

THE COMMUNIQUE NEWSLETTER

February Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009

with Marshall Brown, PCC, President of Marshall Brown & Associates, certified executive and career coach.

"Marketing Brand You"

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: Maryland jumbo lump crab cakes served with jasmine rice, grilled cherry tomatoes and ginger snow peas accompanied by a spicy remoulade sauce, chef's choice of salad, and dessert.

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

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

SPEAKER BIO

MARSHALL A. BROWN, PCC

President of Marshall Brown & Associates, certified executive and career coach



Marshall Brown, PCC, President of Marshall Brown & Associates, is a certified executive and career coach. Marshall has always had a passion for helping professionals find ways to succeed in the workplace while living happy and fulfilling lives. He channeled his interest and energy into a career in human resources, beginning with a very successful tenure as director of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives' career services center.

Marshall is also a certified Reach Brand Strategist. His brand—***Unleashing & Channeling Your Power to Succeed***—reflects his commitment to supporting and encouraging his clients to find their passions and unique talents, while seeking additional possibilities to move from mediocre to exceptional. His clients include senior-level association executives, lawyers, health care professionals, CEOs and business entrepreneurs.

Marshall is the Past Board President of the DC Chapters of both the International Coach Federation and the Association of Career Professionals International. He is an active member and volunteer leader for the American Society of Association Executives and the Center for Association Leadership.

Marshall publishes his own monthly e-newsletter called "It's All About You!" He also writes a monthly career column for Association Trends called "Ask the Coach," and has published articles in leading association management magazines and newsletters.

Marshall's book, *High Level Resumes*, released in January 2005, reflects his successful work in leading hundreds of job candidates in creating compelling professional resumes. His speaking engagements have attracted hundreds of association and business professionals from across the country. Marshall can be seen on Business Week Online regarding the benefits of hiring a business/executive coach.

Marshall has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and is certified by the International Coach Federation, Career Coach Institute, and Coaches Training Institute. He grew up in Pittsburgh and now resides in Washington, DC.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

As we embark on the New Year, current economic conditions, and new administration, the Montgomery/Prince George's AGA Chapter continues to support our profession with great educational and networking opportunities.

On January 21, our Chapter offered two training events following Martin Luther King Day and the Presidential Inauguration celebration date.

Our Chapter sponsored a free AGA Audio Conference (2 CPE) featuring the topic: "How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting". Later that evening, our Chapter hosted a dinner training meeting featuring the topic: "Latest Security Vulnerabilities".

February will be a busy month for us, as well. On February 11, the Chapter sponsored a free AGA Audio Conference (2 CPE) featuring the topic: "Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning".

On February 18, our Chapter will host Government Accounting and Auditing Career Fair and Networking Event. It will precede our Chapter's monthly dinner meeting featuring the topic: "Marketing Brand You".

For information about the upcoming February training events, please visit the **Chapter Upcoming Events Corner** below.

I encourage you to visit the AGA 2008–2009 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign –The Big Easy. It is your opportunity to share the value of an AGA membership with your friends and colleagues, and earn BIG rewards in the process! Also, the AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) will take place on February 19–20 in Washington, DC. For information about the February upcoming training events, please visit the **AGA National Corner** below.

In addition, I want to call your attention to a new AGA initiative – **The AGA 'Your Money, Your Government'**, a radio talk show, airing on WTOP 1500AM Federal News Radio. The 'Your Money, Your Government', hosted by the AGA's Executive Director, Relmond Van Daniker, features discussions about government performance, accountability, and management with a variety of government executives who are working to advance government accountability. The first two talk shows featured the topics: Intergovernmental Cooperation and Government in Transition. The AGA is planning to record five additional shows. The programs can be replayed or downloaded at: www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=78&sid=1556819.



**AGA - YOUR MONEY,
YOUR GOVERNMENT**

As always the Montgomery/Prince George's AGA Chapter encourages feedback from all our members. Those wishing to become more actively involved should not hesitate to contact me or any other Board member. There are always opportunities to enhance one's professional knowledge and networking experiences. It is through these that our organization can achieve the excellence that we all strive for both on a professional and personal level.

