

**THE COMMUNIQUE NEWSLETTER**

*December Meeting*  
Wednesday, December 17, 2008

**Winter Workshop**

**"A Guide for Government Executives" and "The Operator's Manual for the Next Administration"  
and "Leadership is NOT a Gene"**

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m..

Location: IBM Institute for Electronic Government, 1301 K. Street, NW,  
4th floor/West Tower, Washington, DC 20005

Cost: \$65 for members; \$85 for non-members

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can be found on our AGA website, or

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**SPEAKER BIOS**

**JOHN M. KAMENSKY**

*Senior Fellow and Associate Partner, IBM Center for The Business of Government*



Mr. Kamensky is a senior fellow with the IBM Center for The Business of Government, where he is passionate about helping transform government to be more results-oriented, performance-based, customer-driven, and collaborative in nature.

Prior to joining the IBM Center, he had a significant role in helping pioneer the federal government's performance and results orientation. He served for eight years as deputy director of Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Re-inventing Government. Before that, he worked at the Government Accountability Office where he played a key role in the development and passage of the Government Performance and Results Act. He has co-edited six books and writes and speaks extensively on performance management, government reform, citizen engagement, and the Web 2.0 phenomena. In addition, he currently focuses on management challenges associated with the upcoming Presidential Transition and blogs on it at: [www.transition2008.wordpress.com](http://www.transition2008.wordpress.com).

Mr. Kamensky is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and received a Masters in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, in Austin, Texas.

**ROBERT BLACK**

*Dean, Government Audit Training Institute, and the Financial Management, Management Sciences, and IT Curriculums Graduate School, USDA*

Mr. Black spent a whole career working as a performance auditor for the federal government. In that line of work, he analyzed major programs and systems in practically every major federal agency. At GAO, the Government Accountability Office, he designed and carried out analyses on everything from agriculture programs, to housing programs, to defense information system projects. At NASA, he was responsible for monitoring and assessing multi-billion dollar contracts for the International Space Station.

In his current position, Mr. Black helps address the need for improved accountability in the government by providing training to government employees. As Dean of the Government Audit Training Institute and the Financial Management Curriculum at the Graduate School, USDA, he develops and delivers training courses that teach topics that include: improved financial management, all aspects of performance auditing, transparency, and good governance. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

He also serves on the board of directors of the ICGFM, the International Consortium of Government Financial Management, an organization that promotes improved financial management for developing nations.

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## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

The Montgomery/Prince George's AGA Chapter has provided wonderful training opportunities thus far this year. As always, the dedication of all of the chapter board, members, and volunteers is the reason for the M/PG AGA Chapter's success. Our chapter is only as strong as our volunteer and member support. Please feel free to contact any board member for those committees that might be of interest to you; they are listed at <http://www.marylandaga.com/info.html>.

As we are heading into the Holiday season, the Presidential Transition teams are moving forward. The next President will face a wide range of challenges—economic, political, and social, which will be addressed by leading an effective government. Our upcoming Winter Workshop will feature two speakers who will address the next administration and leadership.

Sincerely,

Yehuda Schmidt, CPA, CISA  
President, Montgomery/Prince George's County AGA Chapter

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## Chapter Newsletter Research, Articles, and Book Reviews

The chapter encourages volunteers to provide newsletter articles on relevant subjects. We encourage all members to consider providing information that can enhance our knowledge base.

## Community Service

Our chapter, in conjunction with the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF), is pleased to announce a community service event to sponsor a holiday party for families and children currently residing in homeless shelters in the area. Please see the Community Service Corner in this issue. AGA National will match dollar for dollar any and all cash contributions realized or raised for this event.

This year, as part of the monthly programs, we have decided to collect, as part of our community service contribution, new or used toys, which will be provided to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Please assist us in supporting this important program.

## AGA National Updates

Member-Get-A-Member program has been launched: IAGA National has launched the latest Member-Get-A-Member campaign—The Big Easy. Please visit [http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem\\_campaign.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx) for details on this program, the prizes available, and rules for participation.

## CGFM Updates

The M/PG AGA Chapter purchased study guides for each of the three exams. CGFM candidates are encouraged to borrow these study guides to help pass the exam. For additional information, please contact Mike Loos at [cgfm@marylandaga.com](mailto:cgfm@marylandaga.com)

As you prepare to celebrate the upcoming holidays, the entire board is grateful to you for your membership in the AGA. We appreciate your continued membership, especially in these challenging times. Members are the reason the AGA exists.

Have safe, healthy, and happy holidays!

Sincerely,  
Yehuda Schmidt, CPA, CISA

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## Community Service Corner

Our annual holiday party will be held Monday evening December 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Georgia Avenue Baptist Church on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring next to the Glenmont Metro Station.

