

## August 2021 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

### **Welcome AGA VA Peninsula Chapter members to our NEW program year!**

Your chapter executive committee is busy planning lots of exciting ways for us to learn, engage, and offer a hand up. If you have an idea or request for this year's programming, please let us know by replying to this email.

### **Membership**

**Everyone Get One!** AGA is challenging us all to recruit at least ONE new member. Have you told a colleague about all the free and discounted CPEs you're being offered as a member? How about the great social and networking opportunities you get to be part of? Help AGA nationally recruit 2,022 new members by April 30, 2022. All members who recruit new members are eligible for prizes like Amazon gift cards or registration to PDT 2022.

**WELCOME to our new members!** Amani Sanders, Accountant, NASA Langley Research Center, and Ying Zhang, Associate Professor, Peking University Health Science Center - we welcome you both to our local network of government financial management professionals!

**Lapsed members can still renewed** - The new AGA year started July 1st so if you haven't yet, please renewed your membership so you can start taking advantage of member rates on our upcoming activities! Please visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/Annual-Renewal.aspx>

**Questions about Membership?** If you have any questions on membership or know of a potential member we can reach out to, feel free to contact Ellen Silvela at [esilvela@deloitte.com](mailto:esilvela@deloitte.com).

### **Education**

**September Members Only AGA National FREE Webinar**, September 2 | 2:00–3:15 PM - *Maintaining Professional Ethics in a Culture of Oversharing*, presented by Michael Brown, CPA, CMA, CGMA, Becker – 1.5 CPEs, Free for AGA members! Register through the AGA national website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/Signin.aspx?RET=/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=556>

**Chapter meetings resume September 23rd!** Our new AGA program year is starting...save these dates and don't miss out! Our virtual chapter meetings are generally FREE for VA Peninsula chapter members and you are welcome to invite prospective new members (please follow up with them after and invite them to join!). Watch for the email invitation from our 123 system as you must register to receive the zoom link.

- **Thursday, September 23, 12:00 – 1:00pm, 1 CPE - The Commonwealth's Federal Stimulus Funding Update.** We've all been hearing about the ongoing Virginia General Assembly special session that's deciding the fate of the commonwealth's \$4.3 billion share of coronavirus relief funding. Hear from June Jennings, Deputy Secretary of Finance, on what gets decided and how it could affect us all. Don't miss this timely presentation. VIRTUAL!
- **Thursday, October 28th, 7:00pm, 1 CPE - Annual Student Night.** Please spread the words to professors and students you know and plan to attend to inspire local undergraduate and graduate students to join us in the government accountability profession. It will be a fun night

with an engaging panel of speakers, prizes, and the chance to network through breakout rooms. VIRTUAL!

- **Thursday and Friday, December 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Commonwealth PDT.** This is one of our marquee educational events, typically offering up to 16 CPEs, including the opportunity to earn the annual ethics required of CPAs in VA. Sponsorship and speaking opportunities available. Member discount offered. Site TBD.

### **GOT CGFM?**

If you've been thinking about becoming CGFM certified, let us help encourage you to just do it! If you are a candidate or would like to know more about the certification process, please contact our CGFM chair, Claudia Ohar at [ohar.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:ohar.claudia@gmail.com). We want to get in touch with you to organize study groups, lend study guides and more!

### **Leadership**

**Chapter Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 Year.** Many thanks to the following members who have volunteered this year to serve as chapter leaders. If you're interested in joining our leadership committee, please reply to this email.

- Chapter President -Evelyn J. Stallings, USCG Finance Center
- Chapter President-Elect - Teela T. Finch, USAF
- Immediate Past President -Kelly Stefanko, CGFM, CPA National Science Foundation OIG
- Secretary - Canee M. Beauchamp, NASA LARC
- National Council of Chapters Representative - Lance Poulter, CGFM, USCG Finance Center
- Chapter Treasurer - Tifney L. Sullivan-Frey, Commonwealth of Virginia DMV
- Accountability -Jessika A. Jemmott, City of Norfolk Office of the City Auditor
- CGFM/Professional Certification -Claudia Ohar, VISTA TSI
- Community Service, Jessica M. Andrade, CACI
- Education -Teela T. Finch, Kelly Stefanko
- Fall Training Event - Melinda B. Morgan, retired
- Spring Training Event -Jocelyn J. Leyeza, CGFM, USCG Finance Center
- Membership - Ellen Nasalga Silvela, CGFM, Deloitte and Laura I. Fox, DCAA
- Meetings & Events -Adrienne Patricia Coston, USCG Finance Center
- Audit -Gail Williams, Army Audit Agency and Bradford W. Smith, City of Norfolk Office of the City Auditor
- Awards -Suzanne Maddalena, KPMG
- Social Media/Communications -LaQuisha B. Garrett, USCG Finance Center
- Student Relations -Douglas E. Ziegenfuss, CGFM, CPA, Old Dominion University
- At-Large Member - Cecelia Smith, MBA, NASA LARC
- Webmaster -Lance Poulter, CGFM, Suzanne Maddalena, and LaQuisha B. Garrett

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Hope you are having a great summer and we look forward to seeing you soon!