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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*By Ms. Nancy Zmyslinski, CGFM
Chapter President*

Everyone has heard the phrase “time flies when you’re having fun”; I don’t think there could be a better phrase to sum up my time as President of the Greater Columbus chapter. I have enjoyed every minute of my presidency. From the kick off meeting back in September, 2004 to last year’s National PDC where our chapter was recognized for outstanding chapter and our newsletter to the Spring PDO.

When I started my presidency I decided on a theme of “Doing It Right”. Throughout the past 15 months, I have along with the other officers strived to serve the membership by making decisions and guiding the professional development of the chapter by doing it right. In doing it right, we have seen membership grow from approximately 35 to over 100, and offered CPEs for the luncheons to increase the chapter’s professional development. Our members have participated in worthwhile volunteer activities such as the Mt Carmel Door to Door immunization program, Accounting Day for Kids and the VITA program. We have demonstrated our commitment to the community by raising money for Habitat For Humanity.

I have been fortunate to serve with dedicated officers and committee directors. I am grateful for their leadership and friendship as we established the chapter. I would especially like to thank Cindy Beck who served as an advisor to the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). She offered guidance and a fresh perspective as the CEC worked to establish itself. I would like to thank the membership for their participation and enthusiasm as they embraced the new chapter and enabled it to thrive into a vital professional organization. I am especially proud of how all the federal agencies came together to fully represent the Greater Columbus chapter.

I am saying goodbye as your chapter president, but I’m not saying goodbye to AGA. In May I am assuming the role of



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Regional Vice President. I look forward to the new role and challenge while continuing to offer guidance to the incoming Greater Columbus chapter officers. The incoming officers are fortunate to have a strong membership to draw from to fill the positions needed to continue the growth of the committees and the chapter.

Finally, thank you for the honor of serving as the first chapter president. It will hold a special place in my heart as I continue with my involvement with AGA. Continue to be a strong chapter and strive to continue improving. I firmly believe the only limitations are those that we place on ourselves.

Thank you and best wishes,

Nancy

THE AUDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

ARE OUR PORTABLE DEVICES SECURE?

By Ross Lisman, CPA, CFE

Recently, I was taking a class related to System Auditing Techniques. During breaks I was using my Blackberry to check emails. Evidently the instructor noticed I had been checking my emails and asked, "Is your Blackberry password protected?" You guessed it - no it was not. For the next few minutes the instructor went over the importance of password protecting all portable devices.

Portable devices include Blackberries, PDAs such as Palms and cell phones. The instructor indicated that throughout his client base the most common failing was the lack of a password on a Blackberry. Blackberries are often carried in a jacket pocket or in a purse. The jacket may be hung on a door or the purse left behind where someone could steal the device. Unless the device is password protected the person has the ability to read emails that could be sensitive in nature. Depending on how tech savvy the person was, the LAN could be damaged.

To say the least I went home that afternoon and password protected my Blackberry. If you have a Blackberry or any other portable device that is not password protected I hope you will use my experience and password protect the device.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It may be laid down as a primary position, and the basis of our system, that every Citizen who enjoys the protection of a Free Government, owes not only a proportion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it."

George Washington

CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 28 April 2006
Columbus Area AGA Euchre
Charity Tournament
Location: Buckeye Hall of Fame
Cafe
Time: 5:30 pm
- 8 May 2006
Central Ohio Chapter Annual
Officer Installation and
Awards Ceremony
- 9 May 2006
Annual Officer Installation and
Awards Ceremony
Speaker: AGA National
President-Elect Jeffrey Hart
Topic: AGA Presidential Theme
and AGA National Initiatives
- 12-13 May 2006
Sectional Chapter Officers
Leadership Training
Location: Columbus, OH
- 18-21 June 2006
AGA National PDC
Location: San Diego, CA
- 13 July 2006
Member Appreciation Luncheon
Location: DSCC Red Pavilion
- 25-26 September 2006
AGA National Internal Control
and Fraud Conference
Location: Atlanta, GA
- 30-31 October 2006
AGA National Performance
Management Conference
Location: Schaumburg, IL

Quote

“The natural liberty of man is to be free from any superior power on Earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man, but only to have the law of nature for his rule.”

