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Robert H. Attmore Elected Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board



The Financial Accounting Foundation has announced that Robert H. Attmore, a former Deputy State Comptroller, New York State Comptroller's Office, has been elected Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), effective July 1, 2004. Mr. Attmore will succeed Tom L. Allen, who has served as GASB Chairman, commencing in 1995, and is not eligible for reappointment. The appointment was made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, which has oversight responsibility for the GASB and the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Mr. Attmore is currently President of Attmore & Associates in Albany, New York, where he provides consulting services to government agencies and other entities. He established his firm in 2003 after having served the State of New York for 23 years. As Deputy State Comptroller from 1986 to 2003, he provided leadership to a staff of more than 500 employees. Previous to this post, he held the positions of Assistant Deputy State Comptroller and Director of Internal Audit of the State Office of Mental Health, respectively. Prior to holding those positions, he was in public accounting with Deloitte Haskins & Sells in New York City.

In commenting on the appointment, Robert E. Denham, Chairman of the Financial Accounting Foundation, stated, "The Foundation is very fortunate to have recruited Robert Attmore from a long list of highly qualified candidates. His experience in state accounting and fiscal matters for the State of New York should be a tremendous asset to the GASB. We also want to thank Tom Allen for the outstanding service he has provided to the GASB during the past ten years. Under Tom's leadership, the GASB has made many important contributions to governmental accounting, including the establishment of a landmark financial reporting model, Statement 34, which is advancing the utility of financial statements."

Among his many professional activities, Mr. Attmore is a former Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, a past President and Chair of several committees of the National State Auditors Association and an active participant in the Association of Government Accountants (and a former president of the New York Capital AGA Chapter), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Government Finance Officers Association. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Mr. Attmore, a resident of Loudonville, New York, is a graduate of Villanova University where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting.

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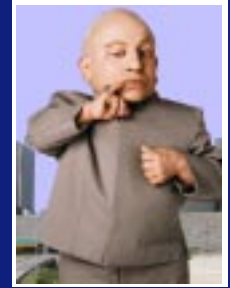
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President's Message

from
Kirk Schanzenbach



Dear Colleagues:

I guess we have to give up on getting my newsletter picture right. I just hope that this edition's picture isn't someone that is too far from what I actually look like! Thanks to all of you that sent your suggestions for this edition's picture to rmazula@rucrazy.com.

In the last edition of the newsletter and on the Chapter website, you can see the actual results of the membership survey we conducted last August and September. I want to focus your attention this month to how we are using your great feedback from the survey. After much discussion, the Chapter Executive Committee (the Chapter's governing board) decided that the survey results would be reviewed and integrated into our Chapter at two levels. At the first level, we will be using the survey in our day-to-day operations. Each Chapter officer was asked to review the survey and use the results to adjust their day-to-day operations. Some of the adjustments that have come out of that review include:

- Increasing our member communication using e-mail and at the same time cutting down on the size of our e-mail files.
- Bringing under represented groups and organizations into the Chapter, e.g., local government, federal government, some state agencies, early careers employees, etc. Efforts will be ongoing in this area for sometime to come.
- Moving towards an electronic newsletter, with hard copy option.
- Encouraging employers to pay for memberships for their staff.

We will all continue to use the survey to make day-to-day decisions that directly impact our members.

Because long-term thinking is critical to the success of any organization, the second level for using the survey results is the long-term focus. As you may be aware (or not), we completed a long-term strategic plan for our Chapter last year and began implementing it this year (www.aganycap.org/chapter_information/strategic_plan.htm). In addition, we felt that it was important to create a mechanism to continually review our long-term focus and recommend adjustments along the way. Pursuing that objective, this year we created the Strategic Direction and Bylaws

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Editor's Note: I apologize once again to Kirk Schanzenbach, our Chapter President, for the mistakes in his picture that appeared in the last three issue of *Capital Ideas*. Kirk said "Nice try, kid, but the man in black wasn't me. It was a picture of a deceased country music star. Johnny Cash has much more hair and is quite tall. And I'm alive. Remember: I have a receding hair line and I'm vertically deprived." Sorry again, Kirk. I hope this picture fits your given description better.

Albany Social Security ID Checks Threaten Driver's Licenses

by Nina Bernstein, *New York Times*, March 18, 2004

New York State is threatening to suspend the driver's licenses of half a million drivers - 5 percent of the state's 10 million drivers, including thousands of immigrants working here illegally - because their Social Security information at the Department of Motor Vehicles does not match up with the data on file at the Social Security Administration.

The first 112,000 warning letters were sent out in recent weeks. Raymond P. Martinez, the state's commissioner of motor vehicles, said yesterday that the purpose was to systematically correct the department's database and to ferret out fraud, not to take driver's licenses away from illegal immigrants.

But it has generated waves of fear among immigrant groups, who protested the new policy at a rally at the State Capitol on Tuesday. Although New York is one of a dozen states that do not officially limit driver's licenses to legal residents, the commissioner acknowledged that by the end of the year the "data cleanup" would eliminate the driving licenses of all New York immigrants unable to prove that they have legal authorization to be in the United States.

Others who might be caught in the data sweep, officials said, include women who changed their name when they married or divorced, people who failed to provide a change of address, so-called deadbeat fathers trying to avoid child support enforcement and anyone with the bad luck to have had a Social Security number garbled by a clerk's typo, either at the state D.M.V. or in the Social Security Administration's database.

Mr. Martinez said motor vehicle personnel are expected to use case-by-case discretion on prosecuting people who provided a false Social Security number. Those who produce fraudulent documents will be arrested and charged with a felony, he said.

The letters being sent out warn drivers they have 15 days to contact the D.M.V. to clear up discrepancies and provide verifiable documents, including a Social Security card. So far, the response rate is running at 68 percent, with about 3.2 million records cleaned and 7.8 million to go, counting non-driver state ID's and learner's permits, officials said.

Almost a third of the letters have gone unanswered. At that rate, more than 150,000 licenses are likely to be suspended

by the end of the project, which is estimated to cost \$740,000 counting computer time and multiple mailings, Mr. Martinez said.

