

The Roanoke Ledger

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President's Message

By Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA



What a difference a month makes. It seems as if pre-COVID was a lifetime away, and in a different place and time. But sadly, it was only 30 days ago we were meeting up for lunch, drinks, happy hour and hugging each other. Not anymore. Face to face meetings have been replaced with facetime, zoom and quarantines. Who would have thought? Well that's our new reality, our one in 100-year event, lucky us! But this is no time to feel sorry of ourselves or dream of a happier place and time, we just have to adapt, adjust, and overcome; float with the tides and roll with the punches.

Luckily for our chapter, we were a little bit ahead of the curve when COVID-19 made in-person meetings a thing of the past. Having incorporated online meetings into

our program more than two years ago, with a full transition to online for the 2019/2020 AGA year, we hardly missed a beat. When hosting the Spring PDT at the planned location in Roanoke was no longer an option, our board sprang into action and changed gears to convert to an online venue. So, we are excited about on Spring PDT scheduled for April 23rd. I'm looking forward to a packed house, no matter where you are, you can participate. Registration is required so be sure to do so, and it is open to non-members as well.

During the March (COVID) madness we were still able to bring you our free monthly webinar, which occurred on Thursday March 19th on "Cost Allocation Plans" by Charles W. Hester, CPA/CFE/CGFM, former Western District Inspector General and Audit Manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

We closed out the month with our membership drive. Kudos to those of you who renewed and renewed early. It seems that some didn't quite make the cut-off, and we've reached out with reminders. We also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. This is your opportunity to get involved. We aim to have the slate of officers identified and submitted to national by month's end. Please consider serving on our board or as one of our various committee Chairs.

AGA national has established a COVID-19 Resource Exchange where you can find a wealth of information relating COVID-19 and includes AGA, government, corporate partner and chapter events and resources. See page XX for details.

Till next time, remember to wash your hands often, maintain social distance and wear face coverings when leaving the home. Be safe and stay well.

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Opportunities



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Thursday, April 23, 2020

ON-LINE

5 CPE'S

\$35.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$50.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS, FREE TO STUDENTS

Please email or call with questions:

Curtis Joachim: cjoachim@tjgcpas.com: 540-387-1000

Registration & Payment:

Vicki Delp: vbdelp@gmail.com: 276-223-4871

CGFM Quick Facts

- Take the CGFM Examinations

Take the examinations at a Pearson VUE Professional Testing Center. After you complete a CGFM examination, you will immediately receive a pass/fail score. If you did not pass your exam, you must adhere to a 30-day waiting period before you can retake it. If you failed a particular exam more than once, your waiting period is 60 days. You can find your exam results and eligibility dates in [My Path to CGFM](#).



Have you Seen?

AGA now has a COVID-19 Resource Exchange. It includes AGA, government, corporate partner and chapter events and resources. Make sure you visit.

[check it out](#)



Member Spotlight

This Month the Roanoke Chapters Newsletter is pleased to introduce:



Bradley W. Vaught – Staff Accountant for Pulaski County

We would like to use this section of the newsletter to introduce AGA members to each other. Please send me a photo and answers to any six of the questions below. I thought I would introduce myself on the weekend of my 50th Birthday!!!

- 1) How long have you been a member of the AGA? *Since 2017, I have been in three separate positions on the Board*
- 2) Why did you join the AGA? *To help me learn more about Governmental Accounting since I had come from the private sector.*
- 3) What is your current occupation? *Staff Accountant for the County of Pulaski*
- 4) What do you love most about Government Accounting? *I love People and I love Pulaski County. I was blessed to grow up on Claytor Lake in the Mountains of Pulaski County.*
- 5) How do you define success? *Success is making a difference in the lives of my children.*
- 6) If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose? *My Father. He worked 6 days a week. He also would come home in the evenings for supper and then return to work for himself to support my Mother, Brother and me. He is the most selfless person I know.*
- 7) What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? *I love and live hard. I love everything outdoors!*

AGA is Community Minded

April 10

11:59 p.m. ET

Deadline for Submission to Two PDT Scholarship Programs

First-time PDT attendees can apply for the [YP PDT Scholarship](#) or [First-Time Attendee Registration & Hotel Scholarship](#), as appropriate.

the road to PDT 2020

May 31

11:59 p.m. ET

Reporting & Nomination Deadline!

