

July—September
2017

AGA Charleston Newsletter

President's Message

I'm pleased to welcome everyone to the 11th program year of AGA Charleston! We achieved significant goals over the past year. Please check out our [2016-2017 Report on Accomplishments](#) for an overview of who we are as a chapter, what we have accomplished and where we are headed.

We're particularly enthusiastic about the second annual AGA Charleston Professional Development Training (PDT). The Charleston PDT is the premier annual event for our chapter, and for the Charleston government financial community. Registration is now open – so now is the time to start the conversations with your employer about attending the PDT! If you have questions or if you'd like suggestions on providing justification for PDT attendance to your employer, reach out to us! Our chapter website is the best place to learn about the latest news and activities of the chapter, so please bookmark the site: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Home.aspx>

I highly encourage you to leverage the numerous opportunities within AGA to help expand your skills, your network and your career. If you'd like some pointers on how to make the most of your membership, please reach out to any of the chapter leaders. We are happy to help, and we look forward to collaborating with you all this program year!



Sheena Kennedy, CMA, CGFM
Chapter President



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PDT2017

2017 Professional Development Training

Dec. 14, 2017 | Charleston Southern University

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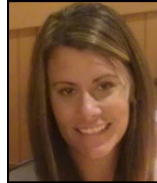
Please see page 8 for details on the PDT!

2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee

The 2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) officially took office on July 1.

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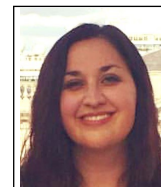
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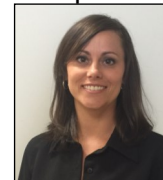
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Welcome New Members!

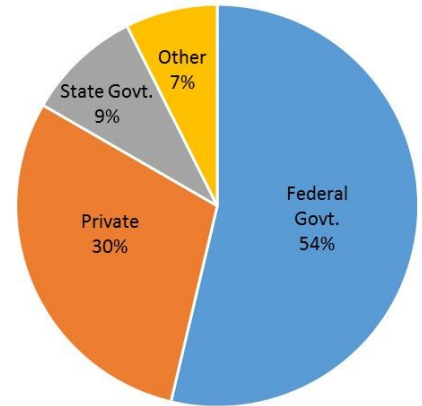
We are pleased to introduce the following new members who have joined AGA Charleston Chapter!

Robert Parsons

Nicolette Terranova

OUR MEMBERS

The AGA Charleston, SC chapter currently has 61 members. Our members hold titles such as Accountant, Consultant, Budget Analyst, Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Auditor and Controller. Our members are employed by government organizations throughout the Charleston area, including the U.S. Department of State, The Citadel, MIL Corporation, CGI Federal, Haynes Incorporated, and Army Corps of Engineers. The chart on the right is a breakdown of the employer types of our members.



Membership Benefit Opportunities

Upcoming Webinars:

Nov. 15 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET

Spotting Fraud in Your Organization

Dec. 6 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET

Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance

Jan. 10 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET

Grants Management

Feb. 7 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET

Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities



Upcoming Virtual Events

Virtual Events – AGA National offers virtual attendance for many of its national events. Virtual attendance allows those with limited travel budgets to participate and earn CPE.



AGA Member Spotlight



Julie Starkweather
MIL Corporation

How long have you been an AGA member? *I have been a member of AGA since 2008.*

Where do you work and what do you do? *I am a Business Analyst with the Systems Coordination and Implementation (SCI) team, at the U.S. Department of State, Global Financial Services Charleston.*

Are you a CGFM? *Not yet.*

If a CGFM, what benefits have you seen from being a CGFM? If not, why would you encourage someone else to pursue it? *The CGFM certification is the "gold standard" for government financial professionals. It signifies a thorough knowledge of government financial management practices at all levels, as well as a commitment to the profession.*

What positions have you held in Charleston AGA? *I have had the honor of serving as the Chapter Treasurer.*

What is the most benefit you receive from being a member...how has it helped you in your job? *The ability to network with other professionals and keep up to date with the latest government initiatives is invaluable. This has helped me identify and prepare for changes that impact our operations at Global Financial Services Charleston.*

Anything else you would like us to know?

AGA is fun; it is great hanging out with other members.

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship (Member benefit)

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship

The Young Professionals Focus Group (YPFG) annually selects five young professionals to attend AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) in July. The participants in this program will act as ambassadors for attendees and assist at the AGA exhibit hall booth and other activities throughout the training event.

