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WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

**WE NOW ACCEPT PERSONAL CREDIT CARDS AND
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CARDS**

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF "EARLY BIRD" PREPAYMENTS

**(PLEASE CHECK TO ENSURE THAT THE CPES FOR OUR
TRAINING COURSES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
OF YOUR CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION)**

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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) New York Capital Chapter, I present to you the *2004-2005 Continuing Professional Program Guide*. In it you will find a plethora of information of the offerings of the Chapter, including:

- Educational programs,
- Membership breakfast series,
- Community service events, and
- Networking opportunities.

The Education Committee worked through the summer to design an exceptional and diverse training program that I think you will appreciate. Some of you may be aware that last June our Chapter received an award from AGA – National for providing an outstanding educational program during the 2003-2004 program year.

This year, the Chapter provides you the opportunity to earn over 50 continuing professional education credits, along with excellent speakers, relevant and timely topics, and great networking opportunities. You can look forward to the well-attended seminars on fraud, technology and the renowned three-day, multi-track TCTC. In addition, the education program includes emerging issues on:

- GASB's Service Efforts and Accomplishments Research,
- Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession,
- Personal Taxes, and
- Financial Planning: Investing in a Turbulent Environment.

I invite you to partake in the high quality, affordable training that the Chapter offers you. I am confident you will find at least one event in our 2004-2005 guide appealing. Please remember to register for training early and take advantage of our prepayment discount. Often times, members can recoup the cost of membership by attending just two training events at the member rate.

In addition to a new and exciting education program, we added two new items to benefit our members courtesy of this year's Membership Committee. We commence the 2004-2005 year in September with a Membership Kick-off Breakfast. The breakfast will open the program year and inform members and nonmembers of the benefits of AGA membership. Next, we offer a Membership Breakfast Series where select, high-profile individuals will answer the question "How Did I Get to Be Me?"

Once again, we offer you many opportunities to participate in community service, network with your peers, and have fun in a "relaxed atmosphere". The 2004-2005 committees have started and continue to invest significant time and energy into the arrangements for this year. Now it's your turn to get involved. Please mark your calendars and participate in these events. I hope to see you there.

Many thanks go to the individuals that helped plan the activities for our 2004-2005 year.

- Jim Cox, Vice President for Programs and Education, james.cox@oig.hhs.gov,
- Eileen Chambers, Vice President for Membership, echambers@osc.state.ny.us,
- Ann Marsh, Vice President for Community Service, amarsh@mail.nysed.gov, and
- Ken Evans, Socialization Committee Chair, kevens@dot.state.ny.us.

Please contact the individuals listed above to participate in their committees or provide feedback. Your participation and feedback is appreciated. I challenge you to get involved in chapter events and, of course, have fun.

Sincerely,

Lori Vaccaro

Lori Vaccaro
Chapter President

September 15, 2004
 CPE: 0
 (See page 5)
Kick-Off Breakfast - A Year in Preview
 Wolfert's Roost Country Club
 8:00 am – 9:30 am (full hot breakfast)
 \$5 for AGA; Free for New Members; Other Incentives

September 21, 2004
 CPE: 4
 (See page 6)
GASB Update - Reporting Performance Information
 Century House
 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (includes lunch)
 \$65 for AGA; \$115 for Others
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by September 7, 2004

October 28, 2004
 CPE: 4
 (See page 7)
Panel Discussion - Preparing Today's Auditor for Tomorrow's Challenges
 Albany Marriott Hotel
 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (includes lunch)
 \$65 for AGA; \$115 for Others
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by October 14, 2004

October 29, 2004
 CPE: 4
 (See page 8)
Fraud and Ethics in Procurement
 Syracuse Doubletree Club Hotel
 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (includes lunch)
 \$65 for AGA and ACFE; \$115 for Others
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by October 15, 2004

November 16, 2004
 CPE: 1
 (See page 18)
The Breakfast Club - How Did I Get to Be Me? (Other Breakfasts Are Being Planned for 2005)
 Wolfert's Roost Country Club
 8:00 am – 9:30 am (full hot breakfast)
 \$10 for AGA; \$15 for Others
 FREE for members bringing a new recruit joining AGA
 FREE for individuals joining AGA at the Breakfast