Samuel Adams

TECHTALK

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNVEILS E-HEALTH PROTOTYPE

By Danielle Belopotosky
National Journal's Technology Daily

As two House panels on Thursday focused on efforts to drive the adoption of health information technology, a public-private partnership unveiled its own e-health network prototype already in use in three U.S. communities.

Greater use of information technology has the potential to improve health care and safety while reducing costs, redundant testing and duplicative administrative procedures, said House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. Still, the adoption of health IT has been slow, she said.

David Brailer, who heads the health IT office at the Health and Human Services Department, said progress is being made at the federal level to develop a nationwide e-health infrastructure.

On May 16, the American Health Information Community, a multi-stakeholder workgroup, will present recommendations aimed at developing a bio-surveillance data-sharing system, an electronic registration form and medication history for patients, remote communications options for doctors and patients, and e-health records that include laboratory results.

Furthermore, Brailer said uniform health IT standards will be announced in May, while final criteria for certifying e-health records are expected this month. Proposals for the requirements of a health information infrastructure are expected in June, and best practices for privacy and security policies, which are currently under review, are due in early 2007, he said.

In a House Small Business Regulatory Reform and Oversight Subcommittee, lawmakers questioned whether small healthcare groups could afford to adopt technology that enables the exchange of e-medical records.

"Because many small businesses operate on slim margins, any increase in cost can turn a profitable business into an unprofitable one," subcommittee Chairman Todd Akin, R-Mo., said in his opening statement. The hearing focused on the potential economic benefits that could be derived through the adoption of new technologies.

"Our research shows few physicians have implemented electronic health-record technology because it requires resources not typically found in small physician practices," said Joan Magruder, vice president of business development at BJC HealthCare in St. Louis. The BJC Medical Group includes more than 200 participating physicians.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF 31 MARCH 2006

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$635.45
Deposits	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$635.45</u>

Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,028.56
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$14.87
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 6,043.43</u>

Total Balance \$6,678.88

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

BILL REQUIRES REPORTING UNFUNDED FEDERAL LIABILITIES

AccountingWEB.com

With state and local governments scrambling to meet the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) amended rules for reporting on postretirement benefits, and private and public companies getting ready for compliance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) proposed statement on recording pension liabilities, a congressman from Indiana has introduced legislation that would require the federal government to meet a similar standard. The Truth in Accounting Act, sponsored by Rep. Chris Chocola (R-Ind) and co-sponsored by Reps. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn) and Mark Kirk (R - Ill), would require the federal government to accurately report the nation's unfunded long-term liabilities, including Social Security and Medicare, a debt that amounts to \$43 trillion dollars, during the next 75 years, Chocola says, according to wndu.com.

The U.S. Treasury Department is not currently required to file an annual report of these debts to Congress, wndu.com says.

"When I was in business, the federal government required our company to account for long-term liabilities using generally accepted accounting principles," Chocola told the South Bend Tribune. "This bill would require the federal government to follow the same laws they require every public business in America to follow. If any company accounted for its business the way the government accounts, the business would be bankrupt and the executives would be thrown into jail."

The legislation doesn't propose solutions for the burgeoning liabilities, but it takes a crucial first step, according to Chocola, "by requiring the Treasury Department to begin reporting and tracking those liabilities according to net present value calculations and accrual accounting principles," the Tribune reports.

"In order to solve our problems and prevent an impending fiscal crisis," Chocola said, "we have to first identify where and how large the problem is."

Chocola clearly sees a looming fiscal crisis. "Congress is the Levee Commission and the flood is coming," he told the Tribune. "This [bill] is intended to sound the warning bell."

To support his position, according to the Tribune, Chocola referred to an article written by David Walker, a Clinton appointee who serves as Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Walker wrote that the government was on an "unsustainable path".



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CHAPTER NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

May Luncheon
9 May 2006

It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Jeff Hart to be our guest speaker at the Greater Columbus AGA Chapter's May luncheon.

Mr. Hart, AGA National President-Elect, will be assisting with the installation of officers and award ceremony, as well as giving a presentation on the "AGA Presidential Theme and AGA National Initiatives."

