

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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2012 CEC &  
Committee Members  
Treasurer's Report

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Luncheon  
February 9, 2012



RSA Plaza (West Room)  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL  
12:00 Noon

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#### Early Career

Sponsor a student for February luncheon. Deadline is February 3, 2012.

#### Community Service

- \* Relay for Life
- \* Joy to Life

#### Audio Conference

February 8, 2012  
Alabama Department of  
Transportation (ALDOT)  
Conference Room #8  
1409 Coliseum Blvd.  
Montgomery, AL

Greetings fellow Chapter Members:



The Montgomery chapter was honored to have Mr. Kelly Butler from the Legislative Fiscal Office as our January meeting's speaker. The meeting was held at the newly refurbished RSA Plaza location. His budget outlook and update was enlightening. If you were unable to join us, you really missed a good meeting. The Association of Military Comptrollers joined us at our January meeting and we were glad to have them. We look forward to holding joint meetings with them in the future. Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting. I realize changing meeting locations in the middle of the year is not easy. Please make plans to attend our February meeting. Alabama Attorney General, Luther Strange is scheduled to be our speaker.

I would like for everyone to note that our meeting location has changed to the top floor of the RSA Plaza for all meetings except for the Spring Seminar. The Spring Seminar will still be held at the RSA Activity Center. Please make plans to attend the Spring Seminar on April 12, 2012.

### Volunteers needed!

At some point in our educational experience, we have seen the James Montgomery Flagg's 1917 "recruitment" image of Uncle Sam dressed in clothing reminiscent of the flag of the United States with the caption "I want you for U.S. Army". Likewise, the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) wants you! Wayne Gretzky, a famous hockey player, once stated "You miss 100% of the shots you never take." As the new program year approaches, please volunteer to serve. There are advantages to serving. Pamela Henderson is the President-elect and needs your help in the upcoming year. Her contact information is at the back of this newsletter. You may also volunteer to serve on one of the committees under the direction of a committee chair. Leadership is here to serve the members. If you have ideas for topics and/or speakers for our training events, please share them with us. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our chapter. The CEC's contact information is recorded at the back of each newsletter.

Sincerely,  
*William T. Waldroff*, President  
Montgomery Chapter AGA



# Join Us at the February Luncheon

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

**RSA Plaza—West Room  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL**

**\$14.00**

*Cash, Check, Visa (online), and MasterCard (online) accepted.*

**12:00 noon**

*Lunch served at 11:50 a.m.*

**Parking** is available in the deck located on Washington Avenue adjacent to the Plaza.

*Please use the Adams Avenue entrance.*

**Register online at**

**[www.montgomeryaga.org](http://www.montgomeryaga.org)**

by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

**If you have any problems with registration,** contact

Kimwana Robinson at

Kimwana.Robinson@medicaid.alabama.gov

or (334) 242-2314

## Menu for February Luncheon



*Hamburger Steak with Onions*

*Baked Tilapia*

*Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*

*Collard Greens*

*Squash Casserole*

*Sliced Carrots*

*Peach Cobbler*

*A chef salad or vegetarian plate is available in place of the entrée only upon reservations made in advance. Contact Kimwana Robinson for placing an order.*

Members will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon for cancellations made AFTER the close of business on Tuesday, February 7th (including the failure to attend without notice of cancellation.)



## Sponsor a student for Early Career Month!

February is Early Career Month! The Membership and Early Career Committee would like to extend a big hello to all student and early career members! The committee will be continuing our annual lunch sponsorship for the February meeting. Please consider sponsoring a student or new early career person from your agency for the February meeting. To sponsor someone, please contact Pamela Hill at [pamela.hill@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:pamela.hill@revenue.alabama.gov) by February 3, 2012.



**Welcome Alabama Attorney General, Luther Strange as February luncheon speaker.**



Luther Strange was elected Alabama's 49th Attorney General on November 2, 2010. As Attorney General, Strange is charged with representing and defending the interests of the people of the State of Alabama and serves as the State's chief law enforcement officer. Prior to his election as Attorney General, Strange was an attorney and founder of Strange LLC law firm based in Birmingham. Prior to founding Strange LLC, he was a partner with the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. During his time in private practice, Strange was regarded as one of Alabama's leading economic development lawyers and frequently advised companies on growth and expansion opportunities in the state. Strange has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America®, named Best of the Bar by the Birmingham Business Journal, and recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers" in Alabama by Birmingham Magazine.

Strange LLC was named one of the Top Ten Law Firms that Understand Economic Development by Southern Business & Development Magazine and received a first tier ranking in the 2010 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Rankings. Strange received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Tulane University. While a student at Tulane, Strange was a scholarship basketball player. Active in his church and community, Strange is an Eagle Scout and Rotarian and serves on the Advisory Board of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Committed to passing on the lessons he learned growing up in Alabama, Strange is passionate about encouraging young people in Alabama to become involved in public service and the political process. Strange and his wife Melissa are the proud parents of two sons.

