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Baton Rouge
Chapter

MAY 2025



Welcome to the AGA Baton Rouge Newsletter, your premier source for staying connected and informed in the dynamic realm of government financial management!

AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers!



Join AGA's ERM Workshop – June 4! (PG. 14)



**AGA. PDT 2025
Now Virtual!
(PG. 15)**



A Message from Our Chapter President!

Dear AGA Members and Friends,

As we wrap up the month of May, I want to thank each of you for your continued engagement and dedication to the work we do as financial management professionals.

We have exciting events coming up that I encourage you to attend. On **June 4**, AGA will host its **Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Workshop**, a virtual event focused on strengthening risk frameworks and improving resilience across government programs. Then, from **July 28–29**, the **Virtual Professional Development Training (PDT)** will offer two days of insightful sessions, networking, and **CPE opportunities**—don't miss it.

As we look ahead to June, we also want to extend our best wishes for a **Happy Father's Day** to all the fathers and father figures in our community.

And for those already anticipating football season, we've included the 2025 schedules for the **New Orleans Saints, Southern University A&M Jaguars, and LSU Tigers** at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Warm regards,
Miranda Maten, Chapter President
AGA Baton Rouge**

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AGA Baton Rouge Chapter: 2025 Board Members



Ramona Harris ***Chapter President-Elect***

State Employee for 22 years where she has worked in finance the majority of the time for various State Agencies. She is currently employed at the Louisiana Department of Health-Office of Public Health Laboratory serving as the Manager over Business Operations. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management from *Upper Iowa University* and a MBA from *Louisiana State University-Shreveport*. In addition to her degrees, she also is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Graduate of the *Leadership Development Institute*, Graduate of the *Visionary Leadership Academy*, and served the past 2 years as a Mentor for the *OPH Mentorship Academy*. Outside of work she serves on the Financial Council for Junior League of Baton Rouge, for which she has been a member since 2018.



Tiffani Dorsa, CPA ***Immediate Past Chapter President***

Tiffani Dorsa, CPA, is the Immediate Past Chapter President for AGA Baton Rouge, bringing over 18 years of experience to her role. She specializes in working with not-for-profit and governmental industries, particularly entities receiving federal and state assistance. Tiffani is highly familiar with governmental auditing standards, OMB Circular A-133 (Single Audit requirements), and state regulations pertaining to quasi-public entities.

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Barbara Aguillard **Secretary**

Serving as the Budget Director for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the past eight years, Barbara has garnered extensive experience in navigating the intricate landscape of governmental budgets. At the heart of Barbara's professional philosophy is a commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. She is driven by a desire to create easier, more effective ways of accomplishing tasks and overcoming challenges. By fostering a culture of innovation and embracing technology, she strives to empower her team and enhance organizational effectiveness. Currently serving as the Interim Deputy Undersecretary, Barbara remains steadfast in her dedication to driving positive change and optimizing performance within the department.



Jordan Sandwisch **Treasurer**

Jordan Sandwisch is a seasoned professional in the world of finance and auditing, currently serving as the Manager of Audit Assurance at EisnerAmper. With a strong background in accounting and a sharp eye for detail, Jordan brings extensive expertise to his role. Holding a CPA credential, he demonstrates a commitment to excellence in his field. Jordan is known for his meticulous approach to financial analysis and his ability to provide valuable insights to clients. His dedication to ensuring accuracy and compliance makes him a trusted advisor in the realm of audit assurance. Outside of his professional endeavors, Jordan enjoys staying active in his community and pursuing personal interests.

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Sarah Wade

Awards & Scholarship Chair

Sarah Wade is a dynamic and driven budget analyst with 5 years of state government experience in accounting and budgeting. Her expertise is in budget analysis from departments such as education and transportation. Sarah received her accounting degree from *Southern University* in 2018 and her MBA from *Grand Canyon University* in 2021. Outside of her professional endeavors, Sarah enjoys volunteering. She volunteers with Advance. Grow. Accelerate (AGA) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). She started volunteering with AGA in 2016 and Vita in 2020. Helping people achieve their goals and grow is what she loves to do.



Erin McAlinney

Webmaster/Social Media Manager

Erin McAlinney is a dedicated Social Media Coordinator at Premier Group, where she skillfully manages and enhances the company's online presence. She graduated from the University of South Florida in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Public Relations & Advertising, and from St. Petersburg College in 2020 with an Associate's in Arts in Mass Communications Journalism. Erin has crafted advertising campaigns for small, local businesses and is passionate about staying ahead of emerging marketing and social media trends. She excels at designing graphics, crafting newsletters, and creating engaging content that resonates with audiences. In her spare time, Erin enjoys exploring new food spots and staying connected with family and friends.



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Don't Forget: Renew Your AGA Membership!

