

## **President's Message**

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is a great honor and privilege to serve you as President of the AGA-Philadelphia Chapter for the 2011-2012 term. My goals for the upcoming year are simple; continue improving upon the work of my predecessors and maximize members' involvement in the chapter.

During the upcoming year I look forward to working with the board members and committee chairpersons as I have for the past 2 years. Without their help our chapter would not have been able to have another successful year like it did. We earned a "Platinum" rating the past year. This means we are in the top category of AGA chapters nationally. I look forward for their continued support in making this year a successful one as well.

I especially look forward to hearing from all of you. As members of the AGA-Philadelphia Chapter, you are the most important asset of this organization. It is your organization; one that you continually shape. Whether you are a new or longtime member, I encourage all of you to take ownership of this association. Your active participation, ideas and input matter to us. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or chair/co-chair a committee, we want to hear from you. We currently have an opening for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. If you like more information on this and other positions or are interested in helping in any other way, please contact me or any board member.

If you have ideas to improve or topics you would like to hear at our events (i.e., monthly meetings, Tax Seminar and/or Professional Development Conference) or may want to present a topic yourself or have a presenter in mind, please let us know. We want to ensure that all our events meet your needs. One of the many benefits AGA makes available to you is access to a network of professionals. I invite all of you to meet them, network and exchange ideas. Through your active participation you can contribute as well as benefit from the AGA. We look forward to your feedback and remember, it is your association, so embrace it. Make it what you want it to be. I also urge you to promote this chapter and our events to others so we can expand our membership, infuse new blood, and cultivate future leaders.

Sincerely,

Arthur Ruggia  
Philadelphia Chapter President