

2010-2011 Goals and Objectives
Northeastern Region
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Advancing Government Accountability

Encourage chapters to provide members with professional education and networking opportunities at all levels of government. AGA has an unprecedented opportunity to assist members in identifying resources needed for those who will be implementing and tracking the American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA).

Encourage chapters to continue outreach programs for AGA's Citizen-Centric reporting model. Existing financial reports and budgets are too lengthy and complex for the average citizen. Governments at all levels can better communicate to their constituencies how their money is being used in a four page, easy to read document.

Encourage chapters to promote government careers by visiting local colleges and universities. College students should understand there are alternatives to public accounting careers, not only through government service, but also through the private sector. Chapters should not be discouraged if their efforts do not produce immediate results.

Encourage chapters to reach out to levels of government not dominated by their membership.

Work with those chapters that do not have awards programs to do so.

CGFM

Help chapters to set goals for new CGFM's.

Encourage chapters to institute programs to assist members seeking the CGFM such as library programs, scholarships, study groups, and instructor-led courses.

Encourage chapters to contact accounting professors in their area to make them aware of the CGFM. Note that the certification is required for contractors wanting to do business with many federal agencies.

Publicize CGFM successes in the region through the national office.

Work with chapters to obtain proclamations declaring March as CGFM month in their states or local municipality.

Education and Research

Encourage chapters to provide a low cost, quality continuing education program both on their own and by partnering with other chapters and other professional organizations.

Promote the AGA National audio conferences.

Encourage chapters to share newsletter articles on emerging issues and to link their websites with others in the region.

Membership Services

Encourage chapters to hold events designed to attract early career membership.

Provide networking opportunities to retired members who may be trying to start their own business or just socialize with former colleagues.

Help chapters with retaining current members by finding out why members are not renewing. Review GAR reports with chapter presidents.

Other

Develop leadership in the Puerto Rico chapter by working with various government and private entities to get them involved. Organize and participate in two Chapter Executive Committee Meetings. Have the chapter participate in at least one audio conference.

Determine if a potential chapter in Rome, New York is viable.

Enhance the regional website to include more useful information for membership which will support the other goals and objectives.

Contact each chapter president at least every other month and hold three conference calls involving chapter presidents and regional coordinators.