Some advocates for immigrant rights said the impact would be devastating on thousands of workers like Lupe, a Mexican landscaper on Staten Island who uses a truck to earn the \$15,000 a year that supports his five younger children, three of them born in the United States. In a three-way call translated by Rev. Terry Troia, a pastor who directs a center for immigrant workers, Lupe, who has lived here for 12 years and who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that after receiving the letter he was afraid he would be deported or imprisoned if he were to go in to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

To obtain a license six years ago, he said, "I presented my passport and my birth certificate, proof of my address." But for Social Security, "I invented a number," he added.

"It has horrible consequences for immigrant workers who are just trying to make a living," said Gouri Sadhwani, executive director of the New York Civic Participation Project, an immigrant and labor union advocacy group. "It's yet another way that local and federal officials are criminalizing immigrants."

Mr. Martinez responded: "We're not criminalizing anything. If they obtained it under fraudulent means, that's something they've already committed, that's not something we cooked up." He said the Motor Vehicles Department would not notify immigration authorities unless the driver had presented immigration documents that seemed suspicious and needed verification.

Do You Want to "opt out?"

The Chapter's membership survey indicated that, given the option, a good number of Chapter members would prefer to receive their newsletter electronically. While the newsletter will continue to be mailed to members, and it will continue to be available on the Chapter website (www.aganycap.org), you may "opt out" of receiving the mailed version if you want. To "opt out," just send an e-mail to the following address:

AGAoptout@aol.com

Restricting or expanding access to driver's licenses for immigrants has been a hotly contested political issue in statehouses across the country since 9/11. As possession of a photo ID became a prerequisite for entering many office buildings and hospitals, for buying train tickets, wiring money and renting an apartment, a push to make driver's licenses more fraudproof has clashed with a campaign to uncouple the regulation of driving from immigration status.

Michele Waslin, a senior immigration policy analyst for the National Council of La Raza, a Latino civil rights organization, said New York's move was part of a national trend of introducing new restrictions through policy changes rather than changes in the law.

"This is a public safety issue," she said. "If they're working, if they have to go to school, if they have to go to the hospital, they have to drive and it's in the public interest that they be licensed and insured drivers."

"The Department of Motor Vehicles should not become an immigration agency," Ms. Waslin said.

States differ widely on how they handle the issue, according to Jay Maxwell, chief information officer for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

"We would really like the federal government to step up to their role and decide how these people, who have been here for many years working and contributing to the economy, should be treated," he said. Talks with Mexico and Canada about the issue broke down after Sept. 11.

In most states, the Social Security number requirement was added as part of the nation's 1996 welfare overhaul to improve child support enforcement efforts. But it originally applied only to applicants who actually had a Social Security number.

Two years ago, officials said, New York's D.M.V. began requiring an original Social Security card, and demanding that applicants who instead show a foreign passport also produce a valid, unexpired visa.

President's Message

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Committee. The committee met for the first time in late January and devoted our first meeting to deciding on the objectives of the group and how we are planning to structure our work. One of the primary objectives of the group is to review membership survey results and integrate the results into our strategic plan. The other objectives of the group are to:

- Periodically review the Chapter strategic plan, recommend adjustments and build in accountability;
- Periodically review the Chapter Bylaws and governance structure and recommend adjustments;
- Prepare an outline and a plan to develop a Chapter policies and procedures manual.

The committee will review these areas annually and report to the membership at the Chapter Business Luncheon every June.

Stay tuned for our spring events. On April 27, we are sponsoring a lunch with Siena College Men's Basketball Coach Rob Lanier. Coach Lanier will provide an inspirational and motivational presentation at the Crown Plaza. On May 27th we have a half-day program event on Fraud and Ethics

in Procurement at the Century House. For more information and registration on all AGA sponsored events, and other events that may be of interest to our membership, please visit our Chapter Website Education page at www.aganycap.org/education/main.htm.

Lastly, March is AGA dues renewal time. We hope that we have met and exceeded our Chapter members' expectations. We continually try to improve our member services. Please take a few minutes to renew your AGA membership and pass the word about AGA along to others that you think might be interested in joining. As always, we welcome your feedback on any of our programs, events or other activities at any time. We do pay attention to them. Feel free to contact me, or any of our officers listed in the back of this newsletter or on our Chapter Website, www.aganycap.org with your comments, ideas or suggestions or to volunteer to actively participate in the Chapter leadership.

For more information on AGA New York Capital Chapter, including our organization, history, finances, current officers, accomplishments, meeting minutes, etc, you can visit www.aganycap.org/chapter_information/main.htm.



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NEW YORK CAPITAL CHAPTER

TOPIC:

SPRING LUNCHEON

DATE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004

TIMES:

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – REGISTRATION

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – LUNCH / PRESENTATION

GUEST SPEAKER:

ROB LANIER

SIENA COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

CPE: ONE (1)

LOCATION:

- CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL – LODGE ST., ALBANY, NY

PARKING:

- COMPLIMENTARY VALIDATED PARKING AT HOTEL

COST:

- \$20 FOR AGA MEMBERS

- \$25 FOR OTHERS



In just two seasons at the helm, Rob Lanier has already left his mark on the storied history of Siena basketball.

His first season at Siena, Lanier orchestrated one of the great comeback seasons in Siena basketball history. Lanier guided the Saints to the NCAA

Tournament after beginning the season 4-10 and entering the conference championships as the #7 seed. He then guided Siena to an Opening Round victory over Alcorn State and an impressive showing against National Champion Maryland in the Tournament's first round. Lanier was the youngest coach to have his team qualify for last season's Tournament, and just the second coach in NCAA history to garner a Tournament victory with a losing record.

Last year, Lanier and the Saints enjoyed even more success, winning 21 games including two Postseason NIT contests in the friendly confines of Pepsi Arena. With eight of nine players returning from that rotation, and two of the school's most heralded recruiting classes in place, it is evident that Lanier has set the foundation for an exciting future in Loudonville.

As far as being ready to lead Siena's program, Lanier seems up to the task, citing his recent experiences as the most critical in his preparation. "The difference between being ready and being prepared is that the guy who's prepared knows what he's going to do when he gets the job," Lanier said. "Over the last couple of years, I've gotten to the point where I know what I'm going to do."

Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or contact Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com - (518) 427-4811



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EVENT:

**GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE ALBANY
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DATE:

JUNE 25, 2004

LOCATION:

**STADIUM GOLF CLUB
333 JACKSON AVE
SCHENECTADY, NY 12304**

TIME:

**8:00 AM START
SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

AWARDS:

**1ST PLACE TEAM PRIZE
LONGEST DRIVE
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BY JUNE 11, 2004**

Is it too early to think about golf?

