# The Roanoke Ledger

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## Roanoke Chapter

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## President's Message

Welcome to the 2017/2018 AGA Year. I am honored and excited to serve in the position of Chapter President of the Roanoke Chapter for the next 12 months. My family and I though being relatively new to the Roanoke Valley, are no strangers to AGA. I have been an AGA member since 2002 when I joined AGA while living in Germany. Upon relocating to VA Beach in 2004, I was affiliated with the Virginia Peninsula Chapter where I served in various roles including Treasurer, chapter President and most recently Regional Vice President for our Region, the South Atlantic Region. About 2 years ago my family and I relocated to the beautiful Roanoke Valley, and hence began our affiliation with the Roanoke Chapter.

Over the last 15 years, I have found AGA to be an invaluable resource and career enhancer in my time as a federal government employee and now as a CPA in private practice. To borrow a term from my military days, I consider AGA to be a "force multiplier", which google defines as "tools that help you amplify your effort to produce more output". This is also reflected in AGA's core mission of helping members build their skills and advance their careers. AGA is also committed to increasing government accountability and transparency and has been instrumental in assisting with the development of accounting and auditing standards and in generating new concepts for the effective organization and administration of government financial management.

I want to focus on the first area of helping members build their skills and advance their careers. As financial professionals, we're often faced with the challenge of juggling hectic lives, slicing and dicing our daily ration of 24 hours between work, family, church and other social responsibilities. My goal as chapter president is to help you to use the force multiplier (AGA) to accomplish your professional goals. I aim to accomplish this by providing opportunities for gaining quality CPE's year-round, including personal development. To provide opportunities for networking events, with a focus on recruitment and retention, attracting and retaining emerging leaders to ensure the continued viability of our Chapter, and to provide opportunities for our members to be of service to our communities.

So, the focus is on you, our members. Your development, your opportunities, furthering your careers, your dreams, your aspirations. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the dedicated core of members who've made up the Chapter's Executive Council (CEC) over the past two years, but to accomplish the goals that we've established for 2017/2018, we can't do it without you. We will need you to show up. Show up for the monthly meetings, show up for the networking events and show up when we ask for members who would like to help us lead. I understand that there are challenges to accomplishing our goals, but so is the case for every worthwhile goal. So together we can make it happen. We will begin by getting your input. Keep an eye out for the chapter survey in early August. Tell us what's important to you, when is the best time/day to hold meetings etc. Then we will put together a dynamic program for the year beginning in September and ride the wave into the summer of 2018. It's going to be an exciting ride. Do join us!

 **Curtis Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA**

**UPCOMING MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Roanoke Chapter is via webinar and is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 12:00pm.

# Other AGA Information

### *MID-ATLANTIC* RE-GIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region.  Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

### NATIONAL NEWS

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org.

### CPE OPPORTUNITIES

Cybersecurity and You Webinar—September 20th 12pm—1pm.  Free

Leverage LinkdIn to Up Your Reputation Webinar—September 28th—National Webinar
Shared Services Summit—October 3, Washington

Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information—October 11th—National Webinar

### MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online.  Just go to www.agacgfm.org to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2017-2018 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

To join the AGA, obtain an application on the above website.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sarah A. Beamer, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Mt. Rogers CSB

Kelly L. Castleman, Chief Accountant, Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Amber M. Haga, Senior Consultant, CGI Federal

Kurtis C. Moran, AIS Consultant, CGI Federal

### Call for National Leaders!

Join AGA's National leadership/Regional leadership Team.  AGA is taking nominations for National President, Senior Vice President, and Regional Vice President.  Get more information at agacgfm.org/nominations.

Become a CFGM!  Attend the CGFM intensive Review Course and AGA will pay for your exam!  Get more information at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm-certification

The Roanoke chapter is looking for volunteering opportunities in our communities.  Have one?  Send us your ideas. Contact our community Service Chair Bradley Vaught at bwvaught@pulaskicounty.org .

AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to simplify communication between governments and their citizens.  AGA encourages you to work with your government employer or with the city, town or state where you live, and persuade them to produce a CCR.  Be on the look-out for the Roanoke Chapter's CCR to be published soon.  For more information on publishing a CCR go to www.agacgfm.org/ccr

Have an idea for the newsletter? Contact Deanna at dcox1662@gmail.com