November 23, 2004
 CPE: 8
 (See page 9)
Annual Fraud Seminar
 Century House
 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (includes lunch)
 \$100 for AGA, ACFE, and IIA; \$200 for Others
Save \$20 if prepayment is received by November 9, 2004

December 15, 2004
 CPE: 0
 (See page 10)
Holiday Luncheon
 Wolfert's Roost Country Club
 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
 \$10 for AGA, ACFE, IIA and ISACA; \$20 for Others

January 13, 2005
 CPE: 2
 (See page 11)
Tax Update Seminar
 Albany Marriott Hotel
 8:30 am – 10:30 am
 \$20 for AGA; \$30 for Others

January 25, 2005
 CPE: 8
 (See page 12)
5th Annual Technology Seminar - Tools to Increase Productivity
 Polish Community Center
 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 \$75 for AGA, IIA and ISACA; \$125 for Others
Save \$25 if prepayment is received by January 11, 2005

February 15, 2005
 CPE: 4
 (See page 13)
Sarbanes-Oxley Update Seminar
 Albany Quality Inn
 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm (includes lunch)
 \$65 for AGA; \$115 for Others
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by February 1, 2005

March 14 - 16, 2005
 CPE: 21
 (See page 14)
The Conference That Counts 2005
 Holiday Inn Turf
 (Separate Brochure and Registration)

April 19, 2005
 CPE: 2
 (See page 15)
Financial Planning Seminar
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm (includes lunch)
 \$20 for AGA; \$30 for Others

May 2005
 CPE: 2
 (See page 16)
Certification Panel
 Venue
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
 Free

June 14, 2005
 CPE: 0
 (See page 17)
Annual Awards Celebration Luncheon
 Albany Marriott Hotel
 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 \$10 for AGA; \$20 for Others

Kick-Off Breakfast - A Year in Preview

What's Happening in 2004-2005

This breakfast kickoff session will provide you an opportunity to hear about upcoming events and plan for your training year.

Welcome from Chapter President: Lori Vaccaro

Learn about what is going on with the New York Capital AGA Chapter during the 2004-2005 program year. Hear from several of our Chapter officers on various Chapter initiatives, including:

- Educational Training Events – James Cox
- Community Services Events – Ann Marsh
- Membership/Early Careers Events–Eileen Chambers
- Social Events – Ken Evans
- CGFM Certification – Francine Marzinsky

This is an excellent opportunity to network with other AGA members and to consider becoming active in one or more Chapter committees.

If you are a recent member or a member bringing a new recruit to the breakfast, the cost of breakfast is on the Chapter! That's right, FREE to you! This is our way of saying "Thanks."

In addition, members can earn AGA dollars for their recruiting efforts. Earn \$10 for recruiting two new members and \$5 for every new recruit after that. Dollars can be redeemed on AGA national dues and national conference registrations.

The cost of this special breakfast is \$5 for AGA members. However, it is FREE if you joined the AGA after March 31, 2004 and it is FREE for members who bring a new recruit who join the day of this event. Come for the hot breakfast and preview upcoming AGA events for 2004-05!

Speakers:

AGA New York Capital Chapter Officers

September 15, 2004	7:30 am - 8:00 am - Registration 8:00 am - 9:30 am - Hot Breakfast and Presentation of 2004-2005 Chapter Events
CPE: 0	
\$5 for AGA members Free for New members	Wolfert's Roost Country Club Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

GASB Update

Reporting Performance Information: Suggested Criteria for Effective Communication Based on GASB's Service Efforts and Accomplishments Research

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has recently published a special report entitled, Reporting Performance Information: Suggested Criteria for Effective Communication.

The primary purpose of this report is to describe a set of suggested criteria that State and local governments can use in preparing an effective report on performance information.

