



Chapter Newsletter

Charleston, WV Chapter

2nd Quarter 2015

President's Letter

Dear Members:

I want to thank each and every one of you for being a valuable piece of our organization and for promoting the advancement of government accountability. I would like to personally invite everyone to our **Charleston Chapter AGA Spring Conference** on Wednesday May 27, 2015. An email with the registration form and agenda was sent to all members. If you missed this email and are interested, please contact any of the board members for the details and forms. The one-day conference will be worth 8 CPE credit hours and lunch will be provided. Topics include ethics, GASB Update, and Single Audit Update. There is a discounted rate for members of \$150 per member, and \$200 for non-members. This conference will be held at the Charleston Civic Center. With the changing of the season we also will be experienced a changing of leadership for our chapter. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president over the last year. July 1, 2015 I turn over the role of chapter president to incoming president Carma Clute. I am excited for the chapter and look forward to seeing the advances that she plans to make. Please join me in welcoming Carma Clute as the incoming president!



Did you Renew?

The deadline for AGA membership renewal was March 31, 2015. Members may still renew online by visiting www.agacgfm.org and logging into their account. When you renew, please ensure your information such as email address & mailing address are current.



Upcoming Events:

May 20, 2015:	Luncheon	"FARS" with Jane Shinn	11:45-12:45PM	Fifth Quarter
May 27, 2015:	Annual AGA Spring Training Event		To be announced	Civic Center
June 3, 2015:	Web Conference	2CPE "Government Financial Mgt"	2:00-4:00PM	DHHR Diamond Bldg
July 15, 2015:	Luncheon	Topic TBA	11:45-12:45PM	Fifth Quarter

To Be Announced: CGFM Course I

Vision:

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission:

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

AGA Core Values:

- Service
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership



MARCH IS CGFM MONTH!

To recognize the Certified Government Financial Management program and its accomplishments, West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

proclaims March as CGFM Month.

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special

knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet requirements on ethics, education, examinations, and experience. Pictured with Governor



Earl Ray Tomblin is Roger Townsend, CGFM of the Charleston WV AGA chapter and Teresa Miller, CGFM of the Parkersburg, WV chapter.

Quiz Corner

According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute

- A) fraud
- B) professional incompetence
- C) a conflict of interest
- D) Nepotism

Answer: C

Enroll in the CGFM® program by May 31 and take Exam 1 for FREE!

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Charleston WV Chapter CGFM's

Full Name: Angela Dawn Leshon

City: Hurricane, WV

How long have you been a CGFM? 2 years

What was the hardest part of obtaining your CGFM?

Finding time to study was sometimes difficult.

Are there any recommendations you have for anyone else considering a CGFM

certification? Taking the review courses provided by the AGA are very helpful in studying for the exams. The information in the textbooks provided by the AGA, specifically the practice questions, help to prepare you for possible questions you will see on the test.

Full Name: Roger L. Townsend

City: Charleston, WV

How long have you been a CGFM? 2 years

How has being a CGFM helped your career?

It gives me more opportunities for advancement in my career.

What was the hardest part of obtaining your CGFM? Exam #1

Are there any recommendations you have for anyone else considering a CGFM certification?

Don't give up, keep after it. You will pass.

Full Name: Melissa Dawn Mullins

City: Ripley, WV

How long have you been a CGFM? 1 month

How has being a CGFM helped your career?

Allows for networking opportunities

What was the hardest part of obtaining your CGFM?

Balancing work and home with the time needed to study for the exam.

Are there any recommendations you have for anyone else considering a CGFM

certification? Study, study, study.

Full Name: Shellie Humphrey

City: Clarksburg, WV

How long have you been a CGFM? 1 year

How has being a CGFM helped your career?

I can provide assistance to local governments in various areas. This certification is viewed as an increase in my ability to assist those governments.

What was the hardest part of obtaining your CGFM? Finding the time.

Are there any recommendations you have for anyone else considering a CGFM

certification? It allows for networking with other individuals in a related field.

Join Us in Welcoming Our New Members

Samantha Chapman

Accountant/Auditor I

Division of Highways

Michelle Petry

Accountant/Auditor II

Division of Highways

Debbie Zeeger

Director, Division of Audits

Dept. of Health & Human Resources



Blended and Braided Funding: A Guide for Policy Makers and Practitioners

Your AGA membership gives you online access to AGA's online resources, guides, and toolkits. The available "Blended and Braided Funding" guide is the result of an intergovernmental partnership established by AGA to open communication among governments. This guide provides some basic "how to" information regarding efficiency and effectiveness of programs with blended and braided funding. Funds within the same project may be both blended and braided.

Braided funding: Financial assistance from individual funding streams to states, local governments, and other pass-through entities is coordinated by all stake holders so each individual award maintains its award-specific identity.

