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Roanoke Chapter

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President's Message



It's the most wonderful time of the year again. What do you like most about the Christmas season? One of my favorites include the beautiful colors painted throughout our neighborhoods. I remember as a child how hard I would try to be "nice" all year so that Santa would bring me a present. But alas, it was oftentimes a lost cause. One of the things I love about being an adult is that I can buy all the toys I want! I love it!

November was an exciting month for our chapter as we had our second successful webinar. After a short update on chapter happenings, we received a presentation on emotional intelligence from Dr. Kas Henry, with about a dozen members attending by phone or internet. We plan to continue to offer learning opportunities for our members both personally and professionally for the rest of the AGA year.

This month's meeting took place on December 13th at the VA Tech Corporate Research Center. Thanks to our President-Elect Vicky Moore for making the arrangements. Due to the low number of members who RSVP'd we opted not to have the scheduled speaker make the 4-hour trip from Raleigh NC. Instead, after the business portion of our meeting, I gave a presentation on using AGA's Fraud Prevention Toolkit to combat fraud in your organization for 1 CPE. It is my hope that having one in-person meeting per quarter will enable more of our members to attend.

Our next meeting is via webinar and scheduled for January 31, 2018 from 11:50am – 1:00pm. The topic will be "Fringe Benefits for Government Employers" to be presented by a Revenue Agent from the IRS. I hope that you will be able to attend.

As we bring this year to a close, I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming new Year!

Curtis Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

**Roanoke Chapter Association of Government Accountants (AGA)
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2017**

Attendance:

Darrell Jones, Diane Newby, Jeet Heda, Laurie Smith, Sarah A Beamer, Vicky Moore, Aida Quito, Bradley Vaught, Leah Kirby, Curtis Joachim, Dr. Kas Henry

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:51am.

2. Treasurer's Report – Curtis Joachim, Chapter President

Our Roanoke chapter treasurer has resigned, and we are seeking any volunteers or suggestions to fill the position. Please let Curtis know if you are interested in serving as treasurer.

3. Community Service – Covered by Curtis Joachim

Members are asked to volunteer hours in their local communities in the name of the AGA.

4. Membership & Emerging Leaders – Lal Harter, Membership & Emerging Leaders Chair

As discussed in the October meeting, a motion was passed to waive the current price of membership fees for any student members that serve in an officer position, such as treasurer, etc. We can waive membership fees for up to 5 students per year. We are continuing to reach out to Virginia Tech about speaking to student organizations or in accounting classes.

5. Meetings/Education/CGFM – Curtis Joachim

Dr. Henry, from Chicago University, is our presenter for the November 29th “Emotional Intelligence” webinar. Our December meeting will be held in Blacksburg on December 13, 2017, with John Pantaleo as the event's speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

UPCOMING MEETING/ FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Roanoke Chapter is a webinar scheduled for January 31, 2018 11:50am-1:00pm

February 28, 2018—Pulaski, Location TBD 6:00pm—7:30pm

March 28, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm

April 25, 2018—PDT RU or Roanoke Coll 7CPEs

May 30, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm

June, 29, 2018—Awards Banquet 6:00pm-7:30pm

July—National PDT, Orlando, FL

Other AGA Information

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at

www.agacgfm.org.

CPE OPPORTUNITIES

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL 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



The AGA offers a host of webinars. Please check out www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar to find out what's available and when.

Coming up in January is a Grants Management Webinar on January 10th, and a Financial Systems Summit on January 17th.

Information regarding these learning options may be obtained at www.agacgfm.org.

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.

2016-2018 Governance Review

The National Executive Committee believes that AGA needs a structure change to enable continued growth and success. Our association is strong, but to continue to be the leading organization for government accountability professionals, we must consider changes to the way we operate. Read more at the AGA website and take time to provide input. <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review.aspx>

