

AGA Regional Vice President QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT- Q2 2007-2008 Program Year

Region: Northwestern

RVP Name: Sanford "Sandy" Menashe

The role of the RVP includes representing the National Organization to the Chapters. To do so the RVP must be thoroughly familiar with the AGA's Long-Range Strategic Plan. It is a simple yet powerful four page document with a one page summary. It proclaims what we are about and what we want to do. The Strategic Plan states what our Goals and Objectives are and the strategies for obtaining them.

Therefore, it only makes sense that each RVP should align the specific Goals and Objectives (G&O) of their region with those of the National Organization. The RVP should set specific and measurable G&O for the region and at the chapter level as needed.

In conclusion, it is imperative that each RVP be familiar with the AGA's Strategic Plan to address sections 2 through 5 of this report. The first section is administrative in nature and serves to provide your SVPRS and National President Elect with a snapshot of your chapters. Please contact your Senior Vice President for Regional Services (SVPRS) if you have any questions.

- Each RVP should complete all items on this form and update it as necessary each quarter of the Program Year.
- The reports are submitted four times a year as outlined below and in the "Mark Your Calendars!" section of the Leadership Training Manual. Timely submission of the quarterly report is critical.
- The Final RVP Report should express their success or progress in achieving the Regional Goals and Objectives set out at the beginning of the year and include any other experiences they may wish to share.
- The SVPRSs present summaries of Quarterly Status Reports at each NEC meeting and provides the NEC with regional issues, concerns, accomplishments, etc. for consideration.
- At the end of each program year, the AGA National President-Elect recognizes RVP service by presenting RVP awards. The awards are based on accomplishments and progress – as outlined in these quarterly reports – and consultations with the SVPRSs.

1. Regional Administration

A. Long Range Planning and Regional Organization

	GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	SECTIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING	1 st QUARTER May-July	2 nd QUARTER Aug-Oct	3 rd QUARTER Nov-Jan	4 th QUARTER Feb-Apr	FINAL REPORT
Due Date	05/15/2007	varies	08/10/2007	11/09/2007	01/11/2008	05/12/2008	05/11/2008
Date Submitted	05/15/2007	05/19/07	08/10/2007	11/13/07			

B. Identify your RVP Team

RVP Elect (name, email and phone #): Bill D'Elia; wdelia@ci.bellevue.wa.us; (425)-452-4203

Past RVP (name, email and phone #): Billie Jo Gehring; bgehring@alaska.net; (907) 465-5432

C. Regional Coordinators

Does the Region have a full complement of Regional Coordinators? Yes x No (2 out of 4 filled)

Identify the Regional Coordinators:

Membership and Early Careers: vacant (sent email request to Chapter Presidents asking for names)

Certification: Dan Hays; 503-230-3955; drhays@bpa.gov – Recruited Dan this quarter and he accepted position.

Education: Brian Estes; 206.287.4799; estes@agaseattle.org -

Chapter Development and Assistance: vacant (email request to Chapter Presidents asking for names)

Briefly discuss the progress and accomplishments the regional coordinators have seen within the region's chapters.

--Sent email to Brian Estes to inquire and get his input on education assistance. Did not hear back from him. Filled one of the 3 vacant RC spots as noted below.

Specify what type of communication was used to contact the regional coordinators and the chapters.

Kind of Communication:

Date	Chapter	Subject	E-Mail	Newsletter	Website	Phone	Visit
6/1/07 (sample)	Denver (sample)	Membership & Early Careers – Regional Coordinator conf. call update (name of RC)	x				
08/30/07	Seattle	Exchanged emails with Seattle chapter president regarding the RVP website and hosting determination.	X				
08/30/07	Portland	Requested and received chapter program year plans.	X				
08/30/07	Seattle	Requested and received chapter program year plans.	X				
09/2007	Reg/National	Numerous emails exchanged trying to determine which RC positions were filled.	X				
10/07/07	Central Wa	Update and check-in call with Melanie Brown – current year president.				X	
10/11/07	Alaska	Call with Angelica Lopez-Campos, the current year president to discuss chapter and board membership issues and to bolster her “morale”.				X	
10/15/07	Portland	Call with Drummond Kahn to close the loop on RC and RVP designate offers extended to him.				X	
10/17/07	Portland	Successfully recruited Dan Hays of the Portland chapter and filled the Certification Reg. Coord role. Dan is a past president and recent CGFM.					X
10/17/07	SVP/Natl	Sent notice to SVP and National regarding successful RC recruitment.	X				
11/2/07	SVP	Followed-up RC recruitment with official form for SVP approval.	X				
10/22/07	Alaska	Responded to meeting attendance request for Alaska chapter. Confirmed attendance.	X				
10/22/07	All Chapters	Sent out broadcast email to all chapter presidents with selected News from National on hot topics and invitation to visit chapter meetings.	X				
10/30/07	Portland	Help Portland with spring symposium speakers – contact Drummond Kahn and Shawna Lamothe.	X				x
10/30/07	Mid-Willamette Valley	Call Mark Hubbard and encourage him to follow-up on Spring joint education event – left detailed voicemail.				X	
11/05/07	All Chapters	Broadcast email asking for assistance in recruiting for the vacant RC and RVP-elect-designate positions	X				

