

ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

**LUNCHEON AND CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATION PREPARATION SEMINAR**

AT JACK'S OYSTER HOUSE,
42 STATE STREET, ALBANY, NY
WITH ALAN STERN OF SED
REGISTRATION - 11:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
LUNCH - 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
PRESENTATION - 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
\$25 FOR AGA MEMBERS
\$35 FOR OTHERS

OCTOBER 22, 2002

**THE NEW YELLOW BOOK - AND -
WHERE DID WE MISS THE BOAT?**

AT THE CENTURY HOUSE, ROUTE 9,
LATHAM, NY, WITH MARCIA BUCHANAN OF
THE GAO AND DAVID HANCOX OF OSC
REGISTRATION - 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
LUNCH - 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
PRESENTATION - 1:00 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.
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25th 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, 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
Ray Harris (518) 473-6017

Ken Evans (518) 485-5181
Rose Johnson (518) 473-3765

October 22, 2002	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Reception and Awards 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Dinner
\$25 for AGA \$50 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY

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Outgoing President's Message



from
Mark B. Mitchell, MBA, CIA

This is my last President's message to you and I wish to begin conveying best wishes to Linda Zinzow, our new Chapter President. I am confident that she will have a successful year and, as Immediate Past President I look forward to not only being available to assist the Chapter in achieving success but in learning new ways to achieve success by observing Linda's leadership approach.

This message would not be complete without acknowledging what being Chapter President has meant to me personally. I have been more impressed than ever at the patience, compassion and friendship I have found from various Board members, especially Jim Cox, Ray Harris, and Kirk Schanzenbach. As I reflect upon the many achievements throughout the year, which I covered in the previous newsletter, so many other Board members come to mind that deserve mentioning that there is not enough space to do so. Every one of them made some contribution during the year and they all deserve our gratitude. So I will just make further mention of one outstanding contributor, Roger Mazula, who I was honored to present the Chapter's Outstanding Achievement award to at our annual business luncheon on June 12, 2002.

Roger Mazula is, quite simply, a standout. Roger, I do not pretend to know how you do it, but all I know is that you have an amazing ability to be patient and understanding with all, to keep your sense of humor, and to get the newsletter done even when facing the perennial problem of having "certain" folks invoke "executive privilege" to take a longer than reasonable time to get articles to you. And to top things off, over the years you have had the consistency of my personal hero, Cal Ripkin, the recently retired baseball infielder for the Baltimore Orioles. Every one of the newsletters over the years (of which I've lost count) has been top notch. Just like Cal, you have never "dogged it" by taking it easy and letting your game slip; not even once. Congratulations on being recognized this year as a recipient of our chapter's "Outstanding Achievement" award. It is an honor to recognize your invaluable contribution to the chapter.

Lastly, I just want to say it has been exciting and rewarding privilege serving as this year's Chapter President. Now I know better than ever just how lucky our members are to have such a devoted, competent, and committed group of Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members. Our success this year is a result of not one or two people, but everyone on the CEC working together. I have enjoyed working with and learning so much from so many of them. But the Chapter's work is never finished and that means that there is much to look forward to. Congratulations to the newly elected Chapter Executive Committee and have fun carrying on the tradition of "advancing government accounting" for the New York Capital Chapter of the AGA.

Incoming President's Message



from
Linda Zinzow, CGFM, CPA

It is a privilege and an honor to be selected as the 25th president of the NY Capital Chapter of the AGA. My plan this year is to move forward with some of the programs Mark Mitchell helped put into place. Significant progress was made in the community service and early career areas under his leadership. I too am very proud of our Chapter's accomplishments this past year.

I personally would like to thank all the board members without whose time, talents, help and dedication our Chapter could not have been successful. Like Mark, there are a few members to whom I want to express my sincere thanks. They are Nancy Varley and Gary Simpkins for their untiring work on the TCTC. Yes, and of course, I could never forget Roger Mazula. He single handedly puts the TCTC brochure together, gets the membership files from numerous organizations, prints out the labels, prepares all the brochures for mailing, and mails them. Lest I forget, he also prepares and mails out the invitations to our, now annual, social after the first day's conference. He keeps asking me if I found a replacement for him. I'm not sure how we are ever going to replace him. He is truly the Chapter's "Energizer Bunny."

Mark chose to honor Roger this year with the Chapter Service Award because of all he does for our Chapter. I couldn't be happier he chose Roger. He has truly earned it. Oh, by the way, in case anyone doesn't know, Roger is also responsible for the Chapter newsletter and website. Dare I say "Energizer Bunny" is appropriate.