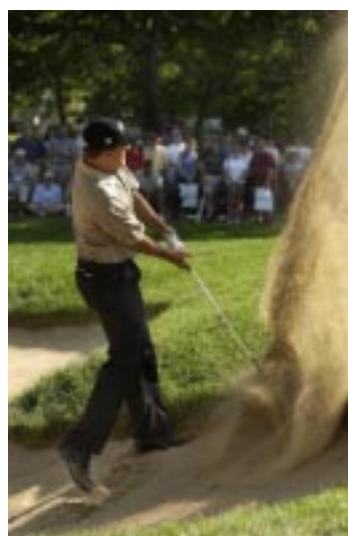
Never!

Wipe the dust of your clubs and get ready for the greens.

The local chapters of the Association of Government Accountant (AGA), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) are co-sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital and you are invited to participate.

The day will include 18 holes of golf at the Stadium Golf Course in Schenectady as well as a breakfast in the morning, and an awards ceremony with complimentary hors-d'oeuvres. The cost of this event will be \$60.00 per person with the proceeds to benefit the Albany Medical Center's Children's Hospital.

Please join us for a day of golf and to support the wonderful accomplishments of the Children's Hospital. Don't have a full team? Not a problem! We will round out your team with other participants (we'll contact you about your team prior to the event).



To register for this event, go on-line at www.aganycap.org/community_service/charity_golf.htm or Contact Ken Evans at kevans@dot.state.ny.us if you have any questions.



Make Plans Now to Attend AGA's 2004 PDC

To stay at the top of the profession, it's not enough for government financial managers to keep up to date on current developments in the field. To position yourself as a leader, you must understand emerging issues and trends to be prepared to handle the inevitable challenges and crises that arise in an ever-changing environment. Technological advances in government financial management have changed financial reporting. New regulations have made those changes mandatory. Are you prepared to face these challenges?

AGA's 53rd Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC), with the theme, "Technology: Powering the Accountability Age," is one important way professionals can become more knowledgeable about the complexities of meeting new expectations for accountability. Commit to excellence today by registering for one of the top training events of the year.

The PDC brings together more than 1,200 professionals from all levels of government. Consider the benefits. Leaders in the field will discuss the most timely issues affecting government financial management. The high-quality sessions alone are the biggest reason to attend, but the PDC is more than that. The PDC offers unparalleled opportunities to make valuable professional contacts; discuss challenges with your peers and discover creative solutions; connect with a national network of your colleagues; and check out exhibits of the latest information technology products and services that make agencies more effective.

Make plans now to join us for this important event. Check

For more than 50 years, top leaders in government financial management have participated in AGA's Annual Professional Development Conferences. These leaders know that AGA conferences offer:

- Educational training sessions that address the most timely issues impacting government financial management.
- Unparalleled opportunities to make valuable professional contacts.
- Opportunities to discuss challenges and creative solutions with leaders in the field.
- A connection to a national network of their colleagues.
- An exhibit area showcasing the state of the art in information technology, software and other services that will enhance their effectiveness.
- Cost-effective Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit certified by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

Early Careers Center



Resume Posting vs. Resume Distribution Do YOU Know the Difference?

by Deborah Walker, CCMC

The electronic age has revolutionized the way job seekers and employers meet. The marvels of online automation take the volume of resume traffic to levels unimagined only a few years ago. With services to job seekers expanding continually, it's important to understand the different options available to increase the exposure of your resume to potential employers and recruiters.

Two such services are Resume Posting and Resume Distribution. Do you know the difference between them? Let me explain:

1. Resume Posting

This is a service where job seekers post their resumes to a job board for paid subscriber employers and recruiters to find. This is a passive approach in that the employer or recruiter must find you within the resume database. They usually find you by calling up resumes via key words. The chances of their finding you depend greatly on your including all the appropriate key words in your resume.

This service is normally free to job seekers, and used only by those employers and recruiters who have paid a substantial fee to access the resumes. Years ago, when Monster and other similar job search boards were fairly new, I was a headhunter (rather than a resume writer as I am now). It cost me thousands of dollars just to look at resumes posted on one job board. So you can imagine what it must cost today! My point is, when you post your resume to an online resume posting service, not every employer or recruiter will find you, only those with the huge recruiting budgets. And that leaves out a good part of your target market.

2. Resume Distribution

This is actually opposite of a posting service. With a resume distribution, the job seeker has access to a select database of well-qualified employers and/or recruiters to email his/her resume to. This service does cost the job seeker a fee, usually anywhere from \$45 to several hundred. The advantages of a resume distribution over a posting are:

- * It is a proactive strategy. You don't have to wait to be found.
- * You have more control over who receives your resume.
- * You can control how many employers/recruiters you contact several hundred or several thousand all at once.
- * It is very quick and efficient. You submit your resume once and reach your entire targeted audience of employers and/or recruiters.

The quality of the service depends on the quality of the database of employers/recruiters the service maintains. Make sure the distribution service allows you to target the employers who receive your resume. At a minimum, you should be able to query the employer/recruiter database by industry, job function and geographic region. If the service offers no targeting capabilities, your resume may be sent out indiscriminately to employers and recruiters who do not match your employment criteria.

Let me caution you, for optimum resume distribution or posting effectiveness you'll want to make sure your resume is in tip-top shape. If you are not currently getting the response rate from your resume that you'd like, using a resume distribution service will only be marginally helpful, as it will merely be distributing a sub-standard resume to a larger group of people.

Both services, resume posting and resume distribution, are valuable strategies for your job search. Don't be turned off by the fact that one is free and the other you must pay for. The money spent on a good quality resume distribution will repay you over and over again with valuable job leads and introductions to influential recruiters.

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Deborah Walker, CCMC  
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by Katya Silver
AGA Director of
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Training for Government Financial Managers



You are aware of the courses that have been developed for the CGFM training program. However, did you know that the same courses can be used for training government financial managers?

The courses would be of considerable benefit to the following professionals:

- Individuals who are just beginning their career in government.
- Program managers, budgeters, accountants, auditors, and controllers.
- Government consultants.

