



Monthly Newsletter



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President’s Message

Hi AGA Dallas!

This is my final message as President of the Dallas AGA Chapter. It has been an unforgettable privilege to serve you these past two years. The Chapter is in incredibly capable hands with our new President, Carla Flores. I’m excited to serve her in any way I can going forward. As I always have, I urge you to reach out and get involved. Nothing we accomplished in this time is because of me. You grew the Chapter and the CEC. This allowed us to flourish in the pandemic, provide more training, gain new sponsors, and donate to local food banks like never before.

It’s been a real honor and I will again promise that when you volunteer with AGA, you’ll get more than you put into it.

Thanks,

John D. Rich, CGFM
AGA Dallas Chapter President

Connect with Us!



Upcoming Events

2021 Professional Development Training (PDT)



PDT 2021 is going virtual! Due to COVID-19 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 the information!

When: July 19-21, 2021

Where: Virtual

CPEs/PDUs: 21 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

2021 Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training

When: September 21-22, 2021

Where: In Person or Virtual

CPEs/PDUs: 14 CPEs

[Register Online](#)



2021 Technology and Transformation Summit



When: November 2021

Where: In Person or Virtual

CPEs/PDUs: 8 CPEs

[Register Online](#)

Free to AGA members

AGA National Webinars

[Register Online](#)

Project Management in a Virtual World (2 CPEs)

Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Working with Congress: Who are these people?!?!? (1.5 CPEs)

Date: June 23, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:15pm ET

Free to AGA members

Communications (2 CPEs)

Date: September 8, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Internal Control/Improper Payments (2 CPEs)

Date: October 6, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Ethics (2 CPEs)

Date: November 3, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:50pm ET

Membership Spotlight

Welcome New Members!

- Josslyn Ideghe
- Jonnie G. Stice, CGFM

Membership Anniversaries

- Mr. Robert H. Willis - 58 years
- Mr. Curtis E. Carlson, Jr. - 51 years
- Ms. Rhonda G. Bunte, CGFM - 24 years
- Ms. Misty D. Wagnon - 1 years

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

AGA National Updates

AGA Mentoring Program



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

Calling All Innovators!

Do you have a great idea or solution that could help government agencies and organizations solve complex problems or issues? If the answer is YES, then AGA invites you to submit your spark of genius to AGA's Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS) Innovation Challenge. Three finalists will present their solutions to more than 1,400 government leaders during TTS 2021. Submissions are due Friday, Oct. 1.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

NCC Representative Corner



Dallas Chapter Members,

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the representative for the Dallas chapter for the AGA's National Council of Chapters (NCC) and as the Chapter Director for Area 3 on AGA's National Governing Board (NGB).

In previous articles, I have discussed how AGA made updates the Chapter Recognition Program to include new/revised key performance/health indicators within Chapter reports. The goal of the updated program was to remove the administrative burden of reporting on items that are not indicators of health and focus on managing the business of our Chapter. The new program, named "Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE)" was implemented for the 2020-2021 program year. ACE consists of two parts: one is a checklist of compliance items to be completed annually, while the other part is what Chapters are evaluated on for their annual award. The evaluation part allows Chapters to measure against how they achieve their goals for the year using three Tiers, each corresponding with a level by which the Chapter met or exceeded its goals. The chapter receives points for each Tier, with Tiers corresponding to the Chapter exceeding its goals having additional point value.

I just had the pleasure of submitting to AGA National our Chapter's ACE report for this program year.

A special thank you to our Communications Director, Carla Flores, for her continued support in managing our Chapter's ACE reporting process.

I am proud of our chapter and our accomplishments over this past year, especially given the continued COVID-19 environment and the limitations that has placed on all of our members. In our Chapter's ACE report to AGA National, we highlighted the following successes during this program year:

1. Increased membership by 10% (net gain of 7 members) and recruited 3 student members.
2. Retained 97% of our Chapter CGFMs.
3. Expanded the CEC with the formal addition of two CEC members (Regina Stevenson, Secretary and Tonyan Geans, Membership Director (and the unofficial support of various other team members).
4. Provided 16 CPE credits and offered networking opportunities with at least half of the CPE events.
5. Achieved an average attendance of 79 attendees (well above our goal of 55 attendees).
6. Maintained and executed a communications strategy, including a website, email and social media outreach.
7. Contributed to AGA's National Community Service Fund. Donated 50% of the Fall 2020 PDT net proceeds to the North Texas Food Bank. Matched members donations in support of The Salvation Army of North Texas Angel Tree. Made donations to the North Texas Food Bank on behalf of each of our PDT speakers.

Over the past year, I have focused this article on providing 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](#). These successes highlight progress towards each of our strategic goals.

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

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Dallas NCC Representative and
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Volunteering with AGA is a great way to give back to the profession, and further your own career. If you would like to hear more about our volunteer opportunities for this program year, please contact [John Rich](#), AGA Dallas Chapter President.

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