This session, presented by James R. Fountain, CPA, CMA, CGFM, will highlight the GASB's service efforts and accomplishments (SEA) research, share information about the managing for results process, accountability and citizen involvement, present an overview of the suggested criteria with illustrations from current SEA reports, and discuss efforts to encourage experimentation with the suggested criteria.

Before retiring from the GASB in 2003, Mr. Fountain served as the assistant director of research for over 17 years. Jay has been involved in the Financial Reporting Model project, the Capital Assets (and Infrastructure) Reporting project, and the Service Efforts and Accomplishments project. He was the principal staff person on Concepts Statement No. 2, Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting, and was responsible for the SEA Research Report series. Jay is currently acting as a consultant on the SEA project.

Speaker:

Jay Fountain- GASB Consultant

September 21, 2004	7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 am - 1:30 pm - GASB Update (includes luncheon and networking)
CPE: 4	
\$65 for AGA members \$115 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by the AGA by September 14, 2004	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Panel Discussion - The Future of Auditing

Preparing Today's Auditor for Tomorrow's Challenges

The world of auditing is under the spotlight and re-inventing itself to maintain its relevancy in the public's eye. As accountability agents, we are looked upon (again) to be the leader and model of integrity, independence and fairness.

While expectations are very high, there are new challenges facing the auditing profession that requires us to closely examine how we conduct our business to ensure we provide the highest professional, accurate, effective, efficient and unbiased services. Our customers demand a level of service that satisfies their needs, not necessarily ours. They want it accurate, objective and now!

During this panel workshop, a group of audit executives from Federal, State and Local government agencies, as well as an audit partner from a major accounting firm specializing in government services and an accounting professor from a local college will address a series of thought-provoking questions regarding the government audit communities' ability to prepare its auditors to function in a quickly changing landscape.

Speakers:

- *Bobby Derrick*, AGA National President (Moderator)
- *Tom Amyot*, Professor, College of St. Rose
- *Jerry Barber*, Assistant Comptroller, Office of the State Comptroller
- *Don Colon*, Comptroller, Onondaga County
- *Rick Hannmann*, Partner, KPMG
- *James Cox*, Manager, OIG, U.S. HHS

October 28, 2004	7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 am - 1:30 pm - Panel Presentation (includes lunch)
CPE: 4	
\$65 for AGA members \$115 for Others	Marriott Hotel Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by the AGA by October 14, 2004	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Fraud and Ethics in Procurement

What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Organization

(This seminar is a repeat of the May 2004 seminar held in Albany.)

Committing fraud is a deliberate and premeditated action that involves the use of deception to gain advantage. Deception in business is clearly unethical and no doubt illegal. Government has recognized that fraudulent and unethical decisions raise not only the costs and risk of doing business, but also jeopardizes the reputation of the organization and even the safety of employees and the general public.

The seminar speakers will discuss how the traditional methods of processing and auditing procurement transactions need to be reassessed. While prevention controls are important to reduce the risk of fraud, both financial staff and auditors need to be more analytical in their approach to procurements and to have a good working knowledge of the subject matter related to the procurement.

Dave Hancox (the "auditor"), Judy Miller (the "practitioner") and Eileen Chambers (the "other auditor") will discuss not only the control environments that has been the direct cause of many major frauds that have occurred in the recent past, but scams that were uncovered by diligent finance staff. You may be surprised at how easy it is to falsify documents that finance staff and auditors accept as adequate support for transactions.

This is a must-attend training seminar that will open your eyes and give you a fresh perspective on combating fraud, waste and abuse in the government procurement process.

Speakers:

- David R. Hancox*, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller
- Eileen Chambers*, AIC, Office of the State Comptroller
- Judith K. Miller*, Assistant Vice President for Procurement, SUNY at Buffalo

October 29, 2004	7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration 8:30 am - 1:30 pm - Fraud Seminar (includes luncheon and networking)
CPE: 4	
\$65 for AGA/ACFE members \$115 for Others	Doubletree Club Hotel Buckley Road, North Syracuse, NY
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by the AGA by October 15, 2004	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Annual Fraud Seminar

Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation

Fraud is a widespread problem that occurs in every entity, including government agencies and public authorities. It is often difficult to detect and can cost taxpayers millions of dollars. What can be done to increase fraud awareness in government agencies? How can we detect fraud and what is needed to build a case? In this seminar, you will learn about fraud awareness, prevention and investigation.

