



CGFM Chairs in the Texas / Oklahoma Region. 3/14/07

Greetings! This is a busy time of year for many of us but that hasn't slowed down all the hard work happening on the certification home front. I attended the March monthly teleconference for CGFM Regional Coordinators and would like to update you on what's going on around the country.

- Success for the intensive CGFM review courses held in February in connection with the National Leadership Conference in Washington DC where 19 individuals completed the CGFM exam! Congratulations to all the new Certified Government Financial Managers!
- As many of you noted in your newsletters and websites, in conjunction with the Professional Development Conference in June, CGFM intensive training courses and examinations will be offered. More information and the registration application on this can be obtained at www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/index.htm. Cost is \$249 for the intensive review course, exam and 18 hours of CPE. The deadline is June 11, 2007. Online registration should be available soon.
- National again proclaims March as CGFM Month. Texas and Oklahoma were both successful in obtaining a Governor's Proclamation of March as CGFM Month. As states and local governments provide copies, the proclamations are being posted to a section of AGA's website. To see ours along with others, visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations_07.aspx. National has heard from other states and is awaiting copies to be posted as soon as they are available.
- The San Antonio Chapter has met with the University of Texas in San Antonio about incorporating the CGFM certification as part of their curriculum for first degree students. Helene Baker visited with UTSA's Education and Programs Director and provided him with the study materials for review. Academic acknowledgement would be a great catalyst for wider recognition of the certification. I look forward to hearing the director's feedback!
- The South Eastern regional coordinator discussed a letter campaign that the Nashville Chapter is conducting. The chapter is sending out a letter announcing that the Governor of Tennessee has declared March CGFM Month. The letter introduces AGA, the CGFM and what they mean to the government professional. They are sending letters to legislators and staff as well as CPA firms and private companies that work within the government arena.
- The Nashville Chapter is also conducting a "Directed Study" program, offering an 8 week study course for each CGFM exam. They are holding one hour sessions at lunch every Thursday. The requirements are that the attendees buy their study guide and read the material each week before the study session.
- If you haven't had a chance to see it, GAO Director, David Walker, appeared on the television program, 60 Minutes, earlier this month. He's got quite a message that he's sharing. Here's a link to the website if you're interested in viewing it: http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?channel=60Sunday.

Contact me with an update of your chapters work on CGFM activities or questions. I've listed my contact information below. I look forward to hearing from you!

PS: I received a question earlier this this year and I've obtained answer and now I've lost the person's name who asked. If this sounds familiar to you - please get in touch with me. Sorry about confusion!

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Date: February 20, 2007, 2pm ET

Attending: Milt Barr, Midwestern Coordinator
Vandee DeVore, National Coordinator
Alexander Guiang, Northern California Coordinator
Ray Harris, Director of Chapter Operations
David Kaschak, Northeast Coordinator
Michele Louviere, South Central Coordinator
Mark Morehouse, Mid-Atlantic Region Coordinator
Katya Silver, Director of Professional Certification Administration

Absent: Gerry Boaz, Southeastern Coordinator
Nancy Clarke, Southern California Coordinator
David Fulkerson, Rocky Mountain Coordinator
Carol Lynn McFarland, Texas-Oklahoma Coordinator
David Mellem, North Central Coordinator
Dairus Reynnet, Ohio-Michigan Coordinator
Kathleen Rogers, South Western Coordinator
Michael S. Sablan, Pacific Rim Coordinator
Stu Sklamm, Capital Coordinator
Joseph Valchuis, New England Coordinator

Ms. DeVore asked if there were any changes to January 9th minutes. There were none.

Ms. Silver introduced Ray Harris, AGA Director of Chapter Operations who talked about Sectional Leadership Meetings (SLMs):

The SLMs will replace the annual LTW (Leadership Training Workshop), which has been held in the past for national leaders and the RCOWs (Regional Chapter Officer Workshops), which have been held for regional and chapter leaders. Regional Coordinators for Certification and Chapter Chairs or Vice Presidents for Certification are among those invited to participate in the SLMs. By bringing together AGA leaders at the national, regional and chapter levels, the association hopes to deliver a strong and consistent message regarding the direction of AGA, to share best practices and to provide the members with the tools needed to succeed.

There will be four SLMs in the spring of 2007:

- March 30-31 Section 4 Lexington, Kentucky (coincides with the regional PDC)
- April 27-28 Section 1 Indianapolis, Indiana
- May 4-5 Section 2 Dallas, Texas
- May 18-19 Section 3 Portland, Oregon



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AGA National will cover the travel and lodging costs associated with the SLMs. Julie Cupp from AGA meetings' department will be sending out an RSVP form to the RVPs.

Ms. Silver reported on the success of the Intensive Review Course before the NLC (19 people completed their CGFM exams!) and encouraged the group to promote the upcoming Intensive Review Course to be held in conjunction with the AGA Professional Development Conference in Nashville in June (http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm). March 2007 will once again be declared "CGFM Month" - the chapters who are able to obtain proclamations are encouraged to send them to Ms. Silver to be posted on the AGA website (http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations_07.aspx).

Each RC reported on their region's activities. Ms. DeVore shared the email reports she received from RCs who were unable to participate in the call - Mr. Mellem reported that WI governor already signed the March CGFM proclamation that will be displayed at two February chapter events (luncheon and audio conference training) in addition to March luncheon and Mr. Sklamm reported on exploring the possibility of forming a CGFM study group in conjunction with the "early careers" activity and being in the process of obtaining proclamations from DC, Maryland, Prince Georges County and Montgomery County. Mr. Barr shared the upcoming presentations of MO and NE proclamations and efforts to promote the upcoming Intensive Review Course. Mr. Guiang talked about obtaining five local proclamations and a congratulatory letter from the CA Governor and the upcoming presentation of the city of Milpitas proclamation. Mr. Kaschak reported on NY and NJ proclamations. Ms. Louviere reported MS obtained a proclamation and LA and city of Baton Rouge were working on obtaining proclamations as well. Mr. Morehouse reported that VA obtained the proclamation and MD was working on it. He also suggested that CRP be given to the CGFM chapter award.

Ms. DeVore talked about the CGFM chapter award (more information can be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/cgfmchapter.aspx>) and reminded that CGFM invoices are due by March 31st.

The next teleconference is scheduled for March 13 at 2:00pm Eastern Time. Future dates - April 10 and May 8.

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