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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# SUCCESS MATTERS

Last month we saw the successful transition of members into often new positions of leadership in the Kansas City AGA Chapter. Please see the newsletter website for committee members you may wish to contact with a project idea, seminar topic or speaker or membership or certification questions. The attitude surprises me each time a question comes up and members feel free to share thought and ideas to address it. The Kansas City AGA Chapter is a great Chapter to be associated with because of the involvement and personal interest that is seen throughout the Chapter.

Another success is that our website is up and running at <http://www.kcaga-cgfm.org/>. Please check it out and check again. (Note to self) This is an effective method to communicate Chapter business and changes. For example, due to several members current travel plans, the executive committee meeting was changed to August 2, 2011. This change is now posted on the website.

July brings the Professional Development Conference (PDC) which was in Atlanta this year and will be in San Diego, CA next year. Please consider this annual AGA event as a "Training Opportunity" and so much more. This past PDC we heard from the Comptroller General and his assessment of the economy, etc. In other sessions, cloud computing and data storage was discussed, recent decisions by Office of Management and Budget and General Accountability Office, etc., were presented as were practical sessions such as the one on "Seven Deadly Sins of Report Writing." Each provided CPE credits and "take away" ideas to share with co-workers, who may not have been able to attend this PDC. With early registration and attendance at most of the PDC sessions, the CPE cost is about thirty dollars which is a great value, plus good food and a most interesting time! In addition, the PDC will also give you the opportunity to network with your peers which will be another big bonus. So please talk with someone who has attended a past PDC and learn from their experience.

Speaking of cloud computing, please plan to join us at the August luncheon for a discussion on this growing practice. Our speaker brings a wealth of information and would be glad to answer your questions about this subject and this growing practice. Many agencies do not easily manage the growth, storage, retrieval, security and availability of data that changes almost overnight. A few agencies are heavily employing "cloud computing" and benefiting from this practice as a way to manage their ever growing data needs. Likewise, you may have been considering a better way to successfully manage your personal data and can benefit from hearing about cloud computing!

So, please join us at on August 17 for the monthly luncheon meeting at the Grand Street Café. See luncheon meeting flyer in this newsletter for more information.

**Respectfully, James Kirk, CGFM**  
**Chapter President**

# AGA MEETING KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

**AUGUST 17, 2011  
WEDNESDAY - 11:30 AM**



## Meeting & Luncheon Information

<b>Honored Speaker:</b>	<b>Chuck Gowans</b> Chief Architect-Enterprise Data Center USDA—National IT Center
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Cloud Computing (1 CPE Information Technology)</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Grand Street Cafe</b> 4740 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64112
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$15.00 Members</b> <b>\$20.00 Non-Members</b>
<b>Reservations:</b>	<b>Please call Connie Smith 816-926-3646 or e-mail</b> <b>constance.smith@kcc.usda.gov</b> <b>before 4:00 PM Wednesday, August 10, 2011</b>
<b>Food Selection:</b>	<b>1) <u>Grilled Chicken</u>: Grilled Chicken on Homemade Bun</b> <b>with Melted Cheddar Cheese &amp; Alma Farms Bacon &amp; Fries</b> <b>2) <u>BLT</u>: Smoked Alma Farms Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato</b> <b>and Fresh Herb Mayo on Herb Sourdough Bread &amp; Fries</b> <b>3) <u>LiteBites</u>: Grilled Vegetable Platter with Hummus and</b> <b>Pita Bread</b>

**Special Notes: The Chapter must pay for the number of meals reserved, please notify Connie 24 hours in advance if you will not be able to attend. Failure to cancel reservations in advance will be a charge for the price of the meal at the next meeting attended. If you need special accommodations, please notify Connie.**

## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

### Community Service Opportunity: Walk for ALS

There has been a positive response for our chapter to participate in the October 8<sup>th</sup> ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease) 3 mile walk, location: Corporate Woods. The Chapter will walk in honor/memory of our loved ones, so if you wish to walk in support of or in memory of a loved one, and have not submitted information about that person or even a name, feel free to do so. Contact: [Healy.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Healy.Nancy@epa.gov), for more information, ALS website is <http://webkwc.alsa.org>



## HEY KANSAS CITY AGA

**YOUR CHAPTER IS BACK ONLINE!!**

**VISIT OUR NEW**

**WEBSITE @ [www.kcaga-cgfm.org](http://www.kcaga-cgfm.org)**

The Website will allow you to:

- Check on the latest happenings
- Locate the phone number for any of your Chapter Executive Committee members
  - Find the current and archived Newsletters
- Check to see if your picture from a recent event is online (See “About Us”)
- Find quick links to AGA National sites of interest

## Chapter Executive Committee—Program Year 2011–2012

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# National News

## AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative

### **Aug. 10 Webinar Set on Citizen-Centric Reporting**

The Certificate of Excellence in Citizen Centric Reporting is one of the mainstay programs offered by AGA. AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry by communicating government resources in a visually appealing, clear and understandable four-page document that is non-political. It is not intended to be a public relations document but one that assists the public in becoming better educated and better able to participate in government activities.

