



INLAND EMPIRE OF CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Chapter History Report July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

The 2007/08 program year had excellent results by providing over 955 hours of continuing education credits through a well-organized and diverse education plan that provided various topics related to our professionals, also provided \$857 to community service projects, awarded **two** \$500 educational scholarships to two undergraduate students and recruited 34 new members.

Administration

The Chapter was maintained by a full Board, which consisted of 14 Board Members and Chairpersons. Linda Kjeldgaard, the current Chapter President, was appointed Regional Vice President Elect for the California Region for 2007/2008. David Bobbitt was appointed as Membership Chairperson for the California Region for 2007/08 to 2010/11. Six board members attended the second Sectional Leadership Meeting in Reno, NV in May.

Chapter Executive Committee Members for the 2007/08 year were:

PRESIDENT	Linda Kjeldgaard
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Teresa Velarde
SECRETARY	Rhonda Neil
TREASURER	Jessica Hurst
PAST PRESIDENT	Linda Kjeldgaard
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Raul Fierros
NEWSLETTER CHAIR	Sue Maxinoski
HOSPITALITY CHAIR	Linda Kjeldgaard
EDUCATION CHAIR	Teresa Velarde
CGFM COORDINATOR	Donna Estes
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	David Bobbitt
SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS CHAIR	Suzanne Lopez
MEMBER NEWS	Rose Ann Trujillo
EMPLOYMENT CHAIR	Steven Dey
HISTORIAN	Nancy Clarke
WEBMASTER	Chau Chung
AUDITOR	Maury Sharifi

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Community Service

The Chapter provided for a full year of Community Service projects. The first event the Chapter held was food drive in October for the San Bernardino County Food Bank. In December the Chapter collected children's books to donate for the Moreno Valley Friends of the Library. From February to mid-April the chapter participated in the VITA program which assists elderly and low income taxpayers prepare their tax returns, we had 4 members volunteer to work with the VITA program at California State University of San Bernardino this year which helps prepare taxes for those who could otherwise not afford it. At each lunch meeting a 50/50 drawing was held and \$324 in proceeds was donated to various charities: including Salvation Army \$106, Red Cross \$103 and the San Bernardino Children's Fund \$115. Throughout the year the chapter supported blood donations to the Blood Bank of San Bernardino. Annually, the Chapter allocates a certain amount for charitable contribution. This year's recipient was the Red Cross who received a \$1,200 donation on behalf of AGA, which included \$600 donation from our chapter: AGA-IE, in addition to an additional \$600 match from National AGA, through a match program advertised during the SLM and on the website. A representative from the Red Cross will be at our September luncheon to provide a 5 minute presentation on the Red Cross and receive the two checks.

On a special note, Raul Fierros, Community Service Chairperson, spent three days in New Orleans volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their homes. Raul helped a team of nine AGA members (including AGA National President Jeff Hart) in the recovery effort. Raul made a video of the team's efforts during their time in New Orleans and the video was shown at the PDC in Nashville in 2007 and also during one of our luncheon meetings in San Bernardino.

Education

The Chapter was able to provide a total of over 955 CPE hours (35 per person plus the PDC) through regular meetings, seminars and audio conferences. One full day

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seminar was offered. The seminar was held in February on Contract/Procurement Administration. The chapter also offered two audio conferences during the year.

We also had 1 members from the Inland Empire Chapter attend the 2008 Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA where 24 hours of continuing professional education was available.

Month	Attendance	Luncheon Meetings		CPE Hours	Total Hours
		Speaker	Topic		
September	62	Don Driftmier	Update from the Board of Accountancy	1	62
October	61	Mark Dauberman	Fraud	1	61
November	66	Wilson Lea	Pension Investments & Financial Markets	1	66
December	84	Robert Byrd	Popular Annual Financial Reports	1	84
January	86	Javier Carrillo	Tax Updates	1	86
February	77	Kathleen Baxter	Contracts & Procurement	1	77
March	72	Rod LeMond	SAS 112 & 114	1	72
April	74	Anne Houlihan	Leadership/Goal Setting	1	74
May	81	Evie Barry	Accountability Reporting	1	81
	663				663
Seminars					
February	34	Charles Hester	Contract/Procurement Administration	7	238
	34				238
Audio Seminars					
November	15		Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency	2	30
February	?		Using Internal Controls to Improve Operations	2	unknown
	15				30
July	1		PDC	24	24
	1				24
Total	713			Total CPE hours provided	955

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Membership

Our chapter recruited 33 new members and lost 34 members mostly due to retirements and members moving from the area. We had a net loss of 5 members (four members transferred out to other chapters) from the prior year total of 205 to 200 members. Listed are the actual and goals set by National for the year.

	Actual	Goal
Current members	200	215
New Members	33	20
Suspended members	34	20

Communications

The Chapter had a webmaster this year, which is the fifth year in a row that a website has been available (www.aga-ie.org). Available on the website are membership and CGFM application forms, bylaws, history reports, CGFM information, notices of meetings and seminars, seminar presentations and materials following the event, newsletters, contact information and employment web links. Our chapter has been fortunate enough to not have experienced any “down” time with the website.

We also have a great newsletter that goes out each month to all our members. The newsletter has the components of the website with the exception of the inclusion of the Presidents Message. The newsletter also included interesting articles that National AGA placed on their website and other articles written and contributed by our membership. The newsletter is sent to all members and non-members if requested, free of charge if sent electronically. We send out approximately 40 newsletters through the US Postal system. We are extremely grateful to those “behind-the-scene” members who take hours out of their free time to put together the communication “engine” of our chapter.

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Honors and Awards

During the 2007-2008 Professional Development Conference, Linda Kjeldgaard, Chapter President, received the Silver Level Chapter Recognition Award for Inland Empire of CA Chapter.

At the Chapter level we gave a “Member of the Month” award given at each meeting. These awards are accompanied by a biography written and printed in the newsletter as well as a certificate.

Elected Board Members and Chapter Executive Committee for 2008/2009:

The Elected Board and appointed CEC for 2008/09 is as follows:

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