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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's now November. The month of November is a very busy month for our chapter. In addition to the November luncheon being the last one for the year there are a number of things going on in the month.

First, November is the month when we partnership with the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants to put on Accounting for Kids day. For those who have not participated in this in the past, this is a great event that helps to introduce some basic concepts to kids in the form of a game. Everyone walks away from the event having had fun. Please volunteer to participate in this wonderful service event.

Second, November 14<sup>th</sup> is the next National Audio Conference. These are provided free to our chapter membership as a benefit of membership. This month's topic is "Conducting Performance Audits Efficiently." Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity to earn two CPEs. Also, please help us make these audio conferences successful by bringing a friend with you to the event.

Third, since the Regional Professional Development Conference is held the first week of December a lot of our chapter leaderships is busy taking care of last minute details so that the PDC is as successful as it has been in times past. If you have not attended our PDC please try to take advantage of this fabulous educational opportunity. You'll be able to earn up to 22 CPEs and to socialize and network with other professionals in the government accountability profession at all levels of government.

Finally, November is the starting point for planning a lot of our chapter events for the remainder of the calendar year. Community Service is busy planning VITA; The Programs and Education committees are busy planning our forthcoming monthly luncheons and the AGA/ASMC Professional Development Opportunity (PDO); and much, much more.

What can you do? Plan to attend and participate. If you are interested in helping to make our chapter events better please volunteer to help. Contact a chapter director to see what you can do.

*Ken*

## CGFM Chapter Promotion

Interested in taking the CGFM but worried about the cost? Well now is the time to take advantage of a special opportunity.

From Sept. 1 until Nov. 30, AGA will give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters. Check out the link below for more information.

<<http://internetmailman.ager.com/i/ou.htm?a=135940&b=974028&c=8505311&d=http://www.agacgfm.org~cgfm~promotion.aspx>>

## Upcoming Events

**November Luncheon**  
**Speaker: Ms. Michelle Bell**  
**8 November 2007**  
**11:30am – 1:00pm**

It is our pleasure to welcome Ms. Michelle Bell as our guest speaker at the Greater Columbus AGA Chapter's November luncheon. Ms. Bell, a Senior Tax Specialist for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), will be giving a presentation on "IRS Updates." The luncheon will be held in the DFAS-CO Conference Center in room C-153 (Columbus room). The menu will include an Opened Face Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn Bread Stuffing, Tossed Salad, Cranberry Relish with Orange Sauce, Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream, and Assorted Beverages. Please contact Diana Kaufman (3-0370) or Rachel Bosch (3-0592) if you should have any questions or dietary needs.

**Audio Conference – Conducting Performance Audits Efficiently: Tools and Techniques to Improve Audit Productivity**  
**14 November 2007**  
**2:00pm – 3:50pm**

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 a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule – performance audit efficiency.

In a world where government auditors are supposed to "do more with less", how can audit offices efficiently use their limited resources to produce timely and high-quality performance audit reports? You'll learn the latest tools and techniques from two leaders in government performance auditing, including how to create a framework for audit efficiency in your organization through the use

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# Member News

## New Members

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Robyn Ruble

Emilee Schell

Tim Segebarth

Lance Steelesmith

Mamie Torain

## Food Drive Challenge

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter collected 812 pounds of food. The food was donated to the Mid-Ohio Food bank. The Food Drive Challenge results have not yet been determined, so a winner has not been confirmed.

Thank you to all that donated. Whether we won or lost, all of our efforts were for a GREAT cause.



### Early Career Members at the October Luncheon

**Front Row Left to Right:** Katie Alfera, Meckila Bent, Hannah Poland, Joyce Maleski, Cheryl Temple, Yulonte Merrell, La'Varis Poole, Yoely Perez, Carleen Teeters

**Back Row Left to Right:** Justin Morrison, Eric Krueger, Rob Bentz, Aubrey Martin, Ben Novotny, Lyndsey Foell, Matt Little, Ryan Carlson, Jeff Woelfer

## Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2007

By Jason Haskins, Treasurer

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance	3574.66
Deposits	762.3
Expenditures	1924.95
Transfer to Savings	\$ -
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,412.01</b>

### Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,438.46
Transfer from Checking	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ -
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,438.46</b>

**Total Balance \$10,850.47**

# Chapter Calendar

## November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Community Service: Accounting For Kids Day Communications: Develop Database Website Tool				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Programs: Monthly Luncheon	9	10
11	12	13	14 Education: Audio Conference	15	16 Communications: Submit Newsletter Items	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Accounting For Kids Day: NOVEMBER 7th!!

