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October Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Wendy M. Payne, CPA, CGFM, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

"What's New from FASAB?"

Dinner Meeting

Time: Reception: 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Meeting: 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
(approximate ending time)

Location: Hilton Hotel, formerly the DoubleTree Hotel
1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
301-468-1100
See our Web site at www.marylandaga.com for directions.
Self-parking is complimentary in the hotel garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.

Menu: Soy glazed salmon with jasmine rice and asparagus, chef's choice of salad, soft beverage and dessert.

Cost: \$30 for members and nonmembers. Cash or checks made payable to "AGA."

RSVP to Scott Turnbull, 301-931-2050, meetings@marylandaga.com

DINNER SPEAKER'S BIO

WENDY M. PAYNE, CPA, CGFM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD



Wendy Payne is the Executive Director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB). As executive director, Ms. Payne manages the research staff supporting Board deliberations and chairs the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee of the FASAB. Prior to joining the FASAB staff in 1991, Ms. Payne worked in the utility field. Her experience includes consumer advocacy and corporate financial planning. She has served as an auditor, expert witness, and financial forecaster.

Ms. Payne graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce. She is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She serves as a member of AGA's National Executive Committee and Professional Certification Board. She has served as chairperson of the AGA Professional Certification Board, President of the AGA's Washington DC Chapter, and member of the AICPA's Members in Government Committee and Group of 100.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

We had a great turnout for our first dinner meeting of the year. I would like to thank our corporate sponsors, **Clifton Gunderson LLP, KPMG LLP, IBM, and Ernst & Young**, and our chapter directors and members whose efforts and coordination made this a successful event. Our speaker that evening, Karen Hawkins, Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Finance, Maryland Montgomery County, provided us with an enlightening presentation on the process Montgomery County goes through to plan for the acquisition of an Enterprise Resource Planning system.

I would like to congratulate our members and directors who received well-deserved promotions, Chris Deeb, Scott Ing, and Ann Marie Kugler. Congratulations also to our Education Co-Director, Jack Heyman, who passed the CGFM exam and earned the CGFM credential. Some of their bios are included in this newsletter. Beginning this month, we will have part of our monthly newsletter dedicated to sharing news about our members. If you have any noteworthy news, please contact one of our Membership Directors, Natalie Samuel or Mike Boyd.

In August, your Board approved a corporate sponsorship plan that continues the initiative we started last year. The sponsorship includes all chapter activities and is solicited once a year. Many thanks to our past president, Flora Milans, for refining the plan and leading the effort to implement it. As you can see from this newsletter, we are proud to announce our sponsors, Clifton Gunderson LLP, KPMG, IBM, and Ernst & Young. With their partnership support, our chapter will be able to expand its program initiatives to provide scholarships, free memberships, CGFM exam sponsorships, etc. to our members. Many thanks also to our directors who participated in this fund-raising effort!

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Our chapter offers FREE CPE via audio conferences to our members. Please take advantage of the free sessions and try to attend as many as possible. They provide valuable networking opportunities, while informing you about the hot topics impacting our governmental sector.

We are also kicking off a series of Early Careers Social Hours starting this month. The first event will take place at Rock Bottom Brewery in Bethesda, MD. We will offer a free drink to any Early Careers Member who attends the event. In addition, we have several contests, college and AGA PDC scholarships, and free membership opportunities. Please check out our Web site and contact one of our Early Careers Directors, Chris Deeb or AnLih Tung for details.

Our Community Service Director, Mike Kess, is collecting used cell phones and eyeglasses at the dinner meetings. Used items collected are donated to the Lions Club. You may also purchase raffle tickets at the dinner meetings for a chance to win 25% of the proceeds collected that night; the remaining amounts will be donated to other charitable organizations.

I hope to see you at our October dinner meeting. Wendy Payne, Executive Director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), will be our keynote speaker. For more information on the October meeting and future events, visit our Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com>.

Sincerely,

Denise Wu, CPA, CGFM
President, AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Anne Marie Kugler

Congratulations to Anne Marie Kugler for her recent promotion! Anne Marie Kugler graduated from Penn State University in May 2005 with a Baccalaureate of Science (BS) in Accounting. She was hired by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) right out of college as an intern in the "Accounting Intern Program" in June 2005. The program lasted for two years, and she was then placed permanently as Audit Liaison. Currently, Anne prepares the financial statements for the Program Support Center under HHS.

Jack Heyman

Congratulations to Jack Heyman for recently passing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam in September 2007. Jack is a graduate of Florida International University with a Baccalaureate of Arts in Accounting. He possesses more than 10 years of technical and leadership experience in providing internal controls, systems auditing, consulting, financial auditing, and accounting services. In 2003, Jack started a consulting firm, Your Internal Controls, LLC and is the current President and CEO. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and a current board member of the Association of Government Accountants (Prince Georges and Montgomery County Chapter).



Christopher Deeb

Congratulations to Christopher Deeb on his recent promotion! Chris graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Upon graduation, he began an internship with the Financial Management Services (FMS) Accounting Intern Program for Program Support Center (PSC) at Health and Human Services (HHS) under the director of FMS. Upon completion, he was placed in Reports and Controls in the Division of Financial Operations as an accounting technician. Chris Deeb is also Early Careers Co-Chair for our chapter!

Please join us in congratulating our fellow members on their success!

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Please visit our Web site or go to www.agacgfm.org for more details on chapter or national AGA events below.

October 2007:

October 11 Early Careers Social Hour, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Rock Bottom Brewery, Bethesda, Maryland. First drink and appetizers **FREE** to Early Careers members.

October 17 Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD., Wendy Payne, Executive Director of FASAB, \$30, 1 CPE.
Joint meeting with Northern Virginia Chapter.

Bring Old Eyeglasses and Cell Phones to the Meeting!

November 2007:

November 8 Early Careers Social Hour, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Rira Irish Pub, Bethesda, Maryland. First drink and appetizers **FREE** to Early Careers members.

November 14 AGA Audio Conference: Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., **FREE** to chapter members.

November 28 Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD., Sandy Dumont, The Image Architect, \$30, 1 CPE.

Bring Old Eyeglasses and Cell Phones to the Meeting!

December 2007:

December 6 Montgomery/PG AGA Workshop: Discovering Fraud Through CAATS * Privacy Impact Assessments * Intergovernmental Cooperation, 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Location: Reznick Group, 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. AGA Members \$65 – Nonmembers \$85, 4 CPEs. Reznick offices are accessible by Metro (Red Line – Bethesda); one block north of the Metro station. Breakfast and lunch are being provided by the Reznick Group.

December 12 AGA Audio Conference, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA): Anatomy of Fraud – Case Examples of Greed and Collusion. This conference is scheduled from 2:00 p.m.–3:50 p.m. EST

Location and Cost: KPMG LLP has agreed to sponsor this event **FREE** for our chapter members. The conference will take place at KPMG LLP's Washington, DC office, 2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 (KPMG's offices are a short walk from the Dupont Circle Metro Station (Red Line) and the Farragut West Metro Station (Orange and Blue Lines)).

For additional information and to register for any of the above chapter events, please go to our Web site at www.marylandaga.com.

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