

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER “NEWS”

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

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In the News: Future AGA National Conferences, Training Opportunities
Your Board Members: Are listed in each article with contact emails in this Newsletter

President Message - *Ernest Dabon*

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President-Elect Message by Gwendolyn Sewell , CGFM

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Our next event is March 5, 2008, an Audio Conference on “How Fraud Can Undermine the Integrity of Environmental Programs and Create Environmental Risks.” This is a topic that is very relevant to us all regardless of our position within our organization. Hope to see a record turn out.

A Great start for a New Year is your topics/speakers/events you might want to see offered next year. Send to anyone of our board members. Thanks in advance for your suggestions.

Our chapter is looking for additional professionals who will join our board members in continuing the legacy of a vibrant and instrumental organization in our community. We will have vacant positions. Contact one of our board members.

TX OK Regional VP-Elect Message by Helene A. Baker, CGFM, CFE

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These strengths and weaknesses of our chapter as measured by your Regional VP – Shad Sanders shows a viable chapter. The programs are good and many members are busy in their business activities yet do show attendance at luncheons. The audio conferences times of days and length keeps many away. Please encourage your Senior Executive and Chief Executive Officers to be guest speakers and encourage members and non members to attend chapter educational events.

Strengths: The San Antonia chapter has provide high quality training through the AGA national audio conferences and plans to participate in more audio conferences before the program year ends. This chapter has good contacts with the private sector and gets them to sponsor events and get involvement with AGA. The chapter is on its way to becoming a model chapter. Members receive current news about AGA national programs and education training in the chapter’s newsletter. A host of worthy charity events and acts are performed by the members almost every month. The chapter

has the RVP-Elect-Helene Baker in its membership. This is a very able group and I know big rewards lie ahead for this chapter. The chapter president-elect Gwendolyn Sewell, CGFM has communication with the RVP on regular basis. Ernest Dabon is the chapter president. I know he will continue to carry the torch of knowledge in pursuit of excellence for this chapter and goals and objectives.

Weaknesses: The chapter needs to improve the recruitment of students and early careers members. The chapter must, publish it chapter officers, regional officers and the benefits of being a chapter officer in the monthly chapter newsletter. There should be more direct line of communication with the RVP through emails, newsletters and the RVP tele-conferences. There should be an audio conference or course on ethics training in the education plan.

Treasurer Update by Richard Middleton, CGFM
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Finance Report - San Antonio Chapter Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Balance Sheet
Through January 26,
2008

Income Statement
For the period April 1, 2007
through January 26, 2008

	Debit	Credit		Debit	Credit
<u>Assets</u>			<u>Income</u>		
Cash-Unrestricted	1,708.02		Luncheon Income		1,342.00
Cash-Restricted for scholarships	0.00		Dues		207.80
Accounts Receivable	0.00		Misc. Income		158.00
Total assets	1,708.02		Total Income		1,707.80
<u>Liabilities</u>			<u>Expenses</u>		
Total liabilities		0.00	Misc. Expense	977.95	
			UTSA - Scholarship	500.00	
			Luncheon Expenses	1,114.18	
			Total Expenses	2,592.13	
<u>Retained Earnings</u>			Net Income	-884.33	
Retained from prior chapter & Start-up		2,179.90			
Retained Earnings - Prior Years		412.45			
Retained Earnings - Current Year		-884.33			
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings		1,708.02			

Programs/Communications Update by Jesse Barrios

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Our January meeting had a reasonable turn out. Attorney Judy Saenz did an excellent presentation. As for February, we are not having a meeting. We will have two March Audio Conferences. Hopefully more than three members will attend these two Conferences.

AGA San Antonio Chapter 2007 – 2008				
Month	Meeting Function	Community Event	Other	CPE
February 6, 2008	March 5 th meeting replaces month of February	Valentine Silk Rose and Children Activity/Reading Books for SA Battered Women and Children Shelter	CGFM Month	
March 5, 2008	Chapter Meeting Educational Event Luncheon at Conference Room, Padgett, Stratemann & Co. L.L.P., 100 NE Loop 410, Suite 1100. PS&CO. to provide lunch.	February Collection	50/50 Raffle	2 hours
March 26, 2008	Live NASBA Audio Conference – Environmental Fraud Chapter Meeting Educational Event Luncheon at Conference Room, Padgett, Stratemann & Co. L.L.P., 100 NE Loop 410, Suite 1100. PS&CO. to provide lunch. Live NASBA Audio Conference – GASB/FASAB Update	Spring Clothing Drive – Goodwill Industries	50/50 Raffle Update 2d year of audio event plates on P&S Plaque and make formal presentation	2 hours
April 23, 2008	Chapter Meeting/Luncheon/ At Spaghetti Warehouse. Two blocks East of I-37, 1226 E. Houston St, SA TX 78205 210-299-1114 Activity: Vote Exec Board/Scholarship Awards Speaker: Pete Gonzales, San Antonio, City Auditor	Easter Basket – Hotel Sundry Items – for SA Battered Women and Children Shelter	50/50 Raffle	1 hour