Course 1 - Governmental Environment - provides education on the environment in which they will work, including how governments are structured and organized, the legal aspects of governments, the management cycle and how the components are related and interrelated, how governments are financed, public accountability, ethics, and various financial management responsibilities and skills.

Course 2 - Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting - provides education on governmental accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting including influences, objectives, and standards setting; general principles of accounting; cost accounting and performance reporting; budgeting; accounting and reporting for state and local governments; and federal budgeting and financial reporting.

Course 3 - Governmental Financial Management and Control – provides education on government financial management and controls, including internal controls, auditing, performance management and reporting, financial and managerial analysis techniques, cash management, investment management, credit management, procurement management, inventory and supply management, and financial management systems.

Naturally, we would like to see attendees pursue the CGFM certification after they have completed the courses. It could

be a very beneficial step for their career and a great way to apply the knowledge learned in class!

AGA can arrange to bring the training to your Chapter. Contact Pete Rose, AGA Director of Professional Certification to get more details on sponsoring a training program. Send an e-mail to prose@agacgfm.org.

CPE Online

AGA has teamed with industry leader SmartPros to offer several CPE subscriptions tailored to your needs through the AGA Online Professional Education Center. Here is an overview of the subscriptions. You can find complete catalogs, demonstrations and more by logging on to the AGA Professional Education Center at www.smartpros.com/standard/forms/aga.asp.

SP Advantage - \$219 (nonmembers \$329) - SP Advantage is an annual subscription featuring more than 200 course titles, at 1-5 credit hours each, of multimedia and text-driven skills-based courses for one low price. Courses include downloadable course materials, instantly graded exams, and the ability to track credits and print completion certificates.

CPA Report Government - \$129 (nonmember \$169) – The Government/Not-for-profit CPA Report (CPAR) is an annual CPE subscription program designed specifically for practitioners in the fields of governmental and not-for-profit accounting. In addition to more than 30 archived courses, each quarter four new courses are added covering the hottest topics in the field.

Financial Management Network - \$219 (nonmember \$329) - This is a highly acclaimed video-based financial training program that has benefited financial professionals and government accountants for more 12 years. Used by more than half of the Fortune 500 companies, FMN produces 48 new courses, four every month, and has more than 72 archived courses.



Golf Tournament for Albany Medical Center's Children's Hospital

When: June 25, 2004

Where: Stadium Golf Club, Schenectady, NY

The Children's Hospital is the only hospital of northeastern New York and western New England that is just for kids. It serves 35,000 children each year. The children's Hospital brings together the full array of pediatric, medical, and surgical specialties essential to caring for critically ill children. It offers an environment specifically designed to ease the worry of childhood hospitalization, for both kids and their families. The physicians and staff of the Children's Hospital have assumed a leading role in the development of a comprehensive, multidisciplinary team approach to caring for children. As part of the region's only academic medical center, we offer patients and families the benefit of the most informed and experienced experts who are pioneering new treatments everyday. For more information contact Ken Evans at (518) 485-5181 or kevans@dot.state.ny.us

Community Service Corner



WMHT Membership Drive

When: To be determined

Where: The WMHT Studios, Schenectady, NY

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 more information contact Ann Marsh at (518) 473-2020 or amarsh@mail.nysed.gov.



Big thanks go out to all the participants in this year's Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake" Bowl-a-thon in March at Bowling Green in East Greenbush, NY.



CGFM Renewal Reminder & Requirements

By now, you should have received your AGA membership & CGFM renewal notice. Your CGFM certificate must be renewed yearly in order to maintain it. In addition, CGFMs must complete at least 80 CPE hours every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.

During the first year of their CPE cycle, CGFMs must earn at least 20 hours of CPE. By close of the second year of the cycle, CGFMs must have earned at least 80 hours of CPE.

You can find a calendar of CPE cycles at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx. For more information on CGFM renewal requirements please visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/default.aspx



Kathryn Grace Taleporos was born on January 9th, 2004 at 2:58 pm. She weighed 7lbs., 9oz and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Shelly & Aram Taleporos. Shelly is the Chapter Treasurer. We look forward to little Kathryn being our first VERY Early Careers member.

Survey Says! -- And Our Answers!

During our assessment of the Membership Survey, we identified many comments and/or questions posed by members. Here, we attempt to provide some answers.

1. Please keep attachment size small – difficult to access when in the field.

Instead of attaching the newsletter to the email, we are providing a link to the web page for easier access. We are also including short updates in the body of the email as needed instead of attaching documents.

2. How is cost savings for the electronic newsletter being passed along to members?

The Chapter currently does not have any local dues. Our local dues were suspended several years ago. By providing members with the newsletter electronically, we reduce our costs, which helps us to continue to upgrade our programs and services to members. By keeping our costs down, we can also keep our CPE fees reasonable.

3. I don't live in the Capital Region.

We are planning to hold at least one training event outside the Capital Region during the 2004-5 program year. We will be looking for members outside of the Capital Region to assist us on identifying potential training topics, where to hold the event, when would be the best time of year to do it and how to assist us with the logistics of putting on such a program.

4. Please return to lower pricing for CPE.

We believe we offer the best quality and most affordable training in the area. Each year, we re-evaluate our pricing structure for CPE training and take into account what it costs for each program. We have also started "early-bird" discounts, which reduce the CPE costs per event. To qualify for "early-bird" discounts, the payment for the CPE session must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

5. I need CPE information on paper to submit to my employer.

Our program brochure is mailed out every fall to members. It is also available on our website for easy reference and printing. We also send out a TCTC brochure, which is also available on our website. Each program is also detailed on our website, and the webpage can be printed. Our website is www.aganycap.org

6. Offer member rates for ACFE, AICPA, GFOA, IIA, etc.



We currently co-sponsor several joint CPE events with ACFE, IIA, ISACA. We also coordinate our Annual Golf Outing with NYSSCPA. We continually negotiate member pricing with other local chapters to their events. Generally, many other events sponsored by the local IIA, ACFE, and IMA have AGA member pricing. However, it's up to the other chapters to make the final decision on whether to cosponsor events or provide member pricing to AGA members for their events. They are unable to provide member pricing for all of their events. We certainly will continue to work in this area to try to get as many other chapters as possible to provide our members with price discounts.