# February Bulletin Board

## AGA MEETING DATES

2011-2012

### PROGRAM YEAR

Location: RSA Plaza (West Room)– Montgomery, AL  
Except for the Spring Seminar

February 9, 2012	Luncheon
March 8, 2012	Luncheon
April 12, 2012	Spring Seminar RSA Activity Center
May 3, 2012	Awards Ceremony

## Apply for 2012 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today! Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- Up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship

The **deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, March 30, 2012**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership. Download a copy of the application by visiting [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org), or contact Louise Kapelewski at AGA's National Office.

## WIN FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Attend all luncheons from December 2011 through May 2012 and have your name placed in a drawing to win free membership for the upcoming program year!

## SAVE THE DATE! 2012

National Leadership Conference  
Professional Development Conference  
[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)



## SPRING SEMINAR

April 12, 2012  
RSA Activity Center  
Montgomery, AL  
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Register online at*  
[www.montgomeryaga.org](http://www.montgomeryaga.org).  
*Details forthcoming.*

## UPCOMING AUDIO CONFERENCE

"Federal Financial Management  
at the Crossroads"  
February 8, 2012

Alabama Department of Transportation  
1409 Coliseum Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL  
Conference Room # 8  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Two Hours of CPE Offered  
COST: \$15.00

## FREE CPE!

JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY  
CGFM STUDY SESSIONS

Location: RSA Union—2nd Floor Conference Room  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Contact Sandra Steele or Pat Hemme  
for more information at

[Sandra.Steele@insurance.alabama.gov](mailto:Sandra.Steele@insurance.alabama.gov)

[Pat.Hemme@insurance.alabama.gov](mailto:Pat.Hemme@insurance.alabama.gov)

Schedule posted in the CGFM section.

**CGFM Scholarships are now available!**

Stay Connected!  
Montgomery Chapter is now  
on Facebook at  
[Facebook.com/agamontgomery](http://Facebook.com/agamontgomery)  
and Twitter at

Twitter at [agamontgomery.twitter.com](http://agamontgomery.twitter.com).



# Certified Government Financial Manager

"The Mark of Excellence in Local, State and Federal Government"

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation is offered through the Association of Governmental Accountants (AGA). The examination for this certification is nationally developed, formed, and monitored by the AGA. It is the largest and most recognized government specialization designation in the accounting profession. The Montgomery Chapter AGA offers free study sessions to all those interested in becoming a CGFM.

## SYLLABUS FOR CGFM EXAM 3

### Government Financial Management & Control

Contact: Sandra Steele, CPA, CPM, CGFM  
or Pat Hemme, Co-Director

RSA Union Bldg. - 2nd Floor Conference Room

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

February 1, 2012-May 23, 2012

16 CPE Credits

**Exam 1 has been approved for one hour for each session attended.**

An official certificate will be awarded at the end of the session. Instructor's Note: The credit to be granted for service as a lecturer, instructor or discussion leader of an acceptable program will be equal to twice the number of actual hours of the lecturer or session. However, no additional credit will be allowed for repetition of a program - Section 30-X-5-.03 (d).

DATE	CHAP- TER	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
02/01/12	1	The Legal & Regulatory History of Internal Controls	Pam Henderson
02/01/12	4	Auditor's Responsibilities	Pam Henderson
02/08/12	2	The Structure of Internal Controls	Pam Henderson
02/15/12	3	Auditing Management Responsibilities	Pamela Hill
02/22/12	1	The Audit Process	Dixie Black
02/29/12	2	Other Audit Issues	Lorraine DeRamus, CPA, CPM
03/07/12	3	Performance Measurement and Reporting - Environment and Framework	Michael Rushing
03/14/12	1	Performance Measurement Concepts	Janice Herring
03/21/12	2	Performance Measurement Concepts	Janice Herring
<b>Spring Break</b>			<b>March 26-30, 2012</b>
04/04/12	3	Illustrations of Current Practice	Dixie Black
04/11/12		Financial and Managerial Analysis Techniques	Nakia Tetter, CPM
04/18/12	1	Cash Management	Bodie Pickens, CGFM
04/25/12	2	Investment Management	Kathleen Baxter
05/02/12	3	Credit Management	Bodie Pickens, CGFM
05/09/12	4	Procurement Management	Patrick Hemme
05/09/12	5	Property Management	Sandra Steele
05/16/12	6	Inventory & Supply Management	Andrette Munnerlyn, CGFM
05/23/12	7	Financial Management Systems	Steve Emerson, CPA, CGFM, CGAP, CFE, CITP

## GETTING STARTED WITH CGFM...

If you have already earned a college degree (bachelor's or higher) with 24 credit hours of courses in financial management or related topics (see Education Requirement on the next page), apply for the CGFM Program now!

### To apply:

1. Read the AGA's Code of Ethics
2. Fill out and submit the CGFM Application Form, including a nonrefundable application fee of \$85.
3. Fax (703.562.0361) or mail to AGA (2208 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301) the required degree documentation (see Education Requirement below). Note: this documentation must be submitted within six months of submitting the application form.

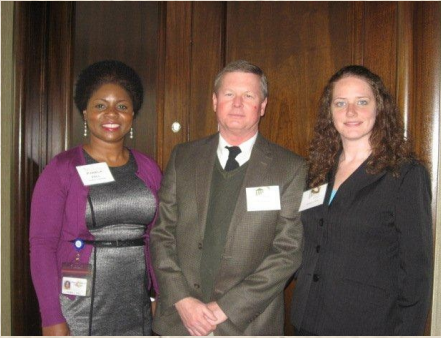
### What about the CGFM Work Verification Form?

