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*September Dinner Meeting*  
Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Sallyanne Harper, CAO and CFO, GAO**

**"Federal Human Capital Challenges and Opportunities"**

**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](http://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: New York strip steak served with a horseradish potato pancake, malibu carrots and a shiraz demi-glace, caesar salad, 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](mailto:meetings@marylandaga.com)

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## DINNER SPEAKER'S BIO

**SALLYANNE HARPER**

**CAO AND CFO, U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**



Sallyanne Harper is currently the chief financial officer (CFO) and chief administrative officer for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). In her current capacity, Ms. Harper is responsible for the full range of financial, IT, human capital, and knowledge services functions in support of the GAO, a legislative branch accountability agency that serves the Congress and the American people.

Prior to coming to GAO in January 2000, Ms. Harper served as chief financial officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). At EPA, she was responsible for all aspects of EPA's strategic planning, financial management and reporting, budgeting, and financial systems. She had previously served as deputy CFO, head of management and administration, including IT and finance director.

Ms. Harper graduated from LaSalle University, magna cum laude with a BA in psychology and received her MBA in finance and investments from the George Washington University. Ms. Harper was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from LaSalle University. She is a graduate of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Senior Managers in Government program.

Ms. Harper is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

I want to begin my inaugural column as the chapter president by thanking last year's board members. They raised the bar and made last year a great success.

We begin this year with several new directors who will join a strong roster of experienced board members. We have a great combination of new energy and experience on our board.

During July and August, our board members were busy combining summer vacations, work, and planning sessions to shape the upcoming year's activities. These activities include monthly dinner meetings, early career events, AGA audio conferences, community service events, and other enriching activities.

For those of you who missed the successful AGA 57th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) with the theme, "Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability," we hope that you will attend future chapter training offerings.

Our September Monthly Program Event on September 17, 2008, will feature Sallyanne Harper, CAO and CFO, GAO, who will speak about "Federal Human Capital Issues."

On October 22, 2008, we will feature John J. McGowan, Ph.D., deputy director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, who will speak about "Transforming Spreadsheets to an Enterprise Budgeting and Strategy Management Solution: NIH's Experience."

Please check our Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com> for additional information.

Lastly, if you have any suggestions for improving the Chapter training and other activities, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the officers and directors listed at our Web site.

Sincerely,

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

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

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### September 2008:

#### September 10

#### **AGA Audio Conference (Earn 2 FREE CPEs)**

"Fraud Prevention and Detection – The Cost with No Return" (sponsored by Clifton Gunderson)

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 Prevention and Detection – The Cost with No Return.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008, from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EDT

**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 Jamie Campbell to RSVP for this event at 301-931-2050.

#### September 17

Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD. **Sallyanne Harper, CAO and CFO, GAO will present "Federal Human Capital Challenges and Opportunities."**

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

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### October 2008:

#### October 15

##### AGA Audio Conference (Earn 2 FREE CPEs)

“Results of AGA’s Research on Performance-Based Management Reporting” (sponsored by KPMG LLP)

AGA is pleased to announce one of 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:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EDT

**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 office, 2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Please contact Maria Rossel to RSVP for this event at 202-533-6396.

#### October 22

Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD. John J. McGowan, Ph.D, Deputy Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Health, will discuss “Transforming Spreadsheets to an Enterprise Budgeting and Strategy Management Solution: NIH’s Experience.”

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### November 2008:

#### November 12

##### FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Internal Controls (Earn 2 FREE CPEs)

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on internal controls.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EDT

**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 Jamie Campbell to RSVP for this event at 301-931-2050.

#### November 18

**Early Careers Social Hour** – geared to our Early Career members on the third Thursday of every month.

For November, Happy Hour at the ESPN Zone (555 12th St, NW, Washington, DC; near Metro Center).

Contact: AnLih Tung or Daniel Long at 301-931-2050 or 301-443-7093.

#### November 19

Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD. Jennifer Barrett, Montgomery County Director of Finance, will discuss “Challenges Facing Today’s Local Government CFO/Finance Director.”

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

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