



Meeting Notes
Education Chairs – Ohio/Michigan Region
January 20, 2011

Donna Wolfe, Regional Coordinator for Education for Ohio/Michigan, opened the quarterly call by providing information on the following upcoming training opportunities:

- **National Leadership Conference** – the conference is scheduled February 17-18, 2011, in Washington, DC. There is an excellent line-up of speakers. Registration is available online at www.agacgfm.org.
- **Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM)** – the SLM for Sections 1 and 4 is scheduled for April 28-30 in Philadelphia. Chapters are able to include three incoming Chapter Executive Committee Chairs. Suggestions include Membership, Early Career, CGFM, and Education chairs. If you meet these criteria and would like to attend, please contact your Chapter President. The SLM is a great opportunity to network with Education Chairs from other chapters and to learn about AGA's plans for the upcoming year.
- **AGA Audio Conferences:**
 - February 2 – Internal Controls
 - March 8 - Performance Audits
 - March 23 – Performance Management
 - March 30 – Program Integrity
 - April 20 – Mortgage Fraud
 - May 11 – Ethics
 - June 8 – Internal Controls

From the Director of Education, AGA National

- **Federal Financial Systems Summit** - Steven Sossei attended the Federal Financial Systems Summit on January 11 in Washington, DC. The event focused on the Office of Management and Budget and changes in financial systems projects. The 25-point plan can be found at the following link: <http://cio.gov/documents/25-Point-Implementation-Plan-to-Reform-Federal%20IT.pdf>. Donna will also send the report out via e-mail.
- **Professional Development Conference** – Steven advised that they are working on the agenda and vetting suggestions with committee members. He said that there are state and local representatives on the team to ensure that those topics are included. A draft

agenda will be posted to the national website in March. The PDC will be held in Atlanta in July.

- **DC Chapter Meeting** – Mark Ready from Treasury spoke about the Citizens Guide to the 2010 Financial Report of the Federal Government. This report is similar to the Citizen Centric Reports sponsored by AGA. Steven suggested that these types of reports can be shared with prospective members to show the value of AGA. Donna will send the report out via e-mail.

Chapter News

- **Central Ohio** – Caren Murdock advised that the Central Ohio Chapter is offering 80 hours of CPE this year – 40 hours are free and include lunch, the other 40 hours are offered at a small fee. A 3-day training session on the Lean Manager Certification Course is scheduled for February 14-16. The training is geared to auditors and focuses on streamlining processes. A flyer is attached and more information is available on the chapter's website www.coaga.org. The chapter is also planning their annual professional development conference.
- **Detroit** – Soumaya Habhab advised that the Chapter has monthly luncheon meetings which attract 9-12 people. They have a speaker and offer 1 CPE for \$5, members purchase their own lunch. The chapter applied for a technical support grant from a local college and is working with a group of students to design and develop a new website.

During our November meeting, Ms. Habhab advised that they have several members interested in CGFM certification and asked for input from the other Chapters on how best to accomplish this. She said that she is working with Cindy Osga to see if Lansing or other chapters have study materials that can be loaned to Detroit. Donna advised that Cleveland may be able to help; she will follow up with the chapter's CGFM coordinator.

- **Greater Lansing** – Cindy Osga reported that the chapter participates in the AGA audio conferences. This is offered free to members and they charge \$10-\$20 to non-members. Lansing is also working on their Spring Conference which will be a full day training session.
- **Western Michigan** – Stephen Blann was unable to attend but provided an update to Donna. The chapter continues to hold monthly lunch-n-learns. They also host quarterly webinars - the next one is scheduled for January 26. Western Michigan continues to sponsor full-day Government Accounting Training; Level II will be held on February 9 and Level III on April 20. Cindy Osga advised that Stephen personally developed the courses and is offering them to interested individuals. The cost is \$25-\$40 for 8 hours of continuing professional education. Flyers are attached.

- **Cleveland** – Donna provided information on behalf of the Chapter. Cleveland is planning a Spring Seminar for April 20. The annual 1-day event is sponsored jointly with ASMC and attracts 150-175 participants. The chapter also holds monthly luncheons at a local restaurant with a speaker, attendees may earn 1 CPE. Participation has grown with new members and the meeting has been moved to a larger site. The “members only” holiday party is scheduled for January 21.

- **Cincinnati** – Gwen Gilboy was unable to attend the call but provided the following information. The chapter will hold a joint meeting with the Institute of Internal Audit (IIA) next Tuesday, January 25, 2011, on the topic of tax updates. Attendees can earn 1 CPE for attending this meeting. Flyer is attached.

Closing Comments

Mr. Sossie thanked everyone for participating. He encouraged the Education Chairs to contact National for assistance in identifying speakers or setting up training events.

Donna advised that the meeting notes will be posted to the regional website <http://www.agaohiomichigan.org/Regional/>.

The next call will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011.

Attendees

Soumaya Habhab - Detroit Chapter
 Kevin Nosotti - Detroit Chapter
 Caren Murdock - Central Ohio Chapter
 Stephen Sossei - Director for Education, AGA National
 Lynn Hoffman - Programs Coordinator, AGA National
 Cindy Osga - Regional Vice President
 Donna Wolfe - Regional Coordinator for Education

Attachments

- Citizens Guide to the 2010 Financial Report of the Federal Government
- Lean Manager Certification Course
- Government Accounting Training 1, 2, 3
- Cincinnati Chapter Meeting Notice