The luncheon location and menu are still to be determined.

Please contact Melissa Ludovissie (3-0856) or Jim Gillenwater (3-6907) if you have any questions.

THE BOTTOM LINE

TSP BOARD BALKS AT CONGRESS' PUSH FOR REAL ESTATE FUND

By Karen Rutzick
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The Thrift Savings Plan board is digging in its heels against a plan to add a real estate investment option that is gaining momentum in Congress.

The TSP, federal employees' version of a 401(k) retirement savings plan, invests participants' \$180 billion in five basic funds and life-cycle options blending those funds based on anticipated retirement dates. But 163 members of Congress have signed on as co-sponsors of a bill to add a Real Estate Investment Trust fund.

The House Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization will hold a hearing April 26 on the REIT fund option and will mark up the bill immediately following the hearing.

Gary Amelio, executive director of the TSP, and Tom Trabucco, spokesman for the plan, told the board at its monthly meeting Monday that they were asked to testify.

The House panel held a hearing on the same topic last April, shortly after Jon Porter, R-Nevada, chairman of the subcommittee, introduced the REIT fund bill.

"Federal employees should not be left out in the cold," Porter said at the time. "Adding a REIT fund option to the TSP is the next logical step. With its resilient earnings and lower volatility, real estate provides a sound investment over the long haul."

But the board, which is made up of five presidentially appointed financial advisers and Amelio, who was hired by the board to run day-to-day operations, are dismayed by the push for the REIT funds.

"I was hired and led to believe this plan was completely free of politics," Amelio said. "It is a blatant violation of fiduciary duty to do onesies."

Onesies, Amelio said, are the addition of funds to the TSP one at a time without taking into account the entire range of options. The board hired consulting firm Ennis Knupp & Associates of Chicago to look at all options. The board expects to hear from the firm on that matter this fall.

Andrew Saul, chairman of the TSP board, said he wants the House subcommittee to wait for Ennis Knupp to finish the assessment before holding another hearing.

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EVENT RECAP

AGA/ASMC Spring PDO

30 March 2006

On 30 March 2006 the AGA and ASMC chapters in Columbus, Ohio hosted a joint Professional Development Opportunity at the Concourse Hotel.

Each of the educational sessions were very beneficial to those who attended. Topics ranged from Data Mining to Financial Fitness and from Professional Certifications to EEO issues.

Most noteworthy were the three keynote speakers:

Mr. Carlton Francis, DFAS Columbus Site Deputy Director who spoke on Preparing for the Future.

Mr. Robert Hale, ASMC Executive Director who spoke on the Social Security Crisis.

And Dr. Robert L. Boggs who spoke of leadership lessons learned from Native American Chiefs.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Free Personal Finance Workshops Hosted by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service

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GOVERNMENT NEWS

TAX COLLECTORS FOR HIRE

By Kimberly Palmer
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Some say only IRS employees should be able to pursue overdue debtors.

Members of the National Treasury Employees Union, which has been vigorously battling contracting out, shouted their displeasure during a rally in front of IRS headquarters in Washington in early March. "We collect more. We cost less. We protect your privacy. . . . IRS employees do it better," they chanted.

For the record, the IRS has not said the private sector can collect overdue taxes "better" than IRS employees. The agency has argued that contractors are the only ones able to do the work because the IRS lacks the resources. The private collection agencies will work solely on cases in which the IRS and the taxpayer agree on the amount owed. The agency announced in March that three contractors, CBE Group Inc., Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP and Pioneer Credit Recovery Inc., qualified for the first round of the program. It plans to select up to seven more when the tax collection program is fully implemented in fiscal 2008.

"Those cases are just sitting there, in inventory," says IRS spokesman John Lipold of the files to be handed over to contractors. The IRS estimates that about \$7.7 billion in tax debt is eligible for collection by private collection agencies, a fraction of the total amount of unpaid taxes owed to the IRS.

Colleen M. Kelley, president of NTEU and a former IRS employee, says the solution is not to sign up contractors, but to hire more IRS employees. A 2004 Government Accountability Office report shows the number of revenue officers working on delinquent accounts fell from 5,500 to 3,500 between 1996 and 2003.