Accounting for Kids Day is an initiative that offers CPAs and other business professionals a chance to give back to their communities by helping students understand the fundamental concepts of accounting, economics and finance. Through an interactive game based on the stock market, Accounting for Kids Day targets fourth, fifth and sixth grade students and teaches them the importance of financial literacy. The volunteer time required is minimal - just a bit over two hours on the morning of the event.

### VITA

AGA is participating in the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program for the 2007 TAX YEAR. Volunteers are needed to prepare tax returns for the 2007 TAX YEAR in January-April 2008. Training books and classes will be provided. More information to follow.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact Kortney Whiteman at 614-354-8869.

# CGFM Update

## CGFM Gets Another Boost in Tennessee

Tennessee is already one of the states that formally recognize the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. Now, new legislation makes the CGFM certification even more valuable.

“Tennessee is the only state in the country that requires all municipalities to produce financial statements conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles,” said Ron Queen, MA, CGFM, CPA, Manager of the Division of Local Finance, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. “A sophisticated level of knowledge is needed to handle accounting standards that change frequently and complicated financial transactions such as variable rate debt and derivatives.”

“Some municipalities were having trouble understanding all the accounting requirements,” Queen said. The legislation passed in June requires all municipalities to employ a certified municipal finance officer (CMFO) or if total revenues are \$300,000 or less, the municipality can contract with a qualified person.

To become certified, the officer must undergo 80 hours of course work in 10 areas of government financial management, including debt administration, enterprise resource planning, pension and benefits administration, internal controls and budgeting.

Queen said the new legislation will do more than improve the stewardship of financial assets in the state’s municipalities.

“We also believe that this will improve the status of government financial management with the public by having high standards for government financial managers to meet,” Queen said.

Finance officers in Tennessee’s 346 cities and towns, for the first time, will be mandated to either undergo the training or seek approval for an exemption. That’s where the CGFM comes in. Individuals who have earned the CGFM, a CPA, or the Government Finance Officers Association’s Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) credential are exempt from the educational requirements of the CMFO designation.

Queen serves as co-chair of the CGFM committee of AGA’s Nashville Chapter. He speculates that the new legislation may prompt more people to earn the CGFM credential because it is transferable across all three levels of government. The 80-hour training program, which will be developed by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service at the University of Tennessee and approved by the Comptroller’s Office, is specific to Tennessee municipal governments.

In addition, testing facilities for the CGFM are conveniently located throughout Tennessee and in the Nashville area. The Nashville chapter provides incentives, study groups and other supports.

The legislation, which was championed by the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury and the University of Tennessee’s Institute of Public Service’s Municipal Technical Advisory Service, goes into effect for the largest municipalities in 2010.

Read the full text of the bill at <http://www.comptroller.state.tn.us/ma/municipalfinanceofficerssb2059.pdf> <<http://www.comptroller.state.tn.us/ma/municipalfinanceofficerssb2059.pdf>> .

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.

Marcel Proust  
French novelist (1871 - 1922)

# The Bottom Line

## Consumer-Driven Care

By Brittany R. Ballenstedt  
[www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com)

The jury is still out on whether high-deductible health plans are in general a good option for federal employees. But with the open season for benefits elections quickly approaching, it could be helpful to understand and determine whether such a plan is right for you.

High-deductible health plans and the savings accounts that accompany them provide greater flexibility and discretion over how enrollees use their health care benefits. These plans feature lower monthly premiums than traditional ones, but in exchange, have higher annual deductibles.

The Office of Personnel Management started offering high-deductible plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program in 2005. During the open season for 2008 benefits, which runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10, there will be 32 high-deductible plans offered, compared to 29 during the last open season.

High-deductible plans also feature health savings accounts or health reimbursement arrangements. The savings accounts allow enrollees to set aside tax-free dollars for their health needs, and the money invested rolls over from year to year regardless of whether participants switch plans or leave the federal government.

