

Northern Utah Chapter  
Association of Government Accountants  
Historical Summary of Fiscal Year 2008

May 2007 through April 2008

The 2007 PDC was held April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 at the Park City Canyons Resort. There were 192 registered for the conference and several excellent speakers including the following:

The featured speaker was Chad Hymas who was very entertaining, motivational and inspiring. The Wall Street Journal calls Chad Hymas one of the 10 most inspirational people in the world! Our keynote speaker for Monday was Lealan Miller, Senior Vice President of Regional Services with the Association of Government Accountants. He is a partner with Eide Bailley in Boise, Idaho. The keynote speaker on Tuesday was Jeff Thredgold, President of Thredgold Economic Associates, who gave us an economic update and forecast for Utah. Other speakers included Olivia R. Liu Sheng from the University of Utah, Tommy Stephens from K2 Enterprises, FBI Special Agent Cheney Eng-Tow, Joseph L. Leauanae from Anthem Forensics, Steve Starks, managing director of the Utah Policy Partnership, Robert Darling with the U.S. Department of Labor, Tammy Bigelow with Intermountain Healthcare, MacRay Curtis from the Utah State Auditor's Office, and Matthew Mouritsen from Weber State University.

On the second day of the conference, NUAGA officers for the new year were installed. Nancy Sanders of Salt Lake City Corporation was installed as President with Richard Brady of Utah Retirement Systems as President-elect. June Ardizzone will continue on as Chapter Secretary and Kent Godfrey of the State Auditor's Office will become Treasurer. Richard Moon will continue on for another year as Chapter Historian. John Bell from Utah Department of Human Services was installed at Membership Director. Bobie Tupou, Mark Katter, and Greg Sheehan will all continue on as Community Services Director, Meeting Director and Program Director respectively. Gary Morris from the State Division of Finance will take over as Education Director. Kathy Kenison of Utah Risk Management Mutual Association (URMMA) was made Communications Director.

**May 2007** – Richard Ellis from the State Treasurer's Office was and guest speaker this month. He spoke to us concerning the Money Management Act, the Public Treasurers Investment Fund (PTIF) and electronic deposits.

**June 2007** – The featured speaker at our June 2007 luncheon was Dr. Bridgett Newell. Dr. Newell is the department head of the Ethics and Philosophy Department at Westminster College. Dr. Newell discussed several philosophers and their approach to ethical behavior.

**July 2007** – July speaker, Randy Tuckett has been with the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office for over 18 years as a criminal investigator of mail fraud and mail theft. He spoke to the Chapter about mail fraud.

**August 2007** – At our August 2007 NUAGA train luncheon, we were honored to have not one but three auditors from the Utah State Auditor's Office who gave us the back ground for a specific fraud audit they oversaw and investigated.

Kent Godfrey reported chapter by-laws were review and recommendations were noted as to necessary modifications. (1) All disbursements should have support documentation, including contractual agreements. (2) Current by-laws indicate two signatures for each check disbursement. The board passed the amendment that one signature is sufficient. (3) It was noted for separation of duties the treasurer should not receive money, prepare deposits or deposit money into the back account by themselves. A motion passed that two board members should be involved in this process. Also, it was suggested that the treasurer become a two year position to take advantage of the training and experience necessary to handle the treasurer position. The board decided to consider this again after more information is gathered.

The Fall Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007

**September 2007** – Francine Gianni was the speaker at our September luncheon meeting. Francine spoke at our NUAGA luncheon several years ago and was so well received that she was invited back. She related several examples of fraud and scams going on today and for what scenarios we should be watching. She talked about the three fold mission of the Department of Commerce.

Due to increased price of the meals at the Lion House, the cost to non-AGA members will be raised to \$18 effective for next month.

**October 2007** – MacRay Curtis from the State Auditor's Office was our speaker for October's extended training luncheon. He is the Director of the Local Government Division and in charge of local government training. He talked about SAS 112 which is a new reporting standard that will require auditors to report a lot more findings than in the past. SAS 112 is just one in a group of new auditing standards that has come out in the past few years. MacRay briefly discussed several background points from SAS 104 through SAS 111.

**November 2007** – The Northern Utah Chapter Fall Symposium was held November 1, 2007, at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City. The program consisted of four parts: Christopher Ball, Senior Consultant and Technical Strategist at CGI Federal in Fairfax, Virginia, along with David Isom, Co-Chair of the National e-Discovery and e-Retention Practice Group for the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, David Cherrington, ethics professor from Brigham Young University, Jeremy Schramm, IT Specialist from Davis County School District and Earl Loveless and Will Larsen from

CompUSA. The program followed the conference theme, "Technology Treads and Risks—the On-going Whirlwind."

The Chapter also was able to raise over \$200 which will be donated to the MS Society.

**December 2007** – Dave Lewis and Jamie Naegle spoke to the Chapter in December on the topic, "Attracting and Retaining the Best Employees." Dave is from the State of Utah Human Resources Division and Jamie is an HR specialist who is currently working on a team with the Governor's Balance Score Card Initiative.

The Ronald McDonald House was selected by the Board as next year's charity.

**January 2008** – The NUAGA training luncheon speaker for January was Pam Gardiol, President of Gardiol & Associates. Her company specializes in organizational development, process facilitation, leadership coaching and team development. She spoke on "Becoming a Better Supervisor."

The contract with the Canyons Resort has been signed for the Spring PDC to be held May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed subsidizing the first 60 rooms from \$79 to \$49 as a way to promote attendees to fill the room requirement.

**February 2008** – Dr. Andre Baksh was the NUAGA speaker at our February luncheon. Dr. Baksh is an economist for the Utah State Tax Commission. The title of his presentation was "Economic Trends in Utah." He spoke to us concerning our economy and the trends in Utah.

Rates for the Spring PDC have been set at \$250 for members of AGA and \$300 for people who are not members of AGA, however, we are giving a 10% discount for registrations of groups of five or more, registering at the same time and postmarked on or before the early registration deadline of April 18, 2008.

We are looking at November 20, 2008 for the Fall Symposium at the Larry Miller Complex in Sandy, Utah.

**March 2008** – NUAGA welcomed Senator Sheldon Killpack, Assistant Majority Whip, who spoke at our March 2008 training luncheon. Representing Davis County, District 21, his committee assignments include appropriations, transportation, environmental quality, National Guard, executive appropriations and capital facilities, and government operations appropriations. The title of his presentation was "A Legislator's Perspective."

It was announced that the Chapter will be offering an audio conference on May 14<sup>th</sup> on Ethical Slips in Government. It will be held the State Retirement office from 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. Bring your own lunch.

Richard Brady, President-elect, presented the following names for next year's board positions: Tom Upton, President-elect; Richard Brady, President; Nancy Sanders, Past-

president; Darrell Meiers, Assistant Treasurer; David Worthington, Meetings Director; Tonya Jensen, Webmaster; John Bell, Membership Director; Kent Godfrey, Treasurer; Richard Moon, Historian; Gary Morris, Education Director; Bobie Tupou, Community Service; Kathy Kenison, Communications; Brenda Lee, Secretary. The position of Program Director will be filled at a later date.

**April 2008** - Jon Bronson spoke at our NUAGA training luncheon this month. He is an Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Bonding and Public Finance for Zion's Bank. Mr. Bronson's topic was entitled "The World of Bonds."

It appears that registration is going well for next month's PDC, speakers and facilities are in place.