Blended Funding: Financial assistance from individual funding streams to states, local governments, and other pass-through entities is merged by all stakeholders into one award and each individual award loses its award-specific identity.



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Spotlight—Member

Marie Long

Audit Manager

Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC

AGA Member for 2 years

Birthdate: January 30

Current City: Cross Lanes, WV

High School: Nitro High School

College:

WV State College and WV University

Hobbies:

Shopping, working in the yard, watching TV, and doing crafts with my mentee at Piedmont Elementary

Job Duties:

Marie's client service experience includes extensive experience with the energy sector with a primary emphasis in coal, governmental, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations. She specializes in performing audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Single Audits).

What do you hope to gain from being a member of AGA:

I hope to meet and get to know great people and so far I have

What committees have you served on or been a chairperson for since being a member of AGA:

I am currently the accountability chair

What AGA product, program, or service do you find most helpful:

The Spring event and CPE lunches

What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career:

I passed the CPA exam and I was the 2014 WV Young CPA of the Year Award winner for the WVSCPA's.

Other organizations:

Treasurer of the West Virginia Children's Home Society, WV Society of CPAs, Vice Chair of the Careers in Accounting Committee for WV Society of CPAs, member of the Charleston Chapter of the Society of CPAs, member of the AICPA



Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2015 Meeting

Present – Melissa Mullins, Emily Fleck, Pam Ford and Marie Long

Reviewed Treasurers Report – Marie moved to approve, Emily seconded, report was unanimously approved.

Points Update – points are due March 31st for the period of January 1 to March 31.

Membership Update – no new members holding at 52

Upcoming events/new business–

Web conferences

April 15th Performance Management – confirmed @ Diamond Bldg. 3rd floor

April 29th Fraud Prevention– confirmed @ Diamond Bldg. 3rd floor

May 13th Ethics

June 3rd Govt. Financial Management

CGFM Classes – on hold until after the spring event

CPE Luncheon- Eric Wagner, OASIS Update – 5th Quarter

May – Jane Shinn, FARS

July – inquired of Kristin in tax

Sept. – inquired of Stewart Stickle in tax

Nov. – Suttle & Stalnaker

Spring Event

Looking at dates the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May

SLM in Baltimore – April 23-25 – registration is due next week

2 Hotel scholarships for PDT in Nashville, Melissa has one, the other is up for grabs

Purchasing a laptop for the Chapter- a laptop is needed for Chapter meetings and presentations

Emily made the motion to approve purchasing

Pam seconded

Roger voted via text along with all others in attendance unanimously, to purchase a laptop

Melissa is going to shop for the laptop and Pam will purchase the laptop with AGA funds.

Fundraising ideas were tabled until the next meeting

Web design was tabled until the next meeting

Financial incentive for AGA members to pass the CGFM was tabled until the next meeting

March is CGFM month; Roger will contact Parkersburg about visiting the legislature.

Pam made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Marie seconded it.

What's Next for Charleston AGA?

- Increase the number of CGFM certified chapter members. We are actively trying to increase awareness of the benefits of the CGFM certification and the availability of chapter resources available. Our chapter now sponsors a “lending library” with CGFM study guides available for members to borrow at no charge. We are also looking into other advancement incentives.
- Community Support. Our chapter intends to continue chapter sponsored community service events. We look forward to diversifying our support and increasing our support opportunities.



Upcoming National AGA Events



Professional Development Training
July 12, 2015 - July 15, 2015
Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN

Four-day training, offering up to 24CPE hours, brings together federal, state, and local government officials with top-notch speakers bringing key findings and educational experiences. An exhibit hall will allow one to familiarize themselves with the latest equipment, technologies, products, and services in the profession.



Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training
Sept. 15-16, 2015
Washington, DC

Two-day training that has a history of providing the “latest and greatest” developments on topics including fraud detection, data analytics, improper payments, and risks with government payment cards. This event brings together federal, state, and local government officials to find solutions and make a difference in the government finance profession.

Recent Events

- March 18, 2015: Charleston AGA sponsored a 1-Hour CPE luncheon on “Oasis Update” presented by Eric Wagner from WV OASIS.
- April 15, 2015: Charleston AGA sponsored a 2-Hour CPE webinar “From Effort to Evidence: New Alignment for Federal, State, and Local performance to Drive Results”
- April 15, 2015: Charleston AGA sponsored a 2-Hour CPE webinar on “Preventing Fraud and Building Public Trust and Confidence in Government”
- May 2, 2015: Susan G Komen 5K Run/walk at the Capital Complex
- May 13, 2015: Charleston AGA sponsored a 2-Hour CPE webinar on Ethics.

happy spring!