7. It's great to provide Community Service.

We think so too, however we have difficulty in recruiting members to join in with our community service projects. Please try to set aside a little bit of your time to participate in one or more of these very worthwhile events. For more information please visit our website at www.aganycap.org or contact Ann March at 518-473-2020 or amarsh@mail.nysed.gov

Newsletter Update

The Membership Survey indicated that, given the option, a good number of Chapter members would prefer to receive their newsletter electronically. While the newsletter will continue to be mailed to members, and it will continue to be available on the Chapter website (www.aganycap.org), you may "opt out" of receiving the mailed version if you want. To "opt out," just send an e-mail to the following address: AGAOptout@aol.com

Membership Renewals

By now, you should have received your annual renewal packages for the 2004-2005 year. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you and look forward to serving you in the year to come.

If not, please note that your renewal package includes both membership and CGFM certification renewals where applicable. The cost of CGFM Program operations has necessitated a modest \$10 increase in the CGFM renewal fee. (See the item below on CGFM renewal requirements.)

The renewal form has a new look this year that includes a receipt at the bottom. This year's renewal package also includes a Member Information Sheet (demographic and contact information). Please be sure to fill this out and return to AGA. It is so very important that we have your updated contact and demographic information. This helps the National Office and your chapter to stay in touch with you. It is also very important for AGA to capture your demographic information (including age, ethnicity, employer, education). We promise that this information will only be used to customize AGA services to your needs.

By far the easiest (and quickest) way to renew is online through the password-protected Members Only section of the AGA website. How to Renew Online: Access the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org. Click on 'Members Only' on the left palette. Login using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name-no spaces), click on the gray 'billing' button above your name (if the gray billing button doesn't appear, it means that your membership is paid in full). All you have to do is input your credit card information and hit 'Submit.' The transaction will automatically process via our secure server and the renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in-house membership system. While you are logged into the Members Only section, be sure to take a look at your contact information and make any updates as necessary (especially your e-mail address).

Membership Contests

Both National and the Chapter are sponsoring Membership Contests. The National Back to Basics Campaign awards AGA Bucks for each member recruited, after 2, with a chance to win a vacation for 2. The Chapter campaign awards AGA merchandise. Both contests run through April 30, 2004.

- Denise Grebert – 8 New Members - \$40 AGA Bucks
- Ed Wade, CGFM – 7 New Members - \$35 AGA Bucks
- Rick Hannmann, CGFM – 3 New Members - \$15 AGA Bucks
- Cheryl Simpkins – 2 New Members - \$10 AGA Bucks
- Kirk Schanzenbach – 2 New Members - \$10 AGA Bucks
- Jill Flinton – 2 New Members - \$10 AGA Bucks

National Leader – Daryl Schwebach – New Mexico – 12 New Members



Welcome to the following new members:

- Suzette Baker, NYS Office of State Comptroller
- Keith Foley, CGFM, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Kelly Gardineer, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Mary Kozlowski, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Audrey Menard, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Kenneth Morrison, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- John Rickard, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Gary Sarafin, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Daniel Towle, NYS Office of State Comptroller

Thanks to the following sponsor:

- Edward Wade, CGFM, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles

AGA New York Capital Chapter — Membership Statistics — As of February 23, 2004			
	<u>National Goal</u>	<u>Actual Number</u>	<u>Percent of Goal</u>
Current Members	413	340	82%
New Members	75	40	53%
Retained Members	338	300	55%

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

**Association of Government Accountants
New York Capital Chapter
Slate of Officers and Directors
2004-05 Program Year**

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Capital Chapter's Website

<http://www.aganycap.org>



Chapter Executive Committee

January 13, 2004
Minutes

In Attendance: Eileen Chambers, Marty Chauvin, James Cox, Ken Evans (via phone), Jill Flinton, Brian Gee, Ray Harris, Marcella Junco, Kevin King, Francine Marzinsky (via phone), Roger Mazula, James Nellegar (via phone), Kirk Schanzenbach, Lori Vaccaro, and Linda Zinzow (via phone).

Action Items:

1. Submit suggestions for National Awards to Kirk by next Friday, January 23, 2004. Ray will be taking the lead in drafting the Education Award. (All members, by 1/23/04)
2. All completed nominations including write-up, bios and photos must be submitted to Katie Meyer by February 27, 2004. (CEC, by 2/27/04)
3. We will obtain welcome packages from National to give to new members. (Jill Flinton)
4. Obtain mailing lists of Local Government Associations to include in TCTC mailing (Kirk Schanzenbach)
5. Send out announcement about TCTC (Kirk Schanzenbach)
6. Review policy for sending people to the PDC (All Officers, by next meeting)
7. Identify potential donations for raffle at the PDC. Some suggestions included paraphernalia from local colleges and sport teams. (All Officers, by next meeting)
8. Post article on membership survey in Newsletter and on website. Include questions raised by member in survey with answers to those questions. (Jill Flinton and Kirk Schanzenbach, for next newsletter)

Decisions Made:

1. Motion: Approve CEC minutes from last CEC meeting: Motion by Linda Zinzow, Second by Jill Flinton; passed unanimously.
2. For next year, early careers will be combined with Membership under one VP (Membership). A new VP for Marketing will be established.
3. Strategic Direction Committee will use survey results to assist in their long term planning efforts. In addition, each officer will use the results to assist to help in developing their programs.

Other Meeting Notes:

Awards

Katie Meyer informed us that the deadline for submitting nominations to National is March 5, 2004 and she would like all Chapter nominations submitted to her by February 27, 2004. Information on each award is available at National's website. This year National is requiring photos of the individuals nominated. Katie suggested that any nominations should follow the Nationals format. All suggestions should go to Kirk by next Friday, January 23, 2004. Ray will take the lead on the Education award nomination.

Membership

Jill reported some good news in that we are doing well in getting new members but that our retention is down. Many of the members who have not renewed are individuals who have retired from OSC. Kirk shared information about rolling Early Careers into Membership next year. The specifics of how this will be done will be discussed at the next CEC meeting.

Membership Survey

There was some discussion on how best to use the survey results. It was decided that the Strategic Direction Committee would use the results to assist in their long term planning efforts. In addition, each officer will use the results to assist to help

in developing their programs. Kirk and Jill will coordinate writing an article on the results of the survey. Jill will share graphs and other information with Kirk.