Ken Evans, our new Vice President for Early Careers, is looking for volunteers to help organize some early careers events. This committee is not limited to early careers people. Please send him an e-mail or give a call if you can help. All Chapter board members are listed on the back of each newsletter and on our website.

This year I look forward to meeting members whom I have never met. Maybe one of you will rise to the occasion and join us in a few events, and maybe even volunteer your time and talents to help our Chapter EXCEL in ways we haven't found yet.



GTC East 2002

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September 25 & 26, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

September 27, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

For more information about attending contact Maureen Torncello at 518.435.1106 or mtorn@nycap.rr.com.

AGA—The Organization for Accountability Professionals A Presidential Perspective

by William J. Anderson, Jr. CGFM
2002-03 National AGA President



When I began preparing for the 2002-2003 program year, I could not help but think about the opportunity and privilege I would have of serving the AGA members as National President. I also realized that 50 years ago, T. Jack Gary, an AGA charter member and CGFM, held this position and 10 years ago, Charles Harrison did. Over the years, Jack and Charles have exemplified AGA's tradition of excellence, which I pledge to you my best efforts to sustain. Most importantly, though, I realize that our Association's accomplishments depend on your dedication and strong support.

Over the past 10 years, I have had the privilege to serve and work closely with several of AGA's National Presidents. This year, I plan to build on their past achievements, which have expanded AGA's horizon and positioned it well for the future. As a result of these efforts, I strongly believe that AGA has become *the* professional organization for government accountability professionals in the 21st century, and I have chosen the theme "AGA—The Organization for Accountability Professionals" for the 2002-2003 program year.

While AGA's original purpose and objectives have not really changed in 52 years, just been fine-tuned, our future success depends on your continued commitment and dedication. Together we must build on our strong foundations in carrying out our core mission to promote the CGFM Program, enhance our education program, expand membership to encompass all government accountability professionals and enhance member services. We are going to concentrate on these basics that make AGA the leader in our profession, and continue to find innovative ways to use technology to the greatest extent possible to serve members' needs. Please see the Fall 2002 issue of the *Journal of Government Financial Management* for an in-depth discussion of the 2002-2003 program year goals.

In addition to carrying out our core mission, we need to strengthen our financial foundation for the future. As part of our efforts to ensure that AGA is accomplishing its mission economically, efficiently and effectively, we had an independent peer review of the Association, and a group of past, present and future AGA National Treasurers reviewed our financial operations. The recommendations resulting

from both the peer review and the Treasurers' internal review will be acted on promptly.

As the Association for accountability professionals, it is important for AGA to lead by example and be a model accountability organization. In other words, we need to practice what we preach. I have asked the National Office to take the necessary steps to measure and report on our performance for our three main business lines. This will provide a basis to evaluate yearly results of the certification, education and member programs based on agreed-upon transparent measures that are consistent with AGA's annual operating plan and our long-range strategic plan (LRSP). We also are going to take a fresh look at the LRSP and update it to ensure that AGA's vision is focused on the future. Our ability to manage for results depends upon setting realistic goals, communicating those goals, organizing to achieve those goals and measuring performance against them.

In the community service arena, I want to re-emphasize AGA's commitment to community service and encourage each of you to participate in at least one community service activity this year. In addition to your chapter and regional community service activities, there are numerous ways to volunteer in the community by participating in your school's PTA, assisting elderly people in paying bills and managing finances, tutoring adults to read or speak English as a second language, and helping with a program for the handicapped. Many of the skills that we take for granted can be used effectively in many different volunteer situations. Throughout the year, *TOPICS* and the Members Only section of the website will highlight AGA members' community service activities, and we look forward to seeing your name as a community service participant.

Foremost, my plans for the coming year involve you. When all is said and done, and I hand the presidential gavel to Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, next year at the PDC in Chicago, what I thought and did will not have been as important as what you, the 17,000-plus outstanding AGA accountability professionals, thought and did. I am most honored to serve you as National President, and I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year. I know that together we can bring the Association to even greater heights because AGA derives its greatness only through its members, including you.

Make Plans Now to Attend the 11th Annual State and Local Government Leadership Conference

AGA and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers present the 11th Annual State and Local Government Leadership Conference. The conference will be held September 23-24, 2002, at the Richmond Marriott in downtown Richmond, Virginia.

