

President's Message

By Dana Lamson

What a wonderful time of year with this finding us in the middle of beautiful fall weather! This is my favorite time of year!

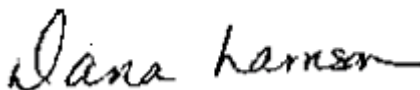
This month we will be hosting a Fall Seminar at the Naval Reserve on Alcoa Highway with two excellent speakers, Richard Moore and Beth Chapman. Mr. Moore will speak about detecting and prosecuting white collar crime and Ms. Moore will speak on complying with unclaimed property laws. This is an excellent way to earn four hours of CPE.

Our second meeting was at Naples with Dennis Dykus speaking about Identity Theft. His presentation was an eye opener to many of us.

Our fund raising/service project event for October was the flower bulb sale and East TN Children's Hospital newborn baskets. Thanks to everyone for bringing in your baby items and for purchasing bulbs for Ronald McDonald House.

Please bring your Samaritan's Purse items to this month's meeting. The board members will put the boxes together for you.

Have a wonderful fall season and please let me know of any ideas or comments you may have.



Dana Lamson
President

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November Half Day Seminar

Friday, November 19, 2004
11:15 AM – 4:15PM

Richard Moore and Beth Chapman

Presentation Topics: Detecting and Prosecuting White Collar Crimes and Complying with Unclaimed Property Laws

Agenda

- 11:15-11:30 Registration
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch
- 11:50-12:00 Welcome
- 12:00-2:00 Richard Moore - *Detecting and Prosecuting White Collar Crimes*
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-4:15 Beth Chapman - *Complying with Unclaimed Property Laws*

Naval Reserve Center

2101 Alcoa Highway
(865) 545-4720 Ext. 242

Menu

Lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink

Cost \$50.00 per member/non-member

Please return registration form early. Space is limited. Contact Mike Blair at (865) 632-6056 or tmblair@tva.gov with any questions.

AGA National News

Does AGA National Have Your Email Address? AGA wants to keep you informed about CPE events, conferences and the latest industry news. Follow the links at www.agacgfm.org to update your email address.

Did you know that you could earn CPE credits by taking *Journal CPE* Quizzes online? At AGA's *Journal CPE Online*, they offer an interactive CPE program for government financial management professionals on the move. By reading an issue of *The Journal of Government Financial Management*, and taking the relevant quiz, you can earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.

Comments Needed on JFMIP Exposure Draft—The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) released an Exposure Draft of Property Management System Requirements, an addition to existing Federal Financial Management System Requirements. JFMIP requests review and comment by Senior Federal Financial Officials and Property Managers. **The final due date for comment is November 12, 2004.** Please send your comments to Anna Miller at amiller@agacgfm.org **no later than** October 30, 2004.

November Issues of the TOPICS and CGFM TOPICS are now available - You can access the TOPICS Newsletter at www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/topics_index.aspx and the CGFM TOPICS Newsletter at www.agacgfm.org/publications/cgfm/cgfm_issues.aspx.

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Check out www.agacgfm.org for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter recognition program.



A Primer on Internal Controls and Auditing: Crucial to Government and the Economy By: Wanda A. Wallace, Ph.D., CPA, CMA, CIA

Internal control has never been optional, and now an easy-to-read resource directed to a wide audience is available to understand both what is meant by "internal control" and how an "audit" is conducted. Order onsite at AGA's website.

2004-2005 National Events Calendar

November 9-10, 2004	Business of Government: Simulation & Conference	Washington, D.C.
December 16-17, 2004	Getting 10X Value	Washington, DC
February 7-8, 2005	National Leadership Conference Theme: Improving Government Performance: Financial Managers Take Center Stage	Washington, DC
July 10-13, 2005	National PDC and Exposition	Orlando, FL

For more information on these national events, go to the AGA calendar at www.agacgfm.org/events.

Chapter News

The Ladies of Charity were very appreciative of our donation to the newborn bundles program and expressed their thanks to us. We sold **1,430 flower bulbs**, donated 370 bulbs of various varieties to the Ronald McDonald House and raised over \$500 for the chapter. Please contact Andrea Williams to arrange pickup or delivery of your bulbs. Thanks to everyone for your contributions to this effort!

Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$4,444.39 as of September 30, 2004.

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the November newsletter are due November 22nd .

Don't forget to visit our chapter website at www.kornnet.org/etaga for all the latest news and information!

2004-2005 Chapter Events Calendar

(Tentative)

Meetings

November 19	12-4 pm	Naval Reserves	Fall Seminar
December 14	11:30 am	Downtown Grill	Betsy Foxx
January 11	11:30 am	Riverside Tavern	Tonya Davis
February 8	11:30 am	Patrick Sullivan's	TEMA
March 2-4	8-5 pm	Park Vista - Gatlinburg	PDC*
April 5	11:30 am	Tennessee Grill	Matt Murray
May 10	11:30 am	UT Faculty Club	Awards Ceremony

*Southeastern Region PDC – To be discussed throughout year

Service Projects**

Oct/Nov	Coats for the Cold
November	Samaritan's Purse
December	Angel Tree
January	Food Drive
February	Bowl for Kids Sake
March	Public TV Telethon
April	Beta Alpha Psi

**We will be doing service projects with the Ronald McDonald house at various times throughout the year.

Looking for a new job?
AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.com>

Do you need more CPE hours? There is a variety of downloadable CPE courses offered on the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx

Points Update

Through 10/29/04

Leadership	3075
Education	350
Certification	825
Communication	775
Membership	600
Community Service	0
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	5825

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving season! Remember to give thanks for those things you might take for granted...

