

January 2009

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 19, 2009
Meeting**

1 Hour of CPE

Speaker:

**M. Schmidt, Mountjoy
& Bressler, LLP**

Topic:

Annual Tax Update

Location:

**Frankfort Plant Board
Clubhouse**

Time:

11:30 am-1pm

Price:

**\$10 Members
\$12 Non-Members
\$5 CPE (no lunch)**

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President's Message Lee Ann Watters

I'd like to start by wishing each of you a very happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. However, now the holidays are over and we're all back to work – and AGA is no exception. AGA has issued its latest research report “*Characteristics of Effective Audit Committees in Federal, State and Local Governments.*” Complimentary copies of this report can be downloaded at www.agacgfm.org/research/publications/default.aspx.

Our chapter was recently notified that the Commonwealth's controller and Central Kentucky chapter member, Ed Ross has been named the recipient of the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award. This award is presented annually at AGA's National Leadership Conference. The award is given to a government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government financial management and who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, practices, policies and systems. Additionally, the recipient must demonstrate a high degree of personal and professional standards. Congratulations to Mr. Ross on receiving this prestigious award.

The National Leadership Conference (NLC) will be held February 19-20 in Washington D.C. The event is being held at the J.W. Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from a number of highly-regarded government financial management professionals. Please see the AGA website for more information about the conference.

In conjunction with the NLC AGA is offering its CGFM Intensive Review Course on February 16-17. The cost of the course is \$249 and provides 18 hours of CPE. Yes, that's CPE at the very inexpensive rate of \$14 per hour! In addition, you will actually be able to sit for all three sections of the CGFM examination at no cost. This is a tremendous benefit compared to my experience taking the CGFM exam. I took the examination on my own at the testing center in Lexington at a cost of \$300 per section. You will be able to get the crash course, 18 hours of CPE **and** take all three exams for less than the cost of taking one exam on your own. If you are considering taking the CGFM examination I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

It seems that I have quickly used all my newsletter space; however, there is one last thing I'd like to make sure you know about. AGA is sponsoring a series seven radio shows entitled “Your Money, Your Government”. The second show is airing January 13, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. You can listen to the show on-line by accessing AGA's webpage and clicking on the radio show link.

Conferences



SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



February 19–20, 2009
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Washington, D.C.
14 CPE Hours

Government financial managers are deeply committed to producing timely, reliable and useful financial information, with the goal of running government programs more efficiently. At AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC), those sentiments are more than just words.

The conference brings together the top minds in the industry to provide "how-to" lessons, the newest management techniques, and the most recent information on always-changing standards and regulations. The conference, set for February 19-20, 2009, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., also features the newest tools to help agencies do their jobs more easily and more effectively.

The Exhibit Hall is also a gathering spot to meet with colleagues from around the country. The NLC offers outstanding training, dynamic speakers and multiple networking events.

Show your commitment to excellence—register today! <http://www.agacgfm.org/>.

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