Privacy has been a major concern, according to NTEU, and the IRS has strict requirements for contractors. All work is to be performed in the United States and all employees with access to taxpayer information, including janitorial staff, must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens. Data must be secure at all times, and shredded, burned or otherwise destroyed after it no longer is needed. The IRS says contractors will not be given complete tax returns, but they will have access to Social Security numbers along with names and contact information.

If it seems like the agency is taking a lot of precautions, it has reason to: In 1996, the IRS experimented with private sector debt collection and failed. According to GAO, program costs exceeded the amount collected.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

The chapter leadership has decided to initiate a membership recruitment incentive program. We want to encourage you to speak up and tell your friends, coworkers, and anyone else who might be interested in a professional organization for Government Accountability Professionals.

Here's what you need to do:

First, see a chapter officer for some AGA information to give to whomever you talk to.

Second, talk to those you know in Government about the AGA, what you find to be beneficial in your membership in our chapter, and what benefits they can derive from joining.

Third, bring completed applications to a chapter officer.

Here's what we will do:

We will recognize your recruitment efforts in our monthly luncheon and you will be presented with an award after you achieve any of the following levels:

Recruiter (1 New Member) - AGA Lanyard or Retractable Badge Holder

Bronze Recruiter (2 New Members) - AGA Travel Mug

Silver Recruiter (5 New Members) - AGA Polo Shirt

Gold Recruiter (10 New Members) - Free Registration at Local PDC

Platinum Recruiter (20 New Members) - Free Registration at 2006 National PDC in San Diego

This campaign ends 4/30/06, or at the decision of the CEC. All applications must clear AGA National by 4/30/06 for award eligibility. Equal Prizes can be substituted by CEC decision.

CERTIFICATION CONNECTION



INFORMATION

TAKE THE CGFM EXAMINATIONS AT THE PDC

*By Ms. Katya Silver
AGA National Staff*

For the second year in a row AGA is offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM at the annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in San Diego. Whether you've been thinking about earning your CGFM or have enrolled but found it difficult to find time to complete the three exams, this is your chance to get it done!

To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on June 17-19, 2006. The cost of the course is only \$225 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations taken during this event are free of charge!

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this event is perfect for those individuals who have already attended CGFM training courses or have been studying by using the CGFM study guides. Space is still available, but enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA website. If you have any questions, contact Katya Silver at 703-684-6931 ext. 305 or ksilver@agacgfm.org.

HELP THE YWCA FAMILY CENTER AND AREA FOOD BANKS

Did you know needy families cannot buy toiletries with food stamps? The AGA and the ASMC are working together to collect hotel size toiletries to donate to the YWCA Family Center and local food banks to give to the families they are supporting. So the next time you go on vacation or TDY, bring those extra little soaps, shampoos, and lotions that you don't use into work. For a Drop-Off location please ask a Community Service Committee Member or Officer.

Full size toiletries are also accepted, and will be donated to a local food bank for distribution.

WANTED: AGA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By being a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), you have already shown that you believe in and are dedicated to keeping yourself on the leading edge of your profession. The AGA offers its members late-breaking news and educational opportunities and seminars geared toward increasing our members' knowledge and proficiency. In addition to educational opportunities the AGA makes available a number of community service and social activities.

The AGA Greater Columbus Chapter is continuing its ambitious effort to dramatically increase the educational, community service, and social opportunities for our members and we need your help to make this a reality.

We are looking for a few volunteers who are interested in helping the continued growth and development of our chapter and its activities. For those who are interested in providing service to the chapter, there are a number of opportunities available.

If this interests you, we ask you to please get involved. We will have various activities you can work on depending on your skill and interest and most of the work can be performed around your schedule. Please contact one of our Chapter Officers (listed on Page 2) to express interest.