Join AGA at a free webinar set for 2–3 p.m. **Aug. 10.** Executive Director **Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA**, as he explains impetus behind the CCR and why citizen-owners of government need to be informed. **Evie Barry**, AGA's director of performance reporting, will report on her preparation of a CCR using information found online. Online [Register today](#). If you have questions, contact [Evie Barry](#).

## AGA National Board of Directors Ratifies New Strategic Plan



AGA's National Board of Directors (NBD) today approved a new strategic plan that will guide the Association in the coming years. The new plan sharpens the focus of the last plan, which was adopted in 2003. NBD members indicated their approval for the plan by raising their green voting cards.

The new plan includes the following Vision and Mission statements:

**Vision:** AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.\*

**Mission:** AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.\*

**AGA Core Values** remain the same: Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership

The new plan includes the following five strategic goals:

**Goal: MEMBER VALUE**--AGA maximizes member value through an effective and efficient organization

Objectives:

- Support and enable the viability of regions and chapters and their activities
- Ensure clear and open communication with all stakeholders
- Align members, leadership and staff roles and responsibilities to drive AGA progress and success

Continuously invest in human capital and infrastructure to enhance operational efficiencies and customer service

**Goal: EMPOWERMENT**--AGA educates and empowers professionals to advance government accountability

Objectives:

- Maintain and enhance AGA's responsiveness to current and emerging educational needs by delivering timely and relevant content
- Promote professionalism to enhance and expand an individual's capabilities and performance
- Promote government accountability as a profession and career

**Goal: CERTIFICATION**--AGA enhances government accountability by advancing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) as the preferred professional designation

Objectives:

- Promote public awareness and confidence in the integrity, competence and professionalism of CGFMs
- Advance the relevance and value of the CGFM designation in the government accountability community
- Maintain certification competency through mandatory continuing professional education and strict adherence to AGA's *Code of Ethics*

**Goal: THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**--AGA is the thought leader and catalyst for change

Objectives:

- Identify, monitor, assess and influence emerging issues
- Enhance research to produce timely, valuable content for key stakeholders
- Cultivate knowledge and disseminate effective practices across disciplines and levels of government
- Provide valued input on standards and to policy-makers

**Goal: COLLABORATION**--AGA provides forums for collaboration among diverse disciplines, sectors and levels of government

Objectives:

- Attract and retain a diverse membership
- Expand and enhance professional development, leadership and networking opportunities
- Attract individuals from a wide variety of disciplines and work environments to participate in AGA activities
- Facilitate a neutral platform for dialogue and collaboration

\* *Government accountability: A government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.*




# Other CPE Opportunities

Becker Professional Education provides you with timely and relevant knowledge that addresses business issues critical to today's accounting and finance professionals. Whether you choose webcasts or on demand, Becker's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) is available when you are...anytime, anywhere with just an Internet connection.

- Webcasts are programs broadcast on specific dates/times that bring you the latest topics from our knowledge experts complete with streaming video, audio, web chat and more
- On Demand courses are available 24/7 with just an Internet connection. These self-study courses are extremely engaging with streaming video and audio.

If you have any questions about CPE through Becker, contact Marcy Randall, Field Specialist - Kansas, Western Missouri at 816-536-8905 or [mrandall@becker.com](mailto:mrandall@becker.com). You may also visit Becker's website at [www.becker.com](http://www.becker.com).

## AUGUST UPDATE WEBCAST



**2011**

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**Accounting and Audit Standards in 2011 and Beyond – Part 2** **NEW!**

The accounting profession is a self-regulated field subject to guidance and rules implemented by government bodies and professional organizations. And even though oversight and governance date back more than 70 years, the last two decades have been marked by constant change in response to inappropriate actions within the financial community and international economic issues.

In this second of a two part webcast series, you will:

- Define the provisions of the GAO Yellow Book that will be modified and what is driving these changes
- Evaluate the impact of the FASB/IASB Convergence project on industry
- Outline the proposed changes to the AICPA Ethics rules

**Wednesday, August 3rd 1:00pm – 2:00pm EDT**

**ILEAA.ORG**  
**International Law Enforcement Auditors Association**

## **Law Enforcement Auditor Conference 2011**



### **Accountability and Transparency in Law Enforcement Agencies**

**October 12 - 14, 2011 - San Diego, California**

# CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & REGISTRATION

**Program Objective:** To bring together audit professionals from local, state, and federal government for networking and information sharing in a conference environment while also furthering the law enforcement audit profession.

