



**Meeting Notes**  
**Education Chairs – Ohio/Michigan Region**  
**February 3, 2010**

Donna Wolfe, Regional Coordinator for Education for Ohio/Michigan, opened the quarterly call with the Education chairpersons.

Donna advised that the February 1 edition of the AGA Topics Newsletter has a special section featuring the Education Department. The article introduces Joe Jozefczyk, Director of Education for AGA National, and Lynn Hoffman, Education Manager.

### **National News**

- **AGA National Leadership Conference**

The NLC will be held February 18-19, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Topics include current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions, a look at the first year of Obama's presidency, and what the future holds.

Featured speakers include Robert F. Hale, CDFM-A, Under Secretary of Defense and Elizabeth M. Robinson, Ph.D., Chief Financial Officer, NASA.

Attendees can earn 14 CPE hours and can register online at [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org). The cost is \$600 for members and \$775 non members. You can save \$25 by registering online.

- **AGA Professional Development Conference & Exposition**

The annual PDC is scheduled for July 11-13, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1,000 for non-members until June 11, 2010. If you register online, you will save \$25. Attendees may earn 24 CPEs.

Joe Jozefczyk added that the PDC will include 60 sessions led by experts in the field. Joe and Lynn Hoffman are working on a draft agenda and welcome ideas for proposed topics.

- **ARRA Dialogs focusing on state and local issues are being scheduled for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Sacramento. Information will be posted to the [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org) website.**

Joe said that he e-mailed Chapter Presidents and Education Chairs a copy of the latest catalog of courses. The catalog can also be accessed on the [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org) website under Continuing Education, Onsite Brochure.

Joe is planning to meet with the Education Chairs at the Sectional Leadership Meetings (SLMs) this spring. He is working to help us make the most of our limited resources. For

example, the Kentucky Chapter proposed buying a course offered November 16, 2010. The instructor is coming in from California and Joe would like to find other area chapters that might be interested in hosting the speaker during that timeframe. This would reduce travel costs for all the chapters involved.

## **Chapter News**

### ▪ **Greater Lansing**

Heather Hammond reported that Lansing is planning their Spring Seminar. Billie Morehead, AGA National President, will speak on Ethics and garner support for AGA. Heather noted that their speakers are primarily from state agencies so the Chapter does not provide compensation. They do make a donation to a local scholarship program or charity on behalf of the speakers.

### ▪ **Greater Columbus**

Gene Petropavlovskiy said that the Columbus chapter sponsors monthly audio conferences and luncheons. One of their luncheon speakers was Mr. Richard Gustafson, Principal Deputy Director, DFAS, who spoke on the Speed of Trust. Another speaker from IRS provided updates to the tax code. The April luncheon will feature a group of employees who participated in the Expeditionary Combat Support System (ECSS) Program working as DFAS civilians in combat areas overseas. The employees will share their experiences and program accomplishments.

The Spring Seminar will be conducted onsite at DFAS Columbus this year to reduce costs and enable more employees to attend.

### ▪ **Cleveland**

Donna reported that the joint AGA/ASMC Spring Seminar is scheduled for April 14, 2010. They are expecting about 150 attendees representing federal, state, and local government and private industry. Mike Hoffman is leading the project this year. Details will be posted to the Cleveland website ([www.agacleveland.org](http://www.agacleveland.org)).

The chapter holds monthly luncheons with speakers and offers 1 CPE to attendees. They also participate in the monthly audio conferences.

## **Closing Comments**

Donna advised that she contacted the Regional Education Coordinators in Northern California and the Northeast regions to share information and to find out what they are doing that we might be able to implement for Ohio/Michigan. Bill Tom in Northern California provided some info on free seminars hosted by ACL Services Ltd. (<http://www.acl.com/company/>). Unfortunately, none of the upcoming seminars are scheduled for Ohio or Michigan. Mr. Tom advised that the Sacramento and San Jose chapters host luncheons with speakers. He is looking forward to attending the SLM. Donna forwarded copies of our meeting notes.

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday May 5 at 10 a.m. Donna will send out meeting invitations. Notes from this meeting will be posted to the regional website (<http://www.agaohiomichigan.org/Regional>) under “Training”.

### **Attendees**

Joe Jozefczyk, AGA National

Lynn Hoffman, AGA National

Gene Petropavlovskiy, Greater Columbus

Heather Hammond, Greater Lansing

Donna Wolfe, Cleveland