

**Special
Interest:**

- April Monthly Meeting at Petra's Restaurant in LaPlace, LA April 30
- April Speaker is AGA National President William Miller

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President's Message

Hello AGA Member and Friends,

Spring has sprung! We look forward to our joint meeting on April 30th with the AGA Baton Rouge Chapter at Petra's in Laplace, LA, where our speaker will be William Miller, our AGA National President. Make sure you mark your calendars for this meeting to ensure that you hear what is going on in the AGA community.

Coming up in May, we have our Gulf Region PDT which will be held at the University of New Orleans, May 5-6, 2015, with various speakers. Attendees can earn up to 16 hours of CPE. Details can be found @ <http://montgomeryaga.org/meetinginfo.php?id=161&ts=1427830643>. We look forward to a strong support from our Gulf Region members at this event.

Let's welcome our newest members listed below:

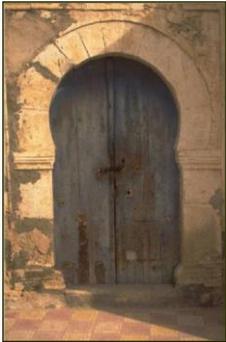
1. Mrs. Kimberly C. Baudy-Patterson, Accountant with the US Army Corps of Engineers
2. Mrs. Darlene Eubankwhite, Systems Accountant with USDA/OCFO/NFC
3. Ms. Shannon M. Williams, Accountant with Southern University of New Orleans and *sponsored by* Julin Renthrope, CGFM, CPA, CFE, CGFO

In closing, I would like to remind members that Membership renewal for the 2015-2016-membership year is currently underway. Current members should have received their renewal letter at this point. We look forward to having all our members renew their membership to take part in all that AGA has to offer to you.

The New Orleans Chapter will also be sending out a Chapter Satisfaction Survey so that you the members can grade us on how we are doing and what we can do better to serve you. Remember the strength of the Chapter is dependent on engaged members. We are here to serve you!

Tracey Carney, CPA, CFE
Chapter President 2014-2015

Community Service Activity



"There is no limit to what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit" **John Wooden**



Jazz Fest and the Gulf Region's PDT surround the 9th Annual New Orleans Habitat Community Service Project

April 28-May 1, 2015

Coordinated by AGA Past-National President Jeff Hart, CGFM, CFE

While we've seen substantial progress in the city, we can't forget that Katrina resulted in 1,833 deaths and caused \$125 billion in damage. Clearly, the people of New Orleans will need help for many years to come as tens of thousands of residents have yet to return home after one of the top four devastating hurricanes in U.S. history.

Volunteers are needed to participate in this year's Habitat for Humanity Project in New Orleans. No construction skills or experience is necessary for the Habitat project. We will be trained and supervised by professionals from Habitat, and they always find a meaningful and appropriate task for everyone.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please email Jeff Hart at jeffshart@comcast.net.

CALL FOR CEC MEMBERS

The chapter still needs members to become active on the board, to ensure the longevity of the chapter. Please nominate yourself or someone else that you believe would serve well in any one of the position below. You can send your responses to tcarneyaganeworleans@gmail.com. Below are the nominees for the 2015-2016 CEC Board Members, as well as vacant positions:

President – Brandon McNabb
 President-Elect – Vacant
 Immediate Past President – Tracey, Carney, CPA, CFE
 Treasurer – Tonia Adams
 Accountability Officer – Vacant
 Secretary – Ida Holmes
 CGFM – Vacant
 Community Service – Vacant
 Membership/Early Career – Julin Renthrope, CGFM, CPA, CFE, CFO
 Education – Amanda Green, CGFM
 Newsletter Co-Editors – Gary Millet, CPA, CGFM & Lindsey Millet
 Awards – Griselda Taylor
 Ambassador – Clyde McShan, CGFM
 Webmaster – Marcie Tureaud
 Meetings/Publicity/Programs – Vacant

