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<p style="text-align: center;">The Executive Committee</p>	<p>The Austin Chapter began its new year under the leadership of President Paul Morris. Meetings of the Executive Committee continued to be held monthly at the Employees Retirement System with some committee members participating via conference call. Members that volunteered their time and energy to serve on the Executive Committee and ensure the Chapter’s success included:</p> <p>President-Elect, Vacant; Immediate Past President, Mara Ash; Secretary, Autumn Bellfield; Treasurer, Mari Queller; Research Chair, Vacant; Education/Programs, Debi Weyer; Communications, Jeanne Yanga; CGFM Chair, Bernard Ndoping-Angandje; Community Service, Lynda Baker; Membership, Kadie Weyer and Aaron Dvorak; Awards Committee, Patti Aguilera; CPE Events Committee, Adana Barry; Early Careers Chair, Kristen Gonzales-Cedillo; Accountability Chair, John Amidon; Chapter Historian, Sharita Coyle; and Webmaster, Eddie Chan.</p> <p>Bob Broughton served as Regional Vice President. Bob’s term expired 6/30/2013.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luncheons</p>	<p>Chapter luncheons were regularly held each month at Scholz Garten restaurant, which is located at 1607 San Jacinto Blvd., on the corner of 17th street and San Jacinto Blvd. near downtown Austin.</p> <p>The Chapter was successful in recruiting speakers for nine luncheon presentations. These engagements provided members and guests an opportunity to earn a total of 10 CPE hours. The speakers for those events include the following:</p> <p><i>September 2012:</i> Dr. Urton Anderson, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, CFSA, CCEP, a Clark W. Thompson Jr. Professor in Accounting Education at the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, discussed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act, the JOBS Act of 2012 and Developments in the SEC and Financial Market Regulation.</p> <p><i>October 2012:</i> Philip Ashley, CPA, CGFM, Director of Fiscal Management, Comptroller of Public Accounts, presented on the need for government financial reporting transparency and how citizen-centric reporting can improve communications between government and its taxpayers.</p> <p>Dr. Carolyn Conn and Members of the St. Edward's University finalist team, in the AGA Graduate Finance Case Challenge (placing in the top three), including Leigh Anne Floyd, Sandra Hernandez, Cynthia Wainwright-Branigan, and Maura Valle; discussed their experience regarding their project, a Citizen-Centric Report for the City of San Diego, by demonstrating an innovative and creative means of communicating the City of San Diego’s financial information to its</p>

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citizenry using the Citizen-Centric Report format.

November 2012: **Evelyn Brown**, CGFM-Retired, AGA 2012-2013 National President, presented on the topic “Our Professional Journey” and shared her insight on how to acquire adequate skill sets for career development; plotting goals and objectives at different levels in a career path; and the importance of being flexible in your career path.

December 2012: **Paul Morris**, CPA, CIA, Director of Internal Audit, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, presented on the topic of “Identity Theft-Corporate Risks and Control,” and discussed common risks to data, controls that can minimize the risk to client and employee data, and the roles of auditors in an entity’s overall privacy framework.

January 2013: **Dr. Dwight D. Daniel**, Director, MS in Computer Information Systems, School of Management and Business, St. Edward’s University, presented on the topic of “Cloud Computing- Who Cares” and discussed security issues related to Cloud Computing.

February 2013: **Paul Priest**, Assistant Director of the Texas Legislative Budget Board (LBB), provided attendees with an understanding of the Texas State Legislative Process used by state agencies and institutions of higher education; why enacting a budget is important; the rules of the game; and how the budget is relevant to state agencies and its staff and consumers.

March 2013: **Tonda Hadley**, CPA, CGFM, Director of the Central Regional Office for the Office of Emergency Management Oversight, under the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, discussed the Capping Report on FY 12 Audits of FEMA Disaster Grants and the difficulties auditors face when auditing disaster grants.

April 2013: **Dade Dowdle**, HORNE, LLP, presented on the topic of “Equipping Local Jurisdictions for Disaster Recovery Program Compliance” and discussed the changes to the guidelines governing FEMA’s Public Assistance program between recent disasters affecting Texas, and how to equip decision-makers and record-keepers with knowledge to avoid common pitfalls noted in regulatory compliance reviews in Texas.

May 2013: **Holly Brewster**, Procurement Consultant to Department of Family & Protective Services, discussed procurement risks, and the role and importance of government accountability professionals in the purchase of goods and services by government entities.

