



# Association of Government Accountants Baltimore Chapter



February 2012, Chapter Update

## Monthly Training Information

**Register  
Online**

**February Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 23, 2012  
11:30 am-4:00 pm  
Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant  
841 N. Hammonds Ferry Road  
Conveniently located off 695 at Exit 8

**3 CPEs**

### TOPICS:

#### *Cloud Computing*

**David Lucas, Global Computer Enterprises**

#### *Internal Controls*

**Roger Von Elm, CliftonLarsonAllen**

Cost: \$30 Members  
\$60 Non-members

Reservations: [www.agabaltimore.org](http://www.agabaltimore.org)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

**\*\*Sorry—No Refunds for Cancellations\*\***

#### **Menu**

Lasagna  
Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressing  
Rolls & Butter  
Iced Tea  
Dessert, Coffee & Hot Tea

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## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**D**avid Lucas, Chief Strategy Officer for GCE, is a technologist and strategic thinker with extensive expertise in cloud computing, enterprise application implementation, and IT acquisition strategy. Mr. Lucas has held a variety of leadership positions in a career spanning two decades, where he has led corporate business development and sales efforts and numerous ERP/Cloud implementations in his ten years at GCE. He also managed national product launch campaigns as a principal in a technology advertising and marketing company.

Mr. Lucas is a sought-after speaker on the topics of Cloud computing and Federal information technology in both the Federal and commercial sectors. Frequently quoted in the media, Mr. Lucas' citations include the Federal Times,

Washington Post, Bloomberg, Government Computer News, Federal Computer Week, and Washington Technology. He has also been a guest commentator on the TV show, "Inside Washington," and on Federal News Radio.

GCE, a leader in the Federal business services space, provides Cloud solutions to the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and General Services Administration.

David will discuss how CFOs can leverage the savings and efficiencies of the Cloud. The discussion will go beyond financial systems into other mission support areas, including litigation, case management and "big data" initiatives that derive more value from current information. With the push for doing more with less, moving to the Cloud is no longer the purview of CIO; CFOs can become advocates for emerging technologies and bring value to their organization.



**R**oger Von Elm is a partner in CliftonLarsonAllen's Arlington, Virginia office. He specializes in providing financial statement audit, assessment, compliance and other assurance services for federal agencies.

Mr. Von Elm has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from University of Vermont and brings with him 24 years of experience.

Mr. Von Elm has served as the partner on the financial statement audit of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He has also served as partner-in-charge for many

performance and financial statement audits of federal entities to include: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration; Peace Corps; Defense Intelligence Agency; Department of Treasury, U.S. Mint; Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service; and Immigration & Naturalization Service.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Government Accountants, Financial Management Standards Board and an AGA Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) Review Committee member.

### Do You Know a Motivational Speaker?



The Education Committee is in search of a motivational speaker for the Annual Awards Luncheon in April.

If you have any suggestions please e-mail Joann White-Burnett at [Joann.White-Burnett@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Joann.White-Burnett@baltimorecity.gov) with a name and she will contact the speaker.



# 2011-2012 Upcoming Training

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker	CPEs	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
3/22/12 Thursday	Snyder's Willow Grove	Early Careers Meeting Joseph Kull, PwC	3	\$30	\$60
4/19/12 Thursday	Rolling Road Golf Club	Annual Awards Meeting Speaker TBD	1	\$10	\$20
5/9/12 Wednesday	Maritime	Annual All Day Fraud Training Topics and Speakers TBD	8	\$160	\$195

## AGA Career Fair 2012 February 29, 2012 Washington D.C. Convention Center

### Attendee Registration

Registration as an attendee is **FREE**. Registered attendees have the opportunity to submit resumes and to participate in onsite interviews with exhibitors and sponsors. All companies, firms and governmental agencies exhibiting at the conference will have access to your resume for recruitment purposes.

### Exhibition Opportunities

AGA Career Fair 2012 offers job seekers opportunities to connect with prospective employers and programs designed to provide the knowledge and skills they need to reach their career goals. We invite you to participate in this event where you will be able to reach out to the highly talented professional your company needs to succeed in this competitive environment. This is a once-a-year opportunity and your best bet to build Credibility, recognition and visibility with top government financial managers.

[Reserve your space and earn more.](#)

**REGISTER  
TODAY**

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## Join the AGA Baltimore Chapter in raising money for ALS



As part of AGA's Community Service outreach, we are doing something really exciting and we want you to be part of it! We just signed on to participate in the Packard Center's 5th Annual Fiesta 5K & Fun Run on May 5, 2012. To really make a difference, we need people like you on our team to help raise funds for Robert Packard Center for ALS Research.