We have assembled a group of renowned fraud experts who will share their experiences from a wide range of fraud investigations. The seminar speakers will discuss how to recognize the “red flags”, how to identify and assess risk and how to gather information. You will learn how to avoid mistakes in building a fraud case and who should be included in the investigative loop.

Thomas Caulfield, Deputy IG for the National Reconnaissance Office will discuss how to build a proactive investigative procurement fraud detection program. Robert Brackman, Deputy Comptroller for Investigations for the Office of the State Comptroller will discuss the benefits of the inter-disciplinary and task force approach to government corruption investigations, and the need to balance transparency and public awareness with investigative confidentiality. Joseph Spinelli, KPMG, will share case studies from his role as former NYS Inspector General and his work at the FBI. Our last speaker, Joseph Giambalvo, HHS Inspector General’s Office will discuss fraud in the health care arena.

Speakers:

- Thomas Caulfield*- National Reconnaissance Office
- Robert Brackman*- New York State Comptroller’s Office
- Joseph Spinelli*- KPMG
- Joseph Gaimbalvo*- HHS

November 23, 2003	7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Seminar (includes lunch)
CPE: 8	
\$100 for AGA/ACFE/IIA members \$200 for Others	Century House Route 9, Latham, NY
Save \$20 if prepayment is received by the AGA by November 9, 2004	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Holiday Luncheon

This year’s annual holiday luncheon will feature the ever-popular John Gray from FOX 23 News.

John Gray serves as the main anchor at 5 and 10 pm. A Troy native, John graduated with honors from LaSalle Institute, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Oswego.

After spending several years as radio news anchor, John made the jump to TV where he has become a familiar face to Capital Region viewers since 1988. Over the past 16 years he has covered many big stories, including the terrorist attacks of September 11th and the Miami hurricane. Additionally, he covered the Pope’s visit to America and has reported on a number of Presidential campaigns and political conventions. However, his favorite stories involve helping people right here at home. John volunteers with a dozen local charities, including ALS, M.S., Special Olympics, Juvenile Diabetes, Hospice, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to name a few.

He has won numerous awards, including “Best Investigative Series” from the New York State Broadcasters. He was also selected by the Capital District Business Review to receive the prestigious 40 Under 40 Award.

John’s passion is writing and for the past five years his Wednesday column in The Record newspaper has become a local favorite. He has just recently signed on to write a monthly column for Capital Region Living magazine. John loves working with young people and is proud to be on the faculty of H.V.C.C. teaching journalism.

Speaker:

John Gray - FOX23 News

December 15, 2004	11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Registration 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch and Presentation
CPE: 0	
\$10 for AGA/ACFE/IIA/ISACA members \$20 for Others	Wolfert’s Roost Country Club Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Albany, NY
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Tax Update Seminar

This year, we are bringing back the tax update seminar. Over the past few years, there have been significant changes in many areas of the tax law, both Federal and State. We are fortunate this year to have Dave Wojeski from Wojeski & Company CPAs, PC as our speaker.

The seminar will focus on those areas that have had the most changes, most notably:

- Child tax credit
- Qualifying dividends, capital gains
- College tuition/Education
- Depreciation
- Automobile deductions
- Estate and gift
- Retirement plans
- Alternative Minimum Tax
- Recent legislative changes
- Changes enacted since the publishing of this brochure

Additional areas of interest will be covered as well.

David Wojeski is the Managing Director of Wojeski & Company CPAs, PC. The firm is located in East Greenbush, NY and has a staff of 18 people, including 10 certified public accountants. Dave graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree from State University of New York at Albany and started his career with the Big Four firm of Ernst & Young. He is a registered CPA in the State of New York and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York State Society of CPAs, and National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. He focuses his practice on tax and consulting issues for closely held companies and individuals.

Speaker:

David Wojeski, Managing Director, Wojeski & Company CPAs, P.C.

