



Monthly Newsletter



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President’s Message



Hello Dallas Chapter!

We’ve come so far! I feel we need to celebrate that in all parts of our life right now. COVID isn’t over by any means, and 2021 isn’t yet showing much sign of change, but I am proud of so much in this past year. Within our Chapter, incredible things are happening. We pivoted to virtual meetings last year and are knocking it out of the park. Our training attendance is higher than a normal year, and the Chapter has brought in more net revenue than any of the past five years. Because past leadership left the Chapter financially sound, and with the addition of new corporate partners, we have been able to make a difference in our local community and contribute to various charities in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. We are already in the process of planning our next training event in March, and we welcomed a new corporate partner this month, Cotton & Company, LLP. I’m also fortunate to report that our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) continues to grow, and we have begun looking into what the CEC will look like in the next program year. I’d love to talk about you joining our team. Please [email me](#) if you are interested.

Thanks,

John D. Rich, CGFM
AGA Dallas Chapter President

Connect with Us!



Upcoming Events

March 2021 Virtual PDT

Save the date! We will host our next virtual training and networking events on Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25, 2021. Agenda and registration details coming soon.

Date/Time:

- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 1:00pm-5:00pm CT and/or
- Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 12:00pm-4:00pm CT

Location: Virtual via GoToWebinar

CPEs: Up to 8 CPEs

We are also hosting a Trivia & Networking hour following the Thursday event.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 4:30pm-5:30pm CT

Location: Virtual via Zoom

2021 National Leadership Training



Date: February 24-25, 2021

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

Location: Virtual

CPEs: 14 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

AGA National Webinars

[Register Online](#)

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

Date: March 3, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Annual AGA Women's Council 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

Ethics (2 CPEs)

Date: April 7, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

CARES Act (2 CPEs)

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Fraud/Data Analytics (2 CPEs)

Date: May 12, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Membership Spotlight

Membership Anniversaries

- Ms. Patricia M. Wheeler – 33 years
- Mrs. Cindy L. Smith, CGFM – 21 years
- Mr. Blake Ryan Rodgers – 14 years
- Ms. Carla B. Flores, CGFM – 13 years
- Ms. Brittany Laine Wisdom, CGFM – 7 years
- Mr. Eric Kipngeno Mutai, CGFM – 6 years
- Mr. Jerry Dean Owen – 2 years

Renew your AGA Membership and/or CGFM Today!

The 2021–2022 Renewal Season is now open. AGA membership and CGFM renewals are due by March 31, 2021. [Renew your membership today](#) to ensure a seamless continuation of your AGA benefits for the next year.

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



Free Student and Professor Memberships



Do you know any students pursuing a career in government financial management? Or any accounting or finance professors?

AGA offers a FREE electronic membership to students enrolled full-time at an accredited higher education institution and not gainfully employed. [Learn more](#) about AGA Student Membership.

AGA also offers FREE electronic membership to academicians who are not current AGA members. [Contact us](#) if you would like to get enrolled.

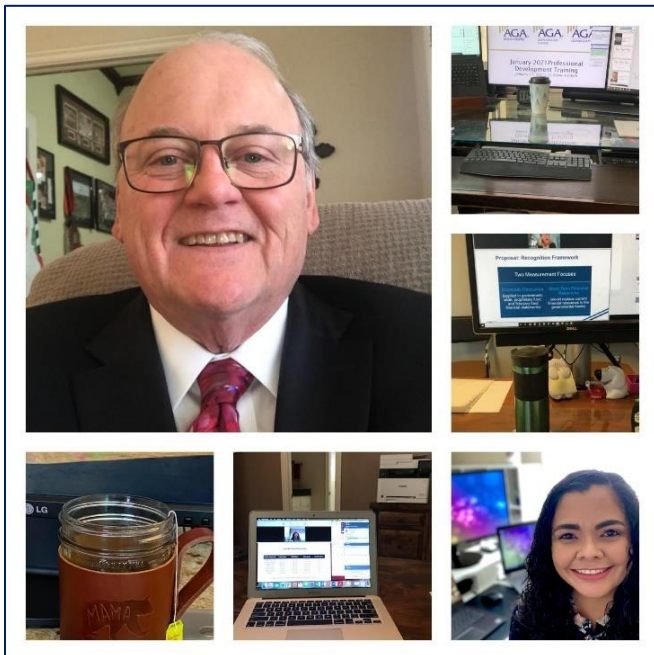
Chapter News

AGA Dallas Hosts Joint Virtual January 2021 Professional Development Training (PDT) with the Oklahoma City, and Ozarks Chapters

The AGA Dallas, Oklahoma City and Ozarks Chapters hosted the Virtual January 2021 PDT on January 11, 2021. Over 50 attendees participated in a variety of sessions including a Governmental Accounting Standards Board update, protecting yourself from cybercrime, and an update on the Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program.

Donations on behalf of the speakers have been made to the [North Texas Food Bank](#), and the [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#).

Speaker bios, presentations and photos of the event are available now in our [Past Events](#) page.





SBA Payroll Protection Program Updates

*Laura Wardwell, CPA
Controller, Valliance Bank*



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*

Call for CEC Nominations

Volunteering with AGA is a great way to give back to the profession, and further your own career! As we begin planning for the 2021-2022 program year, we have some opportunities for members to get involved. [Click here](#) to learn more about the various positions in the AGA Dallas Chapter CEC. If you are interested in volunteering in the next program year, please email [John Rich](#), AGA Dallas Chapter President.

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.



AGA Accountability Talks

Have you listened to AGA's Accountability Talks podcast yet? Episodes feature topics such as OMB Circular A-123 Appendix C, FASAB, data analytics, interviews with AGA leadership and more! In Episode 61, Blockchain for Grants, host Paul Marshall speaks with Mike Wetklow and Justin Poll from the National Science Foundation and Craig Fischer from the Treasury about the ethical implications of utilizing Artificial Intelligence.

[Listen now!](#)

2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee

[John D. Rich, CGFM](#)

President

Vacant

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[Carla B. Flores, CGFM](#)

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Vacant

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[Melinda J. DeCorte, CGFM, CPA](#)

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>

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Thank you to our Corporate Partners. We have 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 each of them.

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