

Association of Government Accountants

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President's Message:

Thank You for electing me to serve as President of the Central Indiana Chapter AGA for 2008-2009. I strongly support the Association of Government Accountants, its values and programs, and look forward to another year of excellent programming.

Many thanks to last year's officers and directors who helped to make last year the success that it was. A special thank you to **Yvette Hauser**, last year's President, for her hard work and dedication to AGA and our Chapter. Congratulations to this year's officers: President-Elect **Nancy Shepherd**, and those returning as Secretary **Sharleen Daniel**, and Treasurer **Steve Daniels**. We welcome the newly elected members of the Board, along with those returning for their third year:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Employment</u>
2006-2009	Wendy Armstrong	Encompass
2006-2009	Michael Degner	Department of Administration
2006-2009	Karen Martin	Department of Environmental Management
2008-2010	Deborah Christlieb, MBA	Crowe Chizek and Co. LLC
2008-2010	Bruce Kimery, CGFM	Public Employees Retirement Fund
2008-2011	John Bower, CGFM, CPA	Sequoia Consulting Group
2008-2011	Mary Rankin, CPA	Indiana State Board of Accounts

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Chapter make up the Chapter Executive Committee. The CEC, along with various committee members, work together to bring us the programming from which we all benefit. The CEC meets at Noon monthly on second Thursdays, beginning July 2008 on the 6th floor of the Old Trails Building. Look forward with me to the Chapter sponsoring a fall conference this year as a follow up to last year's highly successful joint PDC. Committees for 2008-2009 have been appointed, but all members are welcomed and encouraged to become active in the planning and execution of our programs:

Committees

CGFM	Clay Jackson, Nancy Shepherd
Chapter Recognition	John Rihm, Marilyn Rudolph, Kendra Nigg
Community Service	Rebecca Dixon, Kendra Nigg
Education	Yvette Hauser, Bruce Kimery, Deborah Christlieb
Historian	Wendy Armstrong, Yvette Hauser
Meeting Arrangements	Kendra Nigg, Steve Daniels
Membership	Karen Martin, Nancy Shepherd
Newsletter	Marilyn Rudolph, Wendy Armstrong
Website	Michael Degner, John Bower

We will begin the year with 58 members and have set a goal to increase membership by 20%, or 12 new members. Here's one way you can help with this effort: consider inviting an associate to join you in attending any of the upcoming functions this year. Maybe take in a monthly luncheon or breakfast, or one of the audio conferences. Make good use of your "free" meeting coupon (for those of you who have renewed timely) and bring your boss to a meeting and a free meal. Sometimes, a candidate for membership simply needs to be asked to join.

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) designation is the hallmark of the AGA. Your chapter currently owns two sets of study guides for the CGFM available for loaning to members who

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are interested in advancing their professional credentials. If you want to pursue taking the CGFM exam, we are here to help you in your preparations. Contact any officer or director for more information.

I am proud to report that our Chapter has voted to support the Red Cross in aiding Hoosiers stricken by recent climatic events with a monetary contribution of \$500. We can't imagine what one endures unless it happens to us.

I will be representing the chapter in attending this year's AGA Professional Development Conference in Atlanta next month and look forward to another great educational experience. AGA always provides the best in continuing education; this one promises to be no exception. Look for my report on the PDC in upcoming newsletters.

Whew! So many great things to share with you, I almost took over the entire newsletter! Thank you, again, and I hope to be meeting all of you in upcoming meetings and conferences. That's all for now...

John F. Rihm, CPA
President