It is only with the assistance of members like you who are interested in getting involved that we will truly be able to become and maintain the high quality of chapter activities our members expect and that everyone can benefit from.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

IT TAKES TWO TO TANDEM

Have you always wanted to fly down those hills on a tandem, charge past the pack on the flats, and test your strength on the up-hills? So does Mary! You don't have a tandem bike? Mary has one, and since it takes two to tandem she needs a captain to lead the way. Mary is blind, and the only way she can ride is to be the stoker on her tandem. If you'd like to get some "fun" exercise, experience the great outdoors on a bike, and want to do something nice for somebody at the same time, here's your chance. Mary asks that you have road riding skills, enjoy a touring style of riding, have a vehicle that can carry a tandem, and do not expect to race on her bike. She is an experienced stoker, likes to ride once a week, from 30 to 60 miles, and enjoys group rides. She also knows several other blind stokers who are looking for captains like you. Other riders will have different expectations of sharing a tandem, depending on their physical condition, age, and need for speed. If you do not have a vehicle that can carry a tandem, call anyway.

Contact Mary at Tango_lady@sbcglobal.net with the word captain in the subject line, or call her at 614-471-1869. You may recognize her bike from one of the COP rides. It's the Trek 200 with the words "Girl Power" on the back.

But I Digress

"Synergy means the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It means that the relationship the parts have to each other is a part in and of itself. It is not only a part, but the most catalytic, empowering, unifying and exciting part."

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

We are the most catalytic, empowering, unifying and exciting part of our organization; the relationships we have with and to each other empower us to greatness. Think about that the next time someone's behavior begins to irritate you. Look not at their negative side, but reevaluate it in light of the positive affect that person has on the organization as a whole. Think of a way to empower that person to be better than what they are. They might just be having a bad day, and need to know that they are appreciated / valued for the contribution they have to offer. Seek first the goodness / value, demonstrate that you appreciate that, and perhaps they will respond differently. Once appreciated, they might not be quite so irritating. But I digress..

"We are the creative force of our life, and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish those goals."

Stephen Covey

Magruder said the one-time cost for a doctor's office to transform from a paper-based record system to an electronic one ranges from \$30,000 to \$45,000. To accelerate the adoption of health IT among its participants, the medical group will underwrite a one-time implementation cost if the doctors purchase the needed equipment.

Connecting for Health, a collaborative of 100 public and private organizations, released its framework for building a health information network capable of sharing e-medical data. The framework, which includes 16 technical and policy components, is available for free online. The documents include testing interfaces, code, technical specifications, and model privacy and security policies.

The system uses a service that identifies where specific medical records are kept but does not identify individuals. Under that approach, information is stored locally by doctors or hospitals and shared when authorized by patients.

Three communities that operate on different health information networks in Boston, Indianapolis, and Mendocino County, Calif., began testing the prototype in mid-2005.

BOTTOM LINE CONTINUED FROM PG. 5

"Why we're going through all of this at this point in time I just don't understand," Saul said. "We've made a commitment to Congress and we intend to keep that commitment."

After the bill is marked up in subcommittee, it still must go to committee for markup and must be brought to the House floor for a vote. The Senate also must pass such a bill.

In March, the Employee Thrift Advisory Committee, made up of representatives from federal employee unions and advocacy groups, passed a resolution opposing a REIT fund.

The subcommittee's Democratic contingent requested the April 26 hearing. Reps. Danny Davis, D-Ill.; Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.; Major Owens, D-N.Y.; Elijah Cummings, D-Md.; and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., told Porter in a March 31 letter that they wanted a hearing to address the concerns of the thrift advisory committee before marking up the bill.

Speaking to a British audience last month, Walker said that the U.S. is headed for a financial crisis unless it changes its course of racking up huge deficits, Reuters reported. Walker said some combination of reforming Social Security and Medicare spending, discretionary spending and possibly changes in tax policy would be required to get the deficits under control.

"I think it's going to take 20-plus years before we are ultimately on a prudent and sustainable path," Walker said, according to Reuters, partly because so many American consumers follow the government's example. "Too many Americans are spending more than they take in and are running up debt at record rates."

GOV NEWS CONTINUED FROM PG. 6

The IRS has faced some bumps this time around as well. The first request for proposals was deemed overly restrictive by the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and had to be reissued. In February, Washington-based Bureau of National Affairs Inc., a publishing company, reported that three of the top contenders for the IRS work have faced complaints about harassing phone calls, privacy violations and potential bribery of state officials.

