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Hawai'i Kukala

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Association of Government Accountants
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President's Message - Happy Anniversary AGA!



Aloha, everyone,

My name is Wei Lum, a CPA in private practice. It is my privilege to serve you as the chapter president for the 2006 - 2007 program year.

AGA Hawaii Chapter will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in 2007. We are proud to be part of the great organization committed to improve government accountability. In its 30 years, the chapter has accomplished many goals that have made it one of the best in the AGA organization. As the chapter enters its 30th year, we would like to carry on its tradition. We will continue serving the membership and enhancing AGA's core value of accountability, integrity, and leadership. So the chapter will continue growing into its 40s, 50s and beyond...

There are three major goals and two additional goals designed for this year:

- Reach out to our membership and encourage their participation in the chapter's various activities and functions;
- Expand our membership to government accountability professionals, private sector professionals, and tomorrow's professionals – the student group;
- Improve the communications to our membership and within the chapter's leadership group;
- Promote education and the awareness, knowledge and value of the CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) program;
- Develop a citizen's report to provide citizens with government statistic data as an initiative to moving towards citizen-centered government.

I hope you will join me in achieving these goals this year.

As one of my initiatives, to reach out to our membership and encourage your participation in the chapter's activities and functions, we sent out a membership survey in mid August. Thank you to those of you who took time to tell us what you think about the chapter and how we can better serve you. However, due to the initial deadline, which was probably too short, many of you did not respond. We are sending the survey out again in the hopes that more of you will take the time to respond. Your feedback is very important to us in planning for the future and in continuing the commitment that AGA has to you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for your outstanding dedication to the profession.



CHAPTER EVENTS

On 26 June 2006, the chapter held its Annual Banquet at the Hale Koa Hotel.

As the Hale Koa served up their always delicious selection of heavy pupus, members from a wide array of public and private organizations networked and reflected on the year.

Arnold Kishi, the outgoing chapter President, made his final remarks in the position before passing over the “gavel” to **Wei Lum**, our new President. Wei gave an energetic, positive speech on her visions for AGA’s future, including continued emphasis on our thriving educational programs and close interaction with other countries, such as China.

Prizes were raffled off to membership throughout the evening, and **Carol Lee** won the grand prize two-night stay at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Towards the end of the evening, fond “Alohas” were bid to both our outgoing and incoming officers and directors.

The officers of 2005-2006 were recognized and we look forward to another great year under their leadership!

Congratulations to our chapter award winners for their contributions to chapter operations and endeavors throughout the program year:

- **Dorina Badget**
- **John Dale**
- **Shayna Dorris**
- **Clarence Kuwahara**
- **Beth Layao**
- **Warren Lum**
- **Wei Lum**
- **Clayton Motosue**
- **Mabel Yeung**
- **Stan Yeung**



UPCOMING EVENTS

September Program



On Thursday, September 28, 2006 at the Hale Koa Hotel, Laulima Room, Dr. Jack P. Suyderhoud, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Council of Revenues and Professor of Economics at the University of Hawaii, will speak on “The Economics of Living in Hawaii: Why it costs so much and what can we do about rising gasoline and home prices.”

The state constitution requires government to operate on a balanced budget. The State Council of Revenues issues its estimated projections on state tax collections based on several factors, such as rate of inflation. The governor considers those estimates when preparing the state budget, recommending appropriations, and controlling expenditures; the legislature considers those estimates when appropriating funds and enacting revenue measures.

Dr. Suyderhoud is serving his second term on the Hawaii State Council on Revenues, has been a consultant for numerous Hawaii businesses and labor organizations, and has won several teaching and service awards.

Cost: \$10/member and \$15/non-member

CPE credit hour: One

11:30 a.m. – Registration and Networking

Noon – 1:30 p.m. – Program

Validated parking (\$3) available at either the Hale Koa Hotel parking garage or the Saratoga lot.

Reserve by September 25, 2006



Save the Date

The Government Technology Conference will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village November 13-14. More details will be available at a later date.

Guam Pacific Emerging Issues Conference (PEIC)

By Clarence Kuwahara

Advancing Government Accountability!!! Let's get excited!!!

In short, the foregoing summarizes the week of August 21 to 25 anchored by the Guam PEIC held from August 22 to 25 at the Guam Marriott Hotel and which began with the special Guam Regional Chapter Officers Workshop (RCOW) on August 21. AGA National President Jeff Hart got the conference off to a great start with his keynote address, encouraging everyone to get excited in helping AGA in advancing government accountability.

Over 130 professionals attended the conference from various Pacific insular governments and included many top government officials, such as public auditors and CFOs. Many compliments were received from participants and speakers alike. Some visiting speakers from the mainland USA were impressed enough to indicate that virtually all AGA chapters would have been happy to host a conference of this quality.

The program consisted of three tracks (1) Investigative, (2) Accountability and (3) Management. In addition to AGA National President **Jeff Hart**, speakers included nationally recognized speakers, such as **Bill Broadus** (W. A. Broadus, Jr., CPA, PC) and **Jim Curry** (Deloitte & Touche), plus regional officials, such as Guam Governor **Felix Camacho**, Public Auditors **Mike Sablan** (Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands) and **Doris Brooks** (Territory of Guam) and Guam Attorney General **Doug Moylan**.

