



# Monthly Newsletter



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## President's Message



Hello Dallas Chapter!

This year, I'm especially thankful to be associated with the AGA Dallas Chapter. I got involved with the AGA Dallas Chapter to remain connected with the broader government financial management community in this area and I am so glad I did! This Chapter relies on each group contributing and I'm glad to see our membership is growing, as is our leadership team. We are also strengthening our corporate partnerships, and we continue providing high quality training. All parts of our Chapter (members, corporate partners, and leadership) have allowed us to support the larger Dallas-Fort Worth community. Together, we have donated over \$3,000 to local food banks in 2020, and we are on track to donate over \$1,000 in toys and gift cards through the [Angel Tree community service event](#) this holiday season. AGA Dallas is here to multiply your impact in the community.

[Let me know](#) how we can support you to improve government financial management in North Texas.

Thanks,

John D. Rich, CGFM  
AGA Dallas Chapter President

## Connect with Us!



## Upcoming Events

### Virtual 2021 January PDT

Save the date! We will host our next virtual training event on January 11, 2021. Agenda and registration details are coming soon.

**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021

**Time:** 12:00pm-4:00pm CT

**Location:** Virtual via GoToWebinar

**CPEs:** 4 CPEs

**Cost:** AGA Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50 | Group (5 or more): \$40/registrant

**Prerequisites:** None

Agenda and registration information coming soon!

### 2021 National Leadership Training



For the first time, NLT 2021 will be 100% virtual!

**Date:** February 24–25, 2021

**Time:** 8:00am-4:30pm ET

**Location:** Virtual

**CPEs:** 14 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

### AGA National Webinars

[Register Online](#)

**Implementing, Controlling, and Monitoring Emergency Funding under the CARES Act (2 CPEs)**

**Date:** December 9, 2020

**Time:** 2:00-3:50pm ET

**Increase Your Confidence, Enhance Your Career (1.5 CPEs)**

**Date:** December 16, 2020

**Time:** 1:00-2:15pm ET

*\*\*Free to AGA members\*\**

**What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Essential Tips for Better Financial Statements and Internal Control Webinar (2 CPEs)**

**Date:** December 17, 2020

**Time:** 9:00-11:00am ET

*\*\*Free to AGA members\*\**

**The New Uniform Guidance and Compliance Supplement - Tools for the Grant Professionals and Auditors (2 CPEs)**

**Date:** January 13, 2021

**Time:** 2:00-3:50pm ET

## Membership Spotlight

### Membership Anniversaries

- Mr. Danny Jones – 28 years
- Mr. Terry Kile, CGFM – 25 years
- Mrs. Jennifer Miller, CGFM, CFE – 25 years
- Ms. Rita Dear, CGFM-Retired – 24 years
- Mr. Kenneth Venuto, CGFM-Retired – 22 years
- Ms. Melinda DeCorte, CGFM, CPA – 14 years
- Mr. Mike Erwin, CGFM – 12 years
- Mrs. Christy Daneke – 1 year

The 2020-2021 program year is already underway. [Join or renew today!](#)

### Meet Mr. Kile, AGA Dallas Member Celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> AGA Anniversary and Retirement

#### THE AGA WAS AT THE HEART OF MY CAREER



Hey friends! I am at the threshold of retirement and am now looking back over my career. Upon my graduation from college 40 years ago, I went to work as an auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Fort Worth. I worked in many different industries before finally settling

into audits of state and local governments—which became the core of the rest of my career.

At that time 25 years ago, I joined the AGA and the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum (SWIAF). I never held an office but was very involved for many years as a speaker at events

for both the AGA and the SWIAF. I initially joined to better understand the nature of governmental entities since I felt I was really an outsider, looking in.

However, my DFW AGA contacts really became my respected friends and comrades. I am now retiring from Deloitte and someone recently asked me what my fondest memories of my career are. I must confess that the first thing I listed was related to my days with AGA and the SWIAF. I loved meeting with you to share mutual concerns and opportunities. I loved the conferences. I loved my time with AGA. I loved the friendships.

Over the past dozen years, my national responsibilities with Deloitte really prevented me from being active with AGA, but I have maintained my membership due simply to the strong connections I made early in my career. Thank you, AGA! As I retire from professional life, I take you with me and look back with great joy. Take care and I'll see you further down the audit trail.

Terry Kile, CGFM

### Free Student and Professor Memberships

Do you know any students pursuing a career in government financial management? Or any accounting or finance professors?