06/23/07	National	Attended PDC and NEC bd meeting to network and learn more about the RVP position.	x		x		x
07/31/07	SVP	Conf call with Lee Miller to discuss upcoming RVP year and check-in w/SVP				x	
08/03/07	All chapters	Called all chapters to discuss status of chapters and hold quarterly check-in. Spoke directly with Alaska, Portland, Central Wash, Mid-Willamette. Left VM for others.				x	
08/03/07	Alaska	Discussed chapter visit and exchanged emails regarding visit and topic for spring time – probably April with Alaska President - Angelica.	x			x	
05/21/07	Seattle	Spoke with Bill D'Elia of Seattle chapter to finalize and "seal the deal" for his acceptance of RVP-elect.	x			x	
06/07/07	Portland	Attended PDX chapter awards luncheon in downtown. Introduced as the incoming RVP. Discussed open RVP-elect – designate position w/Drummond Kahn.					x
05/19/07	SLIM	Participated in the NW Slim held in Portland. Led roundtable discussion with NW chapter officers as the incoming RVP. Discussed strengths and weaknesses with attending chapter officers.					x
05/19/07	SLIM	Networked and recruited Seattle officer for the open NW RVP-elect position.					x
08/01/07	Nationals	Exchanged emails with National office attempting to identify RCs in the NW region.	x				
06/19/07	Portland	Had lunch with Drummond Kahn and pitched the NW RVP-elect designate position. Discussed AGA topics – SEA.					x
05/25/07	Portland	Called Drummond Kahn to catch-up and invite him to lunch. Discuss AGA items of interest.					x

D. Chapters

Has each chapter turned the following documents to AGA National by their deadline? Provide a **Yes or No** (if no state when the plans will be submitted). **Update Quarterly as needed*

Chapter Name	Officers/ Directors Roster Due by June 1	Meeting Plan Due by Aug. 30	Education Plan Due by Aug. 30	CGFM Plan Due by Aug. 30	Membership Plan Due by Aug. 30	Community Service Plan Due by Aug. 30
Alaska Capital	yes	No	No	No	No	No
Central Washington	no	No	No	No	No	No
Mid-Columbia	no	No	No	No	No	No
Mid-Willamette	no	No	No	No	No	No
NW-Inland	no	No	No	No	No	No
Olympia	yes	No	No	No	No	No
Portland	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Seattle	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Your **initial** valuation of each Chapter in your Region. Update quarterly with any change in status by using **bold print**. (Double click on appropriate box to check).

Chapter Name: [Alaska Capital](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of Nov 5, 2007 shows 36 members. That is good news vs the 8/8/07 GAR report however the board has experienced some “morale” issues. See below in weaknesses.

GAR report as of __8/8/07 shows 30 members. Very committed officers. 5 member board. Experienced. Board includes immediate past RVP and chapter president. Meetings - monthly meetings with speakers - usually 10 to 15 in attendance - did one CPE monthly luncheon. Held education events – 2 audio, tax training and CPE. Active awards program. Held several social events during year. Community service program is well rounded and active. Re-established email newsletter - sent out monthly. This chapter appears to be between fully successful and somewhat successful but closer to the fully successful level.

Weaknesses: During the 2 nd quarter the Alaska chapter experienced a “crisis” in terms of Bd morale and willingness to continue the chapter. The president stated that only 3 bd members are active and it is a lot of work to keep chapter events going. Bd conducted survey of members and the result was to continue chapter but scale down the number of meetings and events during year.

Bd members are “taxed” on their time and it is difficult to get all bd members to attend all planning meetings. Having trouble recruiting but still pushing hard on trying to attract new members and will try and target students this next year.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Central Washington](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/5/07 reflects 26 members. Chapter continues to hold monthly luncheons and will hold a training in December. The President is very committed and trying to increase membership and monthly attendance.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 reflects 25 members. Strong board - 6 people sit on the board. Meetings - monthly meetings with 5 to 10 people. brown bag in a conference room. do CPE lunches every once in a while. Provide 4 training session per year. CW has a fairly active community service program with food drives, adopt a family and Katrina donation. Chapter has a website.

