



Monthly Newsletter



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President’s Message



Hello Dallas Chapter!

March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. To celebrate CGFM month, we are highlighting our Chapter CGFMs in this newsletter. If you’re interested in obtaining the certification, we would love to support you through the application and testing process.

This month, we have an incredible [two half-day training event](#) planned for you on March 24 and 25. Please don’t miss it. We have an excellent line up of speakers this event. And don’t forget to join our networking event Thursday evening, where you can meet other members and play trivia to win prizes.

Finally, we’d love to have you join our team. Specifically, in the 2021-2022 program year, we could use your help with our newsletter and/or website. Whether you have experience in these areas or not, or you’re interested in helping in some other way, please consider joining us and giving back to the profession. Please [email me](#) if you are interested.

Thanks,

John D. Rich, CGFM
AGA Dallas Chapter President

Connect with Us!



Upcoming Events

March 2021 Virtual PDT

Date/Time:

- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 1:00pm-5:00pm CT; and/or
- Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 12:00pm-4:00pm CT

Location: Virtual via GoToWebinar

CPEs: Up to 8 CPEs

Cost:

- Two-day ticket: AGA Members: \$60 | Non-Members: \$75 | Group (5 or more): \$60/registrant
- One-day ticket: AGA Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50 | Group (5 or more): \$40/registrant

Prerequisites: None

Registration: [Register online via Eventbrite](#)

Trivia & Networking

We are also hosting a Trivia & Networking hour following the March 2021 PDT.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 4:30pm-5:30pm CT

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Cost: Free to PDT attendees (*Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.*)



Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Time: 8:30am-4:10pm ET

Location: Virtual

CPEs: 7 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

AGA National Webinars

[Register Online](#)

Annual AGA Women's Council Webinar (1.5 CPEs)

Date: March 17, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:15pm ET

Free to AGA members

Cybersecurity/ERM (2 CPEs)

Date: March 24, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Ethics (2 CPEs)

Date: April 7, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

CARES Act (2 CPEs)

Date: April 21, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Fraud/Data Analytics (2 CPEs)

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Leadership (2 CPEs)

Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

AGA's 2021 Professional Development Training (PDT)



PDT 2021 is going virtual! Due to the continued COVID-19 crisis and out of concern for your health and safety, AGA has decided that PDT 2021 will be 100% virtual this year. Be on the lookout for the full program. And be sure to update your [AGA profile](#) with your current physical and email addresses to make sure you get all of the information!

When: July 19-21, 2021

Where: Virtual

CPEs/PDUs: 21 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

Membership Spotlight



To celebrate CGFM month, we'd like to recognize the CGFMs in our Dallas Chapter:

- Mr. Mark J. Ables, Jr., CGFM-Retired, CPA
- Mrs. Arlene S. Boateng, CGFM-Retired
- Mr. Aaron J. Bovos, CGFM
- Ms. Rhonda G. Bunte, CGFM
- Mrs. Oluranti O. Mafolasire, CGFM
- Mr. Thomas M. Cornhoff, Sr., CGFM
- Ms. Rita K. Dear, CGFM-Retired
- Ms. Melinda J. DeCorte, CGFM, CPA
- Mr. Mike Erwin, CGFM
- Mr. Luis Escalante, Jr., CGFM
- Mr. Noble E. Flenniken, CGFM-Retired
- Ms. Carla B. Flores, CGFM
- Mr. Geoffrey Scott Hopkins, CGFM
- Mrs. Dorothy A. Hines, CGFM
- Mr. Kevin J. Iverson, CGFM
- Mrs. Cristy L. Jones, CGFM
- Mr. Terry Kile, CGFM
- Mrs. Sunny Lee-Fanning, CGFM
- Mr. Ira Little, III, CGFM-Retired, CFE
- Mr. Danny A. Martinez, CGFM
- Ms. Thandee Kywe Maung, CGFM, CFE, CPA, CLEA
- Mrs. Brandy Mayo, CGFM
- Mr. Mark Thomas McGee, CGFM
- Mr. John L. Meche, CGFM-Retired
- Mrs. Jennifer G. Miller, CGFM, CFE
- Mr. Robert S. Morris, CGFM, CIA, CFE, CISA
- Mr. Eric Kipngeno Mutai, CGFM
- Miss Miykael L. Reeve, CGFM
- Mrs. M. Elizabeth Reich, CGFM
- Mr. John D. Rich, CGFM
- Mr. Gordon L. Sato, CGFM-Retired, CPA
- Mrs. Cindy L. Smith, CGFM
- Mrs. Lesa M. Smith, CGFM
- Ms. Regina M. Stevenson, CGFM
- Ms. Joanne L. Stolp, CGFM-Retired
- Ms. Hilary C. Sullivan, CGFM
- Mr. Kenneth J. Venuto, CGFM-Retired
- Ms. Brittany Laine Wisdom, CGFM

Welcome New Members!