State and local government financial managers increasingly find themselves expected to make accountability their first priority. This conference addresses the issue of accountability, as well as many other pertinent topics like emerging issues, technology, audit standards, e-government and more!

To make hotel reservations, call the Richmond Marriott directly at (800) 228-9290 and mention the “State and Local Government Leadership Conference” to receive the discounted rate of \$77 (single occupancy) or \$97 (double occupancy). All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a credit card. The cut-off date to make reservations at the above rates is September 6, 2002.

To find out more information about travel arrangements, sponsor opportunities and the complete agenda, visit www.agacgfm.org/sandl/index.htm or call Jennifer Root at (703) 684-6931, ext. 204.



Government Leadership - Preparing the Way for Change
11th Annual State & Local Government Leadership Conference
Richmond, VA | September 23-24, 2002

Auditor Independence Teleseminar Offers Insight on Amendment No. 3

Officials from AGA, the U.S. General Accounting Office, and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers (NASACT) came together recently for the Auditor Independence Teleseminar, where presenters discussed GAO’s recently issued Amendment No. 3, *Independence*. The teleseminar, which was held on Tuesday, May 28 from 1:30-3:35 p.m., covered topics like timelines for implementation, a variety of auditor independence issues, and changes related to nonaudit or consulting services. Nearly 500 federal, state and local government accountants and auditors from 93 locations across the country participated in the teleseminar.

The teleseminar, which was jointly sponsored by NASACT and AGA, was moderated by David Clark from GAO, and featured an introduction by David Walker, comptroller general of the United States. Participants submitted questions about the amendment by fax and e-mail, which were then answered by GAO representatives Jeffrey Steinhoff and Marcia Buchanan.

“The focus of the changes to the auditor independence standard is to better serve the public interest and to maintain a high degree of integrity, objectivity, and independence for audits of government entities,” explained Mr. Walker. Additional information, providing a more in-depth view of the underlying concepts of the standard, will be available soon in the form of a much-anticipated Q&A document from GAO. The document is expected to be available in late-June.

For those who did not get to participate in the teleseminar, there is still a way to access the information shared during the event. A CD containing the entire teleseminar is available through NASACT’s Web site. Simply visit www.nasact.org and go to the Online Resource Center to order your copy of the CD for a cost of \$39.95 plus \$6 shipping and handling. To find out more about GAO’s Amendment No. 3, *Independence*, visit GAO’s Web site at www.gao.gov.

New York Capital Chapter May 2002 Award and Certificate Recipients

Certificates of Appreciation

Gail Berley	Brian Lotz
Hank Hamilton	David R. Hancox
Ann Marsh	Brian Mason
Jeffrey Mazula	Mark Mitchell
Jim Nellegar	Katie Meyer
Naomi Rubin	Ginny Santos
George Scaringe	Lori Vaccaro

Certificates of Appreciation – Support Staff (with Gift Cheque)

Alice Vozzo KPMG, for assisting with registration and publicity
 Beverly Marshman, OSC for assisting with registration and publicity
 Cheryl Mayhew, OSC for assisting with logistics (e.g., hotel, meals, etc.)
 Donna Moretti for assisting with logistics (e.g. name tags, etc.)
 Peggy Sipperly for making sure things go well behind the scenes at Wolfert's Roost

Chapter Service Award (Plaque)

Jim Cox For Early Careers Roundtable and significant involvement in Community Service initiatives and activities.
 Jill Flinton for record number of new members and diligent work on retentions and providing support on GASB 34, and e-mail lists, including early careers.
 Ray Harris for leadership and advice in almost every aspect of the Chapter
 Marcella Junco for not only treasury, but active involvement in Community Service.
 John Samaniuk for his active participation in Strategic Planning
 Kirk Schanzenbach for taking us through a process to put a framework around Programs that identified types of training desired, and for program delivery. Also, active involvement in Strategic Planning as well as general contributions throughout the year.
 Gary Simpkins for leadership on TCTC
 Daniel Tworek for serving as Chair for Strategic Planning and for successfully completing a strategic plan that was adopted.
 Nancy Varley for leadership on TCTC
 Linda Zinzow for leadership on TCTC

John Wrafter Distinguished Chapter Service Award (Plaque)

Roger Mazula In proud recognition of his outstanding contributions to chapter communications over the last decade, resulting in numerous AGA National awards for newsletter excellence.



