# The Roanoke Ledger

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### President's Message



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

Happy CGFM Month! By now, you're 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're a CGFM way to go! If you're 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 haven't 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 recognition of your personal commitment to excellence, and mastery of your profession.

February was true to form. It came and left in a hurry, but stayed just long enough for

us to host our monthly webinar on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter update was followed by a presentation by Erin McKenzie from GASB with a GASB update for 1 CPE. This was one of our best-attended webinars with 43 in attendance. During February, our planning activities also went into full gear for our April 29<sup>th</sup> PDT. In addition, we also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. As such, 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 the board or as one of our various committee Chairs.

Our next meeting will be via Webinar on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:50 am to 12:50pm, and in recognition of CGFM month, we will have a presentation on "Introduction to the CGFM" by Katya Silver, AGA's Director of Professional Certification. Earn 1 CPE. As always, it is free to members and \$10 for non-members. Do make plans to attend.

We continue to proceed with planning to hold our Spring PDT on April 29, 2021! 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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### Opportunities



### Mark your calendars!

Our chapter's Spring PDT is scheduled for April 29, 2021. Additional details coming soon!



In recognition of **CGFM** Month, please join us on **March 25**<sup>th</sup> for our monthly meeting. Guest speaker **Katya Silver**, AGA Director of Professional Certification, will present on "Introduction to the CGFM".



Click **HERE** to RENEW TODAY!

# AGA is Community Minded

#### It's March!! Which means it's AGA Membership Madness Month!!

Calling all members who have not yet renewed their membership – retirees, students, professionals, and folks who may be on the fence! We want **YOU** back in the game!! From now until March 31<sup>st</sup>, one of our Roanoke Chapter leadership members will be calling to remind you to renew your annual membership which expires at midnight on 3/31/2021. Our chapter is shooting for an **85**% member retention – only 34 persons more - by the end of March. We are excited to have you renew your membership for 2021-2022 and as you do so, please make sure your contact information is up to date!

For those members who have already renewed – a big "**Thank You**" is being sent your way! Please also encourage your fellow co-workers to join or renew with the AGA. Let them know that members can boost their careers through AGA education and the CGFM certification, and by taking advantage of opportunities to network, and share ideas and solutions!

Click <u>here</u> to join or renew your membership or sign in at www.<u>agacgfm.org</u>. If you need help with finding your membership ID number, please email me at <u>gcadogan@tjgcpas.com</u>.

### For our Spring PDT We will be Supporting "Vittles For VETS" - Radford, VA



Vittles for Vets is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation which provides food gift cards to veterans who rely on food pantries and soup kitchens. Vittles for Vets empowers those who have served our country honorably and have fallen on hard times to see a brighter future through the gift of nutritious food. <a href="https://www.vittlesforvetsradfordva.com/">https://www.vittlesforvetsradfordva.com/</a>

Ideas for other outreach activities to increase membership are always welcome!

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# Chapter Information

#### 2020-2021 Chapter Board

Curtis Joachim, President
Vicki Delp, Treasurer
Melissa Cable, Secretary
Joshua Levenstein, Education/Meetings
Gillian Cadogan, Membership/Emerging Leaders
Leah Kirby, Community Service
Vicky Moore, Web-Master/ Nat'l Council of Chapters
Representative
Misty Hamed, Communications & Newsletter
Ashley Colaiacovo, Accountability



**Contact Information for the Chapter Board** 

### AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending February 2021

Beginning Balance: February 1, 2021						
Receipts:	2/8/2021	Williamsburg PDT Conference Fees	\$	2,919.00		
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Disburseme	nts:					
	2/3/2021	Amazon Gift Card-January Mtg. Raffle	\$	25.00		
	2/22/2021	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$	15.74		
	2/25/2021	Amazon Gift Card-February Mtg. Raffle	\$	25.00		
		T	otal Disbu	ursements	\$	65.74
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### Meeting Minutes

#### **GASB Update – Erin McKenzie**

#### February 25, 2021

- Approval of Minutes Vicki Delp made a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting (January), and Vicky Moore seconded the motion. No objections. (The January minutes were published in the February newsletter).
- Treasurer's report January's Treasurer's report was published in the February newsletter. Receipts from the December Commonwealth PDT will be reflected in the next report.
- Community Service report We are looking for charities to support during our Spring PDT. Currently the suggestions are: Vittles for Vets, Blue Ridge Literacy Program and Healing Strides. Please let us know if you have suggestions for a charity to support.
- Membership and Emerging Leaders report Please update your contact/ membership information and try to keep it current on AGA platforms.
- Spring PDT Please let us know if you wish to speak at this event or if you have any speaker recommendations.
- Communications/Newsletter We still would like to bring back the member highlights section of the newsletter. Pictures are NOT required.
- NCC Rep Regarding LEAD: Additional attendees will be permitted this year:

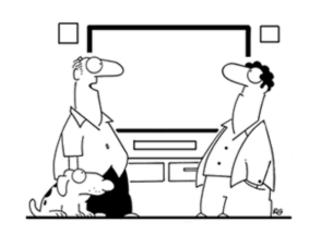
LEAD! will be held May 7 and May 14, organized by geographic area. Areas 1–4 will attend on May 7, and areas 5–8 will attend on May 14. And, since LEAD! is virtual, if you can't make one date, you can attend the other! 2021–2022 National Governing Board, National Council of Chapters (NCC) representatives (no substitutions please), chapter presidents, and four (4) additional officers from each chapter are invited to attend.

Folks should reach out to Curtis if they are interested in attending.

- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, AGA will be offering a free webinar for 1.5 CPE. The AGA Women's Council will be presenting. More details, and registration, are available on the AGA website.
- 2021/2022 Board Please consider serving on the chapter Board for next year. For current Board members, please let Curtis know your intentions by Feb. month end.
- CPE GASB Update Erin McKenzie, CPA and Project Manager at the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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### Humor and Fun



"I can claim a 70-inch plasma TV as a business expense because my accountant said it's important to look at the big picture."

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