

The Roanoke Ledger

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President's Message



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

Happy CGFM Month! By now you're aware that March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. The CGFM designation showcases your knowledge, skills and abilities as a government financial professional, and expands your career options across the federal, state and local levels of government. If you're a CGFM way to go! If you're not a CGFM, now is the time to invest in yourself. Decide now to take the next step in your professional career. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take the first step. Schedule one of your exams in March or start studying if you haven't yet found the time. Get that CGFM designation to showcase your expertise, to give you that step up when all that separates you from the competition is a personal commitment to excellence, and mastery of your profession. You can do it!

February was another exciting month for our chapter. We held our chapter meeting by webinar on February 27th. Our chapter update was followed by a presentation on "Disaster Preparedness and Systems Continuity for Government Finance Professionals" by Melissa J. Gordon, MBA PMP, Chief Strategy Information Officer, Tidal Basin Government Consulting. We also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. This is your opportunity to get involved. We need you, we need your help, your ideas, participation and feedback to continue to make our Chapter successful. Please consider serving on our board or as one of our various committee Chairs.

Our next meeting will be via Webinar on Thursday March 19th from 11:50 am to 12:50pm. Our 1 CPE presentation will be on "Cost Allocation Plans" - "Keep It Short and Simple" by Charles W. Hester, CPA/CFE/CGFM, former Western District Inspector General and Audit Manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As always, it is free to members and \$10 for non-members. Do make plans to attend.

During February our planning activities went into full gear for our April 23rd PDT. We have finalized the Agenda with 8 exciting speakers on topics that are relevant to your career success. We are closely monitoring media, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and World Health Organization statements regarding current status of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and the potential for further spread.

With this event, we have the benefit of time, a little over 5 weeks, to give us ample time to monitor the situation and determine the best course of action, always keeping participants health and safety in the forefront of our decision making. Attendee safety is always top priority, we will inform you if anything changes.

March is also membership renewal month. Our goal is 100% renewal for our chapter. Get it done early and encourage others to do so as well. Till next time, keep moving forward.

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Opportunities



PDT

April 23, 2020

Roanoke Higher Education Center

8 CPE credits

Great Speakers

Fresh Breakfast / Fruits / Coffee and Catered Lunch

Fun Raffle to support an awesome cause

Meet our Sponsors

CGFM Quick Facts

• Happy CGFM Month!

Governor Northam has proclaimed March 2020 as CGFM Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia! If you're not yet a CGFM now is the time to invest in yourself, showcase your expertise and give a boost to your resume.



February AGA MEETING

Topic: "Cost Allocation Plans – Keep it Short and Simple"

When: Thursday March 19th, 2020

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

Place: You're Computer - Webinar

Presented by: Mr. Charles (Chuck) Hester Sr

Cost: \$0.00 to AGA Members, \$10.00 for non-members



Member Spotlight

This Month the Roanoke Chapters Newsletter is pleased to introduce:



Melissa L. Cable, SAMVAMC

We would like to use this section of the newsletter to introduce AGA members to each other. Please send me a photo and answers to any six of the questions below. Bozo says everyone should Network!!!

- 1) How long have you been a member of the AGA? Since 2010
- 2) Why did you join the AGA? To help ne learn more about Governmental Accounting since I had come from the private sector
- 3) What is your current occupation? Accountant
- 4) What do you love most about Government Accounting? I love that the focus is on more than just making a profit. Revenues are important but seeing the services that Government can provide helping to improve people's lives is rewarding for me.
- 5) How do you define success? Success to me is meeting your own personal goals and being your best self.
- 6) If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose? Mother Teresa
- 7) What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? I am also a musician and minored in music in College.
- 10) If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pepperoni Pizza or Cheeseburgers

AGA is Community Minded

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMEBERSHIP...

Avoid a phone call from us - Renew your membership today! – Even if you're a new member, AGA's membership year ends in March so everyone has to renew (new member's renewal rate is prorated!, still free for students) Don't miss out on the member discount on our upcoming Spring PDT and our year end celebration. Go to agacgfm.org/renew, enter your member ID and password, and renew online.

We have been asked by AGA National to personally call and encourage renewal of those AGA members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2020–21 - renew and avoid that call! Help us reach our goal of 85% member retention on renewals by the end of March!

Apply now for an AGA college scholarship! ...

AGA grants scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing finance careers in an effort to grow the government financial management community and support current and future practitioners from the beginning of their careers. If you are in school or have a family member pursuing a degree in a government accountability related field, be sure to apply!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/Scholarships.aspx>

Looking for more?

For AGA National news, visit: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

For AGA National events, visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar>

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Chapter Information

2018-2019 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
 Bradley Vaught, Accountability, Communications & News
 Letter
 Lal Harter, Nat'l Council of Chapters Representative

[Contact Information for the Chapter Board](#)

New Members

Regular Members:

No New Members – Reach out to prospective members

Student members:

No New Members – Reach out to prospective members



AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending February 29, 2020

Beginning Balance: February 29, 2020 **\$ 3,104.34**

Receipts:

02/28/20 - Square Verify \$ 0.01

Total Receipts \$ 0.01

Disbursements:

02/28/20 - Square Verify \$ 0.01

Total Disbursements \$ 0.01

Ending Balance: February 29, 2020 **\$ 3,104.34**

Balance Reported 03/09/20

Signature: *Vicki B. Delp*
Treasurer

Balance check

\$ 3,104.34
 Per statement \$ 3,104.34

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Meeting Minutes

AGA Meeting – February 20, 2020 12:00pm

- Speakers Curtis – See the attachment of speakers we have confirmed. The 8th slot with Curtis we are keeping open if necessary. Curtis will back himself out if needed. Thanks to Brad for speaker Stephanie Davis. Dr. Davis is with the Center for Public Admin & Policy (may need correction in publications).
- Agenda - Curtis
- Venue – Update/meals – Vicki
- Hotel Discount – Josh – We have 3 speakers from out of town. Josh will reach out to Hotel Roanoke or Holiday Inn as to a discount or government rate.
- Registration flyers – Brad will put this together using last year's as a template. We will send the completed registrations to Vicki Delp. Try to have this put together by the end of February.
- Registration - Vicki
- Conference Theme – If we can think of a conference theme that would be great. If you have any ideas, please let Curtis know.
- Program with Bio – A conference program with speaker bios needs to be done. Josh or Gillian will complete.
- Charity Raffle – Leah – Our donation recipient from the raffle will be “Ride-A-Rescue”. We are still waiting on more organizational detail from them. Leah will ask for some donation items to be used in the raffle although this is not always successful. If this is not successful, we agreed that \$120.00 could be spent on raffle gifts.
- Student Free attendance – We offered this last year and would like to do so again.
- Attendee gifts – Umbrellas from PDT – We don't think we have enough umbrellas to give to all the attendees, so we will use them as door prizes to be distributed in between each speaker.
- Facility Set-up – Coordination Vicki
- Registration Table – Gillian/Melissa – Gillian and Melissa can run the registration table if needed. We would also like to have an informational AGA table for non-members so be thinking about what to include.
- AGA Table – Order AGA Materials - Leah
- AGA Video - Curtis
- Sponsors – Curtis – So far, we have none.
- Supplies - Vicki
- Speaker Introductions – Who will be attending?
- Someone designated to take Photos
- Other

FUNNY MOMENT AND FUN NUMBERS!!!

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