

September 2021

# NEWSLETTER

## Presidents Message

Michael Townsend

Greetings Shenandoah Valley Chapter!

We are starting off the new Chapter year ready to promote AGA and serve our members. Several of our Chapter members attended Lead 2021 in May and were given insights from AGA National on how AGA can provide better service to its members, as well as partnering with the Chapters. We are planning CPE lunchtime webinars for September, October, and November. We are also working with three Virginia Chapters in planning for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training, which is scheduled to be held virtually December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Gina Smith Moss recently worked with three other Chapters and Paul Marshall, MIL Corporation to develop an AGA Podcast to discuss options for virtual, in-person or hybrid training events. The Board approved renewing Conference I/O and Zoom for the upcoming year. I would like to welcome the Chapter's newest Board Member, Danielle Unger. Danielle will serve as Chair for Community Services. Did I forget something? What a great start!

As we continue to face challenges today and in the coming months, this Chapter will move forward with providing virtual professional development training within our own Chapter, as well as provide you training information from other Chapters. If you have any ideas or suggestions for training topics or speakers, please contact me or any of the Board members.

I look forward to being with you (virtually) on September 15<sup>th</sup> when Elena Tercero, CPA, from the New Mexico Chapter will speak on developing leadership from within.

If you have any questions pertaining to membership, how to get involved with the Chapter, or any others, please reach out to me. Thank you for being a member of AGA and our Chapter. Have a great end of the summer and beginning of fall!

*~Mike*

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## Everyone Get One Campaign

AGA National is promoting the member-get-a-member campaign this program year. From now through April 30, 2022; please focus efforts to recruit one new member to our Chapter and to AGA. All members who recruit new members are eligible for prizes from AGA National to include Amazon gift cards or registration for PDT 2022 in Anaheim, CA. And as a Chapter, if we exceed a 16% overall growth, we have a chance to earn bonus points towards our Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) goals. AGA offers many benefits to its members, so let's help AGA and our Chapter grow!

## Shenandoah Valley Chapter CCR

Congratulations to our Chapter for being the [first](#) chapter to submit its Citizen Centric Report (CCR) to AGA National this year!!! See our Chapter website for our current CCR.

## Federal RPA Community of Practice and CFO Council

September 14-15

*Theory, Action, Practice: Modernizing the Financial Management Workforce*

[Day 1](#) will include a discussion among financial management executives on the theory and practice underlying the modernization of the financial management workforce. [Day 2](#) will feature demonstrations of four bots currently in use in financial management! See your September 7 email Edition of [Topics](#) to register.



## Community Service Corner

# Wreaths Across America

## Remember, Honor, and Teach

Now thru November 30, 2021  
Wreath Laying December 18, 2021

The Shenandoah Valley AGA Chapter is participating in Wreaths Across America. Please remember the fallen and honor those that served by sponsoring a wreath. Each wreath costs just \$15. For more information and to sponsor a wreath please:

Visit our website at

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0054P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0054P)

Or contact Gina Smith Moss (540) 504-1849

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## Tell Us What Training You Want

As we are planning our AGA Chapter program year, please let us know what training / topic you would be interested in learning about. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request.

## Interested in Joining Our Chapter Executive Committee?

Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter. Please reach out to any Chapter Officer and let us know. We have several vacant positions, as well as we would love your help on our various committees. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!



### Upcoming Events



September 21-22, 2021 for 14 CPEs

Virtual



November 2021 for 8 CPEs

Free for AGA Members

26th Annual  
AGA Commonwealth of Virginia  
Professional Development Training

December 9-10, 2021 for 16 CPEs

More info to come as we plan for this great event.

### Accountability Talks

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Accountability-Talks-Podcast.aspx>

## Did You Know?



AGA members are dedicated professionals.

AGA supports government at all levels and work in all areas of financial management, accounting, auditing, IT, and other business operations areas to help government work more efficiently and effectively.

As members, we're able to boost our careers through AGA education and the CGFM certification, and through opportunities to network, share ideas and solutions.

AGA training events are fantastic; they highlight innovations, best practices and research and lead to positive change in government that benefits our society.

### **Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)**

**CGFM** is a professional certification awarded by [AGA](#), who is *the* member organization for financial professionals in government.

#### **Benefits of Becoming a CGFM:**

- Increases knowledge of government financial management
- Increases confidence on the job
- Provides better understanding of 'big picture' of government
- Indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government
- Helps encourage employer incentives and continuing education
- Enhances credibility, public confidence, and employee value





## **CGFM Live, Virtual Courses**

AGA is pleased to offer another CFGM preparation option: LIVE, VIRTUAL CFGM courses for individual participants.

### **Schedule and Registration**

Course 1: Governmental Environment

\* September 9-10, 2021, 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. ET each day

\$325 per person

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

\* September 27-30, 2021, 10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. ET each day

\$725 per person

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

\* October 5-7, 2021, 10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. ET each day

\$525 per person

**Log on to [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to register!**

**Limited space available, register soon!**

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