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Roanoke Chapter

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President's Message



Can't believe that another 30 days have gone by. They say that time flies when you're having fun, so I must be having loads of fun because time sure is flying by. October was a busy month with our first in-person meeting in Roanoke. It was great to see Lal Harter, our membership and emerging leaders chair who drove down from the Washington DC area to attend! We accomplished quite a bit during this meeting as you can tell from the attached minutes. Those who attended earned 1 hour of CPE for the presentation on Managing a Multi-Generational workforce. Our next in-person

meeting is in Blacksburg in December, so I hope more you will be able to attend.

Trick or Treat! Those of you with small children at home, I hope you had a chance to enjoy some trick or treating with the little ones. For our chapter, it was trick and no treat. Why do I say this? October was also Cyber Security Month as those of you who attended the Webinar we held in September may remember, and wouldn't you know it, our chapter fell victim to cyber criminals. You may recall from the webinar that one of the tricks cyber criminals use is to contact the treasurer or billing department from an organization by email with a fake invoice or request to pay a bill. They use an email address that contains the President's or CEO's name, stating that he or she is out of the office or on travel. This exact ploy was used against our chapter, and as a result, we lost \$1,850. In response, we are strengthening controls to minimize the possibility of this re-occurring. If you'd like details, please feel free to give me a call.

During October I also accepted the resignation of our treasurer, who resigned because she was not able to commit the time necessary to serve in this position effectively. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or know someone who would, please let me know.

November's meeting will be via webinar and is scheduled for Wednesday November 29th. This is a change from the scheduled 3rd Wednesday since the third Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving. Dr. Kasthuri Henry, PhD, CTP, six Sigma black Belt; Financial Strategy & Performance Management Leader, Educator, Award Winning Author, Speaker, Radio Host, and Mentor will be speaking on "Emotional Intelligence – Successfully Leading Yourself and Others". I hope you can join us. Till next time, remember, life is short, you only live once so make the best of every opportunity. If you don't like the circumstances you're in, change it! The power is in your hands!

Curtis Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

Lal Harter, Membership and Early Careers Chair, has created our first Early Careers Recruitment Brochure. Please check it out below!



Uncle Sam needs government financial managers – are you ready to serve?

What financial management careers are available in government?

You name it. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2012 there were 89,055 official government units. Each government unit requires a budget, an audit, a leadership team, and a competent staff. It requires the work of many with a particular set of skills, and many who serve in government are not government employees but rather private contractors. It's not surprising that each of the big four has a large practice dedicated to government work. The opportunity is great, the careers are many, and the benefits are better than most comparable private sector positions.



AGA: The road to a successful career

The Future: AGA Can Help

How can AGA help my career?

1. Employers like to see membership in volunteer professional associations on resumes, particularly those of young professionals.
2. The AGA can help you obtain chapter level leadership positions to develop and hone your leadership skills.
3. When you attend AGA training events, you join some of the top financial leaders in the profession, and you might even find yourself having lunch with them.
4. The AGA can help you build your professional network with the best leaders in all levels of government.

Who is the AGA?

The AGA is the member organization for government financial management professionals. Through training and events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education, AGA helps members build their skills and advance their careers. AGA is committed to increasing government accountability and transparency and has been instrumental in assisting with the development of accounting and auditing standards and in generating new concepts for the effective organization and administration of government financial management.

Who are our more than 14,000 members?

- State/Local Government – 42%
- Federal Government – 28%
- Private-Sector (incl. big 4) – 18%
- Academics, Non-Profits, Students, and Retirees – 12%

For More information,

visit us on the web:
<http://www.agacgfm.org/roanoke>



THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTANTS ROANOKE CHAPTER

Are You Ready to Serve?



"Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life."

- Arnold Schwarzenegger



AGA: Leaders in public service

AGA Values

- * Service
- * Accountability
- * Integrity
- * Leadership

Geeks Welcome

The AGA is the thought leader in government financial management and provides members training opportunities on the latest theories and topics affecting government finance, risk, policy, and technology. Much of this training is provided at our various local, regional, and national training events. Geeks are always welcome.