This form does not have to be submitted at the time of application, but is required before the CGFM can be awarded. If you already have the required experience, we suggest that you submit this form at the time of application. Please see Required Professional Experience for more information.

**What happens after you apply?** Once your CGFM application and degree documentation are received and processed, the Office of Professional Certification will mail you an eligibility letter with instructions on how to purchase your examinations. You'll have three years from the date your application is processed to pass the three CGFM Examinations. Overview of CGFM Process describes your pathway to earning the CGFM certification.

**EXTENSIONS:** If your eligibility period ends before you pass all three CGFM Examinations, you will need to reapply and pass all the examinations again. Extensions of eligibility may be granted to individuals who passed some but not all of their examinations before the end of their eligibility period. No extensions will be granted to individuals who have not passed any of their CGFM Examinations. To request an extension of eligibility, contact AGA's Office of Professional Certification before the expiration of your eligibility period (at 800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931) or [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org)).

# CGFM SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Tammy Dunn (Department of Transportation), Pamela Hill (Department of Revenue), Heather Pырlik (Executive Budget Office) and David Smith (Department of Corrections) for passing one part of the CGFM Examination.

*Pictured from left to right: Pamela Hill (Scholarship Recipient), Pat Hemme (CGFM Co-Director), and Heather Pырlik (Scholarship Recipient).*

Each individual was awarded a \$109 CGFM Examination Scholarship at the January 12th AGA Luncheon Meeting. Note: There are five scholarships remaining. The program year began June 1, 2011; therefore, we will award scholarships for all parts passed prior to this notification up to May 31, 2012 which is the end of the program year.

## CGFM Education Requirements

To take any of the Certified Government Financial Manager examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and completion of at least 24 semester credit hours (or 36 quarter credit hours) of study composed of courses in one or more of the following areas: Accounting, Auditing, Budgeting, Economics, Electronic Data Processing, Finance, Information Resources Management, Public Administration, and Other Financial Management or Related Topics. Your degree must be from a U.S. college or university, accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies that accredit colleges and universities or higher education institutions. If you have a foreign degree, you must provide an evaluation report that states that your degree is equivalent to a U.S. degree (bachelor's or higher) from an accredited college or university. The evaluation report must be prepared by an organization that performs foreign educational credential evaluation services and is a member of either National Association of Credential Evaluation Services ([www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)) or Association of International Credentials Evaluators ([www.aice-eval.org](http://www.aice-eval.org)). Visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information.

## CGFM OPPORTUNITY

Earn Your CGFM in February! Examinations are free if you attend the AGA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM at the next Intensive Review Course event in February. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Monday, February 27, 2012**, and **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**, and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **February 29-March 2, 2012**. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. **Special Bonus:** The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees. This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended CGFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. 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's website.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE Upcoming Projects

### Relay For Life of Millbrook

April 21, 2012

Team AGA is seeking volunteers.



### Joy to Life—Walk of Life

April 27, 2012

6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Donations can be made online at [www.montgomeryaga.org](http://www.montgomeryaga.org).

**W**anted!! **Committee Members** - Become active in "your" AGA chapter by joining the Community Service Committee or, volunteer as your schedule allows during special events. Contact Terese Toby at [Terese.Toby@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:Terese.Toby@mh.alabama.gov) or any member of the Community Service Committee for more information. We need your support!

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**What AGA Means to Me...**

*Submitted by Jamie Brooks,  
Alabama State University Alumni and  
Alabama Department of Revenue Employee*



"I was first exposed to AGA at Alabama State University, located in Montgomery, Alabama, where I obtained my Bachelor's and Master's in Accounting Degree in four and a half years while participating in track & field. Ms. Pamela Hill introduced us to the idea of participating in such a great organization. She

told us it would help us with our networking opportunities as well as get us familiar with the "real world." While attending an AGA luncheon, I was excited to be exposed to many accounting professional individuals, including CPAs and CGFMs. During the various presentations and "meet and greet" opportunities, I was able to make contact and distribute my resume, as well as, share with others my aspirations after college. Little did I know that this opportunity would be my foot into the door. Coincidentally, at the AGA luncheon, I was sitting by the current Assistant Revenue Commissioner, Ms. Cynthia Underwood. After having applied to the Department of Revenue several months ago and being placed in Band 1, I was able to personally email Ms. Underwood. Currently, I am now employed at the Department of Revenue. From my personal experience, AGA has helped me to start my Accounting career. I encourage students to participate in AGA. After all, who knows who you will be sitting next to?"

**What AGA Means to Me...**

*Submitted by Victoria Oakes,  
Alabama State University Alumni*

"My name is Victoria Oakes and I am an Early Career Member of the Montgomery Chapter of AGA. I have only been an official member for a little over a year. I was introduced to AGA in my senior year of undergraduate school at Alabama State University. Several members would take time out of their schedule to speak to our class on the various benefits of joining AGA. The members of the Montgomery Chapter also arranged several events specifically for college students to promote the organization. The ability to see the members sparing their free time to enlighten us on the organization helped determine my decision to join AGA. The decision to join AGA has so far been a great choice. I am currently studying for the CGFM examination. AGA offers several classes to help me prepare for the exam. AGA is a great organization and as an Early Career Member, I plan to continue the mission of giving exposure of AGA to local college students."