If you are enrolled in Medicare, you are not eligible for a health savings account. Under Internal Revenue Service standards, the maximum amount a federal employee can deposit into a health savings account in 2008 is \$2,900 for singles and \$5,800 for families. The capped amounts include the deposits that carriers may automatically insert into your account.

Aetna currently has the most popular high-deductible plan in FEHBP, having enrolled more than 60 percent of all federal high-deductible plan participants. The Aetna plan provides 100 percent in-network preventative care for medical, dental and vision and has lowered its premiums by 17 percent for 2008.

"Our HSA is a great plan that is priced very competitively," said Tom Bernatavitz, vice president of the federal government sector for Aetna. "It's a personal frustration to me that more individuals don't take the opportunity to enroll in a plan that could really benefit them their entire lives."

Aetna's high-deductible plan biweekly rates for non-postal employees will be \$30.92 for singles and \$67.72 for families in 2008. The plan automatically inserts an annual amount of \$750 for singles and \$1,500 for families into participants' savings accounts.

Deductibles in 2008 will be \$1,500 for singles and \$3,000 for families. The most that enrollees would have to pay in a year (catastrophic maximum), including the deductible, is \$4,000 for singles and \$8,000 for families.

Enrollees in Aetna's high-deductible plan can also expect to receive additional dental and vision benefits. For dental, cleanings and X-rays are covered at 100 percent in-network, and for vision, routine eye exams are completely covered, with enrollees receiving an eyewear reimbursement of \$100 every 24 months. The plan also offers a massage therapy discount.

Currently, 96 percent of enrollees in Aetna's high-deductible plan have rolled-over balances in their savings accounts, Bernatavitz said. The current average balance is \$1,300 for singles and \$1,750 for families, he said.

Meanwhile, Blue Cross Blue Shield will launch its first high-deductible plan next year as a pilot project in four locations -- Ohio, Minnesota, Tennessee and Kansas City. The plan, called the consumer basic option, is a sub-option of Blue Cross' basic plan and holds the same premium and benefits as the basic option.

"We're doing the pilot in a limited area primarily because of the complexity of the [high-deductible]

# Government News

## Defense, State reach agreement on controlling Iraq contractors

By Lolita C. Baldor

[www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com)

Pentagon and State Department officials have reached a general understanding that U.S. military commanders in Baghdad should have more oversight of the government's private security contractors in Iraq and greater control over their movement, officials said Tuesday.

The military also wants to have a better understanding about how the private guards are trained and assurance that they are all following the same rules for the use of deadly force, said Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell.

"One entity has got to know who's going where and when and what they're doing there," Morrell told reporters. "And if it is unsafe or deemed not advisable to go there, someone is going to have the control to say, 'No, not at this time.'" That entity, he said, would be the military command in Iraq.

Speaking after a luncheon meeting between Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the Pentagon, Morrell said this does not mean the Pentagon would have full control over all private security or their contracts. He stressed that details are still being worked out and that the Pentagon's key priority is to have better coordination of the movement of security contractors on the battlefield.

The meeting came as officials try to improve control over private security guards in the aftermath of the Sept. 16 shooting involving Blackwater USA security guards that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead.

Morrell said a team of State Department and Defense Department officials reached a general understanding on some, but not all, aspects of reforming oversight of contractors. The group will travel to Baghdad in early November to present a set of proposals to Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Morrell said.

He said Gates firmly believes that Petraeus' approval is critical to any final agreement. But he added that "both secretaries want this matter urgently resolved. In my talking to the secretary, in his mind, he sees this all getting wrapped up before Thanksgiving."

At the State Department, spokesman Sean McCormack echoed Morrell's account of the meeting.

He said there was "general agreement" between the agencies that operations of the State Department's private contractors in Iraq should be better coordinated between the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and the military. He stressed, however, that there was no suggestion that the Pentagon assume control of those operations.

Morrell said that the Pentagon believes that the private guards should be subject to U.S. law and that they will be held liable for any illegal operations. The Iraqi government on Tuesday approved draft legislation lifting immunity for foreign private security companies, sending the measure to parliament.

"I think we believe at this point that we have the means by which to hold the people who work for us accountable," said Morrell. "And beyond that, I don't want to get into Iraqi politics."

Blackwater is the largest of the State Department's three security contractors working in Iraq.

