



Meeting Notes
Education Chairs – Ohio/Michigan Region
May 5, 2010

Donna Wolfe, Regional Coordinator for Education for Ohio/Michigan, opened the quarterly call with the Education chairpersons. She thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and for their willingness to share information and resources so we can provide better training opportunities for our members.

Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM)

- The SLM for Sections 1 and 4 was held in Baltimore April 22-24. Over 150 people attended this excellent training and networking event. Donna advised that she was able to meet Karen Hale, Regional Coordinator for Education, Section 4. Karen is from the State of Tennessee and shared some information about her plan for training.
- Donna posted several meeting handouts to the regional website <http://www.agaohiomichigan.org/Regional/>
 - ✓ Training opportunities available to AGA chapters
 - ✓ AGA audio conferences – next one is May 19 on Ethics
 - ✓ Resources for AGA Education Chairs – for example, the education manual, education plan template, how to earn CPEs online, promoting events, use of the survey tool, and onsite courses that National can bring to your city

AGA National Professional Development Conference (PDC)

- The PDC is scheduled for July 11-13, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Registration is \$800 for AGA members and \$1,000 for non-members until June 11, 2010. If you register online, you save \$25. Attendees may earn 24 CPEs.
- The CGFM review course and exam will be offered July 8-9

Joe Jozefczyk, AGA National Director for Education, advised that he is also serving as the Technical Director for the PDC. There will be 75 sessions, 3 sessions specifically related to DFAS. Joe is trying to get information about each session on the National website to assist people trying to register. The committee is still working to “nail down” speakers but Joe will try to have the session title and a short description posted soon.

National News

Joe shared that there has been much interest in the AGA onsite courses. He advised that the Kentucky chapter is hosting a course in November. The instructor is traveling in from California and Joe encourages other area chapters to consider hosting training during that timeframe. If other chapters are interested, Joe will try to work out a discounted price. The instructor teaches auditing and effective writing skills for auditors and accountants, among other topics. Contact Joe if you're interested.

Joe asked the group for feedback regarding ways for National to better communicate with the chapters. He is sending e-mail messages to the education chairs but not receiving many responses. Gwen Gilboy advised that she is not receiving the messages. Donna took an action to forward a list of the e-mail addresses to Joe.

Joe noted that the SLM survey was sent out yesterday. He encouraged participants to provide feedback to improve future meetings.

Chapter News

Greater Columbus – Lori Mikesell shared that they use the Speaker's Bureau at the local university to identify free speakers for their monthly luncheons. They pay for the speakers' lunch and make a charitable donation in their name. Gene Petropavolskly added that chapter members have also helped find speakers by recommending their college professors.

Greater Lansing – Heather Hammond reported on their recent professional development conference held jointly with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). In the past, Lansing has had about 90 attendees for the conference, this year they had 200! Heather advised that the Office of the Auditor General provided over half the attendees so the chapter was able to give them a discounted rate. IIA also helped identify speakers. The conference was held at the local community college where they were able to contract for space and lunch.

Cincinnati – Gwen Gilboy advised that they have been successful in using the AGA audio conferences. They met in a suburban location for the April and May conferences and had a good turnout. The chapter holds quarterly luncheon meetings. The January meeting is a joint event with IIA with a speaker on tax updates.

Cleveland – Frankie Denmeade had no additional information to report.

Western Michigan – Stephen Blann, Chapter President, will also be serving as chapter education chair. This is a new chapter and they are working to encourage more members to take leadership roles. Stephen advised that they just completed the first of three monthly lunch and learn sessions on the CGFM. They are hosting each session in a different city to attract more participation. The instructors are members who have earned the CGFM certification. The board plans to meet soon to develop the education plan for the next year.

Closing Comments

Donna advised that meeting notes will be posted to the Regional website. The next conference call will be held in the Fall.

Attendees

Gene Petropavlovskly – Greater Columbus
Lori Mikesell – Greater Columbus
Heather Hammond – Greater Lansing
Gwendolyn Gilboy – Cincinnati
Stephen Blann – Western Michigan
Frankie Denmeade – Cleveland
Cindy Osga – Regional Vice President
Joe Jozefczyk – Director for Education, National
Donna Wolfe – Regional Coordinator for Education