

The Southwest Sentinel



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We look forward to seeing
you at our meeting on
October 27th!

Cybersecurity: Phishing,
Spamming, and
Combating Remote Work
Vulnerability
Speaker: Mark Canter

President's Message



Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGM

Our 2022/2023 AGA year is well underway, as the warmth of summer gives way to shorter days and cooler nights. It is also time to double down on efforts to accomplish the goals that you had established for 2022 if you have not yet achieved them. Being in the 4th quarter of the calendar year, means that the clock is ticking but there is still time, and the ball is still in your hands. Dreams do come true if you have the courage to pursue them. Yes, you can!

In September, we kicked off our first monthly meeting of the AGA year. In recognition of September as National Preparedness month, after receiving a brief update from our board members, we had a presentation entitled "Before the Next Disaster: Best Practices for Finance and Grants". There were 23 members in attendance who all received 1 CPE.

We are looking forward to this month's meeting scheduled for October 27th where in recognition of October as Cybersecurity Awareness month, we will have a presentation by Mark Canter, U.S. Government Accountability Office entitled, "Cybersecurity: Phishing, Spamming and Combating Remote Work Vulnerability."

Preparations are well underway for planning the Commonwealth PDT. This is the annual joint training with the Richmond, Shenandoah, VA Peninsula and Southwest VA chapters of AGA. It will be held virtually on Thursday and Friday December 8th and 9th. This year's theme is "Strategic Leadership - Thriving Through Change". You will have an opportunity to earn 16 CPEs including "Ethics" for those with CPA licenses. Do make plans to attend!

As always, thanks for being a member of AGA and supporting our chapter. I look forward to seeing you virtually at one of our upcoming events.

Chapter Opportunities & Updates

Join us for the 27th Annual AGA Commonwealth PDT

Strategic Leadership – Thriving Through Change

December 8 & 9 | 16 CPEs

[Learn More and Register](#)



The **Southwest Virginia Chapter** is looking for a great cause to support with our annual holiday donation in December.

Please contact **Leah Kirby** at lkirby@tjgcpa.com with your ideas.

Chapter Information



AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending September 2022

Beginning Balance: 09/01/22 \$ 9,218.27

Receipts:

No Receipts

Total Receipts \$ -

Disbursements:

09/21/22	DC	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$	15.74
09/12/22	CK#1288	AGA-Conference I/O (Annual)	\$	275.00
9/25/2022	CK#1289	U. S. Postal Service-PO Box Rent (Annual)	\$	198.00

Total Disbursements \$ 488.74

Ending Balance: 09/30/22 \$ 8,729.53

Signature:

Vicki B. Delp

Treasurer

Balance Check	\$ 8,729.53
Per Statement	\$ 9,177.53
Difference (Uncleared Cks)	<u>\$ (448.00)</u>
(CK#1287-\$250; CK#1289-\$198)	



REMINDER

The Southwest Virginia Chapter has online
CGFM study guides available for use by its
members.

Chapter Information

Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2022

- **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve by Leah Kirby with a 2nd by Vicky Moore. Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's report**

The year-end FY22 financial report is published in the Sept. 2022 newsletter. Curtis reviewed the financial report.

- **Community Service report**

Update provided by Leah Kirby; in December the chapter will be making a donation to a charity. Leah requested that if anyone has a charity that we could send a donation to, please contact her at lkirby@tjgcpa.com.

- **Communications/Newsletter report**

Update provided by Misty Hamed; September newsletter went out on 9/26/22. The newsletter has a new platform, CANVA. There will be more re-vamping of newsletter and if anyone has any ideas please let Misty know at misty.hamed@cgifederal.com. Congratulations to Misty for winning award at PDT 2022 conference, see story in September newsletter.

- **Accountability report**

Update provided by Regina Williams; currently working on chapter CCR (Citizen-Centric Reporting). Congratulations to Regina for winning award on CCR last year at the PDT 2022 conference, see story in September newsletter.

- **Membership and Emerging Leaders report**

Update provided by Korey Moore; getting familiar with new role. Korey is working on a plan of engagement to reflect the goals that have been set; this includes, working on a list of places to do a presentation to educate and recruit new members for SWVA chapter of AGA.

- **Meetings/Education/CGFM report**

Update provided by Curtis Joachim; currently working with several other chapters on the Fall PDT conference. October presentation will be on Cybersecurity.

Fall PDT: Will be December 8-9, 2022 in Williamsburg VA. This will be a hybrid event of both in person and virtual. Watch for more information.

- **NGB Representative/Website report**

Update provided by Vicky Moore; website updates are coming soon. The NGB is working on focus of each member challenges:

1. Each one invite one – each member invite someone to meeting
2. Each one be one – focus on future self
3. Each one be one – focus on our communities

- **CPE – Before the Next Disaster: Best Practices for Finance and Grants** 1 CPE

Presenter: LeAnne VanDerveer Recovery Principal Planner Delaware Emergency Management Agent (DEMA).

- **Raffle**

Raffle, \$25 gift certificate. Winner: Kim Howell

- **Adjourn**

Next meeting is on October 27, 2022.

Membership



Member Spotlight

Kimberly Howell

Q. How long have you been a member of AGA?

A. Close to 1.5 years

Q. Why did you join AGA?

A. I came across the website while researching for CGFM information. I looked over the website and what AGA offered for the annual price and because I think that one should always be learning I liked that there is a variety of CPE options that are relevant to the accounting profession. I talked it over with my supervisor and we determined that I would try it and if it was really worth it I would continue with it. Well, it was decided it is definitely worth it and plan to be a member for a long time to come.

Q. What is your current occupation?

A. Financial Officer for a Community Services Board in far SW Virginia (Norton).

Q. What is a typical day like for you?

A. First, I come in and check my emails, then quite often something comes up either in email or as everyone gets in the office that needs to be taken care of so that gets priority over what I have on my desk. But with these types of days I usually learn something new – which is great since I have been in my position just under 2 years.

Q. How do you define success?

A. I think that there are many types of successes and definitions may vary. But, I think employment success is when you have a job that you really enjoy/like and are able to have a good work/home/life balance as well.

Q. Who inspires you?

A. Growing up my grandmother inspired me. After my grandfather passed away she kept their small business not only up and running but continued to be successful for nearly 20 years. But, she also made time to spend with family and friends, she taught me so many great life lessons; including how to treat everyone with respect – even in hard situations. She also taught me the importance of a good work ethic and the importance of money management. She always modeled that being good to people and having fun were important.

Q. What's something about you that not many people know (a fun fact)?

A. This is a hard one because I am basically an open book, but one little known thing about me is that I love fall (everyone knows that) AND really, really enjoy to get out with my granddaughters and do fun activities like hayrides, pumpkin picking and pumpkin carving (this is the little known part) 😊

Q. What do you enjoy most about AGA?

A. So far I have enjoyed the monthly trainings that I have attended. However, now that I am on the board I will enjoy getting to know that other boards members.

AGA Events & News



Don't forget to register for the
[Technology and Transformation Summit](#)
December 8, 2022 • Virtual/DC •
8 CPEs • Free for Members

In the market for a new job?
Check out AGA's [Job Board!](#)



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AGA National Event [Calendar](#)

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