The Roanoke Chapter

The Roanoke Chapter was founded March 24, 2001 and encompasses much of Southwest Virginia. The Chapter includes many vibrant cities, internationally recognized universities (e.g., Virginia Tech, Radford University and Roanoke College) and a broad range of geographic and cultural diversity.

Members of the chapter work at all levels of government as well as in the private sector.

The Chapter holds monthly meetings which include learning opportunities that provide Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits required by most professional licenses (e.g., CPA) and certifications (e.g., Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)).

**Roanoke Chapter Association of Government Accountants (AGA)
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2017**

Attendance:

Curtis Joachim, Leah Kirby, Lal Harter

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm. September Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections made. A motion to accept was made by Lal Harter and seconded by Leah Kirby. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – Curtis Joachim, Chapter President

During the month of September, a fraudulent invoice was submitted to the treasurer and paid. The RVP and National office have been notified. A motion was passed for additional controls to be implemented: any expense exceeding \$300.00 must have approval and signatures from 2 members along with documentation of the expense.

3. Community Service – Bradley Vaught, Community Service Chair

A motion to donate \$250.00 towards disaster relief on behalf of the Roanoke Chapter was passed. Curtis has suggested sending the donation to Julia from AGA National. With Brad's concurrence, we will proceed with the donation.

4. Accountability & Communications – Curtis Joachim, Chapter President

Deanna has submitted the CCR and continues to work on monthly newsletters.

5. Membership & Emerging Leaders – Lal Harter, Membership & Emerging Leaders Chair

Lal has updated the brochure. We have reconsidered the idea of a pizza party at the college campuses for something potentially more cost effective, such as handing out cookies & brochures at the beginning of a lecture. A motion was passed to waive the current price of membership fees for any student members with the understanding that they will serve as either a chair or co-chair on one of the Chapter's committees (up to 5 students per year).

6. Meetings/Education/CGFM – Curtis Joachim

Dr. Henry, from Chicago University, will be our presenter for the November 29th webinar "Leading Yourself & Others". We will have a dry run on November 15th, and will have a short meeting before the actual webinar on November 29th.

December's meeting will be held in Blacksburg, with John Pantaleo as the event's speaker. We need to find speakers for our Spring PDT. We are considering having it in Radford, or possibly Wytheville. Topics suggested are mental health, leadership and/or management.

Curtis gave a presentation on Managing a Multi-Generational workforce for 1 CPE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

UPCOMING MEETING/ FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Roanoke Chapter is a webinar scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:50am-1:00pm

December 13, 2017—Blacksburg, Location TBD 6:00pm—7:30pm
January 31, 2018—Webinar 11:50am—1:00pm
February 28, 2018—Pulaski, Location TBD 6:00pm—7:30pm
March 28, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm
March 28, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm

April 25, 2018—PDT RU or Roanoke Coll 7CPEs
May 30, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm
June, 29, 2018—Awards Banquet 6:00pm-7:30pm
July—National PDT, Orlando, FL

Other AGA Information

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at

www.agacgfm.org.

CPE OPPORTUNITIES

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

NATIONAL NEWS



The AGA offers a host of webinars. Please check out www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar to find out what's available and when.

The Richmond, Shenandoah and Virginia Peninsula Chapters are hosting a joint PDC December 7—8 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg. Contact Gina Smith-Moss for more info at gina.smith@fema.dhs.gov.

Information regarding these conferences may be obtained at www.agacgfm.org.

MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online. Just go to www.agacgfm.org to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2017-2018 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

To join the AGA, obtain an application on the above website.

2016-2018 Governance Review

The National Executive Committee believes that AGA needs a structure change to enable continued growth and success. Our association is strong, but to continue to be the leading organization for government accountability professionals, we must consider changes to the way we operate. Read more at the AGA website and take time to provide input. <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review.aspx>

