



The Southwest Sentinel



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HAPPY
SPRING



President's Message



Misty Hamed, CGFM

Greetings Southwest Virginia members! As we move into the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on how important it is to stay engaged with our chapter and continue to make the most of the incredible opportunities that come with being a part of the AGA community.

We are fortunate to be part of an organization that offers a variety of **free** events throughout the year—designed to help you learn, grow, and connect with professionals in the field. We've highlighted a few key initiatives in this month's newsletter and I encourage each of you to take full advantage of these offerings.

In honor of CGFM month, we are excited to welcome Kim Jones as our guest speaker for our February meeting. She is going to discuss the CGFM and how to achieve one's goals. I hope you're able to join us! Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our Spring Professional Development Training! This year we are offering 8 CPE at a reduce rate of \$40 for AGA Members. More details will be coming soon, but for now, be sure to save the date so you don't miss out!

Wishing a warm welcome to our newest members: Cynthia Bateson, Denise Burrell, Alicia Clifton, and Amber Haga.

I look forward to "seeing" you at our upcoming events.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



MAY 15, 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

8 CPES
**\$40 REDUCED RATE
FOR AGA MEMBERS**



Chapter Information

Meeting Minutes January 30, 2025

- Chapter Executive Committee Updates
 - Misty Hamed – Chapter President – Newsletter sent out last week. If you didn't receive it, please let Misty know. Misty has updated the distribution list to include new members. Misty shared screen with meeting minutes for October and December 2024. Motion to pass meeting minutes – Motion made by Curtis Joachim to approve minutes for October and December 2024. Vicky Moore seconded and passed unanimously. Feb 19 & 20, 2025 in the AGA Leadership Conference, can get 14 CPEs. If interesting in joining CEC LEAD is great to attend.
 - Vicki Delp – Treasurer – December ending balance \$15,915.75, this balance doesn't include check that is not ours. Check deposited by error; return check didn't make it to board member for signature through USPS but Vicki is working all that out. Stop payment on check and will send another check certified for signature.
 - Kim Howell – Secretary – All CPEs have been sent out if not receive please let me know.
 - Curtis Joachim – Education – Spring PDT is in April 2025. A check from fall PDT is \$3,373.00 is soon coming, from the Shenandoah Chapter. We need to think about how to spend funds, possibly paying for spring PDT speakers. Will have booth at Leadership Conference in February.
 - Eryn Steckroth – NCC Rep – LEAD in April. NCC meeting is next week. Eryn can't attend LEAD to represent NCC, so if someone else is interested please let Eryn Steckroth know.
 - Vicky Moore – Chapter President-Elect – LEAD coming up and we need to figure who will attend from our chapter. LEAD is last weekend in April.
 - Laura Long – Community Services – Requested feedback from CEC – funds from Fall PDT is still in the go fund me account. The charity we chose doesn't have an EIN. Laura can deposit funds into a personal account and then transfer to charity. CEC is ok with this. Next time we will check to see if charity has an EIN.
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- AGA SW Virginia CEC has 2 open positions: Membership Chair and Communications Chair. If interested, please reach out to any CEC member, or email AGAsouthwestva@gmail.com.
- Training – GAO's Yellow and green books overview and updates (1 CPE)
 - Presenter: Matthew Zaun, Senior Auditor, Office of GAO
- Raffle & Adjourn
 - a. Next meeting will be February 27, 2025
 - b. Raffle winner of \$25 Amazon E-Gift Card is Thad Harris

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Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025