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Place	Event/Speaker
<i>Thursday, November 20, 2014</i>	5:30 P.M.	<i>University of New Orleans (TRAC) 2000 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans, LA 70148</i>	<i>Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration! Speaker: Jon Renthrope, Founder, Cajun Brewing Co. 1 CPE</i>
<i>Thursday, January 15, 2015</i>	11:30 A.M.	<i>National Finance Center 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA 70129</i>	<i>Speaker: Harmony Baston of H&R Block Topic: Tax Update 1 CPE</i>
<i>Thursday, February 26, 2015</i>	5:30 P.M.	<i>Tentative: Munch Factory 6325 Elysian Fields New Orleans, LA 70122</i>	<i>Speaker : Jon Renthrope, Cajun Fire Brewing Company Topic: Entrepreneurship and its Financial Demands 1 CPE</i>
<i>Thursday, March 19, 2015</i>	5:30 P.M.	<i>Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118</i>	<i>Joint Meeting with Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) Speaker : Kenneth Polite, United States Attorney 1 CPE</i>
Thursday, April 30, 2015	5:30 P.M.	Petria's Restaurant 1036 W. Airline Hwy Laplace, LA 70068 (985) 359-8888	Joint Meeting with AGA Baton Rouge Chapter Speaker : William Miller, AGA National President 1 CPE
May 5-6, 2015	8:00 A.M.	University of New Orleans 2000 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans, LA 70148	Gulf Region Professional Development Training Speakers: Several Invited
Sunday, June 21, 2015	5:30 P.M.	Tentative: Prytania Theatre 5339 Prytania Street New Orleans, LA 70115	Member Appreciation Event
* Tentative - Locations & Speakers based upon availability			

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AS OF March 31, 2015**

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>EIGHT MONTHS ENDED</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS		OPERATING REVENUES	
CASH	\$8,359.85	EDUCATION	\$1,700.00
SAVINGS	\$2,889.82	MONTHLY MEETINGS	2,622.00
DEPOSITS	0.00	SPRING SEMINAR	2,500.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	0.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	236.25
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>\$1,430.00</u>	SCHOLARSHIP	164.00
		RAFFLE & INTEREST INCOME	12.67
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$12,679.67</u>	TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$7,234.92</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		 OPERATING EXPENSES	
LIABILITIES		EDUCATION	\$289.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$299.78	MEETINGS	3,377.43
NET ASSTS		PDC REIMBURSEMENT	0.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$236.25	50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	0.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	0.00	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	0.00
HURRICAN RELIEF FUND	448.83	OFFICER EXPENSES	289.32
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>\$11,694.81</u>	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	49.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$12,679.67</u>	SCHOLARSHIP	0.00
		DONATIONS	0.00
		MISC	0.00
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$4,005.32</u>
		OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,229.60
		NONOPERATING REV/(EXP)	0.00
		INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,229.60
		BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS	
		CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
		PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	
		CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$3,229.60
		NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF PERIOD	
		NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$3,229.60</u>

RECOGNITION POINTS 2014-2015

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through March 2015
Chapter Leadership, Planning and Participation	3,000	3,000
Education & Professional Development	4,000	2,075
Certification	4,000	475
Communications	3,000	4,600
Membership (Early Career and Student Members)	4,000	3,700
Accountability	2,000	50
Community Service	2,000	1,200
Awards	1,000	400
Total	22,000	15,500

A chapter will qualify for recognition under the program once it has attained its specified goal for the year.

A **Bronze Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 12,000 and 14,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Bronze status.

A **Silver Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Silver status.

A **Gold Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Gold status.

The **Platinum Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 22,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status.

The purpose of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations is to encourage chapters to participate in the CRP at the level they feel comfortable with and to develop a continuity of sound leadership and programs.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA), New Orleans and Baton Rouge Chapters will host the Joint April dinner meeting and CPE Event on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Petra Restaurant (Laplace, LA). Our speaker is AGA National President Bill Miller. He will provide an update on AGA Initiatives and Activities/CGFM.

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015

Time: 5:30 P.M.

**Location:
Petra Restaurant
1036 W Airline Hwy
Laplace, LA 70068**

Speaker: AGA National President Bill Miller

Topic: Current AGA Initiatives and Activities/CGFM

Credit: 1 CPE

Cost: \$28 (Members/Significant Others); \$38 (Nonmembers/Guests) Payments can be made in advance using the Paypal links below. Also, credit/debit card and check payments will be accepted the day of the event.

Members/Significant Other

Nonmembers/Guests

Menu-Plated Style:

Caesar/Fresh Spring Mix Salad

CHOICE OF:

Chicken Marsala, served with Marsala wine sauce and mushrooms

Pork Loin topped with a honey ginger demi glaze

Fried Catfish Platter, served with French Fries

Vegetable Medley

White Chocolate Bread Pudding

Soft Drinks/Tea



Gulf Region of the Association of Government Accountants
2015 Inaugural Regional Professional Development Training
“EMERGING ISSUES FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
PROFESSIONALS”

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 15!!

