



# Gulf Region Update



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## Upcoming Dates

### Monthly Meetings

- Montgomery, AL – 1/9/15
- New Orleans, LA – 1/15/15
- Tallahassee, FL – 1/21/15
- Jackson, MS – 1/22/15
- Baton Rouge, LA – 1/22/15

### Upcoming Training

- West Central, MS  
CGFM Training –  
1/28-30/15  
(Part 1)  
2/25-27/15  
(Part 2)
- Tallahassee, FL –  
2/12-13/15

## The Gulf Region - Two University Students From Gulf Region Awarded AGA Leadership Scholarship

Hello fellow AGA member and Happy New Year!!! I was excited to read the news that two of our Gulf Region's university students were awarded the AGA Young Professionals Focus Group Scholarship which allows them an opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders in government financial management at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT) in Washington, DC, in February. These students are: Walter Dulaney from Auburn University Montgomery and Kimberly Sledge from Mississippi College. This was a competitive process and only 5 students were awarded scholarships nationally. Kimberly and Walter are both seniors majoring in accounting and have expressed interest in a governmental accounting career. Congrats to both Kimberly and Walter! If you plan to attend the 2015 National Leadership Training event in DC in February, please make sure to introduce yourself to these two students. As always, if you have ANY suggestions on how we can improve our region, please let me or a member of the regional leadership team know - we are here for you. Don't forget our mission why we exist as a professional organization - *AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.* Have a fantastic month and a safe and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for all that YOU DO to make AGA a great organization! ☺

## Highlight on New Orleans

- Anniversary Date - June 29, 1953
- Meetings held 3rd Thursday of each month at dinner
- 90 members with 39 members holding the CGFM designation
- AGA National Community Service Project held in New Orleans annually
- 2 AGA Past National Presidents and several national leaders hail from this chapter

## Leadership - Are YOU the next Director or CEC member for your Chapter? President-Elect?

It's that time of the year again - time for current officers and CEC members to consider who to ask/twist their arm/con them into taking a leadership role in their local chapter.....as past President of the Montgomery chapter and a member of the leadership team for the Region, I know the feeling all too well of being cornered and/or cornering individuals and asking them to take on a role that may be uncomfortable for them and/or something they never considered. However, I can guarantee you that the benefits outweigh the costs; the relationships formed outweigh the hours of love (labor) put in; and the satisfaction gained from being part of a greater good definitely is the best pay. I encourage you to consider the opportunity to take the leap and be a leader your chapter - even if in a small role. We are all volunteers and we are all here to better our profession as well as hold each other and ourselves accountable for the public dollars. If you want to be part of this spirit, talk to your President/Past President about opportunities in your chapter. I did and I guarantee you will not regret taking on the challenge.

## Save the Date - Gulf Region PDT

May 5-6, 2015 will be the date of the first Gulf Region Professional Development Training - to be held at the University of New Orleans - more information to come in upcoming newsletters and emails. We are planning to offer 16 CPE with national speakers. This event is co-sponsored by UNO's College of Business - Department of Accounting. Hotel and other information is being worked on by the committee and will be available in the next newsletter. We hope to see you there! ☺