



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings AGA Austin Chapter members! Spring is in the air and May is just around the corner. In preparation for next year's AGA Austin Chapter efforts, we are recruiting volunteers for the 2013-2014 Austin Chapter Executive Committee. This is a great opportunity to lead, learn new skills, and contribute to the profession. We are currently recruiting for a Research Committee Chair. If you are interested please contact me at [\(512\) 963-1687](tel:5129631687) or pmorris1@austin.rr.com. We thank those who worked to improve AGA this year, and look forward to working with our new members and volunteers next year. Elections for the President-Elect position will be held during the April luncheon at Scholz Garten.

Our April CPE event is an outstanding follow-up to Tonda Hadley's March presentation. This month Ann Cleland and Dade Dowdle with Horne, LPP will discuss changes to the guidelines governing FEMA's Public Assistance program. The information will help decision makers and record-keepers to avoid common pitfalls noted in regulatory compliance reviews in Texas.

Speaking of continuing education, the AGA national professional development conference will be held in Dallas July 14-17. Details are available at www.agacgfm.org - I encourage you to check it out.

Paul Morris
President, AGA Austin Chapter

Upcoming Event

Equipping Local Jurisdictions for Disaster Recovery Program Compliance

Understand changes to guidelines governing FEMA's Public Assistance program between recent disasters affecting TX, and equip decision-makers and records-keepers with knowledge to avoid common pitfalls noted in regulatory compliance reviews in TX.

Date/Time: Thursday, April 11, 2013 - 11:30am-1:00pm
Location: Scholz Garten - 1607 San Jacinto Blvd Austin TX 78701
*** Park at the top of Garage "B"**
CPE Credit: 1 Hour
Registration: <http://www.agaaustin.org/aga-austin-reg.html>

(If you prefer a vegetarian dish, please let Adana know when registering)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING MINUTES



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Pictures of AGA Members at March Luncheon/Training

Minutes of the March 21, 2013

Call to order

Eddie Chan called to order the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2013.

Roll call

The following members were in attendance physically either at the ERS Conference Room – Longhorn Annex or via conference call: Sharita Coyle, , Adana Berry, , Autumn Bellfield, Mara Ash, Kristen Gonzales, Eddie Chan, Bernard Ndoping-Angandje, Mari Queller and Aaron Dvorak.

Old Business and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February 2013 Executive Committee minutes were distributed via e-mail on March 6, 2013. There was a motion to approve the minutes, and no objections, so

the minutes were approved.

Creds Inc. Presentation

- Mara Ash and Teresa Bowan presented Creds Inc., an online service where individuals can record and manage their CPE and training for multiple certifications and licenses.
- Teresa provided a demonstration of the website during the meeting.
- Creds Inc. is useful for individuals who want to track their CPE for one or more certifications, but also for employers and organizations who can view what kinds of training their employees or members are participating in and use that information to plan future training events.
- The cost for the AGA Austin Chapter to join Creds Inc. is \$399.00 per year.
- Mara will send out an e-mail so Executive Committee members can vote on whether our chapter should purchase a Creds Inc. membership.

Round Table and other Notes

- Please send Lynda Baker an e-mail listing all community service that has been completed since September 1, 2012 so that our chapter can earn points.
- All executive committee members should review the Chapter Planning spreadsheet for your position to make sure that our chapter is earning as many points as possible for 2012-2013.
- The luncheon minutes will be completed and e-mailed before March 25th.
- The membership committee will get together and see if participating in a Texas State event in 2013 is feasible.
- The idea of planning another mixer in lieu of the Texas State event was also mentioned as a suggestion.

For details of our meeting minutes, please visit our website at:

<http://www.agaaustin.org/ECMinutes.html>

UPCOMING EVENT

April 11, 2013 (Thursday) 11:30-1:00pm

Equipping Local Jurisdictions for Disaster Recovery Program Compliance

Speakers

Ann Cleland, Partner, HORNE, LLP.