Finances

Brian Gee and Marcella reported that we are still receiving income from last years TCTC. Also, they reported the need to write off a receivable from IBM dating back to last years Charity golf outing. The November fraud conference was a financial success, but some adjustments are still needed to the statements to reflect ACFEs share of expenses and profits. Adjustments are also needed to reflect the share of expenses to other associations from December's luncheon. We also discussed cancellation charges to government agencies using credit cards. We can charge the cancellation fee to the credit card, but we should notify the contact person at the agency.

Certifications

The Chapter is exploring the possibility of getting extra credit granted for individuals with professional certifications. The extra credit could be in the form of extra points on entry level and promotional exams or possibly extra pay. Francine reported that she had met with NYS Civil Service and they were very receptive to the idea of extra points on exams and promotions. She said the next step is to meet with the Personnel Council. She will keep the CEC informed of progress at the next meeting.

Communication

Jim Nellegar will be stepping down as Web Coordinator. Two members, Tim Stewart and Laura Brown, have volunteered to succeed Jim as Web Coordinator.

Community Service

The December Lights in the Park was a success with 8 to 9 people volunteering. The other good news was the good weather for the event.

Chapter Executive Committee

February 10, 2004
Minutes

In Attendance: Mike Abbott, Eileen Chambers, Marty Chauvin, Ken Evans (via phone), Jill Flinton, Ray Harris, Francine Marzinsky (via phone), Roger Mazula, Shelly Taleporos, Kirk Schanzenbach, Lori Vaccaro, Nancy Varley, and Linda Zinzow (via phone)

Action Items:

1. Research "Best Practices" to determine best way to implement ideas. (Membership Committee)
2. Develop specifics of each approach including analysis of cost and target audiences. (Membership Committee)
3. Develop a time table for implementing tactics. (Membership Committee)
4. Provide information and input to Dan Twork on how objectives integrate with the strategic plan. (Membership Committee)
5. Send an email to members giving the option to stop receiving hardcopies of the newsletter. (Roger Mazula)
6. Start planning the golf outing and assemble promotion items for the TCTC. (Ken Evans / Brian Gee)
7. Prepare resolution to have AGA co-sponsor the social/networking event on the first night of the TCTC. (Linda Zinzow, done 2/11/04)
8. Prepare resolution to purchase Funnycide picture and t-shirt as the Chapter's contribution to the PDC raffle. (Jill Flinton, done 2/11/04)
9. Follow-up with Ann Marsh regarding the application for national community service award. (Kirk Schanzenbach)
10. Send out notice of upcoming community service events. (Ann Marsh)
11. Prepare article/press release detailing Bob Attmore's new position in GASB for the newsletter. (Roger Mazula)

12. Provide detail payment/AP information for future CEC meetings. (Brian Gee)
13. Contact individuals at the University at Albany about recruiting opportunities. (Ann Marsh)

Decisions Made

1. Motion: Accept minutes for 1/13/04 CEC meeting. Motion by Kirk Schanzenbach; Second by Lori Vaccaro; passed unanimously.
2. Motion: Adopt the hierarchy for the PDC as a guideline as it was originally presented. Motion by Linda Zinzow; Second by Nancy Varley; passed unanimously.
3. Motion (via email on 2/11/04): To purchase a Funnycide t-shirt and print as the Chapter's contribution to the PDC raffle and provide the items (either by shipping or hand-carrying) to the PDC raffle committee. Total cost not to exceed \$60.00. To be added to and charged to the PDC budget line item. Motion by Jill Flinton; Second by Ray Harris; 12 email votes approved, passed unanimously.
4. Motion (via email on 2/11/04): Authorize our AGA Chapter to cosponsor a networking social event on the 1st night of the TCTC. Motion by Linda Zinzow; Second by Roger Mazula; 12 email votes approved, passed unanimously.
5. Motion (via email on 2/11/04): Accept Tom Mahoney's resignation as Director and appoint Amanda Shook as the replacement for the Director position through the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Motion by Kirk Schanzenbach; Second by Shelly Taleporos; 12 email votes approved, passed unanimously.

Other Meeting Notes:

Recruitment and Retention

As a result of the discussion on the Early Careers Committee in the November meeting, it was agreed that the Early Careers Committee should be part of membership. A listing of ideas on objectives and tactics for Early Careers was provided. The following objectives and tactics were agreed upon:

- Identify under-represented (not represented) organizations for future recruiting efforts. Identify line staff, Bureau heads and executive managers for each organization.
- Develop cost justifications for target organizations as a marketing tool, i.e. demonstrate to new organizations how they could save money on education events by having employees become members.
- Present benefits of membership to agency executives and bureau heads. For example, have a meeting with executives and directors and provide passes to bring potential members to an event.
- Provide executives with incentives to provide employees that will encourage membership.
- Recruit at colleges. Possibly consider having a liaison for colleges. Ann Marsh also suggested in email comments to contact the Department Chairs or the Assistant's to Department Chairs of masters programs in public administration or public policy to issue invitations or information on the AGA to the student's in these programs.
- Recruit at government agencies.
- Recruit private sector firms.
- Partner with the "Eagles" group or develop own program. The Eagles are a group within OSC that provides speaking opportunities for members and other career building opportunities.



The following objectives were discussed in terms of potential positive results and concerns:

- Develop an event which instigates a high level of interest and provides a focus on the AGA. Use this forum to elicit the advantages of joining the AGA to prospective members. This event should precede an event that would result in a free membership. Positives: Increase in membership; could target under-represented groups; increase in program revenue; another opportunity to offer CPEs. Concerns: Keeping members after event; the cost of membership is hidden in the event; extensive planning for the event must be done; cost of the event could be high; variety and simplicity of the event; clarity on the purpose of the event (membership or CPE?).
- Develop a pricing structure for an AGA event that would yield a "free" or reduced price membership. Positives: Increase in membership; could target under-represented groups. Concerns: Keeping members; fair treatment of all members; ethical concerns

(does employer pay membership?); accounting issues and costs; public officers law (membership is valued over \$75); explore alternative arrangements for rewarding membership (i.e. “free” raffles).