Monthly attendance at the meetings averaged **27**, which is a 27% decrease from

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	<p>2011-12 attendance numbers. An attendance breakdown by luncheon follows:</p> <p>September 2012: 30 October 2012: 23 November 2012: 24 December 2012: 21 January 2013: 20 February 2013: 32 March 2013: 34 April 2013: 35 May 2013: 28</p> <p>Various members of the Executive Committee carried out the monthly luncheon tasks of checking in members, distributing nametags, and making sure the lunch was served in a timely fashion. Debi Weyer introduced the speakers and after their presentations presented them with a small token of appreciation. To ensure all luncheon attendees received proper CPE credit, Adana Barry provided a CPE certificate to each attendee. In addition, Adana collected program evaluations, compiled the results, and shared them with the Executive Committee to use as a tool to make future decisions about topics, speakers and the location of the luncheons.</p>
<p>Member Incentives & Drawings</p>	<p>Membership Mixer attendee Michael Needham from the Texas Education Agency won a free AGA National Annual Membership and Eddie Chan from the Employees Retirement System won a free luncheon for inviting Michael to the November Membership mixer.</p> <p>May 2013 Luncheon attendees, Nicholas Cotton and Jeanne Yanga each won a free AGA Membership in the luncheon drawing.</p> <p>The purpose of the free membership and free luncheon raffles was to offset the cost of membership for a lucky AGA mixer participant and two lucky luncheon participants, while also encouraging others to join the Austin AGA Chapter. Likewise, the purpose of the free luncheon was to encourage current AGA members to help in the recruiting efforts of additional members.</p>
<p>Education, CGFM & Scholarships</p>	<p>In addition to the 10 CPE hours offered via the monthly luncheons, the Chapter was able to offer 6 more CPE hours by hosting three 2-hour audio conferences in conjunction with the luncheons. The audio conference topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Data Mining to Prioritize Investigations of Contract Fraud</i> (Bryan Jones, Director of Data Mining Group, Office of Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service; and Antonia de Medinaceli, Director of Business Analytics & Fraud Detection, Elder Research, Inc.), presented after the November 2012 luncheon; ➤ <i>Getting a Handle on Internal Controls</i> (William D. Miller, CGFM, CIA,

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	<p>County Auditor, Johnson County, Kansas and Member, AGA National Executive Committee), presented after the January 2013 luncheon;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Using Performance Information to Drive Performance Improvement</i> (Harold I. Steinberg, CGFM, CPA, Consultant; and Toni Trombecky, Performance Improvement Officer and Manager, Strategic Planning Division, Federal Aviation Administration), presented after the May 2013 luncheon. <p>Collectively, the luncheons and audio conferences provided attendees with an opportunity to earn up to 16 CPE hours.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>As of May 2012, the Austin Chapter had 102 members. As of May 2013, Chapter membership increased to 123 members, an approximate 20% increase from the previous year. During the year, 11 new members (no previous affiliation) joined the Chapter:</p> <p>Tynetta Ballinger, Department of Veteran Affairs Sharita Coyle, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services Charmaine Horton, Employees Retirement System of Texas Michael Needham, Texas Education Agency Janne Palmer, Texas State University in San Marcos Patricia Pratt, Texas Association of Counties Michael Poolos, Grant Thornton Lorna Schwimmer, Grant Thornton Heath Roberie, University of Texas at Austin Tennyle Walker, Grant Thornton Erin Williams, Employees Retirement System of Texas</p> <p>We recognize longtime members who have reached their 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 year milestone anniversary during the Chapter year because they continue to show their commitment and support for the AGA by renewing their membership each year. Some even volunteer to serve on committees or are on the Executive Committee. Members reaching a milestone in 2012-2013 include:</p> <p><u>5 YEARS:</u> Mr. Phillip R. Ashley, CPA, CGFM Ms. Jennifer D. Henry Ms. Zulay A. Sanchez, CGFM</p> <p><u>10 YEARS:</u> Ms. Tamera Lyn Atkins Ms. Michele T. Bauman Mrs. Sandra Vale Moore, CPA, CGFM Ms. Vickie M. Warfield</p>

