_development/  
management\\_confidential/MC\\_tuition.cfm](http://www.goer.state.ny.us/training_development/management_confidential/MC_tuition.cfm)





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## Community Service

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# Community Service Goals

Give back to the Capital District by volunteering for food pantries, fundraisers, raffling items at each of the AGA's training conferences, Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and providing donations.





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# How to Find Out About Future Events:

- AGA New York Capital Chapter's website:  
[http://www.aganycap.org/community\\_service.asp](http://www.aganycap.org/community_service.asp)
- Bi-weekly Constant Contact Emails
- Contact Nicole Van Hoesen at  
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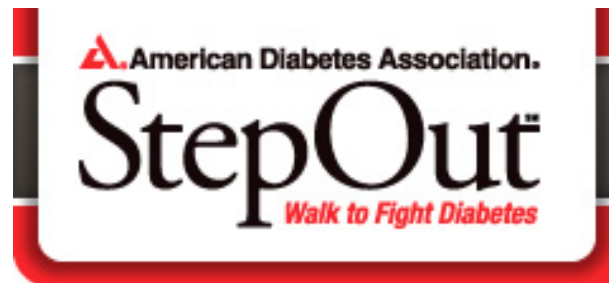


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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Todd Seeberger  
Vice President





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## Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

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# Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation

## What is the CGFM?

- The first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local.
- It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in





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# Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation

- Where Do I Start?
  - Read AGA Code of Ethics
  - Fill out and submit CGFM Application
  - Education - Bachelor's Degree with 24 credit hours
- CGFM Work Verification Form



# Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation

## Exam format & when it's given

- Exam One – Governmental Environment
- Exam Two – Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Exam Three – Governmental Financial Management and Control

\*All exams have 115 questions – 2hrs 15 mins



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# Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation

## Ways to prepare for the exam

- Attending the instructor-led training courses held by Management Concepts
- By purchasing the study guides
- By referring to the study references that will help you study for the exams
- Contacting Chapter Vice President



# Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation

## Benefits of earning the CGFM

- The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government
- Give Yourself an Edge Over Your Competitors
- Enhances your credibility
- Demonstrates Commitment to high ethical and professional standards

## **Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Designation**

- Office of Professional Certification  
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