**Job/Training Opportunities**

**Easter Seals of the Birmingham Area**  
**Apply at: [www.eastersealsbham.org](http://www.eastersealsbham.org)**

**Accountant**

**Responsibilities:** Plans, organizes and directs all aspects of the financial department including accounts payable, general ledger, accounts receivable, employee payroll, cash disbursements, purchasing, financial statements, and tax information. Also responsible for billing, internal control, and fixed asset inventory.

**Troy University**

**Apply at: [www.troyuniversityjobs.com](http://www.troyuniversityjobs.com)**

**Staff Accountant II**

**Responsibilities:** The Staff Accountant II position in the Controller's Office is responsible for providing administrative support to the department for contract and grant management; and performing journal entries, reporting, analysis and audit/reconciliation of accounts within Sponsored Program Accounting.

**Auburn University Montgomery**

**Apply at: [www.aum.edu](http://www.aum.edu)**

**Contracts and Grants Accountant**

**Responsibilities:** Responsible for performing grant related post award fund accounting functions for the Financial Affairs unit related to external funding from federal, state, local government, private foundations, individuals and other agencies. Create, analyze and maintain contract and grant accounts to include: establishing budgets, expenditure analysis, periodic invoicing, accounts receivable/aging, cash flow financial status, financial reporting, labor distribution changes and communication with principal investigators and administrators. Performs grant closeouts functions required by AUM policy and sponsors to include: reconciliations, zeroing budgets, purchase order liquidation, final reporting; review and approve all grant expenditures to ensure compliance and accuracy.

**STATE PERSONNEL TRAINING**

**FEBRUARY 2012**

Listed below are dates of classes being offered, free of charge, in the month of February 2012. Classes are open to all state employees. NOTE: The training division develops schedules based on the needs of agencies as evidenced by waiting lists created when classes are full. Classes are held at State Personnel Department in Montgomery, AL, Meeting Room # 319. Registration for full day classes: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Progressive Discipline - February 2, 2012

Time Management - February 7, 2012

**NOTE:** This course is a four hour midday program.

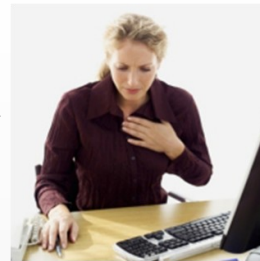
Employment Law for Supervisors - February 9, 2012

Family and Medical Leave Act—February 23, 2012

Sexual Harassment Prevention—February 23, 2012

## February is American Heart Disease Month.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of disability. The most common heart disease in the United States is coronary heart disease, which often appears as a heart attack. In 2010, an estimated 785,000 Americans had a new coronary attack, and about 470,000 had a recurrent attack. About every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event, and about one every minute will die from one.<sup>1</sup> The chance of developing coronary heart disease can be reduced by taking steps to prevent and control factors that put people at greater risk. Additionally, knowing the signs and symptoms of heart attack are crucial to the most positive outcomes after having a heart attack. People who have survived a heart attack can also work to reduce their risk of another heart attack or a stroke in the future. For more information on heart disease and stroke, visit CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.



### **Diseases and Conditions That Put Your Heart at Risk**

Other conditions that affect your heart or increase your risk of death or disability include arrhythmia, heart failure, and peripheral artery disease (PAD). High cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and secondhand smoke are also risk factors associated with heart disease. For a full list of diseases and conditions along with risk factors and other health information associated with heart disease, visit the American Heart Association's web site.

### **Know Your Signs and Symptoms**

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense; however, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

**Chest discomfort**—Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.

**Discomfort in other areas of the upper body**—Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

**Shortness of breath**—May occur with or without chest discomfort.

**Other signs**—These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

The American Heart Association, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the American Red Cross, and the National Council on Aging have launched a new "Act in Time" campaign to increase people's awareness of heart attack and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately at the onset of heart attack symptoms.



### **Second-hand Smoke Exposure and Cardiovascular Effects**

A report by The Institute of Medicine finds even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can trigger a heart attack. Tobacco smoke can cause health problems not only for smokers, but also for people around them. Breathing secondhand smoke increases a person's risk for a heart attack and other heart conditions.<sup>2</sup> Visit the CDC Office on Smoking and Health Web site for more detailed information about the IOM Report on Secondhand Smoke Exposure and Cardiovascular Effects include the following: Analysis of the report findings, animation of how secondhand smoke affects the cardiovascular system, and CDC statement on report findings.

### **Healthy Lifestyle: Diet and Nutrition, Exercise and Fitness**

A healthy diet and lifestyle are the best weapons you have to fight heart disease. Many people make it harder than it is. It is important to remember that it is the overall pattern of the choices you make that counts. As you make daily food choices, read nutrition labels and base your eating pattern on these recommendations:

- \* Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and prepare them without added saturated and trans fat.
- \* Select fat-free, 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products.
- \* Cut back on foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet.
- \* Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Aim to eat less than 300 mg of cholesterol each day.
- \* Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars.
- \* Select and purchase foods lower in salt/sodium.
- \* If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation. That means no more than one drink per day if you're a woman and two drinks per day if you're a man.
- \* Keep an eye on your portion sizes.

See CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity web site for more tips on nutrition at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## **Auburn University Montgomery Earns AACSB International Accreditation in Accounting.**

**January 4, 2012**



Tampa, Fla. USA— AACSB International announced today that Auburn University Montgomery has earned accreditation for its accounting program within the School of Business. Founded in 1916, AACSB International (AACSB) is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

"We congratulate Auburn University Montgomery and Dean W. Rhea Ingram for earning AACSB Accreditation for its accounting program," said John J. Fernandes, president and chief executive officer of AACSB International. "Dean Ingram and the faculty, directors, and administrative staff of Auburn University Montgomery are to be commended for their role in earning accreditation in accounting, as well as for maintaining excellence in their overall business program."

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world's business schools. Today, there are 643 business schools across 43 countries and territories that maintain AACSB Accreditation. Similarly, 177 institutions maintain an additional specialized AACSB Accreditation for their accounting programs.

Achieving accreditation is a process of rigorous internal review, evaluation, and adjustment and can take several years to complete. During these years, the school develops and implements a plan to meet the AACSB Accreditation Standards, which require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses.

To realize accounting accreditation, an institution must first earn or maintain AACSB Business Accreditation. Then, in addition to developing and implementing a mission-driven plan to satisfy the business accreditation quality standards, accounting accreditation requires the satisfaction of an additional set of accreditation standards that are specific to the discipline and profession of accounting. "It takes a great deal of self evaluation and determination to earn both accounting and business accreditation, and I commend Auburn University Montgomery for its dedication to management education," said Jerry Trapnell, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "Through accreditation, Auburn University Montgomery has not only met specific standards of excellence, but has also made a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to its students."

AACSB International also announced that 39 institutions have maintained their accreditation in business and 16 have maintained their accreditation in accounting.

### ***About AACSB International***

*AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), founded in 1916, is an association of more than 1,200 educational institutions, businesses, and other organizations in over 80 countries and territories. AACSB's mission is to advance quality management education worldwide through accreditation, thought leadership, and value-added services. As the premier membership and accrediting body for institutions offering undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting, the association also conducts a wide array of conferences and seminar programs at locations throughout the world. AACSB's global headquarters is located in Tampa, Florida, USA and its Asia headquarters is located in Singapore.*

*For more information, please visit [www.aacsb.edu](http://www.aacsb.edu).*

## UPCOMING AUDIO CONFERENCE

### "Federal Financial Management at the Crossroads"

DATE: February 8, 2012

Alabama Department of Transportation

Conference Room # 8

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Two Hours of CPE Offered

COST: \$15.00

AGA is pleased to announce a new audio conference on the pressures on government financial managers to cut costs while still delivering services. There are major "drivers" bearing down on government financial management these days, such as the continuing national economic crisis. In the meantime, Congress is wrangling on the Hill to cut \$1.5 trillion to \$4.0 trillion in government spending over the next 10 years while the national election looms in November 2012. These drivers are putting tremendous emphasis on cost containment, savings, recouping lost dollars, jettisoning wasteful programs and spending. This audio conference will describe techniques and tools that are proving effective in responding to these pressures. To share their knowledge and expertise in government financial management and government operations are three Grant Thornton executives: **Nilesh Chudasama**, Senior Manager, **Tom Cocozza**, Director, and **James G. Huse Jr.**, Senior Adviser. Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, about 20 minutes is set aside for questions and answers.

### "States Slump Again"

By: **Doug Lederman**, *Inside Higher Ed*

[www.stateline.org](http://www.stateline.org)

January 23, 2012

The news will come as no surprise to the public college administrators and faculty members who've seen their budgets slashed over the past year. But an annual study of state spending on higher education finds that state appropriations for colleges and students sunk by 7.6 percent in 2011-12, the largest such decline in at least a half century. The annual Grapevine study, conducted by the Illinois State University Center for the Study of Higher Education and the State Higher Education Executive Officers, finds that all but nine states experienced one-year declines from their 2010-11 totals. The 41 states that cut their spending did so by widely varying proportions, from as little as 1 percent (in Indiana and North Carolina) to as much as 41 percent (New Hampshire), with a full third seeing double-digit drops (see table below). The declines, which were driven heavily by the depletion of federal funds from the 2009 stimulus legislation, leave many state higher education systems in significantly worse shape than they were in before the economic downturn began. Twenty-nine states allocated less money to higher education in 2011-12 than they did in 2006-7, and nearly half -- 14 -- provided at least 10 percent less than they did five years ago. The Grapevine study does not examine state funding in the context of enrollments; the more-expansive annual review that the SHEEO group will publish later this winter will provide those data in a way that makes it possible to assess funding per student, which is likely to have shown an even steeper decline because public college enrollments in many states are growing. (The Grapevine figures are also not adjusted for inflation.)

Regardless, the cutbacks in state funding come at a time when many states -- and the country as a whole -- are striving to increase the number of people they educate and the number of degrees, certificates and other credentials they award. As such, "the tension between the nation's attainment objectives and drive and our fiscal condition is put in stark relief" by the Grapevine report, said Paul Lingenfelter, president of the state executives' group.