Weaknesses: Geography dispersion continues to be an issue for this chapter. The membership spans three counties which creates recruiting issues. Chapter is working on providing a fully developed recognition program.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Mid-Columbia Basin](#)

Strengths: The GAR report as of 11/5/07 shows 23 members.

The GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows 22 members. This chapter includes Benton, Franklin, Grant, Adams and Walla Walla counties in the state of Washington as well as Umatilla County in the state of Oregon. The chapter is centered in Richland, Washington. Meetings are held on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Old County Buffet in Kennewick, Washington at 11:30 a.m. Chapter officer list was not submitted yet so I could not contact the new President. Sent an email to last year’s President.

Weaknesses: I continue to have a very difficult time in communicating directly with the Chapter President or anyone in the chapter for that matter. Ideas?

Very difficult to communicate with this chapter and receive direct feedback. Geography is an issue for this chapter.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Mid-Willamette Valley](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/05/07 shows a total of 17 members. Encouraged both the Mid-Willamette Valley and the Portland Chapter to conduct a joint spring education event scheduled for April 7, 2008. The Portland chapter followed up and has contacted the MWV chapter and received confirmation they would like to participate. This means dollars and an event for the MWV chapter. I am corresponding with the MWV president (Mark Hubbard) so they don't drop the ball and lose out on this opportunity.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows a total of 15 members. This number is post suspension so hopefully for the NW region's newest chapter the number will increase back above 20. The Salem chapter has a very dedicated core group of board members that are moving forward with their second year of programming. The chapter is participating in the audio conferences and trying to arrange a joint education event later in the year.

Weaknesses: Same difficulties continue with this chapter.

Difficult to meet regularly. No new members and momentum is slowing. Struggling but somewhat successful.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Northwest Inland Empire](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/05/07 shows a total of 34 members.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows a total of 33 members. Membership appears to be down from last year but the July GAR report is post suspension so hopefully the membership number increases back into the 40s. The chapter has a dedicated board that is working on the upcoming program year. This chapter includes the counties of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Grant, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams and Whitman in Washington as well as Bonner, Benwah, Kootenai, Catah and Shoshone counties in the State of Idaho. The chapter is co-centered in Spokane, Washington and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday for dinner. The chapter offers scholarships, community service opportunities and education events.

Weaknesses: This chapter covers 7 or 8 counties and the membership reflects the geography challenge. Difficult to attract new members and to keep the existing members interested and active.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Olympia](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/05/07 shows a total of 123 members. The membership bounced back up from the Q1 report. I have not had a lot of direct communication with this chapter. I did not receive confirmation that their plans had been filed on time. My attempts to contact them in either email or phone attempts does not get a response. I plan on trying contacting other members other than the President.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows a total of 115 members. Olympia is the region's largest chapter. I expect the membership to increase after the suspended members join again. This chapter has a very active membership and a strong board. The chapter holds monthly CPE brunches instead of lunches and participates in National audio conference during the year. They have an impressive website that is update frequently. Olympia holds educational events throughout the summer. The have a well-rounded recognition program.

Weaknesses: No apparent weakness.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: [Portland](#)

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/5/07 shows a total of 68 members. Portland membership popped up a little but is down from earlier years. The board is conducting a robust community service program and is well into planning for their Spring educ event (joint with MWV). Portland has participated in the audio events and has had 10-15 participants.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows a total of 65 members. Again, I believe this number is lower compared to last year because of the suspended members. I expect it to increase during the year. The board consists of 12 filled positions. The current NW RVP is from the Portland Chapter. Very experienced board with many years of chapter service in total. The chapter holds regular board meetings and offers a variety of education events during the

program year. Portland also has a strong CGFM culture and base. 1/2 day symposium with 50 to 70 people in attendance. National and chapter service awards program. Very strong community service program – winning awards at PDC. Portland produces a monthly newsletter and website.

Weaknesses: Although Portland is one of the more successful chapters in the NW region with a vibrant program and good membership numbers – the one area that is lacking is a broader representation on the board. All board positions are filled by members from one federal agency. Portland should strive to increase agency representation.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

Chapter Name: Seattle

Strengths: GAR report as of 11/05/07 shows a total of 77 members. Seattle continues to hold their monthly luncheons and invited the SVP to attend the October luncheon. Seattle has a broad board representation and provided their operating plans to National on time.

