

## March 2023 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

**Happy CGFM Month to all our Chapter CGFMS!**

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Thank you to our CGFM's for all you do for our profession and for the betterment of the government institutions you serve. We encourage everyone to wear red during the month as a way to celebrate our CGFM's, and it might also spark inquiries from fellow coworkers -- a great opportunity to educate them about what CGFM is and the benefits that are offered through our chapter.

**Not a CGFM yet?** AGA national has two promotions to incentivize you to start obtaining your CGFM this month, [a reduced fee to apply for the CGFM](#) (until 3/31/23) and a [take one, get one promotion for the exams](#). If you pass an exam between March 1st and April 30th, you can request a voucher for your next exam to be free (if taken before July 31st). Take advantage of these great opportunities.

**Congrats to our study group participant Joyce Broughton** who recently passed her last exam and obtained her CGFM! Joyce does not have an AGA chapter (her membership is at large) and not many chapters have study groups like we do. Our study

group is attracting candidates from all over! We have one person from the Atlanta Chapter in our current study group for exam 2. We encourage you to check it out and see if CGFM is something you would like to add to your career tool belt. Our study group has been very successful, with 5 candidates obtaining certification last year and 3 this year already, with some candidates having only one exam left to complete. Once you register for the study group, you are included in the weekly delivery of resources, including the recording of the study sessions, if the session schedule does not work with yours. Email Claudia Ohar at [ohar.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:ohar.claudia@gmail.com) to make your requests.

## TRAINING

Lots of FREE CPE opportunities for members....take advantage and register to attend! (+Denotes our VA Peninsula Chapter Meeting)

- March 9, 2023 – **Risk & Responses in Pandemic, Hybrid & Remote Auditing**, Richard Evans, 1 CPE, free via zoom, 1-2:00 Eastern time, zoom free. This is the second in the AGA Area 3's series of lunch and learns. Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrcOCgrzMsEtPA54F7nBsLZCsT4szEZjF8>
- March 16, 2023 – Free to AGA members – **2023 AGA Women's Forum** (members of all genders welcome) - Virtual – 4 hours CPE – Link: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Events/Women-s-Forum/Home.aspx>
- March 23, 2023 - **Organizational Culture: The Intentional Creation of Change through Transformational Leadership**, Harold Clarke, Director for Virginia Department of Corrections, 12:00 – 1:00 EST zoom, free for members. We are having a SECOND joint meeting with the Tidewater chapter of IIA and if you attended the AGA Commonwealth PDT in December you remember Mr. Clarke as a fantastic speaker. Register here: [Organizational Culture \(eventscloud.com\)](https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=738050&) or Leadership<https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=738050&>
- April 5, 2023 – Free to AGA members – **A State of Flux – Shake Up Within Our Profession - Members Only Webinar** - Virtual – 1.5 hours CPE – 2:00 – 3:15 ETLink: [https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-\(2\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-(2).aspx)
- **\*\*COST INVOLVED** - July 23-26, **2023 AGA Professional Development Training (PDT)**, Orlando FL 24 CPEs - <https://www.agacgfm.org/Events/PDT/Future-PDTs.aspx>

## MEMBERSHIP: We want to hear from you – and please renew!

All AGA memberships end in March! Please don't let your membership and all the perks that come with it lapse! Join, renew or REJOIN with this link <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/JoinOrRenew.aspx>. Now you can set your membership to AUTO renew annually! Remember, **every year members receive at least 14 complimentary hours of training on a variety of topics for FREE from AGA National! At a value of \$361, this benefit easily covers the cost of**

**membership.** Through our VA Peninsula Chapter, members enjoy additional networking, leadership, and education experiences.

Need help? This recorded [video](#) will walk members through the online renewal process.

We want to better serve you...please take a few minutes to respond to this survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2mh3DhptNA60tWXOEwBK4QO9dgHtYo5ZNwHmPBHbFC8tvGg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2mh3DhptNA60tWXOEwBK4QO9dgHtYo5ZNwHmPBHbFC8tvGg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Talk a colleague or friend into joining AGA and you could win FREE registration to the PDT 2023 in Orlando, FL!

### **Welcome to our newest members!**

- **Louise Nelson** Director, Audit Support, National Science Foundation OIG
- **Oscar Webb, III** Financial Specialist, Department of Defense
- **Tristan Horton**, Section Chief, SA-2 US Coast Guard

### **AGA Academic Scholarship Applications Now Open:**

Do you know a rising full time college freshman, full time undergraduate or full- or part-time graduate student considering a career supporting the government financial management community? AGA is now accepting applications for the [2023 National Academic Scholarships](#)! Each scholarship is worth \$3,000! Not an AGA student member yet? [Click here to apply for FREE student membership!](#)

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