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Baton Rouge
Chapter

MARCH 2024



Welcome to the AGA Baton Rouge Newsletter, your premier source for staying connected and informed in the dynamic realm of government financial management!

AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers!

**Unlocking Insights,
Empowering
Excellence: Your
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to AGA Baton
Rouge News &
Updates!**



**UPCOMING WEBINARS &
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES!
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AGA BATON ROUGE CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

MIRANDA MATEN, MBA

Miranda Maten, the President of AGA Baton Rouge Chapter, is a seasoned accountant with a passion for fostering productive relationships across all levels. Her expertise lies in enhancing budget administration, tracking expenses, and forecasting future financial requirements. She has a robust understanding of financial and government accounting. Her leadership drives innovation and efficiency within the chapter, making her a valuable asset to AGA Baton Rouge.



AGATM
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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

TIFFANI DORSA, CPA

Tiffani Dorsa, the immediate past president of the AGA Baton Rouge chapter, is a seasoned CPA with over 25 years of experience in public practice. Throughout her career, she has focused on auditing and providing accounting services to a diverse range of local governments, including large cities, school districts, retirement systems, and smaller taxing districts. Tiffani understands the unique challenges faced by each entity, recognizing the importance of diversity in shaping workplaces, communities, and families. Her leadership and expertise have made a significant impact on the AGA Baton Rouge chapter, driving excellence and inclusivity within the organization.



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AGA Baton Rouge Chapter: 2024 Board Members

Chapter President: Miranda Maten

Immediate Past President: Tiffani Dorsa

Secretary: Barbara Aguillard

Treasurer: Jordan Sandwisch

Director of Education: Ramona Harris

Director of Community Service: Danette Delome

Awards Chair: Sarah Wade

Scholarship Chair: Sarah Wade



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CGFM®

Certification

What is a CGFM?

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) credential, awarded by AGA, showcases expertise in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting across different government levels.

It's a respected certification that highlights specialized knowledge and experience essential for effective government financial management. CGFM opens doors to new career prospects and sets you apart as a distinguished professional in the field.

CGFM Certification Benefits:

1. Enhanced marketability across government sectors.
2. Networking opportunities with fellow government financial managers.
3. Boosted confidence in your role.
4. Potential for employer incentives like raises, promotions, and bonuses.
5. Increased value as an employee, both in reality and perception.
6. Support for ongoing education to stay updated with the latest developments and technologies.

Use this link to
learn
more about
CGFM
memberships!

www.agacgfm.org

How Do I Become a CGFM?

1. Fill out an online application and agree to AGA's Code of Ethics.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
3. Pass three CGFM examinations.
4. Gain at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.



For any additional questions, please
contact the Office of Professional
Certification:

800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931) or
cgfm@agacgfm.org

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**Don't Forget to
Renew your
AGA
membership by
March 31st,
2024!
[Renew Here!](#)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**TO
OUR
MARCH
AGA
MEMBERS!**

Name:

Years of Membership:

Barbara C. Aguiard	5
Vondrica Alexander	5
Kevin Cook	13
Kimneye Shawntell Cox	2
Patricia Dees	7
Jessica Do	1
Dari Renee Donaldson	1
Kyle Drago	23
Jovan Haynes	5
Tracy Holmes	4
Judith Morris Jackson	5
Benjamin Ray Johnson	1
Jeffrey M. Lagarde	7
Augustine McGary	1
Jamie McLendon	1
Breanna Metoyer	7
Crystal Redden	13
Jayasree Sanampudi	13
Anne G. Villa	12

**Happy Anniversary to our AGA
members who joined us in
March!**

**Your dedication and expertise in
accounting and finance are truly
appreciated here at AGA Baton
Rouge.**

Whether you've been with us for
years or are celebrating your first
anniversary, we honor and celebrate
all your hard work. Thank you for your
contributions to our community!

**Let's extend a warm welcome to
our latest additions! We are
thrilled to acknowledge and
greet these new members.**

- Natasha Carter
- Danette Dalome
- Tryone Johnson
- Bukola Oluwade

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SAVE THE DATE



MAY 4,
2024

Join us for an exciting event as
we unveil the return of
Baton Rouge AGA!

After a short break, we're back
and more fired up than ever to
make a positive impact in our
community. Whether you're a
seasoned member or new to
our mission, we welcome you to
join us on this exciting journey
with our chapter.

Mark your calendars for May 4th
and get ready for an event that
promises inspiration,
connection, and empowerment!

CBA Honors Ceremony

- This year's **College of Business Honors Ceremony – Nicholls State University** will take place on **Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the Cotillion Ballroom, Student Union building.**
- The **dessert reception for this ceremony will take place in the Captain's room at 2:30 PM**, where you can enjoy dessert and coffee!
- Join us as we come together to honor and celebrate the excellence, innovation, and dedication of our CGFMs who are shaping the future of financial accounting and making a lasting impact on government financial management. Together, we will continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and excellence in our field.

2024 Award Recipients



- **Cameron Duhon**
- **Ronal Santos**
- **Alexander Herbert**

During this celebratory event, we will shine a spotlight on our award recipients, highlighting their impactful initiatives, innovative strategies, and unwavering dedication to excellence. Through their efforts, they have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of CGFMs and financial accounting, setting a high standard for professionalism, integrity, and achievement.

