



The Baltimore Ledger

Association of Government Accountants Baltimore Chapter

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Greetings,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! The weather has been beautiful most days and I hope it continues. I am looking forward to a great year serving as President of the Baltimore Chapter. I have met many of you over the past 20+ years, where I have served on the Board a good deal of the time. And for those whom I have not met, I look forward to meeting you in 2009-2010.



This mini-newsletter is designed to inform you of some upcoming chapter events:

- *Fall and Winter Baltimore training sessions;*
- *Introduction of the 2009-2010 Board Members and*
- *Recap of the PDC in New Orleans.*

I pray you enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you in September. We will be issuing our typical monthly newsletter in September, and you can count on it being jam packed with lot of news, pictures, technical articles and noteworthy information for your reading and viewing enjoyment.

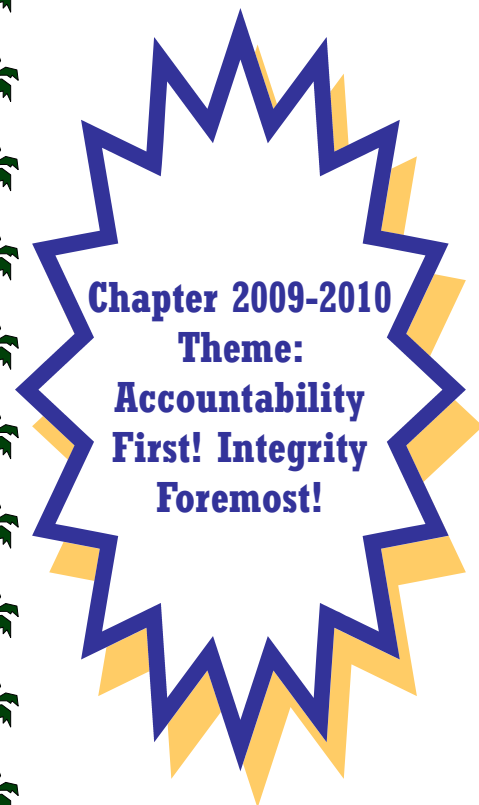
Best regards,

Deborah Kinsey



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2009-2010 Training Schedule

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker	CPEs	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
9/17/2009 Thursday	BWI Comfort Inn	Winning the Political Game with Integrity Carole Lyles Shaw, Columbia Resource Group Maryland's State of the Economy Honorable Peter Franchot, Maryland State Comptroller	3	\$45	\$95
10/15/2009 Thursday	BWI Comfort Inn	Communication for Success Gayle Becker, The Entrepreneur's Source Internal Controls Walt Fennell, PricewaterhouseCoopers	3	\$45	\$95
11/19/2009 Thursday	BWI Comfort Inn	Government Accountability-What's Next at the Federal, State and Local Level Dr. Lenneal Henderson, University of Baltimore Economic Trends in the Baltimore & Washington Area Aniban Basu	3	\$45	\$95
12/10/2009 Thursday	Four Points Sheraton BWI	Joint Meeting with ISACA IT Audits TBD	3	\$45	\$95
1/21/2010 Thursday	BWI Comfort Inn	Recovery Act Update John Higgins, Recovery Act Transparency Board Recovery Act and Yellow Book Update Marcia Buchanan, General Accountability Office	3	\$45	\$95
2/25/2010 Thursday	Four Points Sheraton BWI	Leadership Development Bonnie Kind, 2010-2011 AGA Baltimore President Elect and Associate Commissioner for Budget, Social Security Administration	3	\$45	\$95
3/19/09 Thursday	Rolling Road Golf Club	Early Careers Meeting Empowering Successful Professionals Johnny Parker Michael Robinson SSA, OIG Assistant Inspector General for Technology & Resource Management	3	\$45	\$95
4/21/2010 Wednesday	Maritime Institute	Annual Fraud Conference Fraud Issues, Internal Controls Scott Klososky Sam Mok	8	\$160	\$200
5/20/2010 Thursday	Rolling Road Golf Club	Annual Awards Meeting Karen Alexander	1	\$15	\$35

September Training Information

“Winning the Political Game with Integrity” and “Maryland’s State Of Economy”

3 CPEs
\$45 Members
\$95 Non-Members

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration & Networking

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Presentations

Location: BWI Comfort Inn

Registration Information in September’s Newsletter

Speaker Information

We all know that conflict is a fact of life at work, but many people dislike ‘playing politics’. This workshop will explore a practical model that has alternatives for dealing with conflict and organizational politics with integrity and skill and without being a manipulator. Participants will have an opportunity to take a closer look at their own “at home” situations using the tools we discuss and share their own ‘best practices’ with each other.



Carole Lyles Shaw is founder and President of the Columbia Resource Group. Her clients include the World Bank, Deutsche Bank, Social Security Administration, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and other private sector and government clients.

Since 1989, Carole has consulted on change management, strategic planning, organizational development, leadership development, executive team development large group and retreat planning and facilitation. Carole’s greatest strength is her ability to facilitate constructive and pragmatic conversations on issues that groups have struggled to resolve. Carole is interested in working with individuals and groups who want to align their vision and values and integrate a strategic focus into their day-to-day work.

Next up, **Peter Franchot** will be providing the audience with information on Maryland’s economy and fiscal condition. Comptroller Franchot was elected Maryland’s 33rd Comptroller on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006. Prior to his election to statewide office, Peter served 20 years in the Maryland General Assembly, representing the residents of Montgomery County. During his time in the Maryland House of Delegates, Franchot was a member of the Appropriations Committee and served as Chairman of the Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee. Throughout his career, he has been a strong advocate for education, health care, transportation, and environmental protection initiatives.