"The economy will recover, is recovering, but it's clear that a quick resurgence" in public spending on higher education -- or anything else -- is unlikely, Lingenfelter said. As a result, "institutions and decision-makers in states are going to have to figure out how we meet our attainment goals in light of the fiscal situation."

Added James C. Palmer, who directs the Illinois State center: "The question is how do we meet our stated goals for increased educational attainment in an era marked by stagnant or diminishing economic growth. It seems like we aren't going to be able to meet them by increased state funding for higher education, at least in the near term."

As with so many public policy matters in the U.S., nowhere is that tension more acute than in California, which provides about one in seven of all higher education dollars spent by states. California cut its appropriations for higher education by \$1.5 billion, or 11.8 percent, in 2011-12, to \$9.656 billion from \$11.160 billion. Many of the state's public institutions, two-year and four-year alike, have restricted enrollments in the last several years, citing the cuts in state support. That outcome directly clashes with the needs of the state's rapidly expanding population, Lingenfelter said, and, "I don't think there's any question that it's going to have long-term consequences for California" and for the nation. Governor Jerry Brown is asking Californians to approve a tax increase in November, and possible, partial recovery for public colleges in that state is heavily dependent on the outcome of that vote. But politicians in few states seem to have an appetite, or in some cases any inclination whatsoever, to raise taxes.

With revenues in many states leveling off and in some cases even beginning to climb, as the mostly jobless recovery progresses haltingly, governors in several states are proposing to increase spending on higher education this year; see Virginia and Georgia as examples. But nearly as many, it seems, are proposing additional cuts, as in Missouri and Kentucky. And pressure is undoubtedly going to continue to grow on public higher education systems to consolidate their operations, as leaders in Georgia and New York have done (with varying degrees of aggressiveness) in the last year.

Read more: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/01/23/state-funds-higher-education-fell-76-2011-12#ixzz1kI7oWzaM>, Inside Higher Ed.

**State Support for Higher Education, 2006-07 to 2011-12 from  
"States Slump Again" (continued)**

	State Support 2006-2007 (000s)	State Support 2010-11 Including Stimulus Funds (000s)	State Support 2011-12 Including Stimulus Funds (000s)	1-year % change, 2010-11 to 2011-12
Alabama	\$1,685,067	\$1,543,661	\$1,470,952	-4.7%
Alaska	286,003	342,154	355,185	3.8%
Arizona	1,196,750	1,087,207	814,458	-25.1%
Arkansas	796,304	916,441	903,590	-1.4%
California	11,032,260	11,159,881	9,656,052	-13.5%
Colorado	689,786	765,512	647,496	-15.4%
Connecticut	923,951	1,076,131	944,555	-12.2%
Delaware	233,226	212,456	213,194	0.3%
Florida	4,390,185	4,117,296	3,622,862	-12.0%
Georgia	2,774,268	2,972,740	2,631,581	-11.5%
Hawaii	503,627	511,556	512,328	0.2%
Idaho	375,282	348,064	333,670	-4.1%
Illinois	2,848,130	3,200,025	3,585,962	12.1%
Indiana	1,456,514	1,564,731	1,549,460	-1.0%
Iowa	804,449	758,712	739,052	-2.6%
Kansas	788,721	795,182	739,612	-7.0%
Kentucky	1,253,992	1,279,424	1,235,422	-3.4%
Louisiana	1,459,847	1,582,177	1,290,048	-18.5%
Maine	256,024	276,690	270,803	-2.1%
Maryland	1,450,215	1,596,129	1,598,431	0.1%
Massachusetts	1,256,793	1,214,704	1,150,151	-5.3%
Michigan	2,035,388	1,869,659	1,641,659	-12.2%
Minnesota	1,400,500	1,381,065	1,283,690	-7.1%
Mississippi	879,466	1,018,694	954,184	-6.3%
Missouri	978,772	1,000,998	930,090	-7.1%
Montana	171,369	209,542	202,105	-3.5%
Nebraska	604,026	653,935	647,843	-0.9%
Nevada	593,776	550,169	473,256	-14.0%
New Hampshire	123,966	141,870	83,300	-41.3%
New Jersey	1,973,721	2,050,400	1,998,300	-2.5%
New Mexico	954,683	886,624	784,092	-11.6%
New York	4,568,118	5,032,313	4,673,772	-7.1%
North Carolina	3,466,353	3,967,452	3,927,065	-1.0%
North Dakota	215,719	311,678	343,964	10.4%
Ohio	2,208,184	2,282,711	2,013,797	-11.8%
Oklahoma	1,033,365	1,105,825	945,260	-14.5%
Oregon	640,984	650,163	598,020	-8.0%
Pennsylvania	2,153,998	2,108,381	1,826,879	-13.4%
Rhode Island	196,361	171,275	193,746	13.1%
South Carolina	1,127,265	928,624	859,409	-7.5%
South Dakota	178,778	196,616	179,516	-8.7%
Tennessee	1,505,274	1,659,586	1,409,996	-15.0%
Texas	5,709,137	6,270,812	6,464,047	3.1%
Utah	718,209	734,890	728,929	-0.8%
Vermont	85,923	94,227	88,225	-6.4%
Virginia	1,854,731	1,903,978	1,624,027	-14.7%
Washington	1,631,059	1,592,882	1,362,200	-14.5%
West Virginia	455,445	527,396	536,383	1.7%
Wisconsin	1,166,362	1,458,596	1,153,559	-20.9%
Wyoming	276,930	384,795	336,098	-12.7%
Totals (State Support)	75,369,253	78,466,026	72,528,273	-7.6%

