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The three Indianapolis area AGA chapters came together Thursday, April 29 for an evening of networking, professional development, and comedy at Morty's Comedy Joint. Members and the chapter presidents for the Indianapolis Chapter, Central Indiana Chapter, and Circle City Chapter joined for dinner and a presentation on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009: One Year Update". The speaker Cris Johnston, Executive Director of the Office of Management and Budget of Indiana, provided insight into the reporting requirements for ARRA, challenges of outlaying funds, specific requirements of the Act, and the methods and timelines for reporting.

Chris Phillips, a new member in the Indianapolis Chapter, shared "The speaker's comments on the struggles the State teams faced when managing Federal funding from the bail out of ten times more than they handled the previous year was enlightening."

After Mr. Johnston's presentation and several great questions from the audience, the members socialized while waiting on the evening comedy show. The cost of the event included free admission to the evening comedy show with local headliner Troy Davis. Many of those in attendance stayed for an evening of laughter.

Members from all chapters commented on the success of the event and are looking forward to additional opportunities to partner. Greg Schmalfeldt, Indianapolis Chapter president-elect, conveyed his enjoyment in the evening and is planning to schedule a meeting with the local chapters next program year.



Above: Cris Johnston, Executive Director of the Office of Management and Budget of Indiana

Below: Fellow AGA members socialize after event

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Did you see the Goldfish race?



I am happy to announce that Saturday, June 19th has been reserved for AGA/DFAS volunteers to join in the 2010 Veteran's Build for Habitat for Humanity! This build is on the east side at 44 N. Rural Street to benefit the Simmons family. I have reserved 12 volunteer spots on the morning shift (7:30-11:30AM with lunch provided at 11:30) and another 12 volunteer spots on the afternoon shift (12:15-4PM). On tap for that day is interior finish work, installing hand rails, etc.!

If you are interested in participating in this event, contact me by May 14th to sign up for either a morning or afternoon shift.

THANK YOU!

Brandi Hobson
AGA Community Service Chair



The DVD drive for our soldiers ended 4/16 and the items have been tallied. We collected 194 DVDs, 2 books, 4 Blu-Rays, and 14 VHS tapes for the troops. What a success!! The AGA Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone that donated and hope that you will continue to support this event in the future.

Thank you!

Brandi Hobson

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AGA Audio Conference

AGA will host their next Audio Conference: Those Faint Signals: Learning to Catch Ethical Slippage Before It's Too Late

Date - May 19, 2010
Time - 2:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
Location - Conference Room 222R

(2) NASBA Certified CPEs will be offered for the event. FREE for Members and \$25 participation fee for Non-Members.

NOTE: A SF 182 does not need to be filled out unless you want it on your training history or it is being funded by your department.

To self register, contact Jessica Grove at 317-510-7480 or jessica.grove@dfas.mil

Hello AGA Members!

The March Incentive Points have been posted to our website. We saw lots of changes this month in the top 5 Incentive Point Earners due to the recruiting event we held last month - did you know you get 10 POINTS for recruiting a new member?? Note that some of the people you recruited last month aren't on the AGA National roster yet, so if you recruited any of those people, you won't get the points until they appear on the roster (probably next month).

Please check out your points and contact me at melissa.jacobs@dfas.mil if you see any discrepancies:

http://againdy.com/IncentivePoints.aspx

Remember: the points you earn THIS program year will qualify you for discounts NEXT program year. Currently, the criteria is:

- President's Circle (>35% of Points Available) 30% off luncheon ticket price
Gold Member (>20-35% of Points Available) 20% off luncheon ticket price
Silver member (10-20% of Points Available) 10% off luncheon ticket price

Note that the criteria may change, but only to the benefit of members so that more of you receive discounts