Our Chapter is only as strong as our volunteers and members. 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>.

We appreciate your continued membership, especially in these challenging times. Members are the reason the AGA exists.

Sincerely,

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

CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Marine Corps' Toys for Tots

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

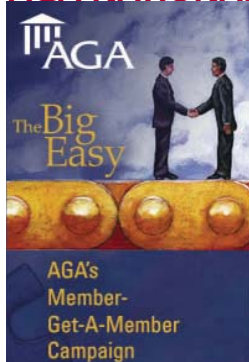
CHAPTER NEWSLETTER RESEARCH, ARTICLES, AND BOOK REVIEWS

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.

CHAPTER CGFM CORNER

The Montgomery/Prince George's 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.

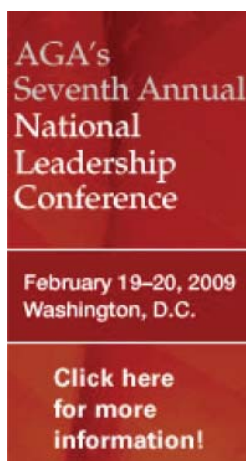
AGA NATIONAL UPDATES



Member-Get-A-Member program

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 for details on this program, the prizes available, and rules for participation.

Start Recruiting Today!



AGA National Leadership Conference (NLC)

At AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC), those sentiments are more than just words.

The AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) brings together the top minds in the industry to provide "how-to" lessons, the newest management techniques, and the most recent information on always-changing standards and regulations. The conference is set for February 19–20, 2009, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

For more information, please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2009/index.htm.



AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)

The AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) is now in its 58th year. This year's PDC will attract more than 1,700 government finance professionals from all three levels of government to hear from the best minds in the profession at education sessions, in the Exhibit Hall, and at daily social events.

At the PDC, you can hear from dynamic speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS CORNER

The following are the chapter's upcoming monthly program highlights. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com/meetings.cfm> and click the **Upcoming Chapter Events** for more details.

February 2009:

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."

Prior to the meeting, the Chapter will host its Annual Networking Career Fair from 4:00–6:00 p.m.

February 19 **Early Careers Happy Hour**

The Washington DC, Northern Virginia, and Montgomery/Prince George's AGA Chapters are hosting a joint happy hour for the regions' early career members on February 19 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Location: Aria Trattoria 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

Contact: AnLih Tung or Daniel Long

Phone: 301-931-2050 or 301-443-7093

March 2009:

March 11 ***FREE* AGA Audio Conference: Internal Controls**

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

Date and Time: This conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 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, 301-931-2050

March 18 **Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD**

Mike Najjum, Ginnie Mae SVP and CFO, and Stuart Kurlancheek, deputy chief, Office of Audit of Administrative Office of the United States Courts, will discuss "Internal Controls – In Today's Government Business Process"

April 2009:

April 8 ***FREE* AGA Audio Conference: Auditing**

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on Auditing.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 2:00–3:50 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, 202-533-6396

April 22 **Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD**

Presentation: "Single Audit" by Chris Stubbs, Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant IG for Audits, and Morgan Aronson, Department of the Interior OIG Single Audits Coordinator.

May 2009:

May 2–3

Community Service – Susan Komen Breast Cancer Walk

The Montgomery/PG Chapter is pleased to announce its participation in the Susan Komen breast cancer walk in May.

Volunteers are needed to help participate in the project on May 2–3, 2009. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leילה Beigzadeh using the contact information below.

Location: Washington, DC

Event Time: TBD

Contact: Leילה Beigzadeh

Phone: 301-443-0450

May 13

***FREE* AGA Audio Conference: Ethics**

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on Ethics.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 2:00–3:50 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.

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May 19

Dinner Meeting at Hilton in Rockville, MD

Presentation to be given by AGA National President, Sam Mok.

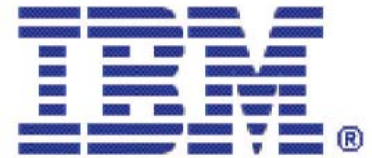
For additional information and to register for any of the above Chapter events, please go to our Web site at www.marylandaga.com.

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