- Partner based in HORNE's Austin, Texas office.
- Oversees all aspects of HORNE's Disaster Recovery practice in Texas.
- Served as a partner in HORNE's assurance group.
- Ann's practice in that capacity included service to a variety of clients in both external and internal audit capacities including governmental A-133 audits; and in industries as diverse as real estate, health care, not-for-profit, retail and manufacturing.

Dade Dowdle, Manager, HORNE, LLP.

- Manager based in HORNE's Houston, Texas office.
- Manages relationships with the Texas jurisdictions with which HORNE works,
- Tracks changes to federal and state regulations related to the Public Assistance program,
- And provides insight into the interpretation of and relationships between the various regulations governing the Public Assistance program.

Texas is no stranger to natural disasters. From hurricanes Allison, Gustav, Rita, and Ike, to tornadoes and wildfires, Texans have obtained a lot of experience in the disaster recovery process. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) work diligently to help local jurisdictions recover from and mitigate the future effects of those disasters. That help comes with requirements to comply with recovery program guidelines and maintain disaster recovery records demonstrating such compliance. Between disasters, however, those program guidelines and records retention requirements have changed in key respects, leaving local government officials on uncertain ground as to how to ensure preparedness for the next disaster.

HORNE, LLP conducts regulatory compliance reviews of disaster recovery records of Texas municipalities, counties, water bodies, and school districts related to FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program. HORNE works with over 160 jurisdictions across south and east Texas,

and has reviewed over \$340 million of those jurisdictions' disaster recovery expenditures. HORNE's knowledge of the local jurisdictions with whom they work and its thorough understanding of the PA program leaves them well positioned to speak to the concerns of the local governments tasked with ensuring compliance with all relevant guidelines.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



*Don't forget to
renew your
AGA
Membership.*

For more information regarding the renewal of your membership please contact

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ANNIVERSARIES

1 Year

- Mr. David Alexander Floyd
- Mr. Michael Moore, CGFM



If you have an anniversary approaching, please let us Know.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Handbags for Hope Project



As a result of the Sixth Annual Handbags for Hope Purse Drive, AGA Received 86 purses total from Management Quality Assurance Services employees, friends and AGA Members.

The Austin AGA Chapter joined Travis County Sheriff's Department and The Texas Advocacy in the Sixth Annual Handbags for Hope Purse Drive by donating old or new purses that will benefit victims of domestic violence. Texas Advocacy Project founded the Hope Campaign as a means to provide basic necessities many people leave behind when fleeing violence, while also informing victims about our free legal services available to help them get safe.

Tax Assistance

Almost the end of the tax Season!!!

This year the Center has had 10 area sites running in Austin, Round Rock, and Del Valle. The Center provides free tax assistance for the low income families and individuals in the Austin area. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity that is really helping to lift people out of poverty and increase spending in the Austin economic market. The website is www.communitytaxcenters.org.



If you volunteer, please turn in your hours to **Lynda Baker** at bright_sunny_disp@yahoo.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 03/31/2013

Beginning Bank Balance 01/31/13		\$7,349.98
Revenue:		
	Credit Cards - Square Luncheon 03/14/13	\$291.44
	Luncheon 03/14/13	\$230.00
	Deposits for March 2013	\$290.00
		\$0.27
	Dividend through February 28, 2013	
Total Revenue		\$811.71
Funds Available		\$8,161.69
Expenditures:		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No./Credit Card.</i>	
03/14/13	CC Luncheon 03/14/2013	\$644.05
Total Expenditures		\$644.05
Ending Bank Balance 03/14/13		\$7,517.64
Check Register Reconciliation:		
Ending Bank Balance 03/14/13		\$7,517.64
Outstanding Checks:		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits:		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	
Total Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00
Adjusted Ending Bank Balance @ 03/14/13		\$7,517.64
Total Chapter Cash Available Per Check Register @ 03/14/13		\$7,517.64
Cash On Hand:		
	CU Min Savings Balance	\$5.00
	Luncheon Bank	\$40.00