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Embracing Criticism: Using Negative Comments to Propel You Forward

April 17, 2024, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM ET
\$30 per Person

An enlightening webinar led by Kimberly Jones, designed to transform how you perceive and harness criticism in your professional journey. Join us for an engaging session that explores the power of negative feedback in propelling personal growth and career success. Discover valuable strategies to extract meaningful insights from criticism, gain a fresh perspective on challenges, and leverage feedback to reach your full potential. This session promises to be both amusing and insightful, offering practical tools to turn negative comments into stepping stones for professional advancement. Don't miss this opportunity to embrace criticism and unlock new pathways to success!

Cybersecurity Webinar: Trends in Ransomware and Identity Theft

March 27, 2024, 2:00 PM – 3:50 PM ET

Free to Attend for Members

This event will focus on the latest trends in ransomware and identity theft, providing valuable insights into protecting your organization and personal information.

Here's what you can expect from the webinar:

- Understand the impact and costs of ransomware attacks, including statistics and projections.
- Explore the prevalence of identity theft and its implications for businesses and individuals.
- Learn about resources available to combat ransomware and identity theft at all levels of government.
- Get practical advice on safeguarding your data and making informed decisions in cyber threat situations.

Our panel of experts will delve into these critical topics, offering valuable knowledge and strategies to enhance your cybersecurity defenses.

[Register Here!](#)

Deadline to Register or Cancel is March 25, 2024

Increase Your Confidence, Enhance Your Career

May 9, 2024, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM ET
\$30 per Person

A transformative webinar dedicated to enriching your professional life by boosting your self-confidence. Join us for an entertaining and insightful session where you'll discover practical strategies to develop a deeper appreciation for your abilities and qualities. Learn how increased confidence can positively impact your presentation skills, communication effectiveness, and overall interactions in the business environment. Gain valuable insights and actionable tips to project confidence, handle challenges with ease, and elevate your career trajectory. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock your full potential and take your professional journey to new heights!

[Register Here!](#)

**Deadline to Register or Cancel is
May 7, 2024**

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How to Find "Happy"

June 24, 2024, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM ET

\$30 per Person

A captivating webinar led by Kimberly Jones, designed to guide you through moments when happiness feels elusive. Join us for an entertaining journey filled with humor, personal stories, and practical step-by-step instructions that will help you gain a fresh perspective on both your personal and professional lives. Discover valuable insights and strategies to make finding your 'happy' easier and more achievable. This session promises to uplift and inspire, offering tools to navigate challenges with positivity and embrace joy in all aspects of life. Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a journey towards a happier and more fulfilling existence!

[Register Here!](#)

Deadline to Register or Cancel is June 22, 2024

Important Details:

- **Registration and payment:** Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 2 days before the class start date. Space is limited. Payment is required by credit card at the time of registration. POs are not accepted.
- **Cancellation deadline:** The cancellation deadline for each session is 2 days before the start date. If the registrant does not attend the presentation, AGA will not issue credit toward any future training.
- **Login instructions and connectivity:** All sessions will be taught via Zoom. Upon registration, participants will receive a separate email with Zoom link information.
- **CPE credit:** During the opening remarks of each presentation, AGA will explain how you can receive your CPE certificate. In compliance with NASBA, AGA employs an attendance monitoring system. You **MUST** be able to view the PowerPoint slides on a device to verify your attendance.

CPE Information

Program level: Basic

Delivery method: Group internet-based (virtual)

Course prerequisite: None

Advance prep: None

CPE credit: 1 (per session)

Field of study: Personal Development

Learning Objectives:

- Increase your personal and professional confidence.
- Learn to let go of the past, center yourself and find happiness from within
- Recognize the importance of making and implementing a success plan to achieve your goals.
- Learn that criticism is often a form of love that can help you grow personally and professionally.

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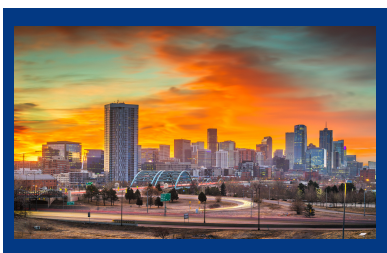
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Future Professional Development Trainings (PDT)

Save the Date for AGA's future Professional Development Training (PDT) events!



Denver, Colorado

July 14-17, 2024

**Sheraton Denver
Downtown Hotel**



Nashville, Tennessee

July 27-30, 2025

Gaylord Opryland Hotel



Dallas, Texas

July 26-29, 2026

Gaylord Texan Hotel



Chicago, Illinois

July 18-21, 2027

Hyatt Regency Chicago

AGA's Premier Training & Networking Event

July 14-17, 2024 | Denver
24 CPEs

Registration & Fees:

**Early Bird Deadline -
June 14, 2024**

	Online	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$925	\$950
Standard	\$1,025	\$1,050
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$1,125	\$1,150
Standard	\$1,225	\$1,250

Register Now!

Join AGA Now to Save \$200!

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