Benefits:



- **Connect, Collaborate, & Network:**
 - Expand your network, participate in our online mentoring program!
 - Volunteer to serve on AGA committees and boards.
 - Find a position or look for qualified candidates on AGA's Job Board
 - Join the conversation on LinkedIn, Twitter & Facebook.
- **Continuous Learning:**
 - Participate in educational events — learn from and meet the experts.
 - Save money with registration discounts on national and chapter training events.
 - Sign up for four (4) complimentary members-only webinars.
 - Attend the Transformation & Technology Summit for FREE!
 - Attend the Women's Forum for FREE!
 - Leverage discounts on CGFM renewal and application fees.
- **Stay Informed & Find Solutions:**
 - Access online tools, developed by government experts to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.
 - Stay up to date through the quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management.
 - Learn about and share best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
 - Get the latest innovations in government by tuning into AGA's Accountability Talks podcasts.

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HAPPY AGA MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY!

Gwendolyn A. Bennett, CGFM
Bettina L. Camper
Jared Dominique
Samantha Dunbar
Desiree Gray
Catherine Miles
Jordan Sandwisch
Kelly M. Smith
Sidney Stewart



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JOIN THE BATON ROUGE AGA CHAPTER LEADERSHIP BOARD!

Are you an AGA Member eager to make a difference in your community? Here's your chance! The Baton Rouge Chapter is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Leadership Board. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a college student seeking valuable internship experience, we welcome you to be part of our dynamic team.

Several positions available (with more not listed):

- **ACE Reporting:** Ensure accurate financial reporting and transparency.
- **Membership Committee:** Engage with our members, build connections, and enhance our community.
- **President-Elect:** Take a leading role in shaping the future of our chapter.
- **Event Coordinator:** Plan and execute exciting events that bring our community together.

Why Join Us?

- **Community Involvement:** Make a meaningful impact in Baton Rouge and beyond.
- **Professional Development:** Enhance your skills and network with industry professionals.
- **Internship Opportunities:** College students, gain practical experience and boost your resume.
- **Retired Members:** Stay active, share your expertise, and continue making a difference.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY, EMAIL US AT BATONROUGEAGA@GMAIL.COM

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CGFM®

Certification



What is a CGFM?

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) credential, awarded by AGA, showcases expertise in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting across different government levels.

It's a respected certification that highlights specialized knowledge and experience essential for effective government financial management. CGFM opens doors to new career prospects and sets you apart as a distinguished professional in the field.

CGFM Certification Benefits:

1. Enhanced marketability across government sectors.
2. Networking opportunities with fellow government financial managers.
3. Boosted confidence in your role.
4. Potential for employer incentives like raises, promotions, and bonuses.
5. Increased value as an employee, both in reality and perception.
6. Support for ongoing education to stay updated with the latest developments and technologies.

Use this link to learn more about CGFM memberships!

www.agacgfm.org

How Do I Become a CGFM?

1. Fill out an online application and agree to AGA's Code of Ethics.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
3. Pass three CGFM examinations.
4. Gain at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.



For any additional questions, please contact the Office of Professional Certification:

800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931) or cgfm@agacgfm.org

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CGFM LIVE COURSES



AGA is pleased to offer TWO options for CGFM live (real-time) courses for individuals:

- **virtual courses** – live instruction via Zoom.
- **in-person courses** – live class with students and instructor onsite in Alexandria, VA.

Looking for other CGFM course options? AGA also offers [self-paced CGFM courses](#) and [CGFM training for groups](#).

COURSE SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

Virtual
Courses

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

July 15-17, 2025, 10:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Registration or cancellation
deadline – July 8