	Subject: City Budget			
May 28, 2008	Chapter Meeting/Luncheon at Azuca Sabor Latino, 713 S. Alamo SA TX 78205, 210-225-5550 Activity: Awards/Change Exec Board Speaker : Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston – TBA – Subject: Challenges of Budget Resources and Research	Mother’s Day Basket – Teddy Bear, Activity Book and Crayons – for SA Battered Women and Children Shelter	50/50 Raffle	1 hour

Web Master Editor Update by Floyd Daigle

The new website added feature of a 2007-2008 Calendar to the drop down menu in the blue bar. This month the website will feature a ‘Registration Form” for both luncheons and audio conferences and will be published as a link in the event flyer. Visit the chapter website for updates on chapter activities at <http://sanantonioaga.org>. In addition, for a fast reference to our home page and the National web page click on links in blue bar located in the header of this Newsletter.

**CGFM/Early Careers Chair/Education Director/University Contact Update
by Jana Dudding
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E + E + E =  Education + Experience + Examination

A New CGFM Exam

In 2007, AGA undertook a psychometric review and update of the three CGFM Examinations. To ensure the examinations' content reflects the current industry practices, AGA conducted a full-scale Job Analysis Study of the role of the Certified Government Financial Manager. While the core of the examination content remained the same, the three examination content outlines were updated, refreshed and streamlined. The weighting among the sub-content areas within each

examination was adjusted, and the language of the content outlines was revised to provide additional depth and detail to support candidates preparing for the examinations.

The revised examination content outlines may be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMExamContentOutlines08.pdf>

The Job Analysis process is described on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/jobevalstudy.aspx>.

The updated CGFM Examinations will be offered for the first time at the Intensive Review Course/CGFM Examinations event to take place before the Professional Development Conference in Atlanta on July 24-27, 2008. The updated examinations will be available in Prometric testing centers beginning on August 15, 2008. CGFM Examinations taken prior to that date will follow the existing examinations content outline (see <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/>).

AGA is in the process of revising the three CGFM Study Guides to reflect the updated examinations content outline. The updated study guides will be available in March. More information regarding the study guides update will be posted on the CGFM Examinations update page (<<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/examupdate.aspx>>).

If you have any questions about the examinations update, please visit the CGFM Examinations Update: Frequently Asked Questions page (http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/update_faq.aspx) or contact the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 305.

Please consider obtaining the CGFM Certification. Never stop learning, never stop growing, never stop.....

Membership Director Update by Sergio Vigil
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I am thinking about new ideas in how to recruit new members instead of the tradition methods. One idea is to go to other organization meetings like the Noon Lions, Kwias, etc another idea would be to go Local Community College and talk to students, Accounting Club.

Community Events Director: (Charitable Drives) by Joan Navarro, CGFM
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BLOOD DRIVE. Don't forget to spread the word about the continual Blood Drive. If you donate blood, please remember to provide our sponsor number: SPON051653! Let's motivate others to support this worthy project. Your gift of life is greatly appreciated!

Easter Basket

Our next community project is the Easter Basket. Thus, we are soliciting your help in obtaining hotel soaps, lotions, shampoos, and other personal size items to fill the basket! We present the filled basket to the San Antonio Battered Women Shelter on 5 April 2007

Training Opportunities

AGA Chapter - How to Write a Grant Application Narrative

Management Concepts Course

Date: 2/25/2008 - 2/26/2008
Location: Jefferson City, MO
Contact Name: Connie Outami
Contact Email: Connie.Outami@oa.mo.gov
Contact Phone: 573-526-4545
Website: [AGA Chapter - How to Write a Grant Application Narrative](#)

AGA Chapter - How to Prepare a Grant Application Budget

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Future Conferences:	
	<p>National Leadership Conference Feb. 21-22, 2008 <i>Dynamic Leadership for Changing Times</i> Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Feb. 19-20, 2009 Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C.</p> <hr/> <p>Professional Development Conference July 27-30, 2008 <i>Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability</i> Marriott Atlanta Marquis, Atlanta, GA</p>
	<p>June 21-24, 2009 New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA</p>
	<p>July 11-14, 2010 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL</p>

National Executive Committee (NEC) Meetings

Feb. 20, 2008 - Washington, D.C.

July 25, 2008 - Atlanta, GA

"You cannot expect to achieve new goals or move beyond your present circumstances unless you change." Les Brown

"If you spend time getting ready to be perfect and do not start out to accomplish your dreams, you will find out later that you could have accomplished your dream if you had just acted." David DeNotaris