



CAPITOL TOPICS

MAY 2013

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings AGA Austin Chapter members,

It has been an honor to serve as your AGA President for 2013. As **summer** approaches, we will plan for the upcoming year by assessing our current goals and setting our sights on the next twelve months. Preparing for 2014, we have a fully staffed executive committee with dedicated officers and committee chairs, which is exciting for anyone who has been involved with an organization as large as the Austin Chapter. I want to thank all who participated in our continuing professional education events and community service opportunities. I also want to thank you for your continued support of AGA through membership. I hope that we've met your expectations.

We will continue to look for new ways to increase the availability and quality of CPE events while keeping the costs down. While we strive to keep changes reasonable, we'll consider new topics, presenters and venues. We've had a nice member turnout this year and hope to keep trending upward in the number of participants. We'll survey members again at the end of the year and hope you'll participate by sending your candid feedback. AGA Community Service has been a definite success this year and something we should all be very proud of. Your dedication and generosity are inspiring and we will continue next year. Thank you again for your year-long involvement and efforts.

As a chapter, we have much to be proud of and grateful for. I am especially proud of the efforts of our dedicated volunteers on the Austin Chapter Executive Committee. I think Mara Ash said it best last year about this time: *without their thoughtfulness, dedication, and tireless efforts, we would not have been able to accomplish as much as we have.* I look forward to working with you all in 2014.

So... until then we will see you all again, have a blessed and safe summer.

Paul Morris
President, AGA Austin Chapter

Upcoming Event

Scholz Garten
1607 San Jacinto Blvd.
Austin, TX 78701

** Park at the top of Garage "B"*

Thursday, May 9th, 2013 - 11:30am-3:00pm

	Procurement Risks	Using Performance to Drive Performance Improvement	Both Sessions
	1 CPE's	(Audio Conference) 2 CPE's	3 CPE's
AGA Member	\$20	\$25	\$45
Non Member	\$25	\$35	\$55

Registration: <http://www.agaaustin.org/aga-austin-reg.html>

(If you prefer a vegetarian dish, please let Adana know when registering)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the April 18, 2013

Call to order

President Paul Morris called to order the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

Roll call

The following members were in attendance physically either at the ERS Conference Room – Longhorn Annex or via conference call: Paul Morris, Sharita Coyle, Adana Berry, Autumn Bellfield, Mara Ash, Kristen Gonzales, Eddie Chan, Bernard Ndoping-Angandje, Mari Queller and Aaron Dvorak, Aaron Dvorak, Patty Aguilera, Debi Weyer, and Adana Barry.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes, and no objections, so the minutes were approved.

News & Updates

Treasurer's Update: ACH Luncheon Payments

At this time, Capital Credit Union provides a general description on all ACH payments. We cannot determine which ACH payments are made on behalf of luncheon attendees. If a report from the State Treasury is not available, our chapter will consider adjusting our payment options. Some of the options discussed are:

1. Require credit card or cash only for luncheons
2. For agencies paying for employees, pay by credit card and keep card number on file
3. Agencies can also call before each luncheon and provide the payment

information over the telephone

Donations

The donation of \$250 to the NFL Alumni Golf Tournament has been made. The last donation of the year for our chapter will be a basket for PDM.

May Luncheon

The speaker information and May flyer will be sent to Eddie Chan, so the information can be added to the website.

2013-2014 Executive Committee Positions

All positions have been filled for the 2013-2014 year. People interested in working on a committee will need to contact the committee chair. The summer Executive Committee will be tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2013. At the summer meeting, the Austin chapter will consider purchasing a reasonably priced screen and projector for luncheons.

CGFM Materials

Our chapter is interested in purchasing the updated CGFM study materials. The CGFM books are offered online with a yearly subscription. The Austin chapter will consider purchasing a subscription, and discuss any privacy and security issues at the next meeting.

Round Table Discussion

Sharita will review past historian reports at our website online, and work with Paul. Aaron will send out an e-mail with questions about the AGA. Please respond if you have ideas on how to improve our AGA or national chapter.