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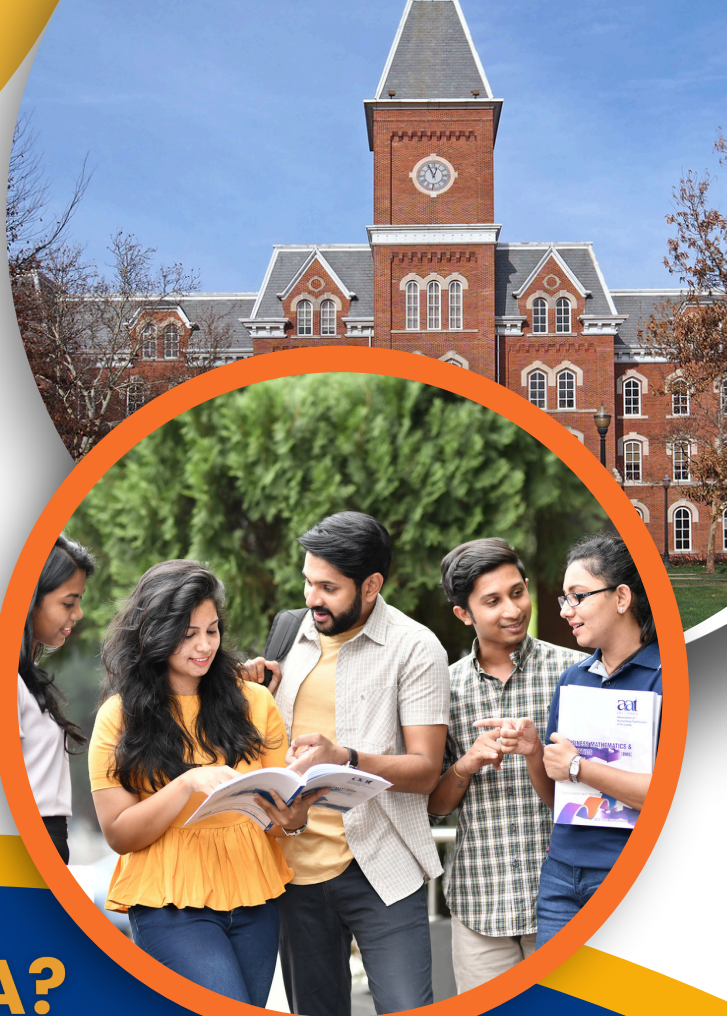
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Student Membership Opportunities



Why AGA?

Considering a career in government financial management? Want to meet government professionals in the federal, state, or local government levels?

Join AGA for FREE! Student membership in AGA provides you access to resources to develop your skills and expand your knowledge. Become a part of AGA to build professional connections and discover your future career while positively impacting your community and country.

**APPLY
NOW**



Scholarships

Academic scholarships, National Collegiate Leadership Scholarship, Government Finance Case Challenge, Datathon



Career Coaching & Professional Community

Mentoring Programs & Local Chapters



Tools & Resources

'Accountability Talks' Podcast & Guest Speakers



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ACCOUNTABILITY TALKS



PODCAST
Show



Discover '**Accountability Talks**,' a podcast delving into the government accountability community. Hear from thought leaders, gain career insights, and join our vibrant community!

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About the Host



Meet **Paul Marshall, CPA, CGFM, CIA, CICA, PMP, VP at MIL Corporation and dedicated AGA member with 20+ years in government accountability.** He champions best practices in audits, financial reporting, and more, serving on AGA boards at local and national levels.

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Upcoming Webinars & Events

You Do Not Want to Miss Out!

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National Events

ERM Workshop 2025

June 4 • Washington, D.C. • 5.5 CPEs

Mark your calendar for the 2025 AGA/AFERM Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Workshop, taking place on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. ET at the Grand Hyatt Washington – Constitution Room.**

This interactive workshop offers **5.5 CPEs** and provides practical insights from ERM leaders through engaging presentations and hands-on, small-group discussions. Attendees will move beyond theory to explore real-world strategies, tools, and examples of successful risk management in action.

Agenda planning is currently underway, and more details will be shared soon.

For questions or additional information, contact: meetings@agacgfm.org. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your ERM knowledge and connect with fellow professionals in the field.

Registration & Pricing

General Admission

Government Member	\$160
Government Non-member	\$160

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National Events



A Virtual Event
July 28–29, 2025
14 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.

Three Reasons You Should Attend:

- **Stay on the cutting edge.** Top-notch speakers from federal, state and local government, academia and the private sector will keep you on top of your game with key information about successful strategies to leverage technology and staff skillsets to their fullest potential, "do more with less", and educational experiences.
- **Network and connect.** Exchange ideas to bring back to your organization and help build the profession. Engage with industry experts and government financial management colleagues who face the same or similar issues on the job.
- **Earn up to 14 of NASBA-approved continuing professional education (CPE) credits.** Make sure you keep your credentials current by increasing your overall body of knowledge and improving your job effectiveness and efficiency by acquiring new skills and learning about successful techniques.

Registration & Pricing

**Early Bird Deadline:
June 27, 2025**

	Online Registration	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$250	\$275
Standard	\$350	\$375
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$450	\$475
Standard	\$550	\$575

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National Events

2025 Internal Control & FRAUD Prevention Training

Join accountability professionals from across the country at AGA's 2025 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training, taking place **September 24–25 in Washington, DC**. This premier event focuses on strengthening internal controls and reducing the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs.

Attendees can earn up to 14 NASBA-approved CPE credits. Sessions will cover timely topics such as fraud detection, data analytics, improper payments, and risks with government payment cards.

Visit nasbaregistry.org for more on CPE eligibility, and register online to secure your spot. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from top experts and enhance your fraud prevention strategies!