# Camp Ca\$h Flow

We need your help! Auburn University at Montgomery is seeking volunteers to assist with Camp Cash Flow. This event promotes the Business Finance Career Academy at Lanier High School which is one of seven career academies in Montgomery that allow 9th — 12th graders gain career training prior to graduation to prepare the students for the "real world". It is estimated that 400 eighth graders from the Montgomery public schools will come to the Auburn at Montgomery University campus to learn about financial literacy. **The event will be held on February 17, 2012, at AUM.** We will meet in the AUM gym at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, please email Keren Deal at [kdeal@aum.edu](mailto:kdeal@aum.edu) to register.

## CEC Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. President Waldroff called for a review of December's meeting minutes. Minutes were reviewed and stand as read. Treasurer's report was made. Payment was stopped on the missing check to AGA National. AGA National informed the treasurer that they will come close to matching the second issued check but not dollar for dollar. The treasurer's report posted date was incorrect and will be changed. The motion was carried to accept treasurers report with correcting the date. Chapter recognition report points were submitted by the due date. Education Committee Director is working on details for the Spring Seminar to include the new Purchasing Immigration Law. Membership Committee will have to sponsor at least one more event for the funds to be valid for the Emerging Leader Scholarships. February is career month. The Director discussed an easier way to submit membership dues to national when received. Also, CEC discussed the responsibility of each committee. This includes how much details of an event a Director should have to record attendees and payments received. It was recommended that a committee is created for Accounts Receivables. The President asked for all CEC attendees to send him their suggestions via email. Three CGFM scholarships were given at the January luncheon. Joy to Life and Relay for Life event will be in April. For those who are unable to physically walk, they can contribute in a virtual walk as an option. Incoming President asked to be informed on all who intend to continue to hold their present position, work on a different committee, or resign. The missing page from the audit report (compilation page) was distributed.

Motion to dismiss, motion carried at 11:52 a.m. Members in attendance: Robert Brantley, Shelia Hatcher, Pamela Henderson, Pamela Hill, Marcus Johnson, Demetrius Kemp, Carmen Leonard, LaTaya Lucas, Kimwana Robinson, Sandra Steele, Margie Toney. Next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

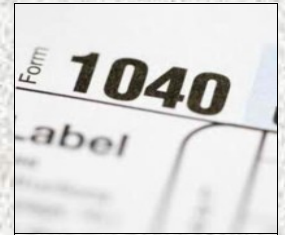


# 5 (Plus 5) Tax Tips for 2012

From The Morristown Patch by John Dunphy –January 4, 2012

[www.morristown.patch.com](http://www.morristown.patch.com)

It seems hardly a year goes by that the time comes around again to file our taxes. As January progresses, people will begin to get their W-2's and 1099's in the mail from their respective employers. With that in mind, the lovely and talented folks over at the Internal Revenue Service have provided a list of tips for people to ensure they cover all their bases when preparing to file their taxes.



- 1. You Need to Know About Gathering Your Records:** Round up any documents you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks and other documents that support income or deductions you're claiming on your return.
- 2. You Need to Know About Being on the Lookout:** W-2's and 1099's will be coming soon; you'll need these to file your tax return.
- 3. You Need to Know About Asking Questions:** Use the Interactive Tax Assistant available on the IRS website to find answers to your tax questions about credits, deductions, general filing questions and more.
- 4. You Need to Know About Free File:** Let Free File do the hard work for you with brand-name tax software or online fillable forms. It's available exclusively at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Everyone can find an option to prepare their tax return and e-file it for free. If you made \$57,000 or less, you qualify to use free tax software offered through a private-public partnership with manufacturers. If you made more or are comfortable preparing your own tax return, there's Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic versions of IRS paper forms. Visit [www.irs.gov/freefile](http://www.irs.gov/freefile) to review your options.
- 5. You Need to Know About IRS e-file:** IRS e-file is the safe, easy and most common way to file a tax return. Last year, 79 percent of taxpayers—106 million people - used IRS e-file. Many tax preparers are now required to use e-file. If you owe taxes, you have payment options to file immediately and pay by the tax deadline. Best of all, the IRS issues refunds to 98 percent of electronic filers by direct deposit within 14 days, if there are no problems, and

## Plus, 5 More Tips:

- 6. Consider Other Filing Options:** There are many options for filing your tax return. You can prepare it yourself or go to a tax preparer. You may be eligible for free face-to-face help at a volunteer site. Give yourself time weigh all the options and find the one that best suits your needs.
- 7. Consider Direct Deposit:** If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than a paper check in the mail.
- 8. Visit the Official IRS Website Often:** The IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) is a great place to find everything you need to file your tax return: forms, publications, tips, answers to frequently asked questions and updates on tax law changes.
- 9. Remember The Number 17:** Check out IRS Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax, on the IRS website. It's a comprehensive resource for taxpayers, highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return.
- 10. Review! Review! Review!** Don't rush. We all make mistakes when we rush. Mistakes slow down the processing of your return. Be sure to double check all the Social Security numbers and math calculations on your return as these are the most common errors. Don't panic! If you run into a problem, remember the IRS is here to help. Start with [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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2011-2012 Program Year  
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**AGA—Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meets at 11:00 a.m. prior to the noon luncheon meetings each month.**

