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# NEWSLETTER

## Presidents Message

Christie Blair

Hello Shenandoah Valley AGA Members

I am honored and excited to serve as your President for this coming year. Being a small chapter we face many challenges, but I know with the support of our valued members we will continue to carry out this chapter's mission to make this year a success.

In June, the Shenandoah Valley Chapter received the Gold Award for Achievement in Chapter Excellence (ACE). Another noteworthy accomplishment we received this past June is the Citizen Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence. These awards and accomplishments would not be possible without our dedicated members who strive to make Shenandoah Valley Chapter a success.

Chapter members are dedicated volunteers and I would like to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to working alongside each one of you this year to continue the success of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

If you have any ideas or would like to become more involved please reach out to [blairagashenvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:blairagashenvalley@yahoo.com) or any of our chapter leaders.

Advance. Grow. Accelerate.

*Respectfully,*

*Christine Blair*

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# Welcome New Members!

## Trish Davidson

Trish Davidson is the Rockingham County Assistant County Administrator for Finance and Operations, recently promoted on February 1 of this year. Prior to that Trish served as the Director of Finance for Rockingham County since January 2016. The majority of Trish's more than 22 years of professional experience has been spent serving in local County governments in Virginia.

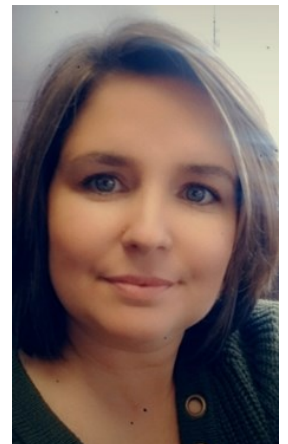


The foundation for Trish's professional expertise began at Virginia Commonwealth University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Furthering her specialized knowledge of finance, Trish earned her Master's Degree in Professional Accounting from Strayer University. As the immediate Past President of the Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association, Trish's professional excellence and reputation extends throughout Virginia.

Trish is the mother to three kids, Emily, Ethan and Maycee and is married to Jon Davidson, a teacher at Page County High School. Trish enjoys camping, hiking and spending time with her family in her free time.

## Tanya Johnson

Tanya Johnson has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and is working on her Master's Degree in Accountancy. She has worked in the accounting field since 2001 and has been with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) since August 2021. She started at VDOT as the Business Support Manager and just recently was promoted to the Financial Accounting Manager.



## Saira Blair

Saira Blair currently serves as the Deputy Treasurer in the West Virginia's State Treasurer's Office. Saira serves on the Divided We Fall Board of Directors, advising on strategy and fundraising efforts. Saira previously represented the 59<sup>th</sup> Delegate District of West Virginia as a State Legislature, the youngest person elected to state or federal office in the United States upon her election.



# AGA Membership

## Advance. Grow. Accelerate.

AGA is the [association](#) for connecting and empowering professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to accelerate their careers.

We work together to advance good government initiatives and improve citizen trust in government.

We connect and empower professionals to help them:

- **Advance** sound financial practices, accountability, transparency and excellence in government
- **Grow**, learn, excel and engage through a network of likeminded professionals and leaders
- **Accelerate** professional careers through learning opportunities and the opportunity to earn a unique credential – the Certified Government Financial Manager, the only credential developed solely with the government financial professional in mind.

Through thought leadership, [certification](#), and national and chapter educational [events](#), AGA remains at the forefront of emerging issues and innovation – driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

Whether you're leading the way or looking to advance your career, as an AGA member you can expand your expertise and help shape and drive the future of government accountability.

AGA is made up of more than 14,000 members, including senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials, professors and students. Our members work in government financial management disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, human resources, performance reporting, grants management, contract management information systems and more.

AGA membership is distributed among:

- State and Local Government Members – 44%.
- Federal Government Members – 24%.
- Private-Sector Members – 19%.
- Academics, Non-Profits, Students and Retirees – 13%.

## Tell Us What Training You Want

We are in the early stages of planning for our 2022-23 Chapter year. Please give us your ideas for training topics and potential speakers. This is your Chapter and we want to deliver training that you are interested in. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request or invite a speaker you identify.

## Join Our Chapter Executive Committee

We are recruiting members to join our Chapter Executive Committee for the upcoming Chapter 2022-23 year, which began July 1. Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter? Please reach out to any Chapter Officer and let us know. We would love you to join our Executive Committee or one of our various committees and help out. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!



### Upcoming Events

#### **PDT 2022**

July 17-20, 2022

Anaheim, CA

#### **Internal Controls &**

**Fraud Prevention**

**(FRAUD2022)**

Sept. 20-22, 2022

#### **Technology & Transformation**

**Summit 2022**

Dec. 8, 2022

Washington, DC

#### **Commonwealth of Virginia**

**27th Annual PDT**

Dec. 8-9, 2022

Williamsburg, VA

#### **Accountability Talks**

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

## Community Service Corner

# Wreaths Across America

## Remember, Honor, and Teach

Once again, we will be participating in the Wreaths Across America campaign. We will begin soliciting donations for Wreaths Across America to sponsor wreaths that will be placed on the graves of our fallen military members across the country. A wreath can be sponsored in remembrance of a loved one or to honor someone who has served or is still serving. The wreaths are \$15 per wreath. Please join us in helping to honor our fallen military members as well as those who have served or are still serving. You can sponsor wreaths at <https://www.wreathsafteramerica.org/pages/24150>



### Land's End AGA Apparel Store

With AGA's recent rebranding, new merchandise is now available at Land's End. Whether you're looking for something special to commemorate a membership event, present a gift to a speaker or show your AGA spirit, our **one-stop shop** has what you need! See merchandise at <https://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>.

### AGA's Mentoring Program

Did you know that AGA has a mentoring program? Consider being a mentor or a mentee.

**Mentors**—Share your knowledge and expertise to assist others in developing and growing in our profession.

**Mentees**—If you are looking to develop a skill or gain insight from an experienced professional, please consider signing up.

More information at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Mentoring-Program.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.

You can make a difference when you join AGA.

## 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

## Chapter Officers 2022-2023

President-Christine Blair

President-Elect-Vacant

Treasurer-Cheryl Ferguson

Secretary-Vacant

Membership Chair-Vacant

Newsletter Editor-Gina Smith Moss

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Accountability Chair-Vacant

Community Service Chair-Danielle Unger

CGFM Chair-Vacant

Young Professionals Chair-Vacant

Webmaster/Social Media-Christine Blair

NCC Representative-Michael Townsend

## AGA National Governing Board 2022-2023

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National Treasurer-Eric Berman

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Director Area 3-vacant

Director Area 5-Andrew Stovich

Director Area 7-Shelly Taleporos

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National Treasurer-Elect-Michael Pearson

Director Area 2-Misty Schuck

Director Area 4-Tiffani Dorsa

Director Area 6-Angela McElrath-Prosser

Director Area 8-Johnny Ramsey

Director (at-Large)-Tony Scardino

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Chapter Services Manager-Kristi Miller/Lauren Walters

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Director of Meetings & Expositions-Jerome Bruce

Student & YP Programs Mgr-Dessamine Vince Cruz

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Director of Finance & Administration-Cristina Barbudo

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Membership Manager-Meredith Newman

Director of Professional Certification-Katya Silver

Editor/Copywriter-Mary Margaret Yodzis