**Level of Knowledge:** Overview

**Prerequisite: None.** Auditors (financial, operational, and compliance), members of law enforcement oversight organizations, and others interested in developing or further enhancing their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the understanding of Performance Auditing.

All personnel associated with law enforcement, including management and staff members of police departments and correctional institutions; instructors in law enforcement techniques; academics, and students studying law enforcement. Members of probation departments including officers and supervisors, members of inspector general offices, and all those in the legal profession will benefit from this program.

**CPE:** Attendees can earn the following:

- **Day One: 7 CPEs**
- **Day Two: 8 CPEs**
- **Day Three: 4 CPEs**
- **Total Credit: 19 CPEs**

**Delivery Method:** Group-Live

**Advance Preparation:** No advance preparation is required.

**Conference Registration:** To register for the conference online, please go to [www.ileaa.org](http://www.ileaa.org) and click on Conferences & Training Tab on the left and fill out the registration form. To pay via check or money order, complete the following form to the right of this page and mail it in with your payment of \$349 (minus discount) for the 2 ½ day Conference to ILEAA, 2202 South Figueroa Street, Suite #356, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Discounts available for registrants. Please choose **ONE** of the following:

ILEAA Member	-\$50
CLEA Designation	-\$50
IAPRO User Agency	-\$50

Potential cost of Conference with discounts **\$299**

**Registrants Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel & Location:** Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel centrally located in Mission Valley in the heart of San Diego, just off I-5 and I-8 Interchange. Ten minutes away from the airport, downtown and area attractions. 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, (619)297-6049 Phone, (619) 297-6049 Fax, or call 1-800-2 CROWNE, & Website at [www.cp-sandiego.com](http://www.cp-sandiego.com)

Rooms are specially priced at \$110 per night + room tax at 12.75%. Check in time is 4:00 pm and Check out is 12:00 pm. Please mention ILEAA when you are making your reservations. Cut-off date for the special room rate is 9/20/2011.

Continental Breakfast will be provided all three days of the conference and Complimentary lunch will be provided during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Conference.

## Special Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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## TUESDAY, OCT. 11

**PRE-REGISTRATION** 4:00 – 6:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

**REGISTRATION** 7:00 – 8:00 AM

### GENERAL SESSION

**WELCOME AND INTRO** 8:00 – 8:50 AM

Susan Redmond, ILEAA President  
Chief William Lansdowne, SDPD

**HISTORY OF LAW** 9:00 – 9:50 AM

**ENFORCEMENT AUDITING**  
Ron Sanchez

**BUILDING ETHICAL** 10:00 – 10:50 AM

**ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURES**  
Deputy Chief Mark Perez, LAPD

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

11:00 – 11:50 AM

- **Statistical Sampling**  
Thomas Gee
- **Developing Inspections Program**  
Max Santiago
- **Products and Services that Add Value**  
IA Pro – Corporate Sponsor

**LUNCH** 12:00 – 12:50 PM

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

1:00 – 1:50 PM

- **PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS**  
Mike Giammarino
- **CONSENT DECREES**  
Jeff Phillips
- **Products and Services that Add Value**  
Net Transcripts – Corporate Sponsor

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

2:00 – 2:50 PM

- **USE OF FORCE AUDITS**  
Sergio Sais
- **Uniform Crime Reporting**  
Jeff Phillips
- **Products and Services that Add Value**  
COP Logic – Corporate Sponsor

### GENERAL SESSION

3:00 – 3:50 PM

**MOTIVATING PERFORMANCE FOR  
EMPLOYEE RETENTION**

Panel Discussion: Max Santiago, Ron Sanchez,  
Paul Figueroa

### Reception & Networking

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Please join us for a complimentary reception on behalf of ILEAA to provide you an opportunity to catch up with your friends and network with membership. The reception will be located on the outside Patio just east of the Kona Coast Ballroom on the first floor. Complimentary reception includes hot and cold Hors D'Oeuvres and beer/wine bar, including soda and water at your request.



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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## THURSDAY, OCT. 13

### GENERAL SESSION

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**CITY OF BELL, CA AUDIT** 8:00 – 8:50 AM  
California State Controller - Tentative

**PHOENIX POLICE DEPT. OIG KIDNAPPING AUDIT** 9:00 – 9:50 AM  
Mike Giammarino

**USC COMPLIANCE** 10:00 – 1050 AM  
Dave Roberts, Vice President  
USC Athletic Compliance

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 11:00 – 11:50 AM

- **Independent Oversight of Public Safety**  
Dawn Reynolds
- **Compliance & Leadership**  
Dave Roberts
- **After the Audit – So What?**  
Steven Goodson

LUNCH 12:00 – 12:50 PM

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 1:00 – 1:50 PM

- **Risk Management: Mitigation Strategies**  
Ignacio Verduzco
- **Compliance & Leadership**  
Dave Roberts
- **Fraud Overview**  
Katie Houston