- Subsidize social events for new members. Use holiday luncheon and golf event as a starting point. The events would be events hosted by AGA only, not events co-sponsored by other organizations. Positives: Could use invitations to invite new members; also consider “invitation only” event for new members. Concerns: Must be AGA only event; possible perception by new members as only a social organization; AGA has current perception of being a “training” organization, we should not stray too far from “mission”; not much past success in social events; retention of members; research and marketing must be done; cost benefit.
- Provide an incentive for officers and, to a lesser extent, board members. Positives: New mix of people with new ideas; help retain the “right” people; make it easier for VPs; selling point for individuals to attend events (supervisors more willing to allow participation if they are receiving benefit). Concerns: Favoritism; people will start depending on or take advantage of subsidies; be clear about the benefit structure, must benefit the organization; perception of marketing (instead of grant, use term “scholarship”); could be viewed as a kickback; specific problems with target groups (local governments, etc); keep it targeted; do best practices research before implementing.

Based on the discussions of the objectives, the next steps for membership were identified:

- Research “Best Practices” to determine best way to implement ideas.
- Develop specifics of each approach including analysis of cost and target audiences.
- Develop a time table for implementing tactics.
- Provide information and input to Dan Twork on how objectives integrate with the strategic plan.

Committee Reports

Each committee presented reports providing an update on priority items, performance measures and any issues/needs. The following comments were noted on the committee reports:

- Budget/Finance Committee: To better communicate finance issues to the CEC, highlight the issues and then provide CEC with disbursement report for the month, listing all the expenses. Also, it would helpful if the detail for Accounts Payable was provided.
- Communication: Deadline for newsletter is 2/28/04. The newsletter webpage is getting many hits. The committee will send out an email to members notifying them of the option to no longer receive the printed version of the newsletter.
- Membership: Jill Flinton and Eileen Chambers are working together to transition Eileen into the role of membership VP. There will be a membership raffle at the TCTC. The cost of the raffle will be taken from the membership budget.
- Community Service: 6 or 7 members will be participating in the IRS VITA community service program.
- Early Careers: Ken Evans and Brian Gee will begin working on planning the golf outing for this year and get promotional items ready for the TCTC.



PDC Policy

The CEC members discussed the hierarchy guideline to send members to the Professional Development Conference. The hierarchy is as follows: 1) President-elect; 2) Incoming president-elect; 3) Incoming VP for Programs; 4) National Representatives, such as RVP-elect or NEC member; 5) Newsletter Editor; 6) Current President; 7) Incoming Membership VP; and 8) Others, who would be selected as necessary. Jill Flinton proposed a motion to move the incoming membership VP up to number 4. The motion was seconded by Kirk Schanzenbach, however the motion did not pass. A motion was made by Linda Zinzow, seconded by Nancy Varley to adopt the hierarchy as a guideline as it was originally presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Development Committee

The strategic development committee met on January 13, 2004. The strategic plan is in-line with the membership survey results. Changes to the bylaws may be recommended by National, however, it is anticipated that any changes will be minor. The committee intends to report at the business meeting in June.

Other Notes

TCTC planning is on target. The January Tech seminar was very successful. The average rating for the speakers at the seminar was above 4.0.

Chapter Executive Committee

March 9, 2004
Minutes

In Attendance: Mike Abbott, Marty Chauvin, Ken Evans (via phone), Brian Gee, Ray Harris, Kevin King, Francine Marzinsky (via phone), Roger Mazula, James Nellegar (via phone), Kirk, Schanzenbach, Amanda Shook, Nancy Varley, and Linda Zinzow (via phone).

Action Items: (* Denotes carry over from February meeting)

1. *Research "Best Practices" to determine best way to implement ideas. (Membership Committee)
2. *Develop specifics of each approach including analysis of cost and target audiences. (Membership Committee)
3. *Develop a time table for implementing tactics. (Membership Committee)
4. *Provide information and input to Dan Twork on how objectives integrate with the strategic plan. (Membership Committee)
5. *Send an email to members giving the option to stop receiving hardcopies of the newsletter. (Roger Mazula, week of 3/15/04)
6. *Follow-up with Ann Marsh regarding the application for national community service award. (Kirk Schanzenbach)
7. *Send out notice of upcoming community service events. (Ann Marsh)
8. *Provide detail payment/AP information for future CEC meetings. (Brian Gee, by April Meeting)
9. *Contact individuals at the University at Albany about recruiting opportunities. (Ann Marsh)
10. Send out minimum specifications for a laptop to be used by the Chapter. (Jim Nellegar, done)
11. Contact agencies to determine if old lap tops may be donated. (Kirk Schanzenbach, Jim Nellegar and Mike Abbott)
12. Ken will send golf info to Ray who will have it published in community events section of newspapers. (Ken Evans and Ray Harris)
13. Arrange for free membership drawing at AGA booth at TCTC, (Roger Mazula and Ray Harris)
14. Arrange for drawing for free admission to golf outing at the AGA booth at TCTC. (Roger Mazula and Ray Harris)
15. Anyone interested in helping staff AGA booth should contact Nancy Varley. (All)
16. E-mail OSC bulletin on paying for Association memberships to all Internal Audit Directors. Also share information on how it could save money on education events. (Ray Harris and Kirk Schanzenbach)
17. Increase Community Service budget by \$200. (Brian Gee)
18. The following Officers/Officers elect will notify Kirk if they plan to attend the PDC and if so how much their employer will pay. 1)President-elect; 2) Incoming President-elect; 3)Incoming VP for Programs; 4)National Representatives, such as RVP-elect or NEC member; 5)Newsletter Editor; 6) Current President. (Lori Vaccaro, Jim Cox, Ray Harris, Roger Mazula, at least 1 week prior to April's CEC meeting).



19. Provide the promotional materials for the Golf tournament and for getting sponsors for the tournament to the CEC. (Ken Evans)

Decisions Made:

1. Motion: Accept minutes for 2/10/04 CEC meeting. Motion by Marty Chauvin; Second by Nancy Varley; passed with one abstain.
2. Motion: Increase Community Service budget by \$200. Motion by Kirk Schanzenbach; Second by Linda Zinzow; passed unanimously.

