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## DALLAS CHAPTER

# Newsletter

April 2019

### President's Message



Hello AGA Dallas Chapter member. Thank you very much for retaining your membership and helping the Chapter to provide quality bi-annual training to our members.

#### AGA Dallas May Professional Development Day

AGA Dallas Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members have been busy securing the necessary details to ensure that the May 16 Professional Development Training event at the City Club in Dallas goes as planned. We are pleased to have the following financial professionals and AGA representatives speaking at the event:

- Jed Johnson, City Auditor, City of Garland, TX — Are we builders or breakers?
- Paul Forthman, JP Morgan Chase — Payment fraud prevention and detection
- Bob Scott, Chief Financial Officer, City of Carrollton — Best practices for internal controls
- Bobby Derrick, AGA Field Representative & Past National President — How AGA helps its members
- Dee Kywe, Regional Vice President, South Central Region — AGA Update: Organization Structure, Regional Updates
- John Rich, Zone 2 Financial Management Division Director, General Services Administration — Robotic Process Automation, A Real World Use Case
- Mamatha Sparks, Assistant City Auditor IV, City of Dallas — Cybersecurity – Be in the know

The cost to attend for non-AGA members is \$110 and for AGA members it is \$80. There is also a discounted rate of \$80/person for groups consisting of five or more attendees. The event includes a continental breakfast, lunch and validated parking. Parking for the City Club is located at the Texas Club Parking Garage, 800 Main St, Dallas, TX 75202. Park in this garage (not the valet parking) and bring the ticket with you to the City Club to be validated.

All CEC members are busy printing the attendee name tags, Certified Professional Education form,, and surveys; marketing the event in this monthly newsletter; obtaining a donation to the North Texas Food Bank in the name of each speaker; and inviting the membership, financial department personnel at local cities, counties, schools, and colleges, and college accounting clubs to the event. This event could not happen without the CEC members volunteering their time, energy, and sometimes money to ensure the fall and spring training events are held. Please thank them when you see them at the May 16 training.

#### CEC Members Leadership Training

Immediate Past President Melinda DeCorte, President-Elect John Rich and I will attend the annual AGA National Sectional Leadership training in Kansas City, MO on April 25-27. The detailed training is for AGA CEC members to learn about AGA, its mission, what it offers members, marketing the Chapter, securing sponsorships, retaining members, gaining new members, and how to network with other chapters to ensure each chapter's success

### Upcoming Events

#### AGA Dallas May Professional Development Day (7 CPEs)

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 8:00am-4:00 pm

Registration starts at 7:30am

Location: The City Club Dallas

901 Main St #6900

Dallas, TX 75202

Cost: \$80 AGA Members | \$110 Non-Members

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/association-of-government-accountants-aga-dallas-chapter-professional-development-training-tickets-59163766418>

#### AGA National Webinars

##### Fighting Fraud with Analytics (2 CPEs)

May 15, 2019 | 2-3:50pm ET

##### Journey to The Frontline (2 CPEs)

June 12, 2019 | 2-3:50pm ET

##### Professional Resilience (1 CPE)

June 27, 2019 | 1-2:00pm ET

*\*Free to AGA Members\**

Register online for AGA National Webinars at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/webinars>.

#### Professional Development Training (24 CPEs)

Date: July 21-24, 2019

Location: New Orleans, LA or virtual

Register online at:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT>



### Member Spotlight

#### Welcome to our newest member!

- Mr. Jerry Dean Owen

#### Join or renew today at

<https://www.agacgfm.org/join>.

and ability to provide quality to