There are about 7,300 private security contractors working for the Defense Department in Iraq, of which about 5,000 are guarding fixed sites important to the U.S. military or to the Iraqi government.

On another matter, Morrell confirmed that Gates will be traveling to Japan next week. It would be his first trip there as defense secretary.

# TECH TALK

## GPO expands smart card printing business

By Jason Miller

[www.fcw.com](http://www.fcw.com)

The Government Printing Office received its first order from a major department for smart identification cards.

The Homeland Security Department asked GPO to print “a large order worth multimillions of dollars,” said a source with knowledge of the deal.

GPO officials would not comment on the deal, and Benjamin Brink, assistant public printer for security, testified that the agency has received an order before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee’s Government Management, Organization and Procurement Subcommittee.

“Due to the sensitive nature of the secure products and privacy concerns therein, GPO does not speak about the work we do for customers,” said Gary Somerset, a GPO spokesman.

Brink told lawmakers that GPO projects a growing business in smart cards and other secure identification documents. It already prints e-passports and designed the security printing for DHS’ SENTRI and Nexus border card programs.

GPO plans to expand its offerings in secure printing.

“GPO is in the process of procuring the capability

to provide card personalization,” Brink told lawmakers Oct. 18. “In the personalization process, the smart-card chip is loaded with the bearer’s identity information, biometric data and permissions.”

As a part of its effort to move into the smart-card world, GPO received approval about a year ago to become the second federal shared-service provider for public-key infrastructure credentials.

Brink said it will help agencies issue their own certificates.

“A strategic initiative of the GPO is to establish a government capability and capacity to issue smart-card identification credentials to customers providing a trusted, secure supply chain for federal identification credentials,” Somerset said.

GPO is joining a crowded field of providers. Vendors such as Entrust, VeriSign and Operational Research Consultants are firmly established in the federal sector to provide PKI credentials and are qualified under Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12. Meanwhile, the General Services Administration lists seven vendors that provide personalization service, including XTec, RSA Security and Gemalto.

## But I Digress...

Wow! It’s November already! I love November. Not only get I get a bonafide excuse to eat way too much food and too much pie, but I also get to enjoy the colors of the leaves falling from the trees.

The nights are cold enough to justify snuggling up with that someone special, not that you need a reason to snuggle.

And then there’s football! Woo hoo! All of the big rivalry games take place in November. Ohio State v. Michigan; Texas v. Oklahoma; etc, etc, etc. This is

the month when football, NCAA or NFL, gets really interesting, when a chance at the playoffs can be won or lost.

But the most important games played this month will be the ones held Thanksgiving morn in fields across the nation. I’m talking turkey-bowl. Where the winner lies exhausted in the end zone covered in mud and the loser gets barbed all year. Ah, I love November. But I digress. . .

of technology and telecommuting. From the West Coast to the 50th State of Hawaii, innovations in performance auditing are helping auditors find efficiencies in unexpected places.

From leveraging staff resources to actively writing reports, and from condensing background to amplifying audit results, you'll be presented with a wealth of ideas to enhance audit planning, fieldwork, and reporting to boost your office's performance audit yield. We'll explore answers to questions including; how early can fieldwork be planned? How soon can you start drafting reports? How many reviews and drafts should occur in the reporting process? How can management's lack of data be converted into a powerful audit finding? How can report titles and tables of contents be used to convey the message of an audit report? How can government obtain action and change as the result of audit reports?

If your organization is interested in "pumping up" the audit function within its existing resources, you won't want to miss this exciting (and Trans-Pacific) teleconference!

To share their expertise in performance auditing are Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, Director of Audit Services for the City of Portland, Oregon; and Leslie Tanaka, CPA, City Auditor for the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speaker questions and share their own experiences.

The audio conference will be held in the DFAS-CO Conference Center in the room C-146 (Kansas City Room). Cost: FREE to members, \$25 for non-members. Two (2) CPE credits will be offered in the Auditing (Government) field of study. Please contact Diana Kaufman (3-0370) or Rachel Bosch (3-0592) if you should have any questions.