Despite concerns, federal agencies frequently rely on private companies for financial services, including debt collection. "We probably have some of the best data security in the industry," says Brian H. Callahan, vice president of financial reporting for NCO Group Inc. in Horsham, Pa. The company is bidding on the IRS project and counts the Energy Department and large health care companies among its clients.

Abby Stewart, director at Jefferson Consulting Group, a Washington-based professional services firm, says companies already have access to lots of personal information and face stringent privacy requirements. "These private companies are going to have to follow the rules that government employees follow. . . . The issue is enforcement of standards," she says.

Lipold says the IRS has enforcement under control. He doesn't have to worry about his own return being handled by a private contractor. Any cases involving IRS employees must be referred back to the agency.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

20 MARCH 2006

- **AGA/ASMC PDO (Professional Development Opportunity):**
 - Discussed final details of event
 - All speakers confirmed; in the event that Joe Lancaster, Personnel Security Program Manager, is unable to attend, several back-ups will be available.
 - Friday, March 24, 2006 – PDO Committee Directors, Jim Gillenwater and Macy Newman to brief President and Vice-President Elect of both the local AGA and ASMC chapter regarding the details of the PDO
 - Registration still open; still need approximately 30 members to register
 - Morning registration table will convert in the afternoon to an AGA/ASMC recruiting table
- **Membership Committee Update:**
 - Currently, there are 106 members within the Greater Columbus Chapter
 - All existing members should renew their membership by the end of March
 - Recruiting booth - Weekly operations to begin on Wednesday, March 29 from 11am-1pm in the back B lobby of building 21
 - Event to take place every Wednesday from 11am-1pm (same location)
 - Membership survey scheduled to be available and published by Friday, March 24
- **Programs Committee Update:**
 - Discussed upcoming luncheons
 - **April – Officer Elections**
 - Date: Thursday, April 14 - 11:30am-1pm
 - Speaker: Steve Martin, VP – Blaugrund, Herbert and Martin
 - Topic: CPA Exam
 - Location: C-147
 - **May – Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony**
 - Date: Tuesday, May 9 – 11:30am-1pm
 - Speaker: Jeffrey Hart, AGA National President-Elect
 - Topic: AGA Presidential Theme and AGA National Initiatives
 - Location: TBD
 - **June – AGA National PDC**
 - Date: June 18-21
 - Location: San Diego, CA.
 - **July – Members Appreciation Luncheon**
 - Location: Red Pavilion (DSCC)
 - Greater Columbus AGA Directors Jim Gillenwater (Programs) and Shawn McCracken (Education) recently met with the Education Committee from the Central Ohio Chapter, including the President/President-Elect, regarding the December Regional PDC to discuss lessons learned and likely ideas for the 2006 Regional PDC.
 - Friday, April 28 – Greater Columbus/Central Ohio AGA Euchre Charity Tournament
 - Location: Buckeye Hall of Fame
 - Time: 5:30pm
 - \$5 entry fee will go toward charity (Habitat for Humanity)
 - Losing chapter to donate an additional \$100 to Habitat for Humanity
 - Monday, May 8 - Evening “Meet and Greet” with the AGA National President-Elect

- Location: TBD
- Positions wanted for the following committees: Early Careers, Membership
- **Education Committee Update:**
 - Director, Shawn McCracken, has offered to take over effort of finding speakers/topics for future chapter luncheons
 - Recently accepted 6 additional volunteers to be part of committee
 - Additional plans include organizing awards luncheons for CGFM accomplishments
 - Chapter audit expected to be complete by end of month
- **Community Service Update:**
 - Discussed suggestions for potential fund raisers
 - Director, Roger Neefe, pursued the idea of raising funds through the sale of restaurant cards, but so far has only found a few potential leads
 - Shawn McCracken, Director of Education, indicated a few opportunities that may exist and will follow-up with Roger upon receipt of more information
 - Idea is to sell restaurant cards where the chapter would earn a percentage in company profits (i.e. pizza, coffee, doughnuts, etc.)
- **Greater Columbus AGA Website:**
 - Discussed need to move forward in developing a chapter web-site for posting presentations and other useful resources; volunteers wanted
- Chapter Historian, HenriAnn Franklin, to put together a document of events to reflect upon yearly chapter accomplishments