January 13, 2005	7:30 am - 8:30 am - Registration and Buffet Breakfast 8:30 am - 10:30 am - Seminar
CPE: 2	
\$20 for AGA members \$30 for Others	Marriott Hotel Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

5th Annual Technology Seminar

Tools to Increase Productivity

The local chapters of the AGA, IIA and ISACA will again join forces to present this must attend seminar on emerging technology issues.

Technology should help auditors be more productive. Are you being slowed down by unwanted/unsolicited advertisements? How bothersome is it when you are in the midst of a great thought and all of a sudden a span pops up on your screen? This seminar will have information on how to prevent such troubles.

Speaking of troubles - who's watching what the staff are doing? What tools are out there to monitor employees' e-mail and website activities? Hey - this might even help you with your children at home.

In addition, the seminar will provide excellent guidance on how to use various search engines and provide information on outstanding research software, including Lexus/Nexus and Accurint. Where would we be today without them?

January 25, 2005	7:30 am - 8:30 pm - Registration 8:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Seminar
CPE: 8	
\$75 for AGA/ISACA/IIA \$125 for Others	Polish Community Center Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY
Save \$25 if prepayment is received by the AGA by January 11, 2005	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Sarbanes-Oxley Update Seminar

Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession

While Sarbanes-Oxley is consistently called the broadest-sweeping legislation to affect corporations and public accounting since the 1933 and 1934 securities acts, experts agree the resulting changes are just beginning. Yes, Sarbanes-Oxley was precipitated by a slew of corporate scandals, including those at Enron, Arthur Andersen, Tyco, Global Crossing and WorldCom. But it was meant to address systemic flaws in the way corporations have been reporting their numbers for decades.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act brought sweeping changes to many aspects of the financial reporting, corporate governance, and regulatory landscape for public companies. Section 404 of the Act requires public companies to include with their annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a separate report on the assessment of the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Additionally, the entity's external auditors must attest to and report on the assessment made by management. These reporting requirements generally become effective for the end of the entity's first fiscal year ending on or after June 15, 2004.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act also includes significant reforms intended to strengthen auditor independence and to improve audit quality. David Walker from the GAO has suggested that government auditors and financial professionals listen to the message from the Sarbanes-Oxley reforms and seize the opportunity.

Clearly, a new age of accountability was ushered in by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This will have a profound influence on auditing standards and implications for many auditors.

Speaker:

Nancy Valley, KPMG

February 15, 2005	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Registration and Luncheon 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Seminar
CPE: 4	
\$65 for AGA members \$115 for Others	Quality Inn Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, NY
Save \$15 if prepayment is received by the AGA by February 1, 2005	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

The Conference That Counts 2005

This three-day, multi-track jointly-sponsored conference by the local chapters of the AGA, IIA and ISACA is the premier local educational event for auditors and all accountability professionals. The 2005 TCTC will be the tenth straight year that this conference will offer technology, audit and general interest topics on issues important to auditors and other financial professionals.

TCTC generally draws nearly 400 participants from the Northeast and other areas of the country. Participants enjoy the food and networking opportunities as much as the content of the conference.

A separate brochure providing the details (including prices) of the conference will be sent well before the conference. Watch for announcements in each association's newsletters and websites (www.agaycap.org, www.theiaa.org/albany, and www.isacahv.org).

This year we will feature some of the best speakers from previous TCTCs. Also, the Keynote luncheon speaker on Day 1 will be David M. Walker, U.S. Comptroller General and head of the Government Accountability Office.



March 14-16, 2005	7:30 am - 8:15 am - Registration and Continental Breakfasts 8:15 am - 4:30 pm - Conference
CPE: 21	
Prices vary See TCTC brochure	Holiday Inn Turf 205 Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Watch for the Early Bird Discount	
A separate registration form will be included in the special TCTC 2005 Brochure	

Financial Planning Seminar

The Fundamentals of Investing in a Turbulent Environment

The seminar speakers will discuss the basic investment classes, asset allocation and the use of options to generate income and reduce risks.

