

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to FY 2011! I hope you are all enjoying the summer. We are very lucky to have four vibrant chapters in our region that are in relatively close proximity to each other. The New York Capital, New York City, Northern New Jersey and Trenton Chapters have forged strong relationships over the years which have helped each chapter succeed. I hope we can use this strength to further improve all of our chapters, including helping to nurture and grow the Puerto Rico Chapter and establishing a new chapter in Rome, New York.

We have a very ambitious regional agenda this year which includes the following goals:

- Updating and improving the information on the regional & chapter websites.
- Improving chapter communications.
- Increasing the number of CGFMs in the region.
- Increasing the number of CPE credits offered in the region.
- Increasing the number of members in the region.
- Revitalizing the Puerto Rico Chapter.
- Launching a new chapter in Rome New York.

I know with your help, we can achieve these goals!

I would like to thank Dave Kashak for the outstanding job he did last year as Regional Vice President. The region received the Platinum award last year thanks to Dave's leadership and the efforts of the regional team and our membership. Membership and service is critical to the success of AGA. Thank you to all of you that have served at the chapter or regional level through the years! Without you, our organization would not be what it is today.

For those of you interested in volunteering at the chapter or regional level, please don't hesitate to contact me or your local chapter President. We have many opportunities which don't require a lot of time, but help the organization immensely.

Thank you all and I'm looking forward to another successful year!

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