Requirements:

- Must be an AGA member in good standing
- A first-time attendee at this annual event
- Working directly for government or nonprofit (federal, state, local or tribal)
- Under the age of 30
- Available Saturday afternoon prior to the start of the PDT and assist at the AGA booth throughout the event
- Willingness to provide feedback on their PDT experience prior to departure

Participants Receive:

- Five-night hotel scholarship at the PDT host hotel
- Complimentary registration for the entire event
- CPEs to help you advance your career (number of CPEs may vary depending on assignments)
- Opportunities to meet and network with AGA leaders



Chapter Financials

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Profit and Loss Statement YTD as of September 30, 2017				
	July	August	September	Total
Revenue				
Membership Dues	154			154
Corporate Sponsors	-	3,000		3,000
PDT Registration	-			-
Non Member Events	-			-
Miscellaneous (t shirt sales)	-			-
Total Revenue	154	3,000	-	3,154
Expenses				
PDT Expenses	153			153
Community Services	-			-
Post Office Box	-		90	90
Supplies	-			-
IT Fees and Maintenance	-			-
Social Media	-			-
Member Events	-			-
Total Expenses	153	-	90	243
Net Income	2			\$ 2,912

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2017			
ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current Assets:		Liabilities:	
Cash	\$ 10,909	Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	-	Utilities Payable	-
Office Supplies	-	Unearned Revenue	-
Prepaid Rent	-	Interest Payable	-
Total Current Assets	\$ 10,909	Notes Payable	-
		Total Liabilities	\$ -
Non-Current Assets:		Equity:	
Equipment	\$ -	Common Stock	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation	-	Retained Earnings	10,909
Net Non-Current Assets	\$ -		
Total Assets	\$ 10,909	Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 10,909

How the Chapter funds are generated and disbursed:

Deposits:

Date posted	Amount	
7/28/2017	\$ 154.16	Chapter Dues
8/14/2017	\$ 1,000.00	Haynes sponsorship
8/24/2017	\$ 1,000.00	STG sponsorship
8/24/2017	\$ 1,000.00	IFAS sponsorship
Deposited total	\$ 3,154.16	

Did you know that Chapter funds cannot be budgeted or spent without prior Chapter Executive Committee approval?

Budgets are panned by the Committee Directors and approved prior to the program year. Any additional expenses are sent out for vote by the CEC and then disbursed.

If you have questions or feedback on how dollars are allocated or spent please contact the chapter Treasurer, Colleen Bridges.

Withdrawals:

Date posted	Amount	Check number	Description
7/3/2017	\$ 152.59	1078	S. Kennedy - Headphones for PDT Raffle Donation
	\$ 90.00	1079	R. Helms - PO Box Fee
Transaction balance	\$ 242.59		

AGA National PDT 2017

2017 AGA PDT Boston, MA | July 9–12

Each July, AGA National hosts a Professional Development Training (PDT) event, where government finance professionals convene to share knowledge, enhance skills, earn CPE hours and connect with other professionals. The event features distinguished speakers from federal, state, and local governments, as well as higher-education and private sector organizations. The PDT facilitates the sharing of key findings and educational experiences to enhance job knowledge and skills of government financial professionals.



Over 1,800 attendees participated in the AGA PDT 2017 in Boston, including AGA Charleston members Robin Faass, John Putschko, Colleen Bridges, Sarah Mollohan and Sheena Kennedy.



AGA Charleston members celebrating the PLATINUM award presented to the chapter for the excellent chapter program year of 2016-2017!



AGA Charleston used chapter funds to purchase a pair of Beats headphones, which were donated to the AGA National PDT Community Service Raffle. Funds generated from the raffle benefit the AGA National Community

Speaker Event—September 28

Thank you to Skip Sergent, our guest speaker for the chapter meeting held on September 28. Mr. Sergent delivered an excellent presentation on key threats in government financial auditing. Mr. Sergent has extensive professional experience in military and civilian government. He is currently the Director of Financial Oversight and Quality Assurance within the Office of Financial Oversight and Quality Assurance at the U.S. Dept. of State Charleston Financial Service Center.




Guest Speaker, Mr. Skip Sergent




Chapter members Paul McVicker, Sheena Kennedy, Georgia Middleton, Rebecca Helms, Timmy Van Parys, Shana Gunter and Stacy Johnson

Upcoming Event


AGA Charleston Open House



Are you not a member yet? Want to learn more about the AGA Charleston Chapter?