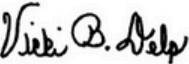
- Chapter Executive Committee Updates
 - Misty Hamed - Chapter President – CEC meeting to decide on PDT date for spring – usually last Thursday in April but coincides with LEAD. We will be talking through changing that – but may be the 1st Thursday in May which is May 1st. Have any ideas for speakers – let Misty know. Have a couple of CEC empty roles – let us know if interested. Only have 1 confirmed person going to LEAD, if interested in CEC position and would like to go let Misty know as soon as possible. LEAD is 4/24-4/26/25.
 - Vicky Moore – Chapter President-Elect – Entirely worthwhile to be on CEC – if interested please let us know. Discussed some perks with conference attendance, AGA membership fee can be paid if on CEC (and employer won't pay it). President-Elect observes for 2 years and attend trainings and get up to speed on everything. Couple of free CPE sessions, March 12, 2025, and May 13, 2025. Both are listed on AGA National site, lists what is available and what is free.
 - Vicki Delp - Treasurer – Bank balance for January will be in Newsletter.
 - Kim Howell - Secretary – CPE Certificates were emailed this week.
 - Curtis Joachim - Education – Requested definition of what is considered a young professional. Eryn replied with – Young professionals are under 35 and in the first 3 years of experience. Discussed LEAD and what its purpose is. Planning for spring PDT and speakers. Possibly May 1, 2025, for spring PDT.
 - Eryn Steckroth - NCC Rep – If you apply for CGFM by tomorrow you get a free exam. There are a couple of PDT scholarships available, The Young Professionals Scholarship and The First Time Attendee Scholarship, if interested in either of these reach out to Eryn for details.
 - Vicky Moore- Chapter President-Elect – is planning on attending the Commonwealth PDT. Suggested Feeding SWVA as an option for our chapter donations.
 - Laura Long – Community Services – Fall PDT donations raised for United Way disaster funds, have been delivered. Be thinking about charity for Spring PDT.
- Training – Ethics (1 CPE)
 - Presenter: Billy Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA – Mississippi College
- Raffle & Adjourn
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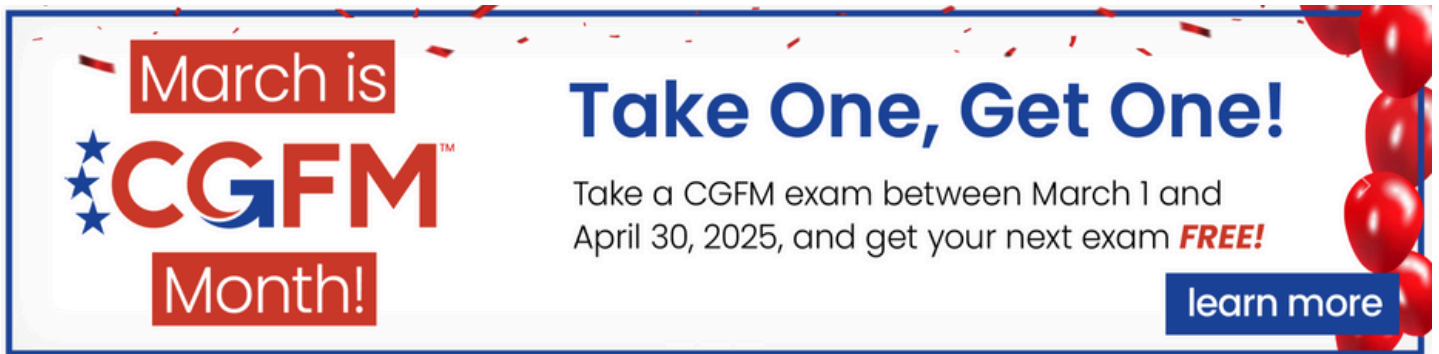
Chapter Financials January 2025

Beginning Balance (01/01/25):		\$ 15,957.75
Receipts:		
No Receipts		
	Total Receipts	\$ -
Disbursements:		
1/13/2025 DC Amazon-December PDT Raffle Winner	\$ 20.00	
1/20/2025 EFT Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee/Storage	\$ 26.79	
1/31/2025 DC Amazon-January-Raffle Winner	\$ 25.00	
	Total Disbursements	\$ 71.79
Ending Balance: (01/31/25):		\$ 15,885.96
Prepared By:	 _____ Treasurer	
	Balance Check	\$ 15,885.96
	Per Statement	\$ 23,633.96
(CK#1299-\$7723; DC-01/31/25-\$25)	Difference	\$ (7,748.00)

Chapter Financials February 2025

Beginning Balance (02/01/25):		\$ 15,885.96
Receipts:		
2/7/2025 Deposit-Membership Dues	\$ 15.00	
	Total Receipts	\$ 15.00
Disbursements:		
2/21/2025 EFT Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee/Storage	\$ 26.79	
	Total Disbursements	\$ 26.79
Ending Balance: (02/28/25):		\$ 15,874.17
Prepared By:	 _____ Treasurer	
	Balance Check	\$ 15,874.17
	Per Statement	\$ 15,899.17
(DC-01/31/25 - \$25)	Difference	\$ (25.00)

AGA Events & News



March is
CGFM
Month!

Take One, Get One!

Take a CGFM exam between March 1 and April 30, 2025, and get your next exam **FREE!**

[learn more](#)



Performance Counts 2025

A Virtual Event • May 13 • 4 CPEs

AGA invites all Government members and non-members to this free virtual event.
Register [Here!](#)

Looking for additional FREE CPE credits?

Free Members - Only Webinar
How to Find Happy
April 2 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs

Register [Here!](#)

Free Members-Only
Webinar
May 12 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs

Register [Here!](#)

Check out AGA's additional [Webinars](#).

AGA National Event [Calendar](#)



AGA Events & News



Nashville, Tennessee or virtual
July 27–30, 2025
24 CPEs

PDT '25 features 100+ expert-led sessions, equipping you with critical skills to tackle today’s biggest technology, productivity, and organizational challenges. In a time of transition and evolving policies, financial professionals at all levels of government must be prepared to adapt. It is a critical time to develop and sharpen your skills necessary to enhance efficiency, maximize productivity, drive cost-savings, analyze data effectively, proactively prevent fraud, waste and abuse to ensure accountability in the use of public funds.

PDT brings together thousands of financial professionals and industry leaders to exchange ideas, explore innovative strategies and proven solutions for maximizing impact and driving efficiency and productivity in public service. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your professional development and collaborate with peers from across the industry.

Need help making the case to attend? AGA offers a [Justification Toolkit](#) to help you demonstrate the value of PDT to your organization. From key learning takeaways to cost-benefit highlights, our toolkit provides critical information needed to help secure approval for this unparalleled professional development opportunity.

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Jun. 27, 2025

	Online Registration	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$975	\$1,000
Standard	\$1,075	\$1,100
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$1,175	\$1,200
Standard	\$1,275	\$1,300

Connect with Us

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Misty Hamed
President



Vicky Moore
President Elect
Webmaster



Vicki Delp
Treasurer



Kimberly Howell
Secretary



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