There really are not enough superlatives to describe the week, not only from the AGA perspective, but from an overall professional and regional perspective as well. Congratulations to conference co-chairs were **Chris Wolseley** (Deloitte & Touche), **Randy Wiegand** (Guam Power/Water Authority) and **Francis Quinto** (University of Guam) and to everyone involved in making the conference such an outstanding success.



Another Outstanding Seminar by Bill Broadus

By Clarence Kuwahara

Hawaii's good friend, Bill Broadus, presented another outstanding seminar on August 25. The presentation at the Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel was on "Major Revisions to Governmental Auditing Standards – New 2006 Yellow Book and More".

A preliminary review of the evaluations indicates that the seminar was very well received by the 103 participants, which included many government officials and CPAs. Japan chapter president **Mike Martin** was a surprise registrant.

The objectives of the seminar were to:

- Explain GAO's efforts to modernize and transform the accountability profession.
- Highlight key proposed revisions in the 2006 Yellow Book Exposure Draft.
- Discuss the reasons for the changes and what these changes will mean for government auditors.
- Review current milestones and timing for the 2006 Yellow Book, which will be effective for audits beginning on or after July 1, 2007.

Bill also discussed the relationship between the Yellow Book standards with other professional standards issued by the Auditing Standards Board of AICPA, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and GASB.

Congratulations and mahalo to everyone who helped to make this seminar a success. Education Co-Chair **Spencer Lum** (Office of State Auditor) coordinated the overall seminar; **Clayton Motosue** (State Department of Accounting and General Services, Audit Division) handled publicity and on-site logistics; **Mabel Yeung** (Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services) handled hotel and catering arrangements; **Kyle Sakamoto** (City and County of Honolulu, Internal Review Division) handled audio visual presentation matters; and **Shayna Dorris** (Amy Audit Agency) produced the CDs for the seminar. The Graduate School, USDA (**Karen Moore and Joanne Taira**) handled the registrations.

Membership Corner

By Warren Lum



Jann Michishima of James Michishima CPA exchanged wedding vows with Jeffrey Green recently. Rumor has it that at their wedding reception, Jann performed a special dance showing off her lovely hula hands dedicated to her new husband.



A big welcome home to **Kay Miyamoto** (formerly **Park**), of the U.S. Army Audit Agency, who returned from a two year temporary duty station to the Europe Field Office. Kay has been an active member in our chapter prior to her overseas assignment, serving as Student Activities and Program chair and also on the Newsletter committee. Kay just gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Sarah Sang Hyong. Congratulations to Kay and her husband, Bryce.

Shayna Dorris, also of the U.S. Army Audit Agency, is the proud mom of a bouncy baby girl by the name of Ianthe Ginger Rockingham. Congratulations to the energetic Shayna. It was great to see her and Ianthe at our Annual Banquet.

Linda Siu of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General also recently gave birth to another healthy baby boy and future accountant named Kyle.

Julie Thomas-Chun, Immediate Past Chapter President, accepted a position as Internal Consultant with her firm, Booz Allen Hamilton, in the McLean, Virginia headquarters office. Julie will be part of the Global Operations Team, where she will be performing internal consulting work which supports the firm's worldwide regional offices. We would like to thank Julie for her outstanding leadership in serving as President of our chapter from 2003 through 2005. The highlight of her term as chapter president was the adoption of revised chapter bylaws, which was passed unanimously by the chapter membership in June 2004. Julie feels that the adoption of the chapter bylaws focused more attention on chapter leadership and governance issues to better serve our membership as we move forward into the future. Julie also served on the Chapter's Nominating committee and took an active interest in the CGFM study work group program. She will especially miss networking with our chapter members but will continue to keep active with AGA since she will be transferring her membership to the Northern Virginia chapter. We wish Julie the best in her new position and the fondest of aloha.

Congratulations also to Chapter Director **LeNora Wee** who accepted the Administrative Service Officer position with the State of Hawaii's Department of Budget and Finance. LeNora had previously served the past 14 years with the Department of Human Resources Development office.

New Members

Aurella Cardenas – Defense Finance & Accounting Svc

Lisa Dau – State of Hawaii, Dept. of Transportation

Suzanne Eghan – State of Hawaii, Dept. of Taxation

Jayna Muraki – State Auditor's Office

Donn Nakamura – PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC

Richard Terwilliger – Fore 'N Aft Publishing Company

Aloha and welcome to **Denise Mason**, who has transferred her AGA membership from the Philadelphia Chapter. Denise is currently employed at Naval Facilities Engineering Command – Pacific Division as a Budget Program Officer.

AGA's Mission Statement

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Chapter Officers				
<u>President</u> Wei Hu Lum Accountancy + LLC	<u>President-elect</u> Richard Ching Defense Finance & Accounting Service – Pacific	<u>Immediate Past President</u> Arnold Kishi Dept. of Accounting and General Svcs, Information and Communication Svcs Division	<u>Treasurer</u> John N. Dale, Jr Defense Finance & Accounting Service	<u>Secretary</u> Dorina Budget Navy Public Works Center
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Random Quotation of the Month				

"The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax." -*Albert Einstein*