

March 2022 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

We've rebranded!

Last week, AGA announced our organization will simply be known as “AGA” instead of the “Association of Government Accountants.” Over the years, auditors, program managers, members of academia and students, and other financial management professionals have joined AGA, making our membership stronger and more diverse. To be successful in its mission, AGA will be inclusive of all professionals who work to ensure good government, transparency, and accountability. “Advance. Grow. Accelerate.” is our new tagline, describing what AGA can do for you and your career!

Happy CGFM Month

The governor has named March as CGFM month in the Commonwealth! Here is the link for the proclamation:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/proclamations/proclamation-list/certified-government-financial-manager-month-1.html>

Show your CGFM pride in March as we celebrate CGFM Month! Join the celebration by wearing red and posting pictures on social media ([#CGFMMonth](#) and [#ProudCGFM](#)).

Special CGFM Application Promotion

We're celebrating CGFM Month by giving new candidates a gift — apply for the CGFM program by March 31st and receive a FREE exam voucher (a savings of \$125!). Don't miss this super opportunity — take your first step to earning the most respected credential in federal, state and local government financial management by clicking [here](#).

Let chapter CGFM program chair, Claudia Ohar, know if you're working towards the CGFM so we can support you by emailing her at ohar.claudia@gmail.com

Last chance to register for our March 17th meeting... *Financial Management: A Director's Cut* featuring Lieutenant Colonel Jack Gardner, Chief, Financial Analysis Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis - March 17, 2022, noon, zoom, 1 CPE - register by March 15th [here](#) or at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Virginia-Peninsula-Chapter/Training-Events/Registration.aspx?ID=15735> today! (you'll need your AGA membership number and password or create an account).

Another chance for a FREE CPE - AGA Members-Only Webinar — March 16th

In February, Treasury released the 25th edition of the Financial Report of the U.S. Government. To mark this achievement, an AGA panel will look back over the past two decades to examine progress in transparency and accountability and discuss remaining challenges. Panelists from the federal government who were involved in creating the report will cover its origins and evolutions during the session on March 16 at 2 p.m. ET. This event is FREE for AGA members. Register [here](#).

Enjoying the Benefits of Your AGA Membership? Be sure to renew THIS month! As you can see from this email and our website, there are lots of benefits of AGA membership! We have not charged for a monthly meeting during the pandemic, offering dozens of CPEs for FREE! We also held a chapter year end party, offered community service opportunities, and supported our members interested in taking the CGFM with study groups and resources. Plus, we're planning a year-end event for this summer that you won't want to miss. PLEASE take a moment to renew your membership now. You can avoid having reminders and paper invoices sent to you, and we can instead focus our time and resources on offering MORE services to you in the coming year!

1. Go to agacgfm.org/renew.
2. Log in with your AGA ID and password.
3. Click "Proceed to Checkout."
4. Verify AGA membership dues and/or CGFM renewal amount(s).
5. Click "Check Out" and enter credit card payment.
6. Click "Submit Payment."

CONGRATS to our NEW LIFETIME members, both of whom joined AGA in 1981 and have been dues paying members for FORTY years!

- Sharon Watkins Horne, CGFM
- Douglas C. Sexton Sr., CGFM-Retired

Please be sure to visit our chapter website - Our chapter website is up to date and chock full of lots of current information <https://www.agacgfm.org/chapters/Virginia-Peninsula-Chapter/Home.aspx>. Bookmark it and check it regularly.

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