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Attached is the submission of the Philadelphia Chapter's History Report for the 2009-2010 Activity Year.

Sincerely,
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Chapter President

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER HISTORY REPORT
May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010

I. Chapter Officers and Committee Directors

A. Officers

President	Teri Lewis	US Department of Education
Vice President	Jennifer Varvel	US Department of Labor
Second VP	Arthur Ruggia	Defense Contract Audit Agency
Treasurer	Rosemarie Maribello	Treasury (Ret)
Secretary	Janet Cucunato	US Department of Labor

B. Committee Directors

Bylaws & Procedures	Jeffrey Nekrasz	US Department of Education
Communications	Bob Peterson	Defense Contract Audit Agency
Public Service	Lisa Ferraro	US Health & Human Services
Research	Paul Sager	City of Philadelphia
Education	Paul Teti	US Health & Human Services
	Vincent Gallo	US Environmental Protection Agency
Membership	Cara Lindsey	City of Philadelphia
Professional Certification	Paul Teti	US Health & Human Services
Newsletter Editor	Robert Coyle	US Department of Labor
Awards	David Berman	IRS (Ret)
Recognition	Daria Arnold	US Environmental Protection Agency
Historian	Charles Hoeger	Department of Defense (Ret)

II. Chapter Meetings and Educational Events

The Philadelphia Chapter continues to maintain a vigorous educational program for members during the year. Chapter luncheon meetings were held monthly, typically on the third Wednesday of the month of September through November and from January through April at Maggiano's Restaurant, located at 12th and Filbert Streets in Philadelphia. The Chapter subsidized part of the luncheon costs. No regular meetings were held during December and May when major educational events were scheduled. Chapter Officers met before each luncheon meeting and necessary business was discussed and decided. Invited speakers presented topics of interest and one hour of continuing professional education (CPE) was offered at the luncheon meetings. Sponsored audio conferences throughout the year and the annual tax seminar were held in downtown Philadelphia. The audio conferences and the tax seminar were free to AGA members. The Chapter is an authorized provider of CPE by the State Boards of Accountancy for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

In May, our program year began with an all day Professional Development Conference offering 16 workshops. The PDC was held at the Renaissance Hotel near the Philadelphia Airport. In December, the Chapter held an all-day income tax seminar primarily addressing federal tax issues. During the year the Chapter also hosted audio conferences on various topics, co-sponsored by the national organization. During the program year, 31 hours of continuing professional education credits were available to members. Chapter recognition points, a measure of educational and other activities, totaled 15,965 for the year. The Philadelphia Chapter won AGA's Silver Level Chapter recognition award for these accomplishments.

Meetings

September 16, 2009

Speaker: Bernard Tadley Regional Inspector General for Audit, Department of Education

Topic: DOE Audits Involving Programs Funded by The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

October 21, 2009

Speaker: Jeff Cohen, Defense Contract Audit Agency

Topic: Auditors Need Public Speaking and Communication Skills

November 18, 2009

Speaker: Curtis Douglas, Esq, Chief, Integrity and Accountability Office, City of Philadelphia.

Topic: Methods to Maintain Integrity and Accountability in City Government

January 20, 2010

Speaker: Joseph D'Orsaneo, US Army Criminal Investigative Command

Topic: Fraud Indicators Encountered During Audits of Contracts

February 17, 2010

Speaker: Richard Furlong, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service

Topic: What's New in the 2009 Tax Law Changes

March 17, 2010

Speaker: Vincent Gallo, Financial Analyst, US Environmental Protection Agency

Topic: New Auditing Standards

April 21, 2010

Speaker: Mary Ugone, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, Department of Defense

Topic: Predictive Analytics in Managing Audit Operations

Educational Events

51st Annual Professional Development Conference

May 8, 2009, Attendance 214, 8 CPE hours offered. Attendees had a choice of 16 two-hour workshops offering topics in Accounting and Auditing (16 hours), Taxation (8 hours), Professional Development (8 hours)