**December Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC)  
3-5 December 2007**

The Greater Columbus Chapter, in association with the Central Ohio Chapter, would like to invite you to

the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC) to be held December 3-5, 2007, at the Columbus Athenaeum, 32 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

You will find an excellent conference schedule that offers outstanding keynote speakers, a wide range of break-out sessions and high quality training classes for you to choose from. The Federal Track speakers/topics include:

- Mr. James E. Wilson, Adjunct Professor Franklin University, and Dr. Tom Hrubec - Franklin University, Program Chair, Business Forensics and Forensic Accounting Programs
  - Topic: Beauty Shop of Horrors: An Exercise in Fraud Detection
  - Description: This presentation will cover several types of fraud, detection methods, and prevention strategies.
- Mr. Tony Poleo, Defense Logistics Agency Chief Financial Officer
  - Topic: ERP = Clean Audit Opinion, NOT!
  - Description: Practical observations on the realization that successfully implementing an end-end business ERP is a much smaller part of reaching financial audit compliance than first thought. And, how these experiences have altered DLA's strategic and tactical approach to reaching a clean opinion.
- Mr. Rick Staley, Director, Air Force Financial Systems Operations
  - Topic: Air Force FM (Financial Management) Systems, Today and Tomorrow
  - Description: This briefing concentrates on both, today's Air Force Financial Management systems and the future end state of where the AF FM community would like to be. There will be an emphasis on the systems of tomorrow such as FIRST (Financial Information Resource System), AFM (Automated Funds Management), DEAMS (Defense Enterprise Management & Accounting System) and FM SUITE (Financial Management Suite) which includes the FM Dashboard.
- Mr. Dale Sampson, Command Client Executive for North American Aerospace Defense

Command and United States Northern Command, Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

- Topic: Is Financial Management Ready for the next Disaster?
- Description: This presentation will include a recap of Department of Defense (DoD) financial management conditions that existed at the time of Katrina, and changes that have been implemented within DoD since to help improve the financial management controls and reporting for the next disaster.
- RADM (Rear Admiral) Henry B. Tomlin, III, SC, USN (United States Navy) (Commander of the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia - DSCP)
  - Topic: Troop Support - Taking Care of the Warfighter
  - Description: The daily challenges of taking care of the warfighter in a government organization.
- Mr. Jimaye Sones, DISA Comptroller
  - Exact Topic TBD

Cost for the conference varies depending on the number of days in attendance. The conference is centrally funded. Discount pricing is available for AGA members; discounts are also available for early registration. The event is open to all federal employees and/or AGA members at DFAS Columbus. Employees desiring to attend must obtain supervisory approval and submit their completed registration form to their Training Coordinator.

We are currently finalizing details for this event. Additional information, which will include registration details, will be available soon. Please contact Diana Kaufman (3-0370) or Rachel Bosch (3-0592) if you should have any questions.

**Audio Conference – Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed, Collusion and Override of Controls**

**12 December 2007**

**2:00pm – 3:50pm**

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 a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule – cases of public and private fraud that will baffle your imagination.

Are you interested in exploring the cause of various frauds and hearing approaches to increase the auditors' ability to detect fraud? The Government Auditing Standards and SAS 99 each make it clear that auditors have an affirmative obligation to search for fraud within the scope of audit engagements. Are you doing enough to meet these auditing standards? Included in this audio conference will be some remarkable work that uncovered major fraud in government, the private sector and not-for-profit organizations. The presenters will also analyze the reason auditors failed to uncover the frauds in other instances. In some of these cases, auditors actually went to jail because they failed to meet the standards of the auditing profession. Find out about the fraudsters who would steal from the dead and those who would steal from kids. Find out about the dentist who billed for 900 procedures a day! Thieves think differently than honest auditors. Increase your understanding of how fraud occurs and how you can better detect it from experienced practitioners.

To share their expertise in identifying and reporting fraud and the underlying internal control breakdowns are David L. Cotton, CGFM, CFE, CPA, Chairman of Cotton & Co.; and David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA, Director in the Division of State Government Accountability, Office of the New York State Comptroller.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speaker questions and share their own experiences.

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product," said Jena Estes, executive director of program integrity for the Blue Cross Blue Shield federal employee plan. "Before we launch a broad offering of the product, we want to at least test it, learn from it and evaluate the needs of the members as to whether it works for them."

The plan's biweekly rates for nonpostal employees for 2008 will be \$39.13 for singles and \$91.66 for families. Blue Cross automatically inserts an annual amount of \$900 for singles and \$1,800 for families into participants' accounts.

