

The Southwest Sentinel

[AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter](#)

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President's Message



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

Time Marches on. Life goes on, the train has left the station and a different day and time. These are all phrases that can be used to characterize the last twelve months. Memories of an era gone by when we used to meet up for lunch, drinks, happy hour and hugs. Not anymore. Face to face meetings have been replaced with FaceTime, Zoom and “go to meetings”. Or just when you thought maybe we are now going “back to normal”, a new scare or variant shows up that puts us back to square one. Who would have thought? Well this has been our reality for the past 24 months, our “new normal”, “our one in 100-year event”. And oh yes, we’ve handled it quite well. It is said that “as the world turns, you must turn with it”. Yes, change is inevitable and only those who are able to embrace change and turn challenges into stepping stones

will not only survive but will thrive. I truly hope that this has been the case for you. If so, here’s to you!

We are excited about on Spring PDT scheduled for April 28th. We are looking forward to a packed house, no matter where you are, you can participate. Registration is required so be sure to do so, and it is open to non-members as well.

During the month of March, in recognition of CGFM month, we had a presentation on "Introduction to the CGFM" by Katya Silver, AGA's Director of Professional Certification, and received much encouragement and information for becoming CGFM certified.

We closed out the month with our membership drive. Kudos to those of you who renewed and renewed early. It seems that some didn’t quite make the cut-off, and we will be reaching out with reminders. We also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. This is your opportunity to get involved. We aim to have the slate of officers identified and submitted to AGA by the June 1st Deadline. Please consider serving on our board or as one of our various committee Chairs.

May’s meeting will be an open forum. May is usually the month when we take time to recognize those who have worked hard to make our chapter successful during the past year. This year will be no exception. We will have in informal meeting to discuss the past year’s events and general plans for closing out the year, along with introduction of the board for the coming year. Do make plans to join us. Till then, see you at our spring PDT later this week. Be well.

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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!



AGA PDT 2022

July 17-20 | Anaheim/Virtual | 24 CPEs

[Register](#) now to get early bird pricing!

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!



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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

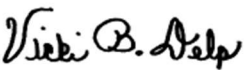
Gillian Cadogan, National Council of Chapters Representative



New Members

[Chapter Board Contact Information](#)

AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending March 2022

Beginning Balance: March 1, 2022		\$ 10,804.57
Receipts:		
3/17/2022 EFT	Deposit-PDT-Square	\$ 115.61
3/18/2022 EFT	Deposit-PDT-Square	\$ 81.93
3/24/2022 EFT	Deposit-PDT-Square	\$ 33.68
3/25/2022 EFT	Deposit-PDT-Square	\$ 81.93
3/28/2022 EFT	Deposit-PDT-Square	\$ 48.25
3/30/2022 Dep	Deposit-Check-PDT	\$ 35.00
3/30/2022 Dep	Deposit-Check-PDT	\$ 35.00
Total Receipts		\$ 431.40
Disbursements:		
3/21/2022 DC	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$ 15.74
Total Disbursements		\$ 15.74
Ending Balance: March 31, 2022		<u>\$ 11,220.23</u>
Balance Reported 04/14/22		
Signature:		
Chapter Treasurer		
Balance Check		
		\$ 11,220.23
Per Statement		\$ 11,220.23
Difference		\$ -

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In Other News...



My first test is in the books! The immediate news that I passed was met with excitement and relief. The hours of studying had paid off! I would encourage anyone pursuing this to take advantage of the practice exams. I feel they really helped prepare me for how questions may be worded. With that in the rearview mirror, I've already jumped into attending a training session to prepare me for Test 3!

Wondering how things went taking the test online? Registration and steps to test my system were easy. They alerted me to everything that needed to be closed on my computer in advance of the test. Rather than cleaning my entire desk (you can't have papers, etc. near you while testing), I simply moved to my dining room table. You are required to provide photos of your space during the check-in process. Proctors are available to chat during the test and it alerts you that video recording is occurring. The whole process was very simple and so much easier than traveling to a testing center.

-Misty

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