- Mr. Hector E. Ordonez, II
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Membership Anniversaries

- Ms. Ra-Keba L. Doss-Gordon - 13 years
 - Mrs. Oluranti O. Mafolasire, CGFM – 12 years
 - Mrs. Tamoria Blond, CDFM - 10 years
 - Mr. Geoffrey Scott Hopkins, CGFM - 8 years
 - Mr. Benedict George - 6 years
 - Mr. Khiry Burke - 5 years
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Renew your AGA Membership and/or CGFM Today!

Renewal season is open! [Renew your membership](#) by March 15 for a chance to win one of three complimentary virtual registrations for PDT 2021!

AGA Dallas Chapter Recruitment Campaign

The AGA Dallas Chapter is hosting a recruitment campaign December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. In the spirit of [AGA National's Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge](#), the Chapter's top three recruiters each month will win a \$7.00 Starbucks gift card.

Recruiters are also automatically entered into AGA National's recruitment challenge, and will receive a recruiter lapel pin, a reusable AGA face mask, and a chance to win AGA National's monthly prize drawings and the grand prize drawing for a complimentary trip to PDT 2021 in Nashville.

[Learn more](#) about how you can participate in our Chapter's recruitment campaign.



Free Student and Professor Memberships



Do you know any students pursuing a career in government financial management? Or any accounting or finance professors?

AGA offers a FREE electronic membership to students enrolled full-time at an accredited higher education institution and not gainfully employed. [Learn more](#) about AGA Student Membership.

AGA also offers FREE electronic membership to academicians who are not current AGA members. [Contact us](#) if you would like to get enrolled.

Chapter News

Call for CEC Nominations

Volunteering with AGA is a great way to give back to the profession, and further your own career! As we begin planning for the 2021-2022 program year, we have some opportunities for members to get involved. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with our website and newsletter. [Click here](#) to learn more about these positions in the AGA Dallas Chapter CEC. If you are interested in volunteering in the next program year, please email [John Rich](#), AGA Dallas Chapter President.

NCC Representative Corner



Dallas Chapter Members,

In the January newsletter, I provided you several updates on the Chapter's key accomplishments in pursuit of our strategic goals. As a reminder, you can find our

Chapter's strategic plan and goals [here](#).

In regard to our goals related to Education, we held our second joint virtual event on Monday, January 11, 2021. This event, sponsored by the Dallas, Oklahoma City and Ozarks Chapters, offered four hours towards our goal of providing 14 continuing professional education credits. We were pleased to have speakers from Texas and across the country (Oklahoma and Connecticut). We also were excited to host our first virtual Trivia Night. We were able to virtually socialize and make fun of ourselves on the trivia questions. We appreciate the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia Peninsula and Richmond Chapters sharing their lessons learned to help us in planning this social event.

Our third joint virtual event is quickly approaching, offering an additional eight hours of continuing professional education credits. This two half-day event includes a trivia and networking hour on Thursday. Study up on your pop culture – as we look forward to challenging ourselves with trivia questions across a range of topics.

I also wanted to provide a brief update on the AGA National Governing Board (NGB) meeting held on February 23. As the Chapter Director for Area 3 (which is the geographic area that includes the Dallas Chapter), I am honored to serve and represent our Area on the NGB. One of the key decision points that the NGB had to make over this past year is how AGA will conduct its national events amidst the COVID-19 environment. While we were hopeful that this year's PDT could be held in person in Nashville, TN, we decided that holding the event virtually was the best strategy. We also discussed our vision to hold future events with limited in person participation and continuing to offer the virtual platform to all attendees.

Tracey Walker, Co-Chair of the AGA's National Council for the Advancement of Women, provided a great update on the Council's activities and its vision. I encourage you to review AGA's commitment to [Diversity and Inclusion](#) and learn more about the [Council](#). Also, consider registering for and attending the upcoming [Annual AGA Women's Council Webinar](#), to be held on March 17, during which our very own Carla Flores will be speaking.

I look forward to providing you with additional updates, including progress in achieving our strategic goals, in the April newsletter.

Melinda J. DeCorte, CGFM, CPA
AGA Dallas Chapter NCC Representative and
NGB Area 3 Chapter Director

AGA National Updates



MENTORING program

AGA recently launched a new online mentoring program. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support. At a time when most are working remotely, having a trusted advisor to turn to can help balance the blending of work and life.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program and register as either a mentor or a mentee.

National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA academic scholarship. Rising freshmen, undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in accounting, economics, finance, information systems and/or technology, or public administration may apply. Deadline to apply is **April 16, 2021**. [Learn more](#) and apply for the academic scholarship.

AGA's Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge



Want to help strengthen our association and have the chance to win fun prizes? Participate in AGA's Power of 7 recruitment campaign, running October 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021!

This 7-month campaign is designed to strengthen AGA by challenging every member to recruit 7 new members. When you recruit a new member, you'll receive a recruiter lapel pin as well as a reusable AGA face mask and be entered into both our monthly prize drawings and the grand prize drawing for a complimentary trip to PDT 2021 in Nashville.

[Learn more](#) about the campaign.

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