AGA/ASMC Joint Professional Development Conference
May 25, 2010
7:55 am - 4:30 pm
Location: The Garrison
6002 N. Post Road
Strategies for Success
Members \$125
Non Members \$150
For more information regarding administrative policies such as the complaint policy, please contact:
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Program Content: Educational presentations from the Beck Financial Strategies, Inc., Nancy Beck; IRS, Ms. Kate McKnight; Business Transformation Agency, Mr. Greg Williams; Indiana Leadership Development, Inc. Dr. Robin Livesay; DFAS ERO, Ms. Jenny Willis, and more!
Learning Objectives: Obtain an overview of current topics in the field of professional development, finance, ethics, information technology, economics, and/or accounting.
Instructional Method: Group - Live
Program Level: Overview
Prerequisites: None required
Advanced Preparation: None required
Earn up to 8 CPE credits
*No refunds will be provided, but substitution of attendees will be allowed.
Registration is due by May 6th!
AGA and ASMC are registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors.

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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
 INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 1-30 APRIL 2010

CHECKING:

Balance 4/01/2010		\$11,336.75
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Deposits:

04/15 Redeposit Recruit Drive		280.00
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Disbursements:

04/02 Cookout Supplies	\$20.19	
04/15 March Luncheon	814.32	
04/22 Bus Entity Report	7.14	
04/29 Name Badges April Mtg	42.79	
04/29 April Meeting	<u>1,234.13</u>	2,118.57

Balance 4/30/2010		<u>\$9,498.18</u>
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MONEYMARKET ACCOUNT:

Balance 4/01/2010		\$18,433.95
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Interest:		3.78
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Balance 4/30/2010		<u>\$18,437.73</u>
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INVESTMENTS:

Balance 4/01/2010		\$15,443.95
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Interest:

5 CDs @ \$8.76	43.80	
Balance 4/30/2010	<u>\$15,487.75</u>	

TOTAL FUNDS 4/30/2010		<u>\$43,423.66</u>
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Treasurer's Notes:

Funds for Apr Mtg to be deposited today
 James M. Naff, CGFM (Ret)
 Treasurer

CEC MINUTES – MAY 6, 2010

**AGA CEC Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2010; 1:30-2:30 pm
Stephan Delany Conference Room (028B)**

ATTENDEES: Jeff Fourman, Jamie Whitman, Mandy Illg, Sarah Leedy, Jose Munguia, Charlie Pollis, Jim Naff, Jayme VanHorn, Greg Schmalfeldt, Neil Anderson, Shane Douglas, Maranda Summers, Chris Crews, Katie Crist, Jeannie Allen, Mary Carson, Sam Graham, Tamra Vincent

Meeting called to order: 1:31

OPENING REMARKS

President Elect – Greg Schmalfeldt Everyone enjoyed the April meeting. Feedback from other chapters was that they'd like to do it again. Morty's was a good location. Latest on working with ASMC and the PDC ASAFM&C Sally Matiella is coming to speak (President Obama's appointee) Greg spoke with Bruce (ASMC President) and mentioned last month AGA approved a local PDC price of \$75/\$100 and ASMC wanted to stay at \$125/\$150 normal price. Indy wanted more participation from the Operations organizations, so Bruce requested we drop the price to the level AGA had recommended. Greg approved and advised that the CEC had already approved the fee to be lowered to \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members since the first PDC was so successful. Bruce was going to meet with the Indy Site Director (Edna Knight) and let her know he wants to approve 100 people at the decreased amount. Have 150 people scheduled again for this training event. S&C already has checks written at greater amount, so we'll have to figure out how to refund them.

TREASURER NOTES

Treasurer – Jim Naff

April Treasurer's Report
\$350 loss over all from AGA April event (picked up \$10 of cost)

COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting Arrangements – Tamra Vincent SLM update Jamie Whitman, Megan Nethery, Kelly Wagenmaker, Brooke Tabor and Tamra Vincent went to the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore and walked out with several ideas. Provided National dates for submission deadlines. Broached idea of Regional community service event – nothing solidified so provide ideas to Tamra. Ex: Toys for Tots or something similar since we're at different locations Healthy competition between chapters in region: publish everyone's progress

