

# The Southwest Sentinel

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## President's Message



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

It is hard to believe that another 30 days has gone by, they seem to go by so quickly these days. I hope this finds you and your families well, and that you've had a Happy Thanksgiving. There is so much to be thankful for, though at times it may not seem that way.

During October we held our second chapter meeting of the year during which we also had a CPE presentation on Cybersecurity for 1 CPE. This was held via Zoom and the conferences i/o platform to assist with attendance tracking and to make it easier to issue CPE certificates. It was a learning experience, and we are looking forward to continuing to use conferences i/o for future meetings.

November's meeting was held a little earlier because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and was via webinar on Monday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:50 am. During this meeting, we presented our Chapter's 2020/2021 Citizen Centric Report (CCR), in addition to a presentation on how to construct one. You can view our Chapter's CCR as well as other CCRs published by other government organizations by clicking here:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Standards-Guidance/CCR/Completed-CCRs/Government-entity-CCRs.aspx>

Looking ahead, we have the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Commonwealth PDT which is normally held in Williamsburg, but because of the Pandemic is being held via Zoom as we did last year and is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be our chapter's event for December and is a collaboration between the Richmond, Roanoke, Shenandoah, and VA Peninsula Chapters. If you have not yet registered, be sure to do so.

Till next time, remember *"obstacles are what we see when you take our eyes off the goal"* – Henry Ford.

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26<sup>th</sup> Annual AGA Commonwealth Professional Development Training

## ‘Adaptability and Innovation in Challenging Times’

December 9-10, 2021 | 16 CPEs

[Learn More and Register](#)



February 23–24, 2022 • Washington, D.C. or virtual • 14 CPEs

[Registration](#) is now open!

## AGA is Community Minded

### Holiday Charity

Like in previous years, our chapter will choose a charity to donate \$200 to for the holiday season (plus any additional donations from members if anyone chooses to give).

If any members have Charities or Volunteer Organizations that are near-and-dear to you that you would like for us to consider as the recipient of our donation, please email your suggestions to the Community Service Chair, Leah Kirby, at [lkirby@tjgcpas.com](mailto:lkirby@tjgcpas.com).

**Thank you!**



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## Chapter Information

### 2021-2022 Chapter Board

**Curtis Joachim**, President/Education

**Karen Watson**, Secretary

**Vicki Delp**, Treasurer

**Regina Williams**, Accountability

**Leah Kirby**, Community Service

**Misty Hamed**, Communications & Newsletter

**Joshua Kingery**, Membership

**Vicky Moore**, Webmaster


**Gillian Cadogan**, National Council of Chapters Representative



### New Members

### [Chapter Board Contact Information](#)

### AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending October 2021

Beginning Balance: October 1, 2021				\$	8,575.98
Receipts:					
10/22/2021		Chapter Dues		\$	8.33
				Total Receipts	\$ 8.33
Disbursements:					
10/01/21	CK#1209	AGA-Conference I/O Annual Fee		\$	250.00
10/14/21	DC	Amazon-August Meeting Raffle Winner		\$	25.00
10/20/21	EFT	Harland Clarke - New Checks		\$	32.00
10/21/21	DC	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee		\$	15.74
				Total Disbursements	\$ 322.74
Ending Balance: October 31, 2021				\$	8,261.57
Balance Reported 11/02/21					
Signature:					
		Treasurer		Balance check	
				\$	8,261.57
				Per statement	\$ 8,261.57
				Difference	\$ -

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## Meeting Minutes

**October 28, 2021, 11:50am**

**Board members in Attendance:** Curtis Joachim, Leah Kirby, Karen Watson, Vicki Delp, Misty Hamed, and Vicky Moore

**Approval of Minutes** – Last meeting minutes were emailed to the board members. Motion to approve was made by Vicki Delp, and Seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Vicki Delp. The treasurer's report for October was approved.

**Community Service Report** - Curtis Joachim. The chapter usually makes a cash donation toward the end of the year in November or December as well as in springtime during our Spring PDT. We are still accepting ideas for a charity to give these funds to. We are also still taking suggestions for a charitable event.

**NCC Rep Report** - Gillian Cadogan.

**Membership and Emerging Leaders Report** – Curtis Joachim.

**Communications/Newsletter** – Misty Hamed. At the end of today's meeting, we will vote on the new name for the Newsletter! We would love to highlight you in the Member spotlight section of the Newsletter.

**Meetings/Education/CGFM** – Curtis Joachim. The CGFM study guide is available online. The presentation for November will be how to prepare a CCR.

**Accountability Report**- Regina Williams. Reviewed the financial records for the chapter; no issues were identified.

**Website**- Vicky Moore. The main goal has been to complete the transformation from Roanoke Chapter to Southwest Virginia Chapter. There is a place on the website "Why you are a CGFM" and members are encouraged to respond to that.

**Presentation** "Cybersecurity" by Randy Sklar

Raffle \$25 Gift Card

Vote to Select the Newsletter Name. The winner was, "The Southwest Sentinel". Nominations were:

- Stars and Standards
- The Southwest Sentinel
- The Southwest Star
- The Southwest Virginia Visionary
- The Southwest Sentinel was selected

Adjourn at 12:55 PM

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## In Other News...



AGA offers candidates multiple options when it comes to preparing for the CGFM exams. As mentioned in last month’s post, study guides are available. You can purchase a print version or use the online study guides (remember our chapter has the online version for use by members). In addition to study guides, candidates can register courses tailored to each exam. Currently, AGA offers live training sessions held virtually, self-paced training course accessed online, or classroom training held in-person. If you are seeking your CGFM with others, you can even schedule a private training session. Registration costs and dates for the training courses vary and I would encourage you to explore each option to see what best meets your needs. Once you are ready to test your knowledge, AGA also offers practice exams.

### Misty’s CGFM Certification Journey

Personally, I knew I would benefit most from a live instructor led course. Attending in person was not an option for me so I chose to register for the virtual live course. Course 1 “Governmental Environment” was held over two days, with each session lasting 4 hours. The online platform made it easy to ask questions and I was able to track along with the instructor in my study guide. I work in the federal capacity and the instructor provided much-needed context for me in state and local government. I finished the course feeling more prepared and with a better sense of where I should spend additional time studying. As I prepare to schedule Exam 1, I’m hoping it’s enough.

-Misty

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