



St. Louis Chapter

Monthly Newsletter



IMMEDIATE PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT MESSAGE

By Cynthia Cooper, AGA St. Louis President 2021-2022

As my time as the AGA St Louis Chapter President comes to a close I want to thank the many board members, sponsors, members, and joint chapter members in helping us have a successful year.

Here are just a few highlights of our 2021-2022 year:

- AGA ST Louis took home the Gold Chapter Award!!! Thank you Peggy Javery for accepting and representing us at the AGA National PDT.
- Toni Swedlund received the AGA St Louis Chapter Voluntary Award and was recognized at the AGA National PDT for her achievements.
- Membership has gone up over prior year 15%.
- New student membership up with 5 new students.
- Renewal of members increased over prior year.
- Members participated in 10 surveys conducted after Lunch, Learn and Earn (LLE) and Professional Development Training (PDT) events. Results of the survey note an increase in the willingness to participate and value in the programs we were able to offer such as:
 - Joint functions with other government financial chapters increasing opportunities to network and learn.
 - New sponsor to support future PDTs and other activities (Deloitte).
 - Held 2 quarterly CPEs LLE's. Saw an increase from 20 people to 85 people participating.
 - Held the first AGA St Louis Chapter PDT in person and virtual event with 197 participants and 30 sponsors in which we were able to secure additional funds for the Chapter to support 2022-2023.
 - First year to have an outside of USDA Vice President, Jeremiah Hathorn broadening our reach into the private sector to invite private industry and have additional members participate and join.
 - Social Media increased posting across several platforms bring awareness of government job opportunities, insights to what is planned, scholarship offerings, and a focus on Spot Light members.
 - New Letters provided volunteer remote opportunities allowing members to participate as they saw fitting to their safety and time.
 - CGFM training with two teams to support peoples schedule while continuing to seek their certifications.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your 2021-2022 AGA St Louis Chapter President and I look forward to continuing to support AGA St Louis Chapter.

Chapter Leadership 2022-2023

Jeremiah Hathorn, CPA
Chapter President

Deja Cox
Chapter President-Elect

Cynthia Cooper
Immediate Past Chapter President

Antoinette Taylor
Secretary

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Treasurer

Antoinette Taylor
National Council of Chapters Representative

Toni Swedlund & Demetric Williams
CGFM/Professional Certification Co-Director

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Community Service Director

Deja Cox
Bylaws & Procedures Director

Joseph Pomicter, CGFM
Membership Director

Toni Swedlund
Social Media, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster Director

OPEN
Program and Education Director



Hispanic Heritage Month Fun Facts:

- 1. National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15**
- 2. National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America**
- 3. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson**
- 4. It was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period**
- 5. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988**
- 6. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua**
- 7. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively**
- 8. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period**
- 9. The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions related to National Hispanic Heritage Month**



CHAPTER PRESIDENT MESSAGE

By Jeremiah Hathorn, CPA

It is an honor for me to serve as your next president, and I want to thank Cynthia Cooper and the board from the previous year for their leadership. I'm happy to welcome the new class of directors to the board, both fresh and seasoned members who, in my opinion, will do a great job filling the shoes of their predecessors.

I'm excited to serve the St. Louis Chapter as President, but I also feel humbled, especially in light of the many excellent, motivating, and dedicated leaders that keep this well-oiled machine operating all year long. I want to express a special THANK YOU to Cynthia Cooper, my predecessor, for her guidance and leadership.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2022-2023, and I am grateful for your partnership and dedication to our chapter to make it all possible!

UPCOMING CPE EVENTS

IT Auditing for Non-IT Auditors

Speaker: Megan Gaillard, CGFM, CPA,
CIA, CISA, CFE, CIGA, CGAP, CRMA

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time: 2:00pm – 3:50pm ET

Format: GoTo Webinar

Cost: FREE for AGA Members, \$10 for others

CPEs: Two (2) CPE hours

Field of Study: Auditing

NYS License: 104201

To Register:

[Click here to register online, or visit the event page at www.aganycap.org](http://www.aganycap.org) for details.

Speaker: Teresa Hunter, CFO, IRS

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm ET

Format: Zoom

Zoom Link will be sent out closer to date

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2022-2023?

- Upcoming In-person Happy Hours for Members
- Volunteer Event Opportunities
- Government Finance Case Challenge for Students
- St. Louis Chapter Citizen-Centric Report
- St. Louis Chapter Host PDT Event
- CGFM Study Groups
- Lunch and Learns
- Partnerships with local universities, local professional organizations, and more.

A Message from the Newsletter Editor

AGA St. Louis Members

Do you have something you want to feature in our newsletter? If yes, please email Toni Swedlund, Jeremiah Hathorn, or Deja Cox.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself”

– Henry Ford.