November Speaker Biographies

Richard Moore, Tennessee Valley Authority,
Office of The Inspector General

Richard Moore was sworn in as TVA's first Presidentially-appointed Inspector General on May 9, 2003. From 1985 until his confirmation as Inspector General, Mr. Moore served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. During that time, he prosecuted cases involving white-collar crime, corruption, and general federal crimes.

He also served as Coordinator of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force in the Southern District, as Senior Litigation Counsel, and as Chief of the Criminal Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Moore was an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Oxford University, Oxford, England, where he conducted an independent study on the prosecution of complex international fraud cases.

Mr. Moore attended undergraduate school at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. degree. He graduated from the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, with a J.D. degree

Beth Chapman, Tennessee Treasury Dept.,
Director of Unclaimed Property

Beth R. Chapman, CPA, CGFM, was named Director of the Tennessee Treasury Department's Unclaimed Property Division in 1999. Beth is President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA).

She joined the Treasury Department in 1987 from the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury's Division of State Audit where she had served since 1978. In state government she directed internal audit, served as an external audit manager, and performed cash management and research. Agencies under audit included a multi-billion dollar employee pension plan, housing authority, and debt issuing agencies, among others.

She is a member of and has spoken to local chapters of the TSCPA, AGA, and the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association and NAUPA. She has also presented to local Chapters of Certified Fraud Examiners and Credit Managers Association and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Beth has a BBA in Accounting from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

October Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Susan Gennoe

The second meeting of the 2004-05 AGA group was held on October 12, 2004 at Naple's. President Dana Lamson opened the meeting and announced Dennis Dykus, Director of Municipal Audit for the State of Tennessee as the speaker. She also notified the group that AGA has not yet had a name change, but will be voting on the change in the near future (reported last month as changed). She noted that the PDC will be in March. Sherry Sheffey distributed a Community Events Update, which Dana discussed. This month items were collected for baskets for the East TN Children's Hospital. Next month will be Samaritan's Purse items (Dana showed a brief video on this organization). Bring small items for needy children to the next meeting; AGA will pay the \$5/box shipping and board members will put the boxes together. October/November will be Coats for the Cold – bring your new/used coats to the next meeting. Angel Tree names will be distributed in November and the pickup will be in December. The Love Kitchen has been postponed until January. Andrea updated us on the bulb sale-approximately 370 bulbs were purchased for the Ronald McDonald house; we will be planting them at a future date (bring your own tools).

My. Dykus spoke on Identity Theft. He enlightened us to the many ways that a thief can steal one's identity, with our social security number being the key to that identity.

The regular meeting adjourned at 1:10pm and a short Board Meeting was held afterwards. Items discussed include the following:

- *Andrea will email everyone with their bulb information.
- *Dana will email everyone with the next PDC board meeting information, tentatively scheduled for 11/01/04 at 11:30am at RJ's in Alcoa.
- *Aldena will type up a brochure for the November meeting. She requested email addresses for other organizations so she can send them one as well. Tonya has reserved the Naval Reserve for the meeting.

The PDC planning committee needs your help! Speakers are still needed for the Regional PDC to be held in March 2005.

Do you have technical topics that you would like to see addressed by a speaker? Have you heard a great speaker lately that you think would benefit our group? If so, please contact either Dana Lamson or Dave Bennett with your ideas. The committee, of course, will continue to need your help with additional planning, securing door prizes and setting up the conference. Please let any board member know if you are interested in assisting with this conference.

Your help and time is greatly appreciated!

Where Do I Start – CGFM? Information from AGA Website

If you have earned a college degree (bachelor's or higher) with 24 hours of courses in financial management topics, apply for the CGFM Program now!

To apply for the CGFM Program:

1. Submit a [CGFM Application form](#), including a nonrefundable application fee of \$85. Note: by submitting an application for the CGFM Program, you certify that you have read and will abide by the AGA Code of Ethics.
2. Fax or mail proof of your college degree – see education requirement below. This information is required at the time of application.
3. Fax or mail a [CGFM Work Verification Form](#). This form does not have to be submitted at the time of application, but is required before the CGFM can be awarded.

What happens after you apply? Once your CGFM application and degree information are received and processed, the Office of Professional Certification will mail you an eligibility letter with instructions on how to purchase your examinations. Overview of CGFM Process describes your pathway to earning the CGFM certification.

Education requirement - In order to take part in the Certified Government Financial Manager examinations, you must have already earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and have completed at least 24 credit hours of study composed of courses in: Accounting, Auditing, Budgeting, Economics, Finance, Electronic Data Processing, Information Resources Management, Public Administration, Other Financial Management Topics

As part of your application for the CGFM Program, please submit one of the following: a copy of your college degree or a copy of a college or university transcript showing that a degree was issued or a statement or transcript from the current employer showing a degree was earned. You can send this information to the Office of Professional Certification via fax 703.548.9367, or mail (AGA, 2208 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301).

Interested in the CGFM, but don't have required degree or the 24 credit hours? Contact the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931), ext. 310 or agacgfm@agacgfm.org.

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