Brian Lotz



Ann Marsh



Brian Mason



Naomi Rubin



Katie Meyer



George Scaringe



Peggy Sipperly



Jill Flinton



Marcella Junco



Ray Harris



John Samaniuk



Kirk Schanzenbach



Nancy Varley and Gary Simpkins



Dan Tworek



Roger Mazula

IIA - September Program Announcement

Please join the Albany Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors as we kick off our new program year with a luncheon at Jack's Oyster House featuring New York State Assemblyman John J. Faso* speaking about corporate governance and auditor independence.

When: Thursday, September 12th
 Where: Jack's Oyster House, State Street, Albany
 Time: 11:30 AM Registration and Networking
 12:00 PM Lunch
 12:30 PM Presentation
 CPE: One
 Cost: \$10 for Members of the IIA
 \$35 for Guests
 Meals: Chicken Piccata
 Herb Encrusted Salmon
 Prime Rib of Beef

Parking: Free parking is available in the Key Bank parking lot on Maiden Lane, directly across from the Post Office. Your parking ticket will be stamped in the restaurant. To Register: Please contact Kathy Biondo at 436-2875 or e-mail at kathy_biondo@thruway.state.ny.us by 9/09/02. When registering, please include your name, organization, member status, meal choice, and payment method. Hurry, space is limited!

* The Albany Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors does not endorse candidates for political office.

National AGA Recognizes New York Capital Chapter w/ Numerous Awards

This year the New York Capital AGA Chapter was recognized for a number of awards at the AGA 51st Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. We received the Chapter Recognition Award, and have achieved both Gold and All Star recognition. We received the Membership Achievement - Highest Overall Growth Award. We also received first place for the Chapter Newsletter Award, and second place for the Chapter Website Award.

Dear New York Capital Chapter Leaders:

Congratulations on your Chapter's achievement of reaching its membership goal for the 2001-2002 membership year!

Your Chapter's achievement not only represents growth, but retention of existing members. Please pass on a special thanks to the members of your Chapter for all of their hard work in keeping membership recruitment and retention efforts at the forefront.

Again, thank you for your tremendous efforts and leadership during AGA's 2001-2002 "Lead to Succeed" membership campaign. I am looking forward to working with you and encourage you to keep up the great work to meet AGA's 2002-2003 membership goals.

Sincerely,
 William J. Anderson Jr., CGFM
 National President

AGA New York Capital Chapter Financial Condition As of June 30, 2002

Assets			
Checking/Savings	\$12,438.40		
Accounts Receivable	11,068.54		
Other Current Assets	<u>3,969.29</u>		
Total Assets			<u>\$27,476.23</u>
Liabilities and Equity			
Accounts Payable	\$3,913.87		
Other Current Liabilities	<u>.00</u>	\$3,913.87	
Equity			
Reserve for PDC	\$6,400.00		
Retained Earnings	\$21,064.10		
Net Income	<u>-3,901.74</u>	<u>23,562.36</u>	
Total Liabilities and Equity			<u>\$27,476.23</u>

Dear Ms. Zinzow:

I want to thank you and the other members of the Association of Government Accountants for your participation in the 2002 Leadership and Accountability Conference.

From the outset, we knew this would be the largest meeting we had sponsored, and from what we hear, the program was very well received. To realize the success we achieved, a number of components had to fall nicely into place - the AGA's lobby display helped us realize our goal of continually improving the Conference.

On behalf of the Division of the Budget and our Conference co-sponsors, I extend appreciation and thanks to the AGA for taking part in this event.

Sincerely,
 Diedre A. Taylor
 Principal Budget Examiner
 Division of the Budget

Volunteer to Help Habitat for Humanity with AGA's Upcoming Community Service Project



Over 5,000 families in the Capital District live in substandard housing for which they pay as much as 50% of their income. Capital District Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit, interfaith housing partnership dedicated to provide simple, decent and affordable housing for these families.

Capital District Habitat for Humanity builds so much more than houses. We build relationships, a sense of community and the opportunity of home ownership for those who would otherwise never realize the dream.

Site Work

When we think of site work, we first think of building a house for Habitat for Humanity. But site work can be so many other things than just being at a construction site. It can be working at building or doing other things related to construction. It could mean working at the warehouse retrieving goods and materials. It could be going to a lumber yard to pick up other supplies we run out of on-site and don't have available in our warehouse. Or finally, it could mean working in Habitat's office doing some other related task.

Like any construction project, things do can change from day to day. But in the case of Habitat work, it can change from week to week. Just being interested in working on site is the first step in becoming involved.

