



Monthly Newsletter



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President’s Message



Hello Dallas Chapter!

I had a wonderful Christmas this year! My kids are 4 and 5 years old and watching them enjoy Christmas was perhaps the most fun I’ve ever had. Imagine the joy you brought to kids this year through the Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree program. We are overwhelmed by the generosity you showed with this program.

Together, we donated over \$1,000 to the Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree. As we look into 2021, I’m so excited about the training we’re planning to offer, starting with the [Virtual 2021 PDT on January 11th](#). We’re once again partnering with the Ozarks and OKC Chapters to bring you 4 CPEs for \$40 for members (\$50 for non-members). As always, we’re able to make this happen because of our volunteers, and we need you. I’d love to talk about you joining our team. You can reach out to me via [email](#).

Thanks,

John D. Rich, CGFM
AGA Dallas Chapter President

Connect with Us!



Upcoming Events

Virtual 2021 January PDT

Join us for our Virtual 2020 January PDT hosted by the Dallas, Oklahoma City, and Ozarks AGA Chapters.

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

Registration: [Register online via EventBrite](#)

Topics and Speakers:

- GASB Update - Lisa R. Parker, CPA, CGMA, Governmental Accounting Standards Board
- Protecting Yourself from Cybercrime - Ben Robertson, Ph. D. Candidate in Computer Science, University of Texas at El Paso
- SBA Payroll Protection Program Updates - Laura Wardwell, CPA, Valliance Bank

By registering for this event, you will be able to also join the Dallas Chapter immediately following the event for some trivia and networking fun!

Check out our [Virtual 2021 January PDT](#) page for more event details and session descriptions. We look forward to "seeing" you there!

COVID-19 Impacts on the CFO

Grab your coffee and hear perspectives from senior government executives in response to AGA's Annual CFO Survey: *Managing Finances for the Future*. This event is **free** to AGA members.

Date: January 14, 2021

Time: 9:00am-10:00am ET

Location: Virtual

CPEs: 1 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

AGA National Webinars

[Register Online](#)

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

GASB Update (2 CPEs)

Date: February 3, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Improper Payments - Using Data and Disruptive Technology to Reduce Improper Payments (2 CPEs)

Date: March 3, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

March Members Only Webinar (1.5 CPEs)

Date: March 17, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:15pm ET

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

Cybersecurity/ERM (2 CPEs)

Date: March 24, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

2021 National Leadership Training



Date: February 24-25, 2021

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

Location: Virtual

CPEs: 14 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

2021 Virtual Government Training Event

The Tallahassee Chapter is holding its 12th Annual Government Training Event. This 2-day training will take place on February 11-12, 2021 in a first-ever virtual event. Early bird discount of \$25 is available through January 15, 2021. Registration is due by February 8, 2021. Learn more about this event and register [here](#).

Membership Spotlight

Welcome New Members!

- Anthony D. Jackson
- Alexander Jo
- Robert F. Lackey
- Reagan N. Lee
- Wesley A. Williams

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

Membership Anniversaries

- Mark J. Ables, Jr., CGFM-Retired, CPA – 52 years
- Joanne L. Stolp, CGFM-Retired – 33 years
- Thomas M. Cornhoff, Sr., CGFM – 24 years
- Arlene S. Boateng, CGFM-Retired – 22 years
- Aaron J. Bovos, CGFM – 20 years
- M. Elizabeth Reich, CGFM – 9 years
- Brandy Mayo, CGFM – 4 years

AGA Dallas Chapter Recruitment Campaign

The AGA Dallas Chapter is hosting a recruitment campaign December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. 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 our Chapter's recruitment



Community Service

2020 Angel Tree (The Salvation Army of North Texas)



Thank you for helping us spread the joy this holiday season through [The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree](#). Together, we donated over \$1,000 worth of toys and gift cards. Below are pictures of the toys donated by our members. Thank you again for your continued support!



AGA National Updates

National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA academic scholarship. Rising freshmen, undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in accounting, economics, finance, information systems and/or technology, or public administration may apply. Deadline to apply is April 16, 2021. [Learn more](#) and apply for the academic scholarship.

AGA's Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge



Want to help strengthen our association and have the chance to win fun prizes? Participate in AGA's Power of 7 recruitment campaign, running October 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021!

This 7-month campaign is designed to strengthen AGA by challenging every member to recruit 7 new members. When you recruit a new member, you'll receive a recruiter lapel pin as well as a reusable AGA face mask and be entered into both our monthly prize drawings and the grand prize drawing for a complimentary trip to PDT 2021 in Nashville.

[Learn more](#) about the campaign.

NCC Representative Corner



Dallas Chapter Members,

In the December 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](#).

In regard to our goals related to Education, we are holding our second joint virtual event on 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.

Also, in pursuit of our goals related to Community Service, we are proud to have supported The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree. We are thrilled to report that as a Chapter, we donated over \$1,000 to this charity. We thank our Members for their generous donations in helping to keep joy and hope alive for local children.

Related to our goals in Membership and Education, I wanted to highlight a key event spearheaded by several other AGA Chapters. The Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Virginia Peninsula Chapter and Richmond Chapter co-sponsored its annual Virginia PDT Virtual conference in early

December. This conference included a Trivia Night. The event coordinators used Zoom as the platform to host the trivia portion of the conference. Attendees were placed into breakout rooms and had timed periods to answer a variety of fun fact questions. The event coordinators conducted five rounds of trivia and identified winners for each round. The winners from each round were announced during the final round and each winner received an Amazon gift card. Some of the fun fact trivia questions included questions about AGA, including:

- Where is the AGA National Office?
- Who is the AGA current national president?
- What certification does AGA offer?
- What year was AGA founded?

The Shenandoah Valley, Virginia Peninsula and Richmond Chapters were kind enough to share their lessons learned to help us in planning a virtual social event as part of our January event. We are excited to offer our Members the opportunity to participate in both an education and social portion of the event and hope that you will join us for both.

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

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

CGFM Online Proctored Exams

Did you know? You can take your CGFM exams conveniently from home through OnVUE online proctoring. A live proctor will monitor you through the webcam on your workstation to provide a secure exam experience. Watch the short video on the [AGA online proctoring page](#) to see how convenient it is to test from home or work. Be sure to run the system test before you sign in to register for an online proctored exam.

[Learn more](#) about the Online Proctored Exams.

2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee

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Vacant

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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.

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 <https://forms.gle/nDW1MJHW8cYFcb7N6>

Corporate Partners

Our Chapter would like to thank our corporate partners. We partnered with these organizations to further the educational and networking opportunities we provide to our members. Click on the logos below to learn more about our corporate partners.

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