Dates: Tuesday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; On-site Check-In & Continental Breakfast Begins at 7:15 a.m.

Location: The University of New Orleans, Senator Ted Hickey Ballroom in the University Center

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Credits – 16 Hours

Featured Speakers and Topics Include:

Special Guest Speaker: William D. “Bill” Miller, CGFM, CIA - AGA 2014-2015 National President, *“Current AGA Initiatives and Activities”*

Jon M. Holladay, CPA – Chief Financial Officer, U S Department of Agriculture, *“USDA’s Financial Management Services”*

Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM-Retired, CCS – AGA Past National President, *“Accountability to Transparency to Ethics”*

Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, CFE – AGA Past National President, *“Building Public Trust and Confidence in Government”*

Sam M. McCall, PhD, CGFM, CPA, CIA, CGAP – AGA Past National President, Chief Audit Officer, Florida State University, *“Fraud and Internal Control”*

William A. “Billy” Morehead, PhD, CGFM, CPA – AGA Past National President, Associate Professor of Accountancy, Mississippi College, *“Leadership: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly”*

Doreen S. Shute, CGFM, CPA – AGA Senior Vice President for Regional Services (SVPRS) Section IV, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, *“The DATA Act”*

Keren H. Deal, PhD, CGFM, CPA – AGA Gulf Regional Vice President (RVP), Professor, Auburn University at Montgomery, *“Municipal Bankruptcy Update”*

Isabelle Dikland, MBA, PMP, CGFM – Director, Risk and Compliance Practice, MorganFranklin and **Timothy M. Grace**, CISA, CIA, CISM, CRISC – Director, Information Technology and Services, MorganFranklin *“COSC and the Green Book: An Enhanced Internal Control Framework”*

Kevin T. Greer, CPA, CGFM, CDFM, PMP – Managing Director, Accenture Federal Services, *“How to Operate a Less Costly and More Efficient Government through Shared Services”*

Lillian S. Grose, CPA, MBA – Assistant Instructor, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, and Instructor, CPA Exam Preparation – Becker Professional Education, *“Professional Certifications”*

Kathleen Lobell, Director of Unclaimed Property, Louisiana Department of the Treasury, *“Unclaimed Property”*

Melinda M. Miguel, CIG, CFSA, CBM, CICA, PMP – AGA Gulf RVP-Elect – Chief Inspector General, State of Florida, “Using the GAO Green Book on Internal Controls to Implement Changes to the Florida IG Act”

Gary A. Millet, CGFM, CPA, “U.S. Treasury’s Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS)”

Dinah M. Payne, JD, Professor, University of New Orleans, “Ethics”

Jack Reagan, CPA – Partner, Audit Services, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton LLP, “Developments Impacting Grants Management for All Levels of Government”

Golden G. Richard, III, PhD, Research Professor & Director of GNOCIA, University of New Orleans, “Information Assurance”

Registration: LIMITED TO 160 PAID REGISTRANTS

AGA Members and Affiliate Organizations: \$199 Early (through April 15); \$225 Regular (April 16-29)

(Affiliates: ACFE, AFWA, ASBPA, ASBO, ASMC, FEB, FICPA, GFOA, IIA, LCPA, MSBPA, NABA)

Non-Members: \$250 Early (through April 15); \$275 Regular (April 16-29)

Late Registration & Fee Payment: \$275 Member & Affiliates; \$325 Non-Member (After 5:00 p.m. April 29)

Refunds, minus any processing fees associated with payment, will not be processed after April 28; substitutions, however, are allowed.

Gulf Region Professional Development Training 2015 may be accessed at the following link:

http://montgomeryaga.org/content.php?page=Gulf_Region

The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, breaks, and all conference materials. Dress is business casual.

This Professional Development Training is being Co-Sponsored by the UNO Department of Accounting – A UNO Program of Distinction, located in the College of Business.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Hotel: Astor Crown Plaza - New Orleans French Quarter

739 Canal Street at Bourbon Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

The hotel room block is from Sunday, May 3rd through Wednesday, May 6th with government rate of \$151.00/night.

RESERVATIONS:

AGA Gulf Region Group Block Code is GAZ

Booking Website:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=13721383

Reservations by Phone:

Central Reservations – guests can make reservations 24 hours/day by calling 1-877-408-9661.

Local In-House Reservations Department -- (888) 696-4806 (Toll Free) OR (504) 962-0500 (during regular business hours 8 am-5 pm Central M-F)

QUESTIONS?? Contact us via the Gulf Region PDT e-mail address:

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