

Message from Charleen Patten, the new AGA RVP for the Northwest Region

Hello Everyone,

My name is Charleen Patten and I am the new Regional Vice President for the Northwest Region. Prior to joining the Regional team, I served as the Olympia, Washington Chapter's President and Education Chair. I currently work for the Washington State Auditor's Office and before that, I worked for the Department of Revenue. I look forward to working with all of you.

I know that the Northwest Region has been struggling and that some of you have had little contact with anyone on a regional level. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions you may have. My email is cj_54@hotmail.com and my phone number is 360.280.9589. Please let me know your preferred method of contact for future communication or if there is a new president that I should be contacting.

Regarding the email about the restructuring of our region from our outgoing Senior Vice President, Robert Bond, please let me know if you have questions or concerns. I do know one concern I have heard about is that Washington has more in common with Oregon than say Montana. Please remember if this restructuring is voted in, it does not mean as chapters that you cannot contact the other chapters outside of your region with questions or concerns.

The audio conference schedule for 2011 – 2012 has been released. Here is the link to the schedule: <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/default.aspx>. If you have not heard these audio conferences and have any questions, please let me know.

As reminder, here are some upcoming deadlines. If you have any questions about what these are or need help with completing them, please let me know.

Chapter Recognition Due Dates:

First Quarter	Sept. 30
Second Quarter	Dec. 31
Third Quarter	Mar. 31
Fourth Quarter	May 31

Chapter Plans are due to your RVP (me), SVPRS (Marsi Woody-marsi.woody@isp.idaho.gov), and National (Jessica Jones-jjones@agacgfm.org) by July 15.

Chapter Challenge on Citizen-Centric Reporting due by September 30, 2011

Citizen-Centric Reporting is a major priority for AGA this year. Why not produce a Fiscal Year 2011 Citizen-Centric Report for your chapter and receive Chapter Recognition Points in the process? Submit your chapter's report by **Sept. 30, 2011** and receive 500 credits in the new section, Accountability. [Learn more](#) about how to prepare a report. Templates in Microsoft

Word, Microsoft Publisher and Adobe's InDesign are now available! Insert your information into one of the three templates. Please [contact Evie Barry](#) if you have questions.

Additional Deadlines (these were as of the last Chapter Recognition; once the new guidebook is released you may want to double-check some of these dates).

DUE DATE	WHAT	TO WHO
11/15/2011	Suggestion to Improve AGA Recognition Program	Jessica Jones
04/30/2012 (Bonus Points)	Chapter Officers Directory	National Office
06/01/2012 (regular date)	Chapter Officers Directory	National Office
07/01/2012	Chapter Plans	RVP, SVP, & National Office
Within 90 days of Chapter's year end	Annual Report of Accomplishments	RVP, SVPRS, National Office, & CEC

Thank you,

Charleen Patten
RVP-Northwestern Region