

# The Roanoke Ledger

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## President's Message



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

It's hard to believe that 2020 is almost over, as well as the first half of our 2020/2021 AGA year. For many, it's been a year filled with struggles, uncertainties and setbacks as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold of our nation and rest of the world. What started as a year filled with promise and dubbed as the year of 20/20 vision, turned out to be the year that would define our generation and test our ability to adapt, adjust and overcome. We were challenged to find new ways of doing things, forced to abandon tried and true methods of working, of relating to employers and employees, of playing and even new ways of worshipping. We've been forced to face a brave new world and take on its challenges head on. Those who were able to adapt to changes quickly, thrived. Those who were not, had a little bit of a harder time and soon realized that the status quo was no longer an option. In this regard, I hope that you were one of the early adopters.

Looking back, in November our chapter held its 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar of the year for 1 CPE on "Using Blockchain to make Grant Payments". Thanks to those who were able to make it, it was well attended. We also took the opportunity to update members on what's happening in our chapter before the presentation.

December's chapter event was the annual Professional Development Training (PDT), which is normally held in Williamsburg, but this year was held via Zoom. We joined forces with the Richmond, Shenandoah and VA Peninsula Chapters to host the Commonwealth PDT on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you were able to make it. We're looking forward to hearing about it in our January newsletter.

The second half of the AGA year usually sees an uptick in activity for our chapter. We are looking forward to stepping up our recruiting efforts with the end of the holiday season and begin planning for our Spring PDT in April. It's also time to start thinking about chapter leaders for the next year. Do plan to get involved in the chapter as an Officer.

We hope to see you at our next meeting, which will be via webinar on January 28<sup>th</sup> for a presentation on Cybersecurity by Mark Center of the US Government Accountability Office (GAO). Till next time, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and the very best for 2021.

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## Opportunities

**WE NEED YOU!**

Our chapter is in need of members to provide a few brief comments as to “Why I am a CGFM”. Personal reflections are encouraged! Your response (picture optional) will be featured on our chapter’s AGA website. Please provide your comments to Vicky Moore at [vimoore@vt.edu](mailto:vimoore@vt.edu).

**Virtual CGFM Training**

Join us online for CGFM Course 1: Governmental Environment on January 11–12, 2021. You’ll participate in live training with a knowledgeable instructor who will lead you through the course material. Ask questions, offer comments or just listen! An online study guide is also provided.

[register here](#)

**Congratulations!!****Joshua Levenstein – 2019 – 2020 Volunteer of the Year**

“By the end of the Roanoke Chapter Spring PDT event, Joshua had scheduled and conducted dry runs with each speaker, worked tirelessly to get everyone registered, and provided them with their CPE certificates and a copy of the presentation.”



January 2021 AGA MEETING

Topic: “Cybersecurity”

When: Thursday January 28, 2021

Time: 11:50am – 12:50pm Eastern Standard Time

Where: Online

Presented by: GAO

Cost: Free to AGA Members

**[AGA National Event Calendar](#)**

**[AGA Roanoke Chapter Event Calendar](#)**

## AGA is Community Minded



We are working with the Richmond, VA Peninsula and Shenandoah chapters to raise funds during the Fall PDC to support the **Saint Francis Service Dogs** non-profit organization. Saint Francis Service Dogs is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is to help children and adults with disabilities become more independent and self-sufficient through partnership with a professionally trained service dog. You can learn more about St. Francis Service Dogs here: <http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org/>



## Outreach Activities

- We continue to reach out to local schools and universities in the area to bring in additional members.
  - We are presenting to the planning **Accounting Society** at **Virginia Tech** on February 10, 2021 and plan to present to **Appalachian State University** in the spring.
- February 24 and 25, 2021 – The **National Collegiate Leadership Program** will be held virtually. We have begun sharing this information with our universities and student bodies. All students are encouraged to apply and successful applicants will receive a scholarship towards registration fees.

Ideas for other outreach activities to increase membership are always welcomed!

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## Chapter Information

### 2020-2021 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/ Nat'l Council of Chapters Representative  
 Misty Hamed, Communications & Newsletter  
 Ashley Colaiaacovo, Accountability



**New Members:**

**No New Members**

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

### AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending November 2020

<b>Beginning Balance: November 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 6,261.91</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
No Receipts	\$ -	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
11/19/2020 Amazon-Monthly Meeting Raffle	\$ 50.00	
11/23/2020 Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$ 15.74	
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 65.74</b>
<b>Ending Balance: November 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 6,196.17</b>

**Balance Reported 12/13/20**

**Signature:** Vicki B. Delp  
Treasurer

**Balance check**

	\$ 6,196.17
Per statement	\$ 6,196.17
Difference	\$ -

## Meeting Minutes

### Using Blockchain to make Grant Payments

**November 18, 2020**

- Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- Treasurer’s report – The October Treasurer’s Report was presented and approved. Note that the chapter now has CGFM Study Guides available for use/ checkout.
- Community Service report – We need to finalize the charity we will be choosing to support for the Holiday Season. Leah suggested one in the Christiansburg/Wytheville area since we are already supporting St. Francis Service Dogs for the Fall PDC in December. Vicky Moore suggested “Vittles for Vets” as a possible charity to support.
- Accountability – We are planning to review additional CCRs for the Nashville/Kentucky region and Ashley will assist in this effort.
- Membership and Emerging Leaders report - NA
- Meetings/Education/CGFM – We now have a FULL calendar for the remainder of our upcoming year! We have added Aaron McKenzie as our speaker for the GASB update in February.
- Communications/Newsletter – Misty would like to begin the *monthly member spotlight* in the newsletter again so please volunteer or respond if you hear from her.
- Fall PDT – Please see the information posted on our website. This will be a virtual conference allowing increased participation and you can register online.
- CPE – Using Blockchain to make Grant Payments, Justin Poll, National Science Foundation
- Raffle
- Adjourn – Happy Thanksgiving!





Happy  
New Year

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