When you arrive on site, you will always be greeted by a project manager, a house leader or crew leaders. These folks will introduce themselves and give you an overview of the tasks planned for the day. Once you hear the various

tasks, you will be asked what you would be interested in doing. From there, you will be assigned to a crew leader and team. The crew leader will then work with you to achieve the task at hand. It is the crew leaders job to teach you and guide you with the tasks of the day.

Please remember, you don't necessarily have to be skilled in the task at hand. As long as you again have an interest to learn and help out, that is the key to the projects success. Related to the projects, Habitat will never put you in a situation that you are uncomfortable with. For example if you are afraid of heights, you won't be assigned to help working on the roof.

Overall when you work on site, we want it to be safe, productive and a lot of fun. That is why so many people volunteer and come back at whatever schedule they can. They enjoy the work, believe

in the cause and have a lot of fun in doing whatever project is available.

If you have the time and are interested, site work can be very enjoyable and a lot of fun. You can gain exposure to a lot of building tasks that you never have seen or been exposed to. Overall, site volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity can be very rewarding.

The only thing that we ask is that you are at least 15 years of age to work on our construction sites. This is a insurance liability that we have to worry about. If you have youth groups, church groups, etc that have young people, we can see what activities are available for your group to do. There is always something going on within Habitat for volunteers, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward in seeing you on-site .

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Rensselaer County - Camp Adventure New York Capital AGA Chapter Community Service Project in August

What a beautiful setting for the hard work that had to be completed by the volunteers of the New York Capital Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants: Denise Grebert, Mary Lou Classen, Jill Flinton, and Faron Flinton. Working as a team, these four volunteers had specific jobs to make this project move along smoothly. The project at Camp Adventure for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Rensselaer County on Lake Burden was to scrape and paint the dock with a blue paint and sand mixture. The volunteers felt this project was most worthwhile because it tremendously benefits the community. After three hours in the hot sun and with their hands bright blue from the paint, this hardworking group completed this tedious, but fun project. The children at the camp are enjoying their freshly painted dock this year due to these great volunteers time and caring.

The Boys & Girls Club of southern Rensselaer County provides cultural, recreational, and developmental programs for at risk youth ages 5 – 18.

The New York Capital Chapter has been active in community service for many years. In addition to individual members volunteering their services for a variety of activities, the chapter continues to be dedicated to give back to the community in which the members live.

Last year, the Chapter participated in the various events to help raise funds for several organizations including the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the Center for Disabled, the March of Dimes, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and WMHT. In addition, we participated in the IRS's VITA Tax Preparers program and Hands on Capitaland.

Community Service Corner

The Community Services Committee:

Ann Marsh - 518-473-2020 or amarsh@mail.nysed.gov
 Jim Cox - 518-437-9399 or jcox@os.dhhs.gov
 Denise Grebert - 518-477-1102 or dgrebert@gw.dot.state.ny.us
 Marcella Junco - 518-427-4753 or mjunco@kpmg.com
 Ann Marsh - 518-473-2020 or amarsh@mail.nysed.gov

The Committee is seeking volunteers to participate in the following events in the upcoming year. Feel free to contact any committee member for more information or to share your ideas for events or visit our website at www.aganycap.org.

Capital District Habitat for Humanity

When: September 28, 2002 - Approx. 8 AM until 3 PM



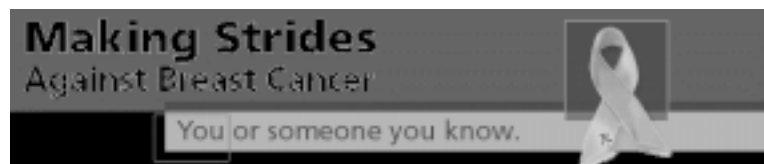
Over 5,000 families in the Capital District live in substandard housing for which they pay as much as 50% of their income. Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit, interfaith housing partnership dedicated to provide simple, decent and affordable housing for these families. Please join the AGA team as we help build simple, decent, affordable, houses in partnership with those in need of adequate shelter.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Ann Marsh at 518-473-2020 or amarsh@mail.nysed.gov.

American Cancer Society's "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" Walk-a-thon

When: October 20, 2002 - Registration 10 AM. Walk Starts 11 AM

Where: Washington Park, Madison Avenue, Albany.



If it hasn't already, breast cancer will likely touch you or someone you know. The disease will strike more than 200,000 times this year and claim more than 40,000 lives. Join Making Strides and help make breast cancer a thing of the past. Making Strides is a non-competitive walk, approximately five miles, designed to raise awareness, foster camaraderie, and raise funds for breast cancer research, services, patient education, and advocacy.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jim Cox at 518-437-9399 or jcox@os.dhhs.gov.