NCC Representative reports, Chapter Recognition Program credits and [Volunteer of the Year](#) nominations are due for submission.

visit chapter resources

June 11

3–4 p.m. ET

Information Session about cnf.io

Love AGA's event apps and want to do the same at your chapter? Looking for a new way to track attendance for CPEs at your events? Let us know and we'll invite you to this information session!

sign up to learn

June 26

1–2 p.m. ET

1 CPE | 0.5 PDU

FREE Members-Only Webinar: Understanding the Multi-Generational Workplace

From baby boomers through Gen Z, you will learn ways to understand, connect with, and effectively work with your diverse team.

learn more & register

Looking for more?

For AGA National news, visit: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

For AGA National events, visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar>

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Chapter Information

2018-2019 Chapter Board

Curtis Joachim, President
 Vicki Delp, Treasurer
 Melissa Cable, Secretary
 Joshua Levenstein, Education/Meetings
 Gillian Cadogan, Membership/Emerging Leaders
 Leah Kirby, Community Service
 Vicky Moore, Web-Master
 Bradley Vaught, Accountability, Communications & News
 Letter
 Lal Harter, Nat'l Council of Chapters Representative
[Contact Information for the Chapter Board](#)

New Members

Regular Members:

Candy Brown

Student members:

No New Students Members



AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending March 2020

Beginning Balance: 03/01/20 **\$3,104.34**

Receipts:

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| 3/4/2020 | Registration Fee-PDT (Square) | \$ | 91.94 |
| 3/6/2020 | Registration Fee-PDT (Square) | \$ | 91.94 |
| 3/6/2020 | Registration Fee-PDT (Square) | \$ | 348.65 |
| 3/13/2020 | Deposit-Williamsburg PDT-Roanoke Share | \$ | 952.00 |

Total Receipts **\$1,484.53**

Disbursements:

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| 3/16/2020 | Refund PDT Registration Fees (Square) | \$ | 532.53 |
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Total Disbursements **\$532.53**

Ending Balance: 03/31/20 **\$4,056.34**

Signature:

Vicki B. Delp
Treasurer

CEC Meeting March 26, 2020

- Consensus for Online PDT – **We voted to continue to offer the Spring PDT via webinar on April 23, 2020.** Curtis will follow up with the remaining speakers. We agreed that via webinar an 8-hour day would be too long. We will shoot for 4-5 speakers to be completed all in one day (preferably ½ day). We also discussed the possibility of having another webinar in May but agreed that we would not since it is our year end wrap up.
- Speaker Availability – 3 have responded so far; Curtis will follow up with the remaining speakers. We want to include the GASB update.
- Cost – We want to keep the cost as low as possible due to the circumstances. We agreed that \$35.00 would be a good price for the webinar.
- Raffle to support Ride-A-Rescue of Radford during the PDT: It was agreed that Leah would set up a GO-FUND-ME page for our raffle so that it could be tracked. The Chapter will cover any fees related to using this feature (2.9% fee and \$.30 per transaction).
- Accountability/Communications report
- Registration flyers – Brad will try to update the fliers as soon as possible.
- Registration – Vicki – Everyone who paid for the original PDT has been refunded.
- Charity Raffle – Leah – See above
- Student Free attendance
- AGA Video - Curtis
- Sponsors – Curtis – We think that Brown Edwards will be a sponsor; Curtis to follow up.
- Supplies – Vicki – We agreed to leave the budget the same at \$100.00.
- Speaker Introductions – Would like to have Roanoke Chapter Board Members introduce the speakers, so please let Curtis know if you plan to attend so you can participate.
- Delivery Platform – We agreed to stick with “Free Conference Call” to provide the webinar. We would like to do a “dry run” with the Speakers prior to the event.
- Starting Times and Logistics – We agreed that since webinar services may be overloaded due to the current circumstances in the world (quarantine), we should consider starting each presentation at a time that is OFF the hour to reduce streaming loads. A request was also made to place the letters in the TOP LEFT of the video screen to avoid interference with the chat box.
- We will have our next follow up meeting April 9, 12PM.



FUNNY MOMENT AND FUN NUMBERS!!!



"Hey, we're government accountants.
These numbers aren't supposed to add up."

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