PDC Workshops

- International Financial Reporting Standards
 - Speaker: Karl Dahlberg, CFE, CISA, CPA, Professor Rutgers University
- Assurances on Pricing and Certification Under GSA Standards
 - Speaker: Frank Pfeiffer, MBA, CPA
- The Auditor's Role in Federal Prosecutions
 - Speakers: Albert Glenn, Assistant US Attorney and Dennis Zawacki, Auditor, Eastern District of PA US Attorney's Office
- Claims, Terminations and Litigation Support
 - Speakers: Edward Zaremski, MBA, CPA and Frank Pfeiffer, MBA, CPA
- Fair Value Accounting under GAAP and Valuation Fraud
 - Speaker: Brian Carroll, Senior Special Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission
- Overview of US Wealth Transfer Taxes
 - Speaker: Charles Aulino, Vice President and Director of Financial Planning, The Glenmeade Trust Company
- Economic Conditions in the US-Recession/Depression(?)
 - Speaker: Joseph Shattuck, CPA
- Information Security is Not Just a Paperwork Exercise
 - Speaker: Tracy Katz, Supervisory Auditor, Inspector General US Department of Labor
- IRS Collection Procedures
 - Speaker: Alfio Brindisi, CPA, Brindisi Tax Academy
- Auditing for Fraud – Lessons from a Weekend at Bernie's (Madoff)
 - Speaker: Richard Woodford, JD, CFE, Regent Emeritus, Association of Fraud Examiners
- Advanced Internet Research Techniques
 - Speaker: Nicole Bocra, Private Investigator, Infinity Investigative Solutions
- Personality Disorders and How They Affect Organizations
 - Speaker: Dr. John Malarky, III, Professor Wilmington University
- IRS Emerging Issues for 2009

- Speaker: Stephen Connor, Stakeholder Liaison IRS Small Business/Self-Employed Division
- Monetary and Fiscal Policy and the Economic Outlook
 - Speaker: Herbert Taylor, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
- Disclosure and Penalties for Tax Preparers
 - Speaker: Alfio Brindisi, CPA, Brindisi Tax Academy
- When the Use of Public Funds Goes Awry
 - Speakers: Paul Spear, CFE, Investigator-in-Charge and Gerald Moran, CFE, Special Investigator, Pennsylvania Auditor General

Chapter Tax Seminar, December 4, 2009

Attendance 78, 8 CPE hours

Speakers: William Mealy, Stephen Connor and Richard Furlong, Stakeholder Liaison, Small Business/Self-Employment Division, Internal Revenue Service
 Topic: Business Tax Law Update, E-Commerce, Emerging Issue and IRS Tax Return Preparation Study

Speaker: Joan Trump, CPA
 Topic: Tax Update from a Practitioners Point of View

Audio Conferences

The Philadelphia Chapter participated in four audio conferences presented by the AGA National Office. Each conference offered two hours of continuing professional education credits.

- October 7, 2009 – Internal Control for Auditors and Management, Making Government Organization Effective
- January 13, 2010 – Impact of the Stimulus Plan on Internal Controls
- March 3, 2010 – The War Against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning?
- April 7, 2010 – Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors.

Other Activities

The Chapter held 50/50 drawings at our monthly meetings during the year and at our tax seminar. Proceeds were contributed to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots program and to Aid for Friends. This organization serves isolated shut-ins in the five county greater Philadelphia area, with free home-cooked meals, delivered by volunteer visitors. A contribution was also made to Covenant House New York, a facility for homeless teenagers, in memory of Hugh Monaghan, Chapter Past-President and past Regional Vice President, AGA.

Each year, at the Professional Development Conference, a \$1500 scholarship is awarded to a student nominated by a chapter member. Applicants are required to maintain a high grade average, participate in community service activities and prepare an essay on the benefits of a public service career. This year's recipient was Christina Johnson, for attendance at Salem-Winston College.

We also presented the following Chapter Awards:

- Past President Award to Harry Snyder
- The Outstanding Member Award to Jeffrey Nekrasz, in recognition of his work coordinating the audio-conferences and other educational events for the Chapter.
- The Meritorious Service Award to Rosemarie Maribello for her long-time support and dedication to our Chapter
- Certificates of Recognition were given to Cynthia Fusco, Dave Behman, Dave Toner, Maria Schwartz and Arthur Ruggia, for attending the most Chapter educational events.