IRS Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

When: January 2003

VITA involves IRS-trained volunteers who provide free tax assistance at community locations to individuals who need assistance with basic income tax return preparation. VITA is aimed at those for whom paid professional assistance may be out of reach, those who are non-English speaking, persons with disabilities, those with a low to fixed income, the elderly, and other individuals with special needs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters “Bowl for Kids Sake” Bowl-a-thon

When: March 2003



This event raises funds, through amounts pledged for participating bowlers, for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Due to the past success of the BFKS, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been able to provide hundreds of children, from their waiting list, with the friendship and guidance of a Big Brother or a Big Sister.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

When: May 2003



We all dream of the day when every baby is born healthy. But all too often, babies are born with problems-many born too soon and some so small they may struggle just to survive. The March of Dimes is working to prevent birth defects, premature birth, low birthweight, and other threats to infant health. Through WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes raises funds to support cutting edge research and innovative programs that save babies' lives.

WMHT Membership Drive

When: To be determined

Where: The WMHT Studios



As our local public broadcasting station and a non-profit organization, WMHT relies heavily on the support of the community. The membership drives enable the PBS station to provide quality television programs. This will be the second year that the AGA has participated in the live broadcast to answer phones to collect pledges for the station.

For updates on events, visit the Community Services Corner in our newsletter or on our website regularly.

Early Careers Center



Special Events for Early Career Members

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 of this writing, 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 for updates on these events.

Location: Jillians
59 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY
Date: September 18, 2002
Time: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: No Charge, But You Must Pre-Register
Registration and Information: Ken Evans at kevans@gw.dot.state.ny.us or call (518) 485-5181

Chapter Recognition Program Summary for 2001-2002

Section	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	TOTAL	MAX	Percent
Chapter Administration	795	550	500	725	2,570	2,000	129%
Chapter Meetings	200	550	600	800	2,150	2,000	108%
Newsletter	320	460	360	730	1,870	2,000	94%
Chapter Education Events	1,750	750	1,500	2,725	6,725	3,000	224%
Membership	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,000	125%
Community Service	-	-	-	2,375	2,375	2,000	119%
Chapter Awards Program	-	-	-	200	200	1,000	20%
Quarterly Total	<u>3,065</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>18,390</u>	<u>14,000</u>	
Cumulative Total	3,065	5,375	8,335	15,890			

Membership News

by Jill Flinton

Although it's the beginning of a new year for membership, some things stay the same. As always, we are trying to recruit new members and retain our current ones. It might appear that the Membership chair has changed, but it hasn't. I'm still the same person, although some of the information has changed.

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For this year, National has set goals for our chapter to achieve. We far exceeded last years goals, so this year's are set even higher.

New members:	75
Retention:	336
Total membership:	410

Welcome and Thanks

Welcome to the following new members:

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- J. Christopher Callaghan, County of Saratoga
- Paul Hernandez
- Henry Hess, Town of Queensbury
- Susan Higgins
- Andrea Inman, NYS Office of State Comptroller
- Robert Mainello, NYS Office of State Comptroller
- Diane Palmer, NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
- Barbara Seeberger
- William Steinbach, U.S. Department. of Health and Human Services

Thanks to the following sponsors:

- Nancy Varley, NYS Office of State Comptroller
- Marcella Junco, KPMG
- Karen Cushman, NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
- Linda Zinzow, NYS Department. of Transportation

As of August 28, 2002, we had 341 active members and 43 suspended members. National has set membership goals of 410 active members with 75 new members.

Membership questions, contact Jill Flinton at jflinton@oig.hhs.gov or 518-437-9390 extension 241.

2001-2002 Membership Contest

During the 2001-2002 recruitment year that ended on April 30, 2002 we recruited 50 new members into our chapter. Those new members had 18 different sponsors. At the awards luncheon held on June 12, 2002 we presented American Express Gift Cheques to the **top 4 sponsors**.

