



President's Newsletter  
January 2012

Hello Members and Friends,

AGA program activities are picking up steam with the start of the New Year. The January 2012 Chapter newsletter has timely information regarding important Chapter activities. The Chapter's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Governmental Accounting Conference** is scheduled for **March 15-16, 2012**. Many people have already registered to attend this 2-day conference featuring speakers/topics that include: **Richard Bunce**, AGA President – Ethics, **Lisa Parker**, Project Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board – GASB Update, **Scott McPherson**, Chief Information Officer, Florida House of Representative – Consolidating State Information Technology Resources, **Beth Breier**, Audit Manager, City of Tallahassee – What You Need to Know to Begin Auditing “Cloud” Computing in Your Organization, **Dominic Calabro**, Chief Executive Officer, Florida TaxWatch – Government Cost Savings Task Force, and MORE! Find more details on this event, including how to register to attend [HERE](#).

Chapter-sponsored **audio conferences** are a great way to obtain quality CPE. Content and presentation in the programs presented by National have IMPROVED! We are thrilled to offer the audio conferences free of charge to AGA members.

Our CGFM Chair, Sam Scallan, continues to plan for a **Certified Government Financial Manager exam preparation course** in the near future. Look for a web-based survey in the near future that will gather information to assist in meeting your needs in this area.

Time is running out for those non-members to sign on as chapter members and become eligible to win a free admission to the 2012 AGA Governmental Accounting Conference. The deadline for this promotional program is January 31, 2012. JOIN the chapter NOW!

**Community service activities** held by the Chapter continue. Most recently, we participated in the Elder Elf holiday shopping project. Results for this event are included in the Chapter newsletter – another BIG success story.

We are looking for a government entity to generate a **Citizen-Centric Report** on. This report details our Chapter finances in a visually appealing, clear and understandable four-page document which also includes community information, regional characteristics and goals for the Chapter, a performance report on key missions and service, and cost and revenue information. Please propose candidates for this project which can be private not for profits, municipalities, state agencies or

state agency divisions, etc.

Your feedback on other ways we can improve Chapter services is encouraged. Give your input by contacting any of your Chapter officers. Their contact information is available on the [officer's page](#) of the Chapter website.

I hope to see you at a future Chapter event soon!

Looking forward to good things,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

James Maxwell, CIA, CGFM  
President, Tallahassee AGA Chapter