Are you interested in the CGFM designation?



Do you want details on the AGA Charleston PDT 2017?


Please stop in for the

AGA Charleston Chapter Open House

Wednesday, October 4 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

VTC Room, CGFS (Federal Complex)*

*if you do not work on the Federal Complex, please contact agacharleston@gmail.com for directions and to be added to the Visitors List



PIZZA!

Pizza will be served!

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a gift card!

Education and Training - PDT 2017



Registration is now live for the AGA Charleston Second-Annual PDT!

[Click here to register today!](#)

This is a full day event offering 7 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). Our 2016 PDT included approximately 100 government financial professional attendees, offered notable speakers, and facilitated valuable networking among industry professionals from the Charleston area and beyond. We strive to ensure the 2017 PDT will be an even greater success! Confirmed speakers include:

- **Ann Ebberts**, *CEO, AGA National*
- **Ed Lugo**, *Visiting Professor, Department of Criminal Justice - The Citadel, U.S. Secret Service - Special Agent In Charge – Retired*
- **Elizabeth Amory**, *Attorney Adviser, U.S. Department of State*
- **Dr. Darin Gernes**, *Associate Professor of Management, Charleston Southern University*

The PDT Task Force is working to assemble a lineup that will ensure dynamic, credible speakers to facilitate a wide-range of subject areas to satisfy CPE requirements and enhance the knowledge of government financial professionals.

Helpful info:

Lunch will be provided by AGA Charleston sponsors.

A detailed agenda will be available soon!



Upcoming Community Service Event

Susan Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure

October 21, 2017

Daniel Island, SC

AGA Charleston has accepted the challenge to participate in the Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure and raise funds in support of Komen's vision of a world without breast cancer. Please help support our Chapter by becoming a member of our team!

Simply click on the link below and select JOIN TEAM. Once you have registered, visit your Participant Center to review the resources provided to assist you in your fundraising efforts.

Can't join the team? You can still help our chapter in raising funds for the cause. Click on the link below and select **DONATE**.



http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=6930&pg=team&team_id=394890

Contact: Courtney Brown

Email: cebrown24@gmail.com

CGFM

Interested in earning your Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification? Contact the CGFM Director Peg Kendra at KendraPM@state.gov.



Join the many members who have obtained their CGFM. Take advantage of potential study group and classes!

Current AGA Charleston CGFMs	
Name	Employer
Beth Da Re, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Cathy Myzell, CGFM, CPA	Haynes, Inc.
Charles Maloney Jr., CGFM	Self-Employed
Emily Gable, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Eugenia Bell, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Georgia Middleton, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Kathryn Robinson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Lynne Baronoff, CGFM-Retired, CPA	Retired
Michele Deneau, CGFM	Reliable Accounting
Olufunke Olusesi, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Paul McVicker, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Peg Kendra, CGFM	The MIL Corporation
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Robert Maki, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Robin Faass, CGFM	CGI Federal, Inc.
Shari Clark, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Sheena Kennedy, CGFM, CMA	The MIL Corporation
Stacy Johnson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Vicki Chupas, CGFM	Department of the Navy SPAWAR SSC Atlantic
Ward Logan, CGFM	The Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Wilbur Spearin, CGFM-Retired	Retired

Distinguish yourself

Advance your career

What are the initial CGFM requirements?

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Enhance your marketability

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

Increase and showcase your knowledge



Eventbrite Now Live for AGA Charleston Events

AGA Charleston is now using the EventBrite platform on the chapter website for attendees to register for chapter events. This provides more efficient attendee tracking and facilitates payment processing for paid events.

Let us know if you have any questions at agacharleston@gmail.com and check out our upcoming events [here](#).

Additional News

Verify your login credentials with the AGA National website. Log on to see all upcoming National Events and take advantage of your National member benefits.

You can actively participate in the selection of our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and even become a member of the team!

The Chapter is always planning for future program years. Please notify the Chapter of any interest to lead or serve on a committee. You can be our next chapter leader and continue to take the chapter to new levels. If you are interested or know of a member who has leadership qualities and would make a great addition to the CEC, please let us know at agacharleston@gmail.com

Committee Roles

<https://www.agacgfm.org/aga/chaptersites/CharlestonSC/files/Leadership%20Roles.docx>

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