AGA offers a FREE electronic membership to students enrolled full-time at an accredited higher education institution and not gainfully employed. [Learn more](#) about AGA Student Membership.

## AGA Dallas Chapter Recruitment Campaign

The AGA Dallas Chapter is hosting a recruitment campaign December 1, 2020 through April 30. In the spirit of [AGA National's Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge](#), the Chapter's top three recruiters each month will win a \$7.00 Starbucks gift card.

Recruiters are also automatically entered into AGA National's recruitment challenge, and will receive a recruiter lapel pin, a reusable AGA face mask, and a chance to win AGA National's monthly prize drawings and the grand prize drawing for a complimentary trip to PDT 2021 in Nashville.

[Learn more](#) about how you can participate in the recruitment campaign.



## Community Service

### 2020 Angel Tree (The Salvation Army of North Texas)

Help us spread the joy this holiday season!

More families in our community are struggling this year due to COVID-19. The Salvation Army and Walmart are joining forces to help keep joy and hope alive this holiday season.

The AGA Dallas Chapter is supporting The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree. We have committed to match up to \$500 worth of toys and gift cards donated by our members through The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree registry.

Here's how you can get involved:

1. [Click here](#) to access The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree registry.
2. Purchase a toy or gift card by adding it to your Walmart shopping cart and choosing the "delivery" option during checkout. Walmart will ship the items directly to The Salvation Army of North Texas.
3. Email your receipt to [agadallaschapter@gmail.com](mailto:agadallaschapter@gmail.com) by December 18, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support!



## AGA National Updates

### CEAR Reviewers Needed

AGA is looking for reviewers for the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) program. If you have considerable knowledge of federal government financial management, performance measurement, and the reporting of results, please consider applying to serve as a CEAR reviewer.

Volunteers should have a general understanding of federal government operations as well as familiarity with federal agencies and the subjects covered by an Agency Financial Report or Performance and Accountability Reports.

CEAR Reviewers are eligible to earn up to 6 CPEs.

[Learn more](#) about becoming a CEAR reviewer.

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### Call for National Leadership Award Nominations

Nominate a colleague for a 2021 National Leadership Award! Awards recognize federal, state, local and private professionals who promote and exemplify excellence in the profession. [Submit your nomination](#) by December 7.

## NCC Representative Corner



Dallas Chapter Members,

In the November newsletter, I provided you several updates on the Chapter's key accomplishments in pursuit of our strategic goals. As a reminder, you can find our

Chapter's strategic plan and goals [here](#).

I am proud to update you on our status in accomplishing another goal related to Education. As advertised in this newsletter, we have scheduled our second joint virtual event, to be held Monday, January 11, 2021. This event, sponsored by the Dallas, Oklahoma City and Ozarks chapters, will offer four hours towards our goal of providing 14 continuing professional education credits. We are pleased to have Lisa Parker, Senior Project Manager with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), present a two-hour GASB Update.

We'll also have a special session on personal cybersecurity. This session is especially relevant in our current virtual reality, and the increased reliance on wi-fi networks. We'll discuss the dangers of home (and public) wi-fi networks and simple things that you can do to protect yourself and your family from malicious attacks.

Also, in pursuit of our goals related to Community Service, we are supporting The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree. We hope you will join us in helping to keep joy and hope alive for local children.

I look forward to providing you with additional updates, including progress in achieving our strategic goals, in the January newsletter.

Melinda J. DeCorte, CGFM, CPA  
AGA Dallas Chapter NCC Representative and  
NGB Area 3 Chapter Director

## 2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee

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**Vacant**

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Dallas NCC Representative and  
NGB Area 3 Chapter Director

Volunteering with AGA is a great way to give back to the profession, and further your own career. If you would like to hear more about our volunteer opportunities for this program year, please contact [John Rich](#), AGA Dallas Chapter President.

## Connect with Us!

 <https://www.agacgfm.org/dallas>

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 <https://www.facebook.com/AGADallasChapter>

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 <https://www.linkedin.com/in/agadallas/>

 <https://forms.gle/nDW1MJHW8cYFcb7N6>

## Corporate Partners

Our Chapter would like to thank our corporate partner. We partnered with this organization to further the educational and networking opportunities we provide to our members. Click on the logo below to learn more about our corporate partner.

### Bronze Partner

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We have various corporate partnership opportunities to meet your organization's needs. [Learn more](#) about becoming a corporate partner.