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### Message from the President

#### On our Calendar... Audio Conferences

**Aug. 11**  
"Using Performance Measures to Improve Service Delivery"

**Sept. 29**  
"Improving Program Performance & Accountability Through Cooperative Audit Resolution"

**Oct. 20**  
"Achieving Transparency – The Next Step to Integrating Your Data"

**Nov. 10**  
"Fraud"

**Dec. 8**  
"Internal Control and Risk Assessment—Thoughts from SAS 109 and 115"

*"Stay Tuned for the audio Conferences our chapter will be hosting..."*

Together we have accomplished a great deal. The CEC decided this past Fall to focus on membership and quality continuing professional education opportunities. New members have joined as a result of the continuing professional education that was offered this year. Each offering took a great effort from many of the Executive Committee. I want to thank each committee member who assisted making professional education events possible for our membership. The combined meeting of the three West Virginia Chapters in September 2009 was a huge success. The speakers and the AGA National Officers spoke to continuing personal growth and challenging ourselves to greater heights. One cannot occur without the other. The same is to be considered for our Charleston Chapter. The continued growth in our membership only drives our Chapter to the next level. Membership involvement is also critical to that growth. New members have volunteered for Executive Committee positions. New ideas and continued commitment drive the Charleston Chapter to greater challenges. I know those challenges will be met with innovation. A challenge, most usually, has the potential of becoming an opportunity for growth. Positive outlook and continued involvement will help meet new opportunities successfully.

The Association of Government Accountants is dedicated to announcing and celebrating great careers in government. Membership in the AGA is another tool to enable an individual in the governmental accounting or finance related fields to stay abreast of new or current topics. Membership is also a terrific way to meet people, like you, who are dedicated to excellence.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president during this past year. When I retired from state government last July, I fully intended to resign from the AGA Executive Committee also. But, as several pointed out to me - that would have left an unfair burden on the rest of the committee. I stayed and am so very glad I did. The past year allowed me to continue endearing friendships and gave me the opportunity to get to know many of you better. Many times, it is only when we step out of the established routine and become involved in others dreams that our lives broaden through their knowledge and joy.

The Charleston Chapter is financially stable because of the education offerings during this past 10 months and due to the Certified Government Finance Manager training offered in April 2010. This is a perfect place for me to thank State Auditor, Glen Gainer for the continued support in our second year. It is another ideal occasion for me to thank all the CEC for working together to provide quality events and for their dedication to the Chapter. I believe the CEC of 2010 has enabled the continuation of a remarkable organization. I invite you to take advantage of it!

Hope to see you next year,

*Ramona*



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## Community Service



The Charleston Chapter was pleased to participate in the Susan G. Komen race for the cure in Charleston May 1, 2010. We are looking forward to participating again 2011. Pictured above left to right are members Jane Shinn, Roger Townsend, (future AGA member Jenna Perkins) and Jeff Perkins. Watch future announcements for upcoming community service events. Thanks to all those who participated.

## Member Spotlight

Patty Johns is our Charleston Chapter Member of the Quarter. Patty has been a member of the AGA for one year and is the Chair of the Membership Committee. Patty also helped to organize the AGA Charleston Chapter Golf Scramble in May. She has been Accountant/Auditor III with the Department of Administration, Division of Finance for six years. Her job duties include preparing financial reports, annual appropriation requests, expenditure schedules, budgetary amendments, and year-end closing for the General Services Division. Patty has previously worked for Columbia Gas

Transmission and Kanawha County Parks and Recreation.

Patty currently lives in Charleston with her husband, Bob. She has three children, Joe, Nicole, and Amanda. Patty grew up in Indiana Pennsylvania, where she attended Indiana Area High School. She also attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she earned a B.S. in Business Education and an MBA. Patty has lived in Lexington, Kentucky and Amarillo, Texas.

Patty's birthday is July 1. She enjoys being involved with her children's school



activities, reading, and traveling.

Patty hopes to gain networking opportunities by being a member of the AGA Charleston Chapter.



Memorial

Pictured above is the Robert C. Byrd Charleston Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse.

Thank you to Senator Robert C. Byrd (92) for the 57 years of public service to West Virginia and the United States of America. You will be missed.