The money we raise will go to Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins. The Center is working hard every day to unlock the mysteries of this disease by understanding the causes of ALS, investigating effective treatments for it, and finding a cure.

The Center needs your help and we would truly appreciate your support. Please do anything you can to participate by joining our team, registering as an individual or making a donation on our behalf.

Thank you very much for working with us on this important project. Your support really means a lot to us. See you at the Packard Center's Fiesta 5K and Fun Run!

**Join Our Team**

**Donate Online**

If you are interested in participating or wish to make a donation and have questions, please contact Lori Lee at [lori.lee@ssa.gov](mailto:lori.lee@ssa.gov) or (410) 966-4294.

### Seeking Baltimore Chapter President for 2012-2013 Program Year

We are looking for a member to serve as President for the 2013-2014 program year. The President represents the chapter at National meetings; writes the President's message for the newsletter and website each month; approves chapter expenses; reports to the National office on chapter activities; chairs our monthly Board meetings; and presides over our training luncheons. If anyone is interested in serving, or if you'd like to nominate someone, please e-mail Kristen Schnatterly at [Kristen.Schnatterly@ssa.gov](mailto:Kristen.Schnatterly@ssa.gov) by **February 15, 2012**.



# January Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 5, 2012

**Time:** 2:00-3:00

**Location:** Social Security Administration

**Attendees:** Karen Ajayi (phone), Cheryl Dailey (phone), Susan DeLabio, Walt Fennell (phone), Tonia Hill (phone), Omar Kuyateh, Lori Lee (for Kelly Stankus), Christina Lilly, John McLain (phone), Kristina Poist, Johnny Ramsey (phone), Kristen Schnatterly, John Selby, Joanne White-Burnett (phone)

## ***Call to Order***

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from December 1 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was presented to accept the budget as presented. The budget was approved with unanimous consent.

## **Chapter Committee Reports**

**Accountability** – Walt has been working with Johnny to complete the citizen centric report. It is 2/3 complete. They are asking that the community service, education and early careers committees each prepare a 3-4 sentence write-up of the activities for FY 2012 within the next week so that this information can be included in the report. Once complete, the report will be circulated to the Board for comment and once finalized, it will be sent on to National.

**Activities** – Joann spoke on behalf of Milton. The chapter is not doing well with reporting points for the quarterly reports. Milton would like the information sent to him as soon as possible regarding points. Any missed points from prior quarters will be included in the next quarterly report.

**Community Service** – The virtual food drive collected \$265 for the MD food bank. The committee noted that this amount is down from the prior year. The Chapter will match these donations.

**Early Careers** – The Committee is sponsoring a service opportunity at Our Daily Bread in Baltimore on 2/4 and is looking for volunteers. Last month the group attended an Accounting Workshop at Lansdowne High School and talked to approximately 30 students about careers in accounting and AGA.

**Editorial** – The Committee is asking members to bring their cameras to events so more pictures can be taken. While the committee appreciates cell phone pictures, the quality is not the best with these pictures and members are encouraged to bring their regular cameras to events.

**Education and Programs** – The committee has finalized their speakers for the Fraud Conference: Evenly Brown, President Elect National AGA to speak on Ethics, Steve Yarmuk to speak on Organizational Conflict, Dennis Dikis from municipal audits for the State of Tennessee to speak on Why Auditors Don't Detect Fraud and Sam McCall, Former President National AGA. The next meeting will be held 1/19 at Snyder's. The Early Careers speaker on 3/22 will be Joe Cole and 2 CPEs will be awarded. The committee is still seeking a motivational speaker for the Award luncheon. It was suggested that the committee try to find a speaker that is governmental accounting related so that more employees from SSA can attend due to budget constraints. Walt said he would look into a speaker and Karen stated that she would continue to look for a motivational speaker. For the November speakers, their choice of charitable donation was not received so the chapter will donate \$50 to the Maryland Food Bank on their behalf. Kristin S. will work on making a certificate to present to the speakers in the future with their charity choice on it.

**Meetings** – The Board needs to decide how much to charge for the Early Careers meeting. We must have a minimum of 30 attendees to have a hot food selection, if not, it will be cold-cut style food. Walt would like to leave the chapter service awards until the end of the year luncheon. Walt will also contact Mark Silvestri regarding the pricing of food at Rolling Road.

**Webmaster** – The newsletter was posted to the site this morning. Cheryl Dailey asked that the editorial committee add her CPA designation to the listing in the back of the newsletter.

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