Other Meeting Notes:

Committee Reports

Each committee presented reports providing an update on priority items, performance measures and any issues/needs. The following comments were noted on the committee reports:

- Certification Committee – Reported that the Comptroller’s Office would give credit for the CGFM designation in their promotion exam for the State Program Examiner position.
- Education – The April 27 meeting is set for the Crowne Plaza and Coach Lanier from Siena has confirmed as guest speaker.
- Budget/Finance Committee - There are still some co-mingled figures from joint events. The April financial statements will not include any of the co-mingled amounts.
- Communication - Deadline for newsletter is 3/19/04. Roger will send out an email next week to members notifying them of the option to no longer receive the printed version of the newsletter. Jim Nellegar discussed the need for a laptop with appropriate software for the Chapter (see action items). Jim also mentioned that the new webmaster will start with the new year (September 2004).
- Recruitment and Retention - Our membership currently is at 339 and our goal is 400. The Department of Motor Vehicle recently paid the membership dues for 6-7 people and the Department of Labor paid for 5 members. The State Comptroller’s Office, Division of Local Government is exploring the possibility of paying membership for up to 50 people. The Membership Committee is meeting after the CEC meeting and will e-mail any proposals for recruiting/retaining initiatives to the CEC members for their comments and votes.
- Community Service - The bowling event is being scheduled for March with the specific date and time not yet decided.
- Early Careers - Ken Evans and Brian Gee have finalized the golf outing for this year. It will be June 25 at Stadium in Schenectady. Tee times will be from 8:00 to 9:30. There will be breakfast (bagels) and snacks at lunch. The cost will be \$60 a person and there is a need for sponsors.



News from National

Ray Harris shared the following information the National Executive Committee meeting he attended in February:

- National AGA will be providing a 6 day review course for the CGFM exam. The course (or any part of the course) can be provided at any region. The total cost for all 6 days is \$5,000.
- The NEC decided on a group membership award called Advantage which will be targeted to employers. If employers pay full membership (minimum of 5 members) dues they would get a platinum award, if they paid half the dues they would get a gold award and if they paid some lesser percentage (e.g. \$20 of the \$90 dues) they would get a Silver award. A number of benefits (reduced registration for events, etc) that would go with the awards are still being discussed. This will be voted on at the PDC in June.
- The Executive Director is proposing a 2 day performance measures course to targeted cities. One suggestion was a 2 day conference at the end of September. No other details were discussed.
- Some best practices from other chapters were shared. One chapter assigns all new members to some type of chapter function or committee to get them involved. Another chapter invites audit staff from government agencies that are under represented in their chapter to help recruit.
- There was some discussion about a name change. There were 3 suggestions including 1. Just AGA, 2. The Association of Government Accountability and 3. the Association of Government Accountability Professionals. No decisions were made.

Strategic Development Committee

The strategic development committee continues their long range review. The committee plans to meet on a quarterly basis and intends to report at the business meeting in June.

TCTC

There are 350 -400 people registered for the conference. The designated charity for the conference is FAST Break which sponsors kids in sports camps. All money donated goes to the kids. There may be a golf putting contest sponsored by KPMG and there will be raffles and giveaways.

AGA's Chapter Recognition Program 2003-04

<u>Section</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning and Participation	3,900	3,000
Education & Professional Development	9,875	4,000
Certification	5,850	4,000
Communications	6,280	3,000
Membership	2,850	3,000
Community Service	13,181	2,000
Awards	2,000	<u>1,000</u>
Total	43,136	<u>20,000</u>
Goal	<u>10,000</u>	
Percent of Goal	<u>431.36%</u>	

New York Capital Chapter Schedule of Events: 2003-2004

September	8	Early Careers	<i>Night Out at Jillian's</i> North Pearl Street, Albany, NY
September	20	Community Service	<i>Capital District Habitat for Humanity</i> Rehabilitation Project
September	25	Seminar CPE: 4	<i>Budgeting in an Uncertain Fiscal Environment</i> Louis Raffaele, DOB; Robert Megna, DOB; James Poole, SUNY; Thomas Mahoney, OSC; Helen Fanshawe, OSC; Richard Longhurst, Burnt Hills - Ballston Lake School District Quality Inn, Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, NY
October	19	Community Service	<i>Making Strides Against Breast Cancer</i> Walk-A-Thon
October	23	Early Careers	<i>Night Out at the Bayou Cafe</i> North Pearl Street, Albany, NY
October	28	Seminar CPE: 4	<i>Adapting to the Future Audit Environment</i> Lynn Canton, OSC; Michael Connors II, Albany Co.; James Cox, DHHS; John Samaniuk, DOT; Nancy Valley, KPMG Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY
November	25	Seminar CPE: 8	<i>Fraud Seminar</i> James Vaughn, ATF; Michael Kramer, US Attorney; Jill Konviser-Levine, OIG Century House, Route 9, Latham, NY
December	16	Luncheon	<i>Holiday Luncheon - Humor for the Health of It</i> Joel Weintraub Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY
December		Community Service	<i>Lights in the Park</i> Washington Park, Albany, NY
January	28	Seminar CPE: 8	<i>4th Annual Technology Seminar</i> Michael Farber, DOH; Frank Risler, Tax & Finance; Thomas Hurbanek, State Police; Keith Rhodes, GAO (invited) State Museum Theatre, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY
January		Community Service	<i>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</i>
January		Early Careers	<i>AGA Informational Breakfast</i>
March	15-17	Conference CPE: 21	<i>The Conference That Counts 2004</i> Joint Conference with IIA and ISACA Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
March		Community Service	<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake</i> Bowl-A-Thon
March		Early Careers	<i>Another Night Out</i>
April	27	Luncheon CPE: 1	<i>Spring Luncheon</i> Rob Lanier, Siena Men's Basketball Coach (invited) Crowne Plaza Hotel State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY
April		Early Careers	<i>Early Careers Round Table</i>
May	27	Seminar CPE: 4	<i>Fraud and Ethics in Procurement</i> David Hancox, OSC; Joan Sullivan, OSC; Attorney General Office Rep Century House, Latham, NY
June	17	Luncheon	<i>Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon</i> Quality Inn, Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, NY
June	25	Community Service	<i>Golf Tournament at Stadium Golf Club, Schenectady, NY</i>
June		Community Service	<i>WMHT Membership Drive</i>
June		Community Service	<i>The Straton VA Medical Center Fund Raiser</i>
July		Early Careers	<i>Dutch Apple Cruise on the Hudson River</i>

Register Online for any Chapter event at www.aganycap.org, or contact Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com or (518) 427-4811

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