Sponsors

Linda Zinzow - 5 new members
Gary Simpkins - 5 new members
Dan Tworek - 3 new members
Lori Vaccaro - 3 new members
 Jill Flinton - 2 new members
 Debra Spaulding - 2 new members
 Stanley Lockwood - 2 new members
 Marcella Junco - 2 new members
 Mary Ann Lundy - 1 new member

Jessica Turner - 1 new member
 Linda Given - 1 new member
 Carole Clements - 1 new member
 Charles Robinson - 1 new member
 Anna Boyle - 1 new member
 Frank Pacowski - 1 new member
 Susan Sharp - 1 new member
 Francis Felts - 1 new member
 Alison Pingelski - 1 new member

New Members

Gerald Aberbach
 Anna Boyle
 Trisha Campbell
 Eileen Chambers
 Richard Cline
 Benedict Conboy
 Paul Corey
 William Dringus
 Kathleen DuBois
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Chapter Executive Committee

May 16, 2002
Minutes

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) held its 10 th meeting of the program year on May 16, 2002 at the Department of Labor on the State Campus in Albany. In attendance were: Ray Harris, Marcella Junco, Ann Marsh, Roger Mazula, Mark Mitchell, John Samaniuk, Dan Tworek, and Linda Zinzow.

Website Discussion - Discussion ensued about the \$600/year budget for the website. Marcella suggested that the budget be revised to more accurately reflect the expenditures. Those present agreed that the discussion should be tabled to the special meeting called on May 23.

There was a discussion of the Internet by Roger. A discussion of the name ensued. We selected www.aganycap.org as our domain name. We also discussed the various costs presented in the budget, and suggested putting more money in the software area. Again discussion was tabled to the special meeting.

Finances - Marcella stated that we have a number of old uncashed checks and asked for permission to void them. Linda made the motion to authorize Marcella to void the uncashed checks. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marcella also advised us that she had received a wire transfer of \$645 from HUD which she determined was for the TCTC. She will write a check to the TCTC.

Outstanding accounts receivable were discussed. Motion was made by Linda to write off \$50 of prior year program no shows. The motion was seconded by Marcella. Motion was carried unanimously. For current year accounts receivable, Marcella indicated that she has billed them at least twice each. Those present agreed that she should bill the other no-shows and indicate that they are running the risk of not being able to sign up for future events until they pay for the outstanding prior event first, or the person will be charged the cost of the outstanding bill plus the current event. Marcella will send these out shortly. Also we discussed possibly following up by phone with the no-shows who have been billed but have not responded to determine whether there was some unexpected event which precluded attendance. We agreed that the policy needs to be reasonable and flexible.

Strategic Plan - John Samaniuk, Mark Mitchell, Ray Harris, Jim Cox, Dan Tworek, and Kirk Schanzenbach all worked on the chapter's strategic plan. Dan did a brief presentation of what the plan entailed and was clear that it was not something to be accomplished in one year. It is a long range plan and there was some discussion on how to implement it. A special meeting is being called to discuss the plan more fully. The meeting will be on May 23 in the morning at the Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street.

PDC - There was some discussion among the board. The group going to the PDC is: Linda Zinzow, Kirk Schanzenbach, Ray Harris, and Mark Mitchell. Linda, Ray and Kirk will have all expenses paid by the chapter - travel and registration costs. Mark will go using the free registration that the chapter received from National. Only his travel expenses will be paid by the chapter.

Roger received first place in AGA's newsletter competition and second place in AGA's website competition for Group A chapters (over 300 members).

Business Meeting - This year's business meeting and awards luncheon is being held June 12th at Wolfert's Roost at noon. Lunch is a choice of Chicken Picatta, London Broil, and a vegetarian entree. This will be publicized using e-mail.

Community Service - Capitaland Hands-On Project is scheduled for June 8th. Member volunteers are needed to with far Jim Cox on this community service project.

Other Business - Nominations are due for State and Local government by July. See website for further information.

DOB would like the vendor to direct bill us for our share of the refreshments at the June 5th conference.

Chapter Executive Committee

May 23, 2002
Minutes

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) held its 11th meeting of the program year on May 23, 2002 at the offices of the Office of the State Comptroller, located on State Street in Albany, New York. In attendance were: Hank Hamilton, Ray Harris, Marcella Junco, Brian Lotz, Ann Marsh, Brian Mason, Roger Mazula, Mark Mitchell, Jim Nellegar, Dan Tworek, Kirk Schanzenbach. A quorum of seven members, including three members of the Board who are not officers was established. The meeting began at approximately 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was a special meeting devoted to consideration and adoption of a chapter Strategic Plan (Plan) for the New York Capital Chapter. The only other item on the agenda was to consider a web-related motion.