Featured Speakers:



Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope
Author, Education
Innovator & Forensic
Accounting Expert



Gerard Braud
Crisis Communications
Expert

Registration & Pricing

**Early Bird Deadline:
August 29, 2025**

	Online Registration	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$575	\$600
Standard	\$675	\$700
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$750	\$775
Standard	\$850	\$875

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Future Professional Development Trainings (PDT)

Save the Date for AGA's future Professional Development Training (PDT) events!



Nashville, Tennessee

July 27–30, 2025

Virtual



Dallas, Texas

July 26–29, 2026

Gaylord Texan Hotel



Chicago, Illinois

July 18–21, 2027

Hyatt Regency Chicago

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HAPPY Father's DAY



Happy Father's Day from AGA Baton Rouge!

This Father's Day, AGA Baton Rouge celebrates and honors all the incredible fathers, father figures, mentors, and role models who guide with strength, lead with compassion, and inspire with unwavering dedication—both at home and in our professional communities.

Whether you're a dad balancing work and family, a mentor helping shape the next generation of financial leaders, or someone who uplifts others through support and encouragement, we thank you. Your hard work and heart make a lasting impact.

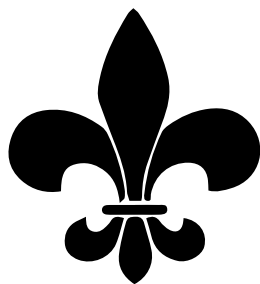
From all of us at AGA Baton Rouge, Happy Father's Day! May your day be filled with appreciation, laughter, and time with the ones you love.

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New Orleans
Saints

2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

WEEK	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME [CT]	TV
P1	SUNDAY	AUG. 10	 AT LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	3:05	FOX 8 GRAY TV
P2	SUNDAY	AUG. 17	 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	NOON	FOX 8 GRAY TV
P3	SATURDAY	AUG. 23	 DENVER BRONCOS	NOON	FOX 8 GRAY TV

REGULAR SEASON

WEEK	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME [CT]	TV
1	SUNDAY	SEPT. 7	 ARIZONA CARDINALS	NOON	CBS
2	SUNDAY	SEPT. 14	 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	NOON	FOX
3	SUNDAY	SEPT. 21	 AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	3:05 PM	CBS
4	SUNDAY	SEP. 28	 AT BUFFALO BILLS	NOON	CBS
5	SUNDAY	OCT. 5	 NEW YORK GIANTS	NOON	CBS
6	SUNDAY	OCT. 12	 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:25 PM	CBS
7	SUNDAY	OCT. 19	 AT CHICAGO BEARS	NOON	FOX
8	SUNDAY	OCT. 26	 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	3:05 PM	FOX
9	SUNDAY	NOV. 2	 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS	3:05 PM	FOX
10	SUNDAY	NOV. 9	 AT CAROLINA PANTHERS	NOON	FOX
11			BYE		
12	SUNDAY	NOV. 23	 ATLANTA FALCONS	3:25 PM	FOX
13	SUNDAY	NOV. 30	 AT MIAMI DOLPHINS	NOON	FOX
14	SUNDAY	DEC. 7	 AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	NOON	CBS
15	SUNDAY	DEC. 14	 CAROLINA PANTHERS	3:25 PM	FOX
16	SUNDAY	DEC. 21	 NEW YORK JETS	NOON	CBS
17	SUNDAY	DEC. 28	 AT TENNESSEE TITANS	NOON	CBS
18	TBD	TBD	 AT ATLANTA FALCONS	TBD	TBD

SAINTS HOME GAMES IN BOLD | SELECT GAME TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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**Southern University
A&M**


2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Southern University Football 2025

Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
AUG. 23	SWAC/MEAC CHALLENGE VS. NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	HOME
AUG. 30	@ MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	AWAY
SEPT. 6	VS. ALABAMA STATE	HOME
SEPT. 13	@ FRESNO STATE	AWAY
SEPT. 27	VS. JACKSON STATE	HOME
OCT. 11	@ BETHUNE COOKMAN	AWAY
OCT. 18	HOME COMING VS. PRAIRIE VIEW	HOME
OCT. 25	VS. FLORIDA A&M	HOME
NOV. 1	@ UAPB	AWAY
NOV. 8	@ ALCORN STATE	AWAY
NOV. 15	VS. TEXAS SOUTHERN	HOME
NOV. 29	BAYOU CLASSIC	HOME

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LSU Tigers

2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

 CLEMSON 8.30	 LOUISIANA TECH 9.6	 FLORIDA 9.13	 SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA 9.20
 OLE MISS 9.27	 SOUTH CAROLINA 10.11	 VANDERBILT 10.18	 TEXAS A&M 10.25
 ALABAMA 11.8	 ARKANSAS 11.15	 WESTERN KENTUCKY 11.22	 OKLAHOMA 11.29

LSU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE // 2025 // HOME AWAY



LSU FOOTBALL

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