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	<p><u>15 YEARS:</u> Ms. Henrietta Cameron-Mann Ms. Dianne H. Casey, CGFM-Retired Dr. Carlton R. Hakett, CGFM-Retired Ms. Lucila R. Trevino, CPA</p> <p><u>20 YEARS:</u> Mr. Monday N. Rufus, CGFM Ms. Helen S. Young</p> <p><u>30 YEARS:</u> Mr. Pete Rose, CGFM</p> <p>The Chapter also held our Annual Chapter Member Appreciation and Recruitment Mixer on November 7, 2013, organized by our Membership chair and co-chair, Kadie Weyer and Aaron Dvorak, respectively. The mixer, held at Central Market on North Lamar in Austin, was an opportunity for executive committee members and members to relax and be appreciated for all their hard work and involvement in AGA throughout the year, while also promoting AGA by having our members mingle with invited guests who were interested in joining the Chapter. Additionally, our Chapter was honored to host our AGA National President, Evelyn Brown at this year's event where she had an opportunity to meet and greet members and guests in a casual venue.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes and Treasury Reports</p>	<p>Secretary Autumn Bellfield captured key points made in the luncheon presentations, as well as the monthly Executive Committee meetings in the form of meeting minutes. Autumn sent the meeting minutes via email to the Executive Committee for review and approval prior to publication in the newsletter and posting on the Chapter’s website. To help Autumn in achieving her mission, the Chapter purchased two voice recorders, which were utilized to ensure all Executive Committee meeting notes were gathered while offering a more efficient preparation of meeting minutes.</p> <p>Executive Committee meeting minutes and the luncheon meeting minutes are in the process of being added to the Chapter website.</p> <p>Mari Queller expertly and diligently carried out her duties as Treasurer. To help her complete her task more efficiently, Mari utilized a Square Credit Card reader to process payments via her iPad or iPhone. The Chapter began the year with a cash balance of \$8,700.14 and ended the year with a balance of \$7,945.30. Mari was also instrumental in getting the Chapter's name officially changed to Association of Government Accountants- Austin and established our exempt filing status with the IRS. In addition, Mari updated the Chapter's Tax Exempt EIN with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Office (CPA)</p>

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	<p>to reflect our own and not National's EIN. Lastly, Mari set up an account for AGA Austin with the CPA Windows on State Government, Vendor Account Search webpage and queried our ACH deposits/warrants. As a result, the Chapter now has a nice report available to print regarding our transaction history, for which the Chapter Treasurer will have continuous access to and will be able to run from the CPA website at any time.</p> <p>Treasurer Reports can be found on the Chapter web site at: http://www.agaaustin.org/treasurer-report.html</p>
<p>Communications – Newsletter</p>	<p>Jeanne Yanga, Newsletter Editor, gave the Chapter newsletter lots of color and stylish flair with the use of background images, current Chapter photos, and by applying a variety of holiday graphics. This all contributed to the newsletter being much more enjoyable to read and received several compliments from Executive Committee members. The newsletter was submitted to the National Office for entry in the annual newsletter contest.</p> <p>Newsletters can be found on the Chapter web site at: http://www.agaaustin.org/newsletters.html</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>Webmaster Eddie Chan upgraded the Chapter's website, giving it a "new look" and he ensured the uploading of all the Chapter's publications and documents for the past two fiscal years, including newsletters, meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, historian reports. Eddie also implemented the online registration feature on the website, making it easier for members and guests to register for the Chapter luncheons and audio conferences as well as cancel registrations. This added benefit will also make it easier for the CPE Events Committee to keep an accurate count of participants and attendees, as well as send out certificates of completions throughout the year. Eddie is currently in the process of implementing the online survey and CPE certificate distribution to the website for even greater efficiency. Additionally Eddie, along with our Chapter Treasurer, Mari Quellar, renewed our Chapter's web domain in May.</p> <p>The Chapter website can be referenced at: http://www.agaaustin.org/index.html</p>
<p>Community Service and Awards</p>	<p>The Austin Chapter is excited to report that we exceeded the number of volunteer hours that are required for Community Service for the 2012-2013 year. We want to thank everyone who helped make this year a success!</p> <p>JUNE 2012–MAY 2013</p> <p>* This year, the Austin Chapter again participated in the Community Tax Centers program which provides free tax assistance for low income families and individuals in the Austin area. This program is targeted at</p>

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helping to lift people out of poverty and increase spending in the Austin economic market. Austin Chapter member **Bernard Ndoping-Angandje** was awarded the Bronze Level United States President’s Volunteer service award for contributing over **108 hours** to our local tax center.