Meeting for new members –

insight into what AGA is, meet & greet, how to get involved (lunch & learn to draw interest) Lots of free stuff to get from national – pens, notebooks, brochures (what's in it for me – AGA brochure (Shane) Cash from National for Membership drives – we do a little but want to look into more (last year we received money) Something different than sharing of the dues Send National an email and they send you \$350 for recruiting – Jamie and Kelly have the information on how to get this (set up email reminder for next year) Do at an offsite location so you don't break the rules of the agency or put reputation at risk within the building Getting sponsorship for combined chapter meetings – as long as they know they're sponsoring AGA and not DFAS – help us to do different things and more interesting venues – check into for awards banquet this year; let Tamra know if we know anyone to question about being a sponsor Indy chapters joining together to get March CGFM Proclamation – Jim will get it signed if we can get him the document for governor and mayor Secretary - Jayme VanHorn 2010-2011 CEC All committee chairs filled except Community Service Greg suggested Rob Duncan and Katie Crist volunteered

Awards Committee – Brooke Tabor (Jose) Banquet Update Sarah: Made reservation at Hilton Garden Inn off the circle downtown. We have 2 separate rooms: one for cocktail hour and one for the banquet Cash bar Program Deposit check collected from Jim, unless we find a sponsor Door prizes Awards banquet will be June 12th Reserved some rooms at the govt rate Tickets on sale May 17- June 4 \$15 for members and \$30 for a couple Will use existing ticket sellers Scholarship Update Received no submissions for High School 3 for Continuing Education – proposing a \$250 increase so they can award all three members \$750 each. \$500 was budgeted for High School originally. Greg moved to approve, Jeff seconded, all approved Jose will coor-

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CEC MINUTES (CONT).

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dinate with Brooke when they need checks from Jim Greg wants Awards Committee to keep CEC up to date on progress Wellness Committee – Charlie Pollis & Marilyn McGee & Brooke Moore April 24 Wellness Walk Wrap up Held walk this last weekend without an issues, lighter attendance than expected, compared to last year– pouring rain that morning, on 1st of month, changed Specific #s with John of ASMC – 30 people or so about 10 dogs, no doggie issues ASMC won because they had more people there – plaque goes to them There will be a small award that AGA will be required to pay Shane mentioned that City of Lawrence copied our 500 mile campaign and is currently going on until the first day of the Indy 500 Membership Committee – Shane Douglas AGA Brochure Provided copies of brochure If you have any ideas for added content, let Shane know. He'd like to increase the amount of Community service reported Goals and strategy for next year – group doing a lot of things and want to continue with that next year. VITA Coordinator – Sally Gardner VITA volunteer hours (absent) Website Administrator – Chris Crews-Introduction Just joined AGA, Melissa recruited him and he took over as webmaster for Heather For committees that want to publish anything for the website, let him know He wants to push to move website forward to keep updated and use it instead of attaching stuff to messages – just send links Content of what's upcoming – current events, etc. is good but wants some follow up on after the fact. Turn out at events, etc. New members corner – display new members, how to get involved, etc Noticed today that our domain name for website is expiring in June. Have to renew yearly for \$14.95 to keep our unique identifier of Againdy.org Move to approve \$14.95 for yearly expense (Greg); all approved Pictures on the shared drive to post on the website; post pictures of directors/committee chairs on website also

Jim's Suggestions

- April newsletter was very impressive, enjoyed Mary's article about Dave Burman. Keep up the good work

- Two \$50 awards for newsletter submission on the AGA PDC. Two best articles will win \$50 and be posted in the newsletter. Newsletter committee decides winners. Chris will advertise on website.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

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ABOUT THE OBSERVER

The Observer is AGA-Indianapolis Chapter's monthly newsletter which covers member and association activities on both the chapter and national levels. *The Observer* features developments within the profession, chapter news, and articles of interest to members. Opinions and beliefs expressed in *The Observer* are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the association. We welcome and encourage members to send us original or reproduced articles that may be of interest to our members for publication in our newsletter.

AGA MEMBER TYPES

AGA members form a diverse group of individuals—from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials—working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms.

Full Government Member

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$90/year

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This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$150/year

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This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30/year

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