Jeff Kolcon and Rick Vaccaro are financial consultants with Brighton Securities. Brighton Securities is an independently owned stock brokerage and financial services firm located in Rochester, NY that was established in 1969. Jeff and Rick joined Brighton Securities following several years with one of the largest global investment firms.

Rick believes that attention to the basics of diversification and asset allocation form the base for a sound financial plan. He has developed a strategy for prudent investing in turbulent markets. He develops personalized plans with consideration for the needs and risk tolerance of his clients.

Jeff hosts the popular radio show, MarketWise, that can be heard on Thursday nights at 6:30 PM on WYSL 1040 AM. The show highlights current investment trends and features interviews and e-mailed questions from listeners. Jeff also hosts periodic investment seminars and issues monthly newsletters dealing with various issues, including estate and education financial planning.

Speakers:

Jeff Kolcon - Brighton Security

Rick Vaccaro - Brighton Security

April 19, 2005	11:30 am - 12:15 pm - Registration and Buffet Luncheon 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm - Seminar
CPE: 2	
\$20 for AGA members \$30 for Others	Crowne Plaza Hotel Lodge Street, Albany, NY
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Certification Panel

Attend our Professional Certification Information Seminar and learn about the following government accounting, auditing, and finance certifications:

- Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

Presenters will provide an overview of the designation, application process, exam requirements, exams topics, and study tools. A question and answer session will be held. Exam information and applications will be available.

Compare and contrast these certifications and determine which one(s) may benefit you and your career the most.

No charge to attend this session, but registration is required.

May, 2005	8:00 am - 8:30 pm - Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 am - 12:00 am - Presentation
CPE: 2	
Free for AGA members Free for Others	Location to Be Announced
No charge to attend this session, but registration is required.	
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Annual Awards Celebration Luncheon

All members are invited to attend this annual “changing of the arms” as the outgoing President, Lori Vaccaro, summarize the Chapter’s successes for the year and then turns the gavel over to our incoming President, James Nellegar, who will outline his goals for the 2005-06 program year.

The event is also marked by the numerous recognition awards presented to the hard-working volunteers that help make our Chapter one of the most highly-regarded chapters in all of AGA.

In addition to the excellent networking opportunities during this program, the new officers and board members will be introduced to the group.

So, please mark your calendars and attend this year-end event that brings together our Chapter family to conduct a little business while having great food and lots of fun.

June 14, 2005	11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Registration 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Luncheon and Presentation
CPE: 0	
\$10 for AGA members \$20 for Others	Marriott Hotel Wolf Road, Colonie, NY
Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or Rebekah Stanton at rstanton@kpmg.com (427-4811)	

Join the Breakfast Club!

AGA Breakfast Series: How Did I Get to be Me?

The Membership Committee is proud to present a Breakfast Series titled “How Did I Get to Be Me.”

Everyone has a story to tell! Understanding how successful people get to where they are today is an important learning tool. We will invite leaders from the financial community to talk about their lives. From birth to today, they will discuss what roads they traveled, what they learned and the obstacles they overcame to succeed.

With the aid of a skilled interviewer, speakers will share their life experiences. Audiences will have an opportunity to participate in this relaxed and fun environment.

We will be offering these Breakfasts throughout the 2004-2005 AGA season.

Join us for these fun and inspirational breakfasts. Look for our flyers to register.

Various Dates TBA

First Up: Mr. Robert (Bob) Ackerman

Starting as a Grade 3 state employee, Bob moved up the state chain to a Deputy Commissioner with the Division of Housing and Community Renewal. Bob is currently the President of Crown Castle International Corporation, Northeastern Region. Bob is an entertaining and motivational speaker with an inspiring story to tell.

November 16, 2004

Wolferts Roost Country Club
Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY

FREE for members bringing a new recruit joining AGA
FREE for individuals joining AGA at the Breakfast

Various Dates	7:30 am - 8:00 am - Registration 8:00 am - 9:30 am - Hot Breakfast and Presentation
CPE: 1	
\$10 for AGA members \$15 for Others	Various Locations
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- * Luncheon choices, when applicable
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