- * Also in October, Chapter member **Lesli Cathey** and Mackinsey Cathey volunteered to help with the Play Bingo Ladies Luncheon event organized by the Centers for Child Protection Agency. The Center’s mission is to reduce the trauma for children during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.
- * In November, the Austin Chapter donated \$100 to the Capital Area Food Bank for the Thanksgiving food drive. The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger.
- * In December, the Austin Chapter adopted a family of 7 from the Centers for Child Protection and was able to ensure that the family had a great Christmas! Each child received clothes, shoes, toys, gift certificates, and their special requests including the kitchen and Barbie dollhouse. A total of \$150 in gift certificates was provided to the family to purchase food and other needed items. Also, a friend of an AGA member, Travis Mattingly, donated a brand new Wii U and games. Members **Lynda Baker** and **Debi Weyer** delivered the gifts to the Center for the family.
- * Also in December, Chapter members **Lynda Baker** and **Zulay Sanchez**, and AGA member’s friends, Sylvia Garcia and Rebecca Ehle, participated in the 6th annual *Dancing with the Stars Austin* which is sponsored by the Centers for Child Protection. The event pairs Austin celebrities with professional dancers for a ballroom dance performance to raise money for abused children in Austin. This year’s event raised \$800,000.
- * Finally in December, the Austin AGA Chapter joined in with the San Antonio AGA Chapter’s Challenge and participated in “Wreaths Across America.” This event was an effort to sponsor wreaths to be placed on military graves in over 240 veteran’s cemeteries across the country. The sponsor cost was \$15 a wreath, of which \$2 is donated to the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Our Chapter donated \$150 to this cause, sponsoring a total of 10 wreaths.
- * In February and March, the Austin AGA Chapter joined the Travis County Sheriff’s Department and The Texas Advocacy Project in the Sixth Annual Handbags for Hope Purse Drive by donating a total of 86 gently used and new purses to benefit victims of domestic violence. These purses were collected from AGA members and friends and Management Quality Assurance Services employees. The Texas Advocacy Project founded the Hope Campaign as a means to provide basic necessities many people leave behind when fleeing violence, while

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	<p>also informing victims about free legal services available to help them get safe. Lynda Baker was instrumental in collecting and distributing these handbags to the Texas Advocacy Project.</p> <p>* In February, 2013, The Austin Chapter donated \$250 to sponsor one hole during the Center for Child Protection's NFL Alumni Golf Tournament. The tournament is a fundraiser that raises awareness for the Center. The hole donation provides support for the tournament organizers and results in a prominently displayed AGA banner during the event that each participant and spectators see during tournament play.</p> <p><i>A Special Note:</i> Many of our members volunteer throughout the year on their own with various non-profits including Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, etc. A big thank you to all of those who give of their time and talents to help those who are less fortunate. However, a <i>Special Thank You</i> goes to Lynda Baker who dedicated her time, love, Passion and efforts to make it all happen. Thank You Lynda for all you have done this year. We are so lucky and privileged to have you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Members on the Move</p>	<p>President, Paul Morris was assigned as the Interim Assistant Commissioner of Child Care Licensing with the Department of Family & Protective Services.</p> <p>Membership Chair, Kadie Weyer recently accepted a position with Wolters Kluwer in Washington, D.C.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Awards and Elections</p>	<p>AGA Austin completed the year with the election of a new officer position: President-Elect, Tennyle Walker. She was elected at our April luncheon meeting. In addition to our newly elected officer position, we have some changes to our current Executive Committee and some members who have volunteered to work with some of our committees. Charmane Horton has agreed to be the CPE Events Committee Chair and Adana Barry will be helping out on the CPE Events Committee; and Lorna Schwimmer will fill the Research Chair position.</p> <p>The Austin Chapter also received a noteworthy accomplishment, a Certificate of Achievement in Member-Centric Reporting from AGA National's in January 2013 for the Fiscal Year ending 2012. The Chapter was commended on its AGA's Citizen-Centric Report produced for our members in several areas, including its visual appeal, well-written discussion points, audit information and for the Chapter's accomplishments, displaying how active our Chapter is.</p> <p>The Austin Chapter was awarded the National Community Service Award for Group C and the AGA Gold Level Chapter Recognition Award at the AGA PDC Conference in July 2013. Tennyle Walker, Austin Chapter President-</p>

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Elect accepted both awards on behalf of the Chapter.

Finally, the Chapter met our goal of member retention at 100%, in our efforts to help National with the AGA 500 Retention Campaign and reach their goal of retaining 500 members above and beyond what Chapters usually retain.