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 2:00 – 2:50 PM

- **Audit Recommendations**  
Eduardo Luna
- **Leadership & Supervision**  
Mark Perez
- **Fraud Hotline**  
Albert Allison

### CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 3:00 – 3:50 PM

- **Perfecting your Audits & Client Relationships**  
Brandon Tanous
- **Monitoring Retaliation for Optimal Performance**  
Deborah Gonzales
- **Unit Level Quality Assurance - Canada**  
Luc Delorme

### GENERAL SESSION 4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

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**OPERATIONAL AUDITING**  
Mike Beard



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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**FRIDAY, OCT. 14**

**GENERAL SESSIONS**

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**AUDITING YOUR INTERNAL 8:00 – 8:50 AM  
AFFAIRS/PROFESSIONAL  
STANDARDS ENTITY**  
Ron Sanchez

**CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**  
**9:00 – 9:50 AM**

- **Open Forum for Debunking Auditing Myths**  
Paul Figueroa & Jeffry Phillips
- **Legal Issues Related to Risk Management, Part I**  
Greg Yacoubian
- **Forensic Auditing**  
Joe Epps, Epps Consulting – Corporate Sponsor

**CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS**  
**10:00 – 10:50 AM**

- **Law Enforcement Best Practices Canada**  
Terry Cheslock & Luc Delorme
- **Legal Issues Related to Risk Management, Part II**  
Greg Yacoubian
- **Kansas City Police Department Audit Report**  
Phillip Johnson

**GENERAL SESSIONS**

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**LEADERSHIP 11:00 – 11:50 AM**  
Commander Kim Humphrey  
Phoenix Police Department

## JOIN ILEAA!

**Educational programs and seminars** – Seminars and educational programs will be offered covering a variety of topical issues. Membership provides exclusive discounts.

**Networking** - Members have opportunities to meet and interact with some of the leading professionals in the field of law enforcement auditing. Opportunities can open doors with potential employers and referral sources.

**Professional recognition** – Membership will introduce you to numerous career development opportunities, resources, and strengthen professional development.

**Newsletters** – Members will receive a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will feature the latest ILEAA news and pertinent information about law enforcement auditing. The newsletter is available on the ILEAA website.

**Membership access to website** – Members will have exclusive access to job postings, contact information to other members, as well as an auditing resource center. Website is currently being planned.

**Build your leadership skills** – be active in the Association!

### Becoming a Member:

There are four levels of membership in ILEAA:

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Professional (Full) | \$100 /year |
| 2. Academia            | \$95 /year  |
| 3. Retired             | \$75 /year  |
| 4. Student             | \$50 /year  |

**VISIT [WWW.ILEAA.ORG](http://WWW.ILEAA.ORG) AND BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

**YOU CAN ALSO MAIL IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY DOWNLOADING THE APPLICATION OFF THE WEBSITE AND MAIL IT IN WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:**

**ILEAA, 2202 South Figueroa Street, Suite #356, Los Angeles, CA 90007**

**\*CONFERENCE PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

# GETTING AROUND

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**The San Diego Convention and Visitor's Bureau** is the official travel resource for the San Diego region such as maps and directions, visitor safety tips, where to stay, what to do and how to get around.

International and commercial air service for the region is provided by the **San Diego International Airport**.

**The San Diego Historical Society** connects the past to the future so all generations will understand and appreciate the richness of San Diego's regional history.

**The Gas Lamp Quarter** is Southern California's premier dining, shopping and entertainment district, where you'll find a truly eclectic blend of food, fun and culture all within one of San Diego's most historic areas.

At the world-famous **San Diego Zoo** you will see some of the world's rarest wildlife including giant pandas (and Hua Mei, the only panda cub in the U.S.), and koalas.

**QUALCOMM Stadium** accommodates a variety of events, including professional sports and concerts.

**OTIS** - The Online Transit Information System lets you find out how to get around San Diego using the

Metropolitan Transit System's buses, trolleys, or trains.

A visit to the **San Diego Wild Animal Park** is like a safari to many of the world's most exotic places.

World-renowned **Balboa Park** is home to fifteen museums, various arts and international culture associations, as well as the San Diego Zoo, making it one of the nation's largest cultural and entertainment complexes.

**SeaWorld San Diego** will entertain, amaze, educate, and will create memories that will last a lifetime. SeaWorld has hosted more than 100 million guests since opening in 1964.

**Transportation to Attractions** will be provided complimentary by Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel to the following destinations: Fashion Valley, Old Town and to the San Diego Trolley Station!

**The ILEAA Conference Staff** hope you enjoy your stay in beautiful San Diego and your time with us is informative and educational. Sharing concepts and ideas in an environment that promotes networking is one of the goals of our program.

**On behalf of ILEAA - Welcome and we look forward to a great event!**