**Montgomery Chapter of Association of Government Accountants**  
**Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**June 1, 2011-January 31, 2012**

	June 1-May 31	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income:</b>				
Audio Conference Fees	970.00	2400.00	-1430.00	40.42%
Chapter Dues	1118.18	2100.00	-981.82	53.25%
Community Service Efforts	1865.00	500.00	1365.00	373.00%
<b><u>Education</u></b>				
Fall Seminar	35685.00	33760.00	1925.00	105.70%
Spring Seminar-2012	0.00	4800.00	-4800.00	0.00%
Spring Seminar-2011	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.00%
<b><u>Total Education</u></b>	<b>40038.18</b>	<b>43560.00</b>	<b>-3521.82</b>	<b>91.92%</b>
GAAF	0.00	2500.00	-2500.00	0.00%
Interest	34.43	50.00	-15.57	68.86%
Luncheons	4177.00	8190.00	-4013.00	51.00%
Membership and Recruitment	639.00	369.00	270.00	173.17%
Membership Dues-Income	0.00	1350.00	-1350.00	0.00%
Early Career	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00%
AGA National Survey	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00%
Shirt Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Sponsorships	500.00	2500.00	-2000.00	20.00%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>45588.61</b>	<b>58719.00</b>	<b>-13130.39</b>	<b>77.64%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Audio Conference -Expense	1593.98	1600.00	-6.02	99.62%
Awards/ Speaker Gifts	459.79	500.00	-40.21	91.96%
Bank Service Charge	135.00	40.00	95.00	337.50%
CGFM Committee	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00%
Chapter Dues -Expense	0.00	18900.00	-18900.00	0.00%
Community Service-Expense	1957.22	800.00	1157.22	244.65%
Early Career	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00%
Education-Expense	6275.14	11126.45	-4851.31	56.40%
Financial Audit	250.00	325.00	-75.00	76.92%
Luncheons/Parking	5147.00	8190.00	-3043.00	62.85%
Member Recruitment-Exp	435.72	1200.00	-764.28	36.31%
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Meeting Committee	90.15	100.00	-9.85	90.15%
Miscellaneous-Global Fees	243.92	539.40	-295.48	45.22%
Postage	71.08	100.00	-28.92	71.08%
Printing/ Office Supplies	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00%
Refunds- Fall Seminar-2012	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.00%
Registration-PDC	775.00	5000.00	-4225.00	15.50%
Scholarships	0.00	3000.00	-3000.00	0.00%
Scholarships-CGFM	436.00	981.00	-545.00	44.44%
Shirt Sales- Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Shirt Sales-Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Sponsorships	200.00	2500.00	-2300.00	8.00%
Travel	657.46	600.00	57.46	109.58%
Webpage	504.59	1000.00	-495.41	50.46%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19582.05</b>	<b>57401.85</b>	<b>-37819.80</b>	<b>34.11%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>26006.56</b>	<b>1317.15</b>	<b>24689.41</b>	<b>1974.46%</b>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Summary of Receipts and Disbursements June 1, 2011— January 31, 2012

	Beginning Balance	YTD Receipts	YTD Disbursements	Outstanding Checks	Ending Balance
Share Acct	\$ 25.54	\$	\$	0 \$	\$ 25.54
Checking	\$ 11,383.70	\$ 45,588.61	\$ (19,411.63)	\$ (170.42)	\$ 37,390.26
<b>Total of Accts</b>					<u>\$ 37,415.80</u>

### Bank Reconciliation:

Ending Balance @ max FCU as of 01/31/2012	\$ 37,560.68
Plus: Deposits in Transit	\$ -
Less: Outstanding Checks	\$ 170.42
Check Register Balance as of 01/31/2012	<u>\$ 37,390.26</u>
Plus: Share Balance	\$ 25.54
Share and Checking Balance as of 1/31/2012	<u>\$ 37,415.80</u>
Check Register Balance as of 01/31/2012	<u>\$ 37,390.26</u>


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### Don't forget...

to sponsor a student for the February luncheon. The deadline is February 3rd. The luncheon is on February 9th at RSA Plaza (West Room). Also, please attend the audio conference scheduled for February 8th at ALDOT. Visit [www.montgomeryaga.org](http://www.montgomeryaga.org) for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CGFM Study Session	2	3	4
5	6	7 Reservations for AGA Luncheon due by 2:00 p.m.	8 CGFM Study Session/Audio Conference	9 AGA Luncheon Noon RSA Plaza—West Room 770 Washington Avenue Montgomery, AL	10	11
12	13	14 	15 CGFM Study Session	16	17	18
19	20 Georg Washington/ Jefferson Davis Holiday	21	22 CGFM Study Session	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 CGFM Study Session			