The meeting began with a presentation by Roger Mazula to adopt a domain name for the Chapter and a budget for registering the domain name and maintaining the website. Several names had been discussed at the prior meeting and Roger said that "aganycap.org" would most closely emulate the syntax of many other AGA chapters. That name had been agreed to at the prior meeting and was reaffirmed as the choice. The budget presented was as follows:

Site Registration and Set up Fees	\$160.00
Web-Hosting (at \$20/month)	\$240.00
Contingent Cost (e.g., software)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$600.00</u>

Kirk Schanzenbach made a motion to establish a budget of \$600 to register the domain name and maintain the Chapter's Internet website for the 2002-2003 program year. The motion was seconded by Dan Tworek. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion then turned to the strategic plan. Dan Tworek, the Chair of the ad hoc committee that formulated the Plan, and other members of the committee gave a brief presentation that provided background information about the process followed and features of the Plan. For example, it was mentioned that ideally the chapter should align itself around the Plan and use the Plan as a guide. It is a "living" document that can be revised according to the needs of the Chapter. Also, it is seen a set of guideposts to facilitate the success of the CEC rather than to constrain them.

The document is comprised of the Chapter's Mission, Vision, Values and Goals. Each goal contains a goal statement that addresses a specific area (or activity or function), a strategy or set of strategies to achieve the goal, and one or more indicators to enable the chapter to gauge how well we are doing. Each goal calls for the development of an individual operational plan to be followed within the program year. Generally, indicators were set high as measures for the chapter to strive to achieve on a continuing basis. They are not meant to create a sense of failure if an indicator is not achieved.

There was additional discussion and certain minor edits and clarifications were made as a result of the discussion.

The motion by Brian Mason and seconded by Hank Hamilton and Brian Lotz to "Adopt and begin the implementation of the chapter Strategic Plan as presented and amended during the special meeting held on May 23, 2002."

The motion passed unanimously.

Under new business there was some informal discussion relating to early careers, potential budget, and the September luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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Schedule of Chapter Executive Committee Meetings 2002 - 2003

September 10, 2002
 October 8, 2002
 November 12, 2002
 December 10, 2002
 January 14, 2003
 February 11, 2003
 March 11, 2003
 April 8, 2003
 May 13, 2003

All meetings will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Office Campus, Building 4, Ground Floor, classroom 1

Parking is available in Lot D right behind building 3, the cafeteria. Any time after 3:00 p.m., parking is available in any of the adjacent lots such as C or E. Classroom 1 is on the ground floor on the South end of the building (Western Ave Side).

New York Capital Chapter Schedule of Events: 2002-2003

September	17	Lunch / Seminar	<i>Luncheon and Civil Service Exam Preparation Seminar</i> Alan Stern , NY SED Jack's Oyster House, 42 State Street, Albany, NY 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Registration and Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Seminar
September	18	Early Careers Event	<i>Networking with Other Early Careers Members</i> Jillians, 59 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Networking
October	22	Seminar	<i>The New Yellow Book - and - Where Did We Miss the Boat?</i> Marcia B. Buchanan , US GAO; David R. Hancox , NYS OSC Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Registration and Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Seminar
		CPE: 4	
October	22	25 th Anniversary Dinner	<i>Celebrate the Anniversary with Your Friends and Colleagues</i> Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Reception and Awards 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Dinner
November	26	Conference	<i>Fraud Prevention and Investigation</i> Arthur A. Hayes , State of Tennessee; Ronald R. Stevens and William Mosher , NY State Police Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Registration 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Conference
		CPE: 8	
December	10	Luncheon	<i>Holiday Luncheon - Health and Wellness</i> Benita Zahn , WNYT, Channel 13 Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Lunch 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Presentation
January	29	Conference	<i>3rd Annual Technology Conference</i> Nancy Mulholland , NYS OFT; Diane Taylor , NYS OSC; Keith Rhodes , US GAO, John Beveridge , Massachusetts State Auditor Office Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6, Albany, NY 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Registration 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Conference
		CPE: 8	
February	25	Seminar	<i>Professional Certification Information Seminar</i> Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration and Workshop 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Networking
March	17-9	Conference	<i>The Conference That Counts 2003</i> Joint Conference with IIA and ISACA Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Conference (each day)
		CPE: 24	
April		Luncheon	<i>Meet the New State Comptroller</i> Location to Be Announced 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Registration 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch and Presentation
		CPE: 1	
May		Seminar	<i>State and Local Government Financial Managers' Seminar</i> State and Local Government Representatives to Be Announced Location to Be Announced 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Registration 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Seminar
		CPE: 8	
June		Luncheon	<i>Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon</i> Location to Be Announced 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Luncheon and Awards Presentation

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