The Montgomery/PG County AGA Chapter supports the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF), whose mission is to create total, healthy living environments for vulnerable children, youth, and families, and the quality of life, which empowers their ability to thrive and demonstrate responsibility.

There will be 60 guests attending including 34 children for whom we will be buying gifts. In addition, working with the church, we will furnish various foods including desserts, salads, cold cuts, bread and rolls, etc. The church will furnish turkey and ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, soft drinks, etc.

I am excited that we have about 10 chapter members who are volunteering their time, energy, and their own money to help us put on this event, which we have now done for the past 10 years. Personal donations from chapter members are greatly appreciated. Please mail your AGA Montgomery/PG County contribution to:

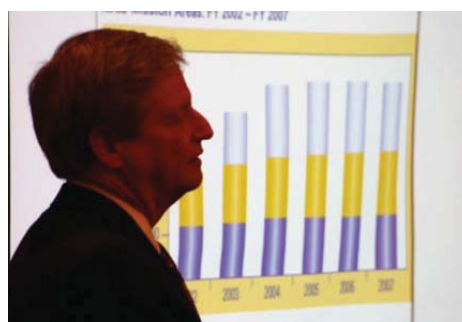
Andrew Lewis – Treasurer  
C/O AGA Montgomery/PG County  
15736 Ambiance Drive  
North Potomac, MD 20878

To date, we have received \$250 from three chapter members. AGA National will match dollar for dollar any and all cash contributions realized or raised for this event.

## CGFM Corner

The chapter has purchased CGFM study materials that are available free of charge to any current PG/Montgomery AGA chapter member. The only stipulation is that the candidate is eligible to sit for the CGFM and make an appointment at one of the CGFM testing centers. The CGFM study guide policy is available on the chapter website.

Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter October Monthly Dinner Training photos:



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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The full chapter FY 2008–2009 Training Schedule is posted on the chapter website at <http://www.marylandaga.com/news/index.cfm>.

### December 2008

#### December 15

##### Community Service – Christmas Party for Kids

Our chapter, in conjunction with the National Center for Children and Families, is pleased to announce a community service event to sponsor a holiday party for families and children currently residing in homeless shelters in the area.

We are seeking volunteers to help donate items and food and to participate on the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Kess at 301-443-0620.

**Location:** Georgia Ave Baptist Church, 12525 Georgia Ave, Glenmont MD.

**Event Time:** 6:30 to approximately 8:30 p.m.

#### December 17

##### Winter Workshop

Come join us on December 17, 2008 at the IBM Institute for Electronic Government for training worth four CPE Credits!

The workshop training will feature two speakers. John M. Kamensky, Senior Fellow and Associate Partner, IBM Center for The Business of Government; and Partner, IBM Global Business Services, will discuss "A Guide for Government Executives" and "The Operator's Manual for the Next Administration." Robert Black, Dean, Government Audit Training Institute, and the Financial Management, Management Sciences, and IT Curriculums Graduate School, USDA, will discuss "Leadership is NOT a Gene."

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### January 2009:

#### January 21

##### AGA Audio Conferences (Earn Two FREE CPEs)

"How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting" (sponsored by Clifton Gunderson).

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on one of its important ongoing research projects that demonstrates the value of government financial and performance reporting.

**Date and Time:** This conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:50 p.m. EST.

**Location and Cost:** Clifton Gunderson, one of our chapter's corporate partners, has agreed to sponsor this event \*free of charge\* for our chapter members. The conference will take place at Clifton Gunderson's corporate offices:

11710 Beltsville Drive, Suite 300, Calverton, MD 20705

Please contact Elizabeth Robinson to RSVP for this event, phone: 301-931-2050

#### January 21

Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD. Jack Heyman, CPA, CISA, CGFM, CIPP, of Your Internal Controls, will discuss "Latest Security Vulnerabilities."

**January 21**

**Community Service Activity:** Please bring new or used toys to be provided to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

**February 2009:**

**February 11**

**\*FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning**

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule – fraud risk planning.

**Date and Time:** This conference is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:50 p.m. EST

**Location and Cost:** KPMG LLP, one of our chapter's corporate partners, has agreed to sponsor this event \*free of charge\* for our chapter members.

The conference will take place at KPMG LLP's Washington, DC office, 2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Please contact Maria Rossel to RSVP for this event, phone: 202-533-6396

**February 18**

**Dinner Meeting** at Hilton in Rockville, MD. Marshall Brown, PCC, President of Marshall Brown & Associates, certified executive, and career coach, will discuss "Marketing Brand You."

For additional information and to register for any of the above chapter events, please go to our website at [www.marylandaga.com](http://www.marylandaga.com).

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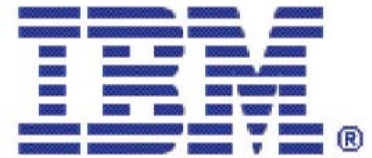
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