As Comptroller, Peter Franchot has been an independent voice and fiscal watchdog for the taxpayers of Maryland. As a member of the powerful Board of Public Works and Vice-Chair of the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland, Franchot has worked tirelessly to keep Maryland competitive in the knowledge-based economy, create a climate of economic equality and opportunity, and protect Maryland’s parks, waterways, and open spaces. Franchot has also worked closely with business leaders throughout the State on issues that affect Maryland’s economy and fiscal strength. In recognition of his work on behalf of Maryland’s taxpayers, the Association of Government Accountants awarded Comptroller Franchot their highest honor, the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award.

Comptroller Franchot attended Amherst College (B.A., 1973) and Northeastern School of Law (J.D., 1978). He served in the United States Army, from 1968 to 1970. Peter is married to Anne Maher, a lawyer, and they have two children, Abigail, 27, and Nick, 24. Peter and Anne live in Takoma Park, Maryland.



AGA Audio Conference
Next Steps in Accountability and Control Over Recovery Act Funding
August 12, 2009
2:00 pm—3:50 pm \$249 per site 2 CPEs

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), is pleased to announce an audio conference addressing management strategies to comply with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act reporting requirements.

This program will focus on the next steps for ensuring transparency, accountability, and control over Recovery Act funds. As funds begin to be obligated and disbursed under the Recovery Act, the focus is turning to implementing risk management plans, and developing processes, systems and controls to comply with reporting requirements.

Our panelists will discuss risk management plans and approaches at the federal agency level, the new OMB reporting requirements, efforts under way at the state and local levels to prepare for such accountability and transparency, and other issues raised during the course on AGA's ongoing research project related to Recovery Act implementation.

To discuss the issues and challenges are Marcia Pauli, CFO, US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs; John Radford, CGFM, CIA, CFE, Controller, State of Oregon; Danny Werfel, Deputy Controller, OMB, Office of Federal Financial Management; and David Zavada, CPA, Partner, Kearney and Company, PC.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speaker's commentary, about 20 minutes is set aside for Q&A at the end of the program.

Cost:\$249 per site (UNLIMITED ATTENDANCE) if you register on or before Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 and \$299 thereafter. SPECIAL PROMOTION: Government agencies and AGA Corporate Partner members who register five or more offices will receive a 20 percent discount (\$200 per site).

To register, visit [AGA's Conference and Event Registration site.](#)

Registration Open for Internal Control & Fraud Conference

Join AGA at its Fourth Annual Internal Control & Fraud Conference, set for September 16–17 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Hear from leaders in government, academia and private industry discuss latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes; how poor internal controls can lead to fraud, waste and abuse; and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens. The conference will also cover various aspects of the Recovery Act from an internal control and fraud perspective. Earn 14 CPE hours. Speakers include:

**AGA's Fourth
Annual
Internal
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Fraud
Conference**

**Sept. 16–17
Washington, D.C.**

Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Brenda C. Bolander, CGFM, CPA, Oklahoma State Comptroller

Thomas M. Davis III, Former U.S. Congressman

Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board

Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Arthur A. Hayes, CGFM, CPA, Director of State Audit, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee

Danny Werfel, Deputy Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

[Register today!](#)

Meet the 2009-2010 Board of Directors

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Want to get involved? Contact Deborah Kinsey to find out how you can serve on the AGA Baltimore Chapter Board of Directors!

Meet the 2009-2010 Board of Directors—Continued

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	Katie Beach	SSA	410-965-4544

Women's Leadership & Social Networking: Get Connected - Get Involved!

Tuesday, August 25, 2009 - 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Social networking sites, including LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter have exploded in popularity and have the potential to pay off big for your professional career. Women are mentoring other women to help them succeed within organizations. In this practical 60-minute, webinar you and your colleagues will discover:

- ** How to Create an Online Professional Strategy for Social Networking Sites
- ** Tips & Techniques for Great Content & Building Followers
- ** Effective Ways to Grow Your Network & Why It Is So Important
- ** The Top Social Network Things You Should NEVER Do!

Visit <http://www.pbconferences.com> to register today!

AGA's 58th Professional Development Conference

On June 21—24, 2009, the AGA National Office held its 58th annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's PDC was the biggest ever, with 2,076 people in attendance. In addition to highest attendance, this year also had a record number of nonmembers attending. Over 20 Baltimore Chapter members were in attendance as well.

As usual, the caliber of speakers and presentations was excellent! Some prominent speakers included:

- Robert Attmore, Chairman of the Government Accounting Standards Board;
- Earl Devaney, Chairman of the Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board;
- Joe Garcia, Chief Financial Officer, Federal Emergency Management Administration;
- Sam McCall, Auditor, City of Tallahassee and AGA Past National President;
- Richard Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security;
- Danny Werfel, Deputy Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; and
- James Carville and Mary Maitlin, Media Personalities and Political Icons.

The PDC also provided guests with a host of social activities. These included the Monday Mixer, Mardi Gras Soiree onboard the Steamboat Nanchez, the President's Reception and many, many happy hours and social gatherings hosted throughout the week by corporate sponsors.

For those interested in viewing the roster of attendees, speaker presentations and photos of the PDC, visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2009/resources.htm>.



Congratulations to **Roland "Duke" Frazier**, Technical Specialist at the Northrop Grumman Baltimore Resident Office of the Defense Contract Audit Agency. Duke is saying goodbye to Federal service after 31 years of distinguished service.

In the past, Duke served the AGA Baltimore Chapter as the 1985-1986 President and the following year as Immediate Past President. At the time of his Presidency, the AGA Chapter hosted the National Professional Development Conference in Baltimore with over 600 people in attendance. This conference was a success under the leadership of Duke!

The AGA Baltimore Chapter thanks Duke for his membership and service over the years and we wish him a happy and healthy retirement. Congratulations Duke!

Scenes from the Professional Development Conference