Deductibles for the Blue Cross plan will be \$2,900 for singles and \$5,800 for families. The annual deductible and the catastrophic maximum are set at the same dollar amount.

Still, some employee groups strongly oppose high-deductible plans, arguing that they could result in higher premiums and reduced benefits for employees enrolled in more comprehensive,

traditional offerings. According to a 2005 Government Accountability Office report, most participants in high-deductible plans are younger, healthier and better educated than those in comprehensive plans.

As part of the pilot, Blue Cross plans to examine whether a high-deductible plan could affect the cost and benefits of more traditional plans, Estes said. "It's not really for every consumer," she said. "It serves as a financial tool, and some can potentially save on their health care long term."

The following Web sites may be able to help you to better determine whether a high-deductible plan is right for you:

[Office of Personnel Management](#)

[Aetna HSA Calculator](#)

[GEHA HSA Calculator](#)

# AGA CEC Meeting Recap

Date: Monday, September 17, 2007 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## ***DISCUSSION TOPIC***

### **Recruitment Letter**

- Please send any comments/corrections to Justin Sponseller by Friday, October 19, 2007.

### **IRS Issues**

- Jason is currently performing research to determine whether additional filings with the IRS are necessary for the organization due to new regulation. He will provide an update when additional information is available.

### **CRP Deadlines**

- Jim will be meeting with involved committees to provide the next quarterly update to the Chapter Recognition Program. He expressed the feeling that it would be more efficient to update the entire program at once in a meeting format. Additional details to follow.

## Committee Updates:

- Communications
  - Newsletter Deadline – Need to start following deadlines for submission to increase the timeliness of the newsletter
  - Chapter Emails – Please send all non-recurring emails to Ken/Jim for review prior to distribution to the membership. Also, please try to stagger the mass emails to the membership to reduce the amount of materials to review at one time. Send email requests to Merle and Amy to ensure that all our distributed in a reasonable amount of time.
  - Chapter Member Distribution List –A list via the website will be created to allow for wider distribution of email material.
  - Please send any website updates to Merle for creation.
- Community Service
  - Food Drive – Kortney will be taking the food collected to the Mid Ohio Food Bank for donation, along with making a shopping trip for food based on the donations that were received.
  - Accounting for Kids Day – Scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Still in need of volunteers.
  - VITA – Please send Kortney any ideas for additional locations.
- Education
  - PDC Update – Barb and Katie will begin the process of gaining approval for members to attend the event. This responsibility will be shared with Programs.
    - 1) Mr. Jimaye Sones, DISA Comptroller; DISA Clean Audit Opinion
    - 2) Mr. Dale Sampson, Command Client Executive for NORAD and USNORTHCOM; speaking on challenges of accounting for/during disasters, FEMA.
    - 3) Dr. Tom Hrubec, Franklin University Program Chair, Business Forensics and Forensics Accounting Program, AND Mr. James Wilson from the Columbus Police Force Economic Crime Unit; Forensic Accounting.
    - 4) Mr. Rick Staley, Director for Air Force Financial Management Systems; Air Force FM Systems: Today and Tomorrow
    - 5) Mr. Tony Poleo, DLA Comptroller; EBS (new DLA accounting/mission system) Auditability Challenges
    - 6) Rear Admiral Tomlin, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia: exact topic TBD
- Certification
  - Director Replacement – Shawn McCracken resigned from his position as director. An email will be sent to the membership to solicit for volunteers for the position. We will vote on the replacement at the next CEC.
- Membership/Early Careers (EC)
  - Franklin University Networking Event – Yulonte will be spearheading this event. She is in need of volunteers and will be sending an email for participants. Will take place November 5-7.
  - Co-Director Replacement – LaVaris Poole was approved by the CEC as the eventual replacement of Yulonte Merrell as Co-Director.
- Programs
  - Luncheon CPE Sign In Sheets – Education will take over this function from Ken. Barb and Katie will contact Ken to learn the process and begin to complete the sign in sheets, along with the CPE certificated. Barb/Katie will be added as the signers of the CPE forms.
  - Member Appreciation Awards – These will be hand delivered to recipients since the incorrect file was printed during the luncheon.
- Ways and Means
  - Tara and Kevin are researching the possibility of a raffle of OSU items to raise money for the chapter. More to come.

