



Editor's Message

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Earlier in the month, I was digging out from a record blizzard snowfall of 26 inches! As I shoveled I thought of the Section's upcoming Mid – Year meeting on February 24 and 25, 2006. It was the thought of the our shared scholarship and fellowship as well as visions of Miami, Florida's bright lights, sandy beaches, and blue skies that pulled me through the winter storms!

The meeting exceeded all reasonable expectations! Special thanks and congratulations for a job well done should be extended to our joint hosts – Dana Forigone and Thomas Vermeer.

The full 2006 Mid Year GNP Section program including full conference papers, abstracts, presentations and other announcements are available by following the link below:

<http://business.ubalt.edu/events/2006AAAGNPmidyearmeeting.html>

Other meeting highlights include:

- 14 full conference paper presented in 6 concurrent sessions
- 8 papers presented in 3 emergent issues research forums.
- Relmond Van Daniker, Executive Director, Association of Government Accountants announced AGA's new research grant program.
- A discussion with the meeting's conferees about the prospects of a GNP Section Journal
- Several conferees were seen frequenting several outdoor cafes in Miami's famed Art Deco district. However, what happens on South Beach stays in South Beach!

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GASB Update

By Terry Patton

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) continues to work on several important projects with due process documents for three of the projects either issued or expected to be issued in the first quarter of 2006. An Exposure Draft (ED) for a proposed Statement, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, was issued in January 2006. This ED, which addresses when expected pollution remediation outlays should be recognized as liabilities (or under certain circumstances, capital assets), has a comment deadline of May 1, 2006.

An ED for a Technical Bulletin (TB), *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers and OPEB Plans for Payments Made by the Federal Government Pursuant to the Provisions of Medicare Part D*, was issued in February 2006. This TB clarifies the application of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for subsidy payments that an employer or a defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan receives from the Federal Government under the provisions of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for prescription drug coverage. The comment deadline for this project is April 17, 2006.

A Preliminary Views (PV) document for the accounting and financial reporting of derivative transactions is expected to be released in March 2006. The PV will ask potential respondents to comment on proposed reporting provisions, which include deferring fair value gains and losses on derivatives that effectively hedge certain items (such as assets or liabilities that are not reported at fair value after their acquisition or occurrence). The PV will describe the criteria necessary for a derivative to be considered a hedge that effectively reduces a specific identified risk related to a hedgeable item by offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows between the derivative and the hedgeable item within a specified range.

Finally, the GASB would like to thank the members of the AAA-GNP section who submitted requests for research funding in November 2005. Several excellent proposals were received, and the GASB is pleased to provide a research grant to Saleha Khumawala and Dan Neely from the University of Houston. Their research will allow the GASB to have a better understanding of the number of governments that currently comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the reasons that governments comply or do not comply with GAAP.

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- * March 31, 2006--Confirmations of abstract
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- * April 29, 2006-Early-bird registration
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Developments in International Financial Accounting Standards

Following its July 25-28, 2005 meeting, the IPSASB ([International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board](#)) of the IFAC (International Federation of Accountants) released four Exposure Drafts (EDs). ED25 and ED26 are due for comment by January 31, 2006. ED 25 follows changes in the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) by clarifying that the paragraphs in bold and plain type in International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) have equal authority. ED 26 proposes to update eleven existing IPSASs to reflect December 2003 amendments to the IFRSs by the IASB as a result of its General Improvements Project.

Due for comment by February 10, 2006, ED 27 proposes that the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of entities required to make their approved budgets publicly available include a comparison of budget and actual amounts. Also due for comment by February 10, 2006, ED 28 proposes the basis on which the information about the general government sector (GGS) is to be disclosed in the GPFS of a government electing to make such disclosure. Current IPSASs do not require public sector entities to disclose information about the GGS in their GPFS.

At its November 2005 meeting in Cape Town, the IPSASB approved for issue the ED on *Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions* for late 2005 or early 2006. Issues of concern included characteristics that give rise to a present obligation and the basis for measurement of goods and services received in a non-exchange. At the same meeting, the IPSASB considered a draft ED on the social benefits of governments other than pensions, agreeing to further refine basic definitions as well as consider recognizing present obligations on a due and payable basis with a

supplementary statement. The IPSASB also reconfirmed its intention to consider the applicability of IAS 19, "Employee Benefits", to the public sector and also approved a research paper on accounting for heritage assets based on a UK discussion paper.

The IPSASB is currently developing an ED on accounting for impairment of cash generating assets to complement IPSAS 21, "Impairment of Non-Cash Generating Assets". Finally, at its November meeting, the IPSASB considered input on ED 24, *Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting – Disclosure Requirements for Recipients of External Assistance* following concerns by constituents about the practicality and onerous nature of some of the proposed requirements. The IPSASB agreed that it would allow time for the results of ongoing field testing to be reported before further developing the IPSAS. The IPSASB's next meeting will be held on March 24, 2006 in Tokyo.

Note that the 2005 edition of the IFAC's [Handbook of International Public Sector Accounting Pronouncements](#) is available both in print and in a downloadable PDF format free-of-charge. The handbook features all IPSASs issued as of December 31, 2004.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management (JPBAFM) seeks new accounting manuscripts in the not-for-profit and governmental areas. JPBAFM is a quarterly, peer reviewed journal now in its seventeenth year. Information concerning the journal, including manuscript submission guidelines can be found online at: <http://pracademicspress.com/about-jpbafm.html> . You can submit accounting research papers electronically to Donald Deis, Government Accounting Section Editor, (ddeis@cob.tamucc.edu).

The Business Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) will hold its 4th International Conference in Athens, Greece, June 26-28, 2006. The registration fee is 250 euro, covering access to all sessions, 2 lunches, coffee breaks and conference material. Special arrangements will be made with local hotels for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, a Greek Night with live music and a one-day cruise to picturesque Greek Islands will be organized.

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Please send an abstract of about 300 words, via email, before March 27th, 2006 to:
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The video is about eight minutes in length and depicts CPAs working at the federal, state, and local levels. The video was developed by AICPA’s Government Performance and Accountability Committee (called “GPAC” and was formerly known as “Members in Government”). Current college students and recent graduates with one to five years of experience are the target market for the video. Besides using the online streaming video, you can request a DVD copy by following the instructions on the web page address provided above.

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