GAR report as of 8/8/07 shows a total of 74 members. Seattle celebrated their 50th Year Anniversary this past year. The chapter has a very strong 12 member board. Seattle holds nine monthly meetings – offering CPE and is held at a downtown hotel. Seattle averages 20 people at these meetings and get a variety of different members each time. They also co-sponsor a 2 day conference during their program year. Seattle offers a well-rounded recognition program including awards, social events and usually community service except for last year. The website is impressive and has links to the other chapters which is very useful.

Weaknesses: Having trouble recruiting and attendance at board meetings.

Overall Rating: Strong; Fully Successful; Somewhat Successful; Needs Help; Inactive

2. Advancing Government Accountability – *Comment on the strengths and weaknesses in the Region regarding the promotion of the government accountability profession and of AGA to the public, government leaders, and other professional organizations. Also comment how the region is promoting the ethical values of our organization and profession and positioning AGA as the front line source for knowledge and information on government accountability issues.*

Specific Goals and Objectives: Education and community service continues to be the cornerstones of the NW region's programming year and also helps promote AGA. As outlined in my goals and objectives submitted earlier, I will encourage all chapters to offer 16 hrs of education during the year. I will encourage all chapters (no matter how small) to get out in the community to offer their assistance and service. Help chapters identify financial managers that have championed noteworthy accounting and financial accomplishments and promote those accomplishments through awards and local publications. I will encourage the chapters to target colleges and universities to participate in career days and promote AGA as a professional organization and the profession as a viable career path.

First Quarter: Very busy summer season. This quarter is used specifically to identify and contact chapters to determine how best to serve their needs. Several of our chapters have not turned in their chapter officer roster. It is still fairly early in the program year, and most chapters are just in the planning stages. However, several chapters are participating in the audio training program already. 3 chapters have their website updated and have included their programming for the next couple of months – along with their slate of officers. Alaska has received the approval from the State of Alaska to proclaim March 2008 as CGFM month. The smaller chapters are working hard to pull their programming efforts together.

Second Quarter: Only 2 chapters – Portland and Seattle – submitted their operating plans on time. I have not received any other submittals. I have followed up with email inquiries and logged onto the websites to determine if they are updated. Several chapters have cranked up their program year – Portland, Olympia, and Seattle – have held luncheons, audio conferences and started on their community service projects (lots of holiday themes). I sent the following email announcements to encourage participation in National's efforts to advance accountability and promote the profession: 1) to the Oregon State University Business school to encourage participation in AGA's Challenge. 2) To the NW Chapter President's encouraging them to submit award nominees in our profession and to submit names of individuals that may want to accept the RC roles that are available.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

Final Report:

3. CGFM – Comment on the progress of making the CGFM examination the preferred designation in the government accountability community. How are your chapters promoting the CGFM Exam and the benefits of maintaining certification? What efforts being made to encourage employees to become CGFMs and employers to formally recognize the CGFM as a preferred professional certification? Explain.

Specific Goals and Objectives: I will encourage all chapters through different methods of communication, to approach their local federal, state, and local government entities accounting and HR offices to provide information and education regarding the CGFM designation and why it is important for their agencies to recognize and support the designation. After we reestablish and publish the Regional VP newsletter and website I will include information and articles regarding the CGFM program. Work with the RC to encourage all chapters to approach the state and local office's to proclaim March CGFM month.

First Quarter: Alaska chapter is off and running already lining up meetings to promote the CGFM designation and has received state approval to proclaim March 2008 CGFM month. Way to go Alaska!! Several members of the Alaska chapter are actively pursuing their CGFM license.

Second Quarter: Successfully recruited and filled the open Regional coordinator role for Certification. Dan Hays from the Portland chapter accepted this role. Plan on pursuing more opportunities to market the CGFM on the regional VP website which should be back up and current in the third quarter.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

Final Report:

4. Education & Research – Comment on how the chapters are providing comprehensive education and research to its members.

Specific Goals and Objectives: I will encourage chapter participation in the audio conferences throughout the year when I check-in with the chapter President's -- quarterly. I will also place a strong emphasis on ½ day and full day symposiums throughout the region and encourage attendance at the National events such as the PDC. I will work the chapters to reestablish an exchange of chapter offerings and publish on the Regional website and newsletter and the Chapter newsletters and websites.

First Quarter: Several chapters already participated in the audio conference in August – performance reporting. Most of the chapters in this region are starting their program year and hold their first meeting in September. A number of Chapter members from Portland, Seattle, and Mid-Willamette chapters attended the PDC in Nashville. I spoke with many of the NW delegation regarding the upcoming programming year.

Second Quarter: The audio conference appears to be used by at least 3 of the 8 chapters. I don't believe the smaller chapters are using the audio conference opportunity. I am trying to get the RVP website up current and will promote cross-chapter education opportunities. I have also asked for the chapters to send me their education opportunities so I can publish that to all chapter presidents. I worked with the Portland chapter and Mid-Willamette Valley chapter to do a

joint education offering in April 2008. I helped with the Program content and recruited Drummond Kahn to speak on several audit topics of interest.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

Final Report:

5. Membership Services – *Describe the types of membership services, leadership opportunities, networking meetings, and innovative programs the chapters are providing.*

Specific Goals and Objectives: Provide assistance to the chapters as needed. Contact the chapter presidents on a quarterly basis, preferably by phone. Give encouragement and coaching regarding participation in the chapter recognition program. Monitor the participation. Participate, promote, and assist with the spring SLIM scheduled for May 2008 in Reno.

First Quarter: As described above, most chapters are just gearing up and developing plans for the program year which generally starts in September. Several chapters have a majority of their program year lined up already. I contacted chapter presidents and encouraged them to meet the deadlines for submission in August for the chapter recognition program. Most chapters ended their year in May and June with awards and end of year luncheons that provided an opportunity to network and reflect upon the 06-07 year. There was a good contingent of chapter representation at the first ever held NW SLIM May 18 and 19 th held in Portland. I was able to attend on May 19 th and met many of the chapter officers and led a roundtable discussion along with Billie Jo Gehring to discuss Chapter strengths and weaknesses.

Second Quarter: The October 2007 GAR numbers bounced back from the August numbers as expected but overall I believe the NW membership levels are trending downward – slowly. Only 2 chapters submitted their plans on time – I have not received any other plans from the remaining chapters. I am aware that all chapters are attempting to attract new board members and promoting the professional development and leadership opportunities that are available by volunteering for these positions. I contacted the Alaska chapter and discussed with the President the difficulties she was having in getting more than 3 board members to help on projects and events. I tried encouraging her to continue forward with their programming year and ask for assistance. I am planning on an April visit to the Alaska chapter.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

Final Report:

6. Other – *Describe any additional goals or objectives you would like to achieve for your region. You may also use this section to report any additional information or experiences you wish to share.*

Specific Goals and Objectives: One of my key goals for the year involved the recruitment of the RVP-elect for upcoming 07-08 year which had been open for sometime. I also plan on recruiting for the RVP-elect designate position. I plan on visiting at least 3 NW regional chapters during the program year. Hold quarterly check-in calls with the Chapter President's. Develop a NW regional chapter president's contact list to facilitate communication. Re-establish and publish the Regional VP newsletter and website, if IT resources are available.

First Quarter: Successfully recruited the RVP-elect at the May 2007 SLIM in Portland. Bill D'Elia from the Seattle chapter is the new RVP-elect. I had lunch in June with Drummond Kahn – a long-time Portland chapter member – and

encouraged him to accept the open RVP-elect designate position. He is considering it contingent on whether he accepts an officer position in another organization. The regional chapter president list is in process and should be completed by August 30 th. Several chapter positions are difficult to determine who is serving as President. I have contacted the Portland chapter webmaster and newsletter editor and requested assistance with developing the Regional newsletter and website. She has graciously agreed to help and we now need to find a block of time to work on both of these projects.

Second Quarter: Scheduled a Chapter visit for the April timeframe and expect to schedule several more for the spring time during Q3. Recruited for the open RVP elect-designate but did not fill that position. I was able to fill an open RC position in Certification. Dan Hays accepted that position. I exchanged emails with the Seattle chapter regarding the hosting of the RVP website. I expect to complete this process and update the site during Q3.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

Final Report:

12. Feedback for the NEC – *Provide any feedback for the National Executive Committee's next meeting in regards to your region.*

First Quarter: I need help in filling the RC roles. We have 1 maybe 2 filled. Who is responsible to fill and recruit for these positions?

Second Quarter: Anymore suggestions or names for the open RC positions would be helpful. Also, if you received any operating plans other than Portland and Seattle please let me know.

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

13. Suggestion Box – *Have any great ideas? Ways to make things easier? Best Practices, etc? Please share your ideas with us.*

First Quarter: Trying to "mine" contact data for the chapter presidents became a major effort. I was hoping that it would be easier given the amount of resources on the national website. I ended up mining information off of several local chapter websites vs the National website.

Second Quarter:

Third Quarter:

Fourth Quarter:

EMAIL YOUR REPORTS TO

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