

The Southwest Sentinel

[AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter](#)

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President's Message



By Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

Happy CGFM Month! By now, you are aware that March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. The CGFM designation showcases your knowledge and skills as a government financial professional, and expands your career options across the federal, state and local levels of government. If you are a CGFM way to go! If you are not a CGFM, now is the time to invest in yourself. Decide now to take the next step in your professional career. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take the first step. Schedule one of your exams in March or start studying if you have not yet found the time. Get that CGFM designation to showcase your expertise, to give you that step up when all that separates you from the competition is a personal commitment to excellence, and mastery of your profession. You can do it!

February was true to form. It came and left in a jiffy. We held our chapter meeting by webinar on February 24th. Our chapter update was followed by a presentation by Ryan Hamelin, Manager DHG with the GASB 87 update for 1 CPE. There were 23 members in attendance. During February, our planning activities also went into full gear for our Spring PDT. In addition, we also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. This is your opportunity to get involved. We need you; we need your help, your ideas, participation and feedback to continue to make our Chapter successful. Please consider serving on our board or as one of our various committee chairs.

Our next meeting will be via Webinar on Thursday March 31th from 11:50 am to 12:50pm. In recognition of CGFM month, we will have a Presentation on "Introduction to the CGFM" by Katya Silver, AGA Director of Professional Certification for 1 CPE. As always, it is free to members and \$10 for non-members. Do make plans to attend.

Planning activities for the Spring PDT on April 28, 2022, continues! We have finalized the agenda with 8 exciting speakers on topics that are relevant to your career success.

March is also membership renewal month. Our goal is 100% renewal for our chapter. Get it done early and encourage others to do so as well. Till next time, keep moving forward.

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Ethics, Financial Literacy, and Virginia Legislative Update

Southwest Virginia Chapter Spring PDT

April 28, 2022 | 8:00am-5:00pm | Virtual | 8 CPEs



Our chapter's [Facebook](#) page is up and running! Join us!

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Chapter Events

Please join us for our monthly chapter meetings:

March 31st – CGFM Webinar

AGA is Community Minded

This year our Southwest Virginia Chapter will be fundraising for the

Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke during our annual Spring PDT.

The Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Wildlife Rehabilitation Veterinary Center specializing in songbirds, hawks, owls, small mammals and reptiles native to VA. They are a wildlife veterinary rehabilitation center dedicated to the protection and care of injured and orphaned wildlife. If you want to learn more about their conservation efforts in our community, visit SWVAWildlifeCenter.org

The fundraiser for our Spring PDT has been posted on the GoFundMe platform at the following link: <https://gofund.me/2f32689f>. Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity during this year's event! If you are not able to attend the PDT, you can still support the event by making a donation at the GoFundMe link.



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Chapter Information

2021-2022 Chapter Board

Curtis Joachim, President/Education

Vicki Delp, Treasurer

Regina Williams, Accountability

Leah Kirby, Community Service

Misty Hamed, Communications & Newsletter

Joshua Kingery, Membership

Vicky Moore, Webmaster

Gillian Cadogan, National Council of Chapters Representative



New Members

Ms. Amanda K. Smith

[Chapter Board Contact Information](#)

AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending February 2022

Beginning Balance: February 1, 2022 \$ 7,617.31

Receipts:

2/28/2022 Deposit-Fall 21 Commonwealth PDT \$ 3,228.00

Total Receipts \$ 3,228.00

Disbursements:

2/22/2022 DC Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee \$ 15.74

2/28/2022 DC Amazon-February Meeting Raffle Winner \$ 25.00

Total Disbursements \$ 40.74

Ending Balance: February 28, 2022 \$ 10,804.57

Balance Reported 03/28/22

Signature: _____

Vicki B. Delp

Chapter Treasurer

Balance Check

\$ 10,804.57

Per Statement \$ 10,804.57

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In Other News...



Are you considering applying for the CGFM? AGA is running a wonderful promotion to celebrate CGFM Month! If you submit your CGFM application between March 1-March 31 and upload your official transcript no later than April 22, you will receive an exam voucher for a free exam. Check out the [website](#) for more information!

My first test is booked for April 20! I’ve spent the last couple of months studying as my crazy schedule permits and plan to take leave from work the two days leading up to the test. Anyone else get test anxiety? AGA offers two options to take the test: in person at a learning center or online proctored. I will be taking my test online as this allowed for the most flexibility. However, I will say that it seems weird knowing that “someone” is watching me.....

-Misty

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