If you know anyone in your department who would like to be a speaker at a future AGA Luncheon, contact Debi Weyer.

If you have any suggestions about places to hold our AGA luncheons for the upcoming year, contact Paul Morris.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 12:55 PM.



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UPCOMING EVENT

Procurement Risk

Speaker



Holly Brewster

Procurement Consultant, Department of Family and Protective Services

Holly Brewster currently works with the Procurement Division of the Department of Family and Protective Services. This Division is responsible for more than \$1B in client service purchases for Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) throughout the State of Texas. Ms. **Brewster** has been with DFPS since 2005 serving in roles including the Director of Procurement and Senior Contracts Attorney. Her contracting experience also includes work with The University of Texas at Austin and Honeywell, Inc.

Ms. Brewster holds a JD from the University of Oregon and a BA from The University of Texas at Austin.

Using Performance Information to Drive Performance Improvement

(Audio Conference)

Speakers

Harold I. Steinberg, CGFM, CPA, Consultant; and **Toni Trombecky**, Performance Improvement Officer and Manager, Strategic Planning Division, Federal Aviation Administration.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



READY, SET...

RENEW!

The AGA Retention 500 Campaign has begun; and the race to cross the finish line is on!

Only 22 renewals are needed to meet our goal; and we want to help you-help us get there.

It's easy. Just attend the May 9, 2013 luncheon to enter a chance at winning one of three free memberships.

- First, complete & print the attached application form; then bring it with you to the luncheon. (A copy can also be located at <http://agaaustin.org/membership.html>)



- Winners will then be announced during the luncheon; however, you don't have to be present during the drawing to win.

**Winners must have attended either the speaker or audio conference portion of the luncheon to be eligible.*

If you can't attend and haven't already renewed, you can still help the Chapter meet its goal by renewing on-line today.

Just visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Join-or-Renew.aspx>

Don't forget, the 60-day grace period ends May 31st.

Anniversaries

2years

- Annick Barton— HHSC
- Kadie Weyer—TWC

5Years

- Jennifer Henry—TGLO

10 Years

- Tamera Lyn Atkins—State of Texas
- Michelle Bauman—Texas State University

New Members

- Michael Poolos—Grant Thornton
- Lorna Schwimmer—Grant Thornton

COMMUNITY SERVICE



AGA would like to thank everyone that participated in all the great volunteer projects we've had from June 2012 through May 2013. Give yourself a big hand if you participated in any of the fun projects. For those that would like to volunteer over the

summer, volunteer opportunities that come our way will be sent out via email throughout the summer months.

*A Special Thank you goes to **Lynda Baker** who dedicated her time, love, Passion and efforts to make it all happen. Thank you Lynda for all you have done this year. We are so lucky and privileged to have you.*

Please feel free to contact Lynda Baker at bright_sunny_disp@yahoo.com with any suggestions for next year's volunteer activities.

Have a great summer!!!



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 04/30/2013

Beginning Bank Balance 03/31/13	\$7,517.64
Revenue:	
Credit Cards - Square Luncheon 04/11/13	\$461.92
Luncheon 04/11/13	\$60.00
AGA Nat'l Dues 04/26/13	\$297.00
Agency Deposits for April	\$150.00
Dividend through March 31, 2013	\$0.63
Total Revenue	\$969.65
Funds Available	\$8,487.29
Expenditures:	
Date	Check No./Credit Card.
03/14/13	Luncheon CC 04/11/2013
	\$656.44
Total Expenditures	\$656.44
Ending Bank Balance 04/30/13	\$7,830.85
Check Register Reconciliation:	
Ending Bank Balance 04/30/13	\$7,830.85
Outstanding Checks:	
Date	Check No. Description
	Total Outstanding Checks
	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits:	
Date	Description
	Total Outstanding Deposits
	\$0.00
Adjusted Ending Bank Balance @ 04/30/13	\$7,830.85
Total Chapter Cash Available Per Check Register @ 04/30/13	\$7,830.85
Cash On Hand:	
CU Min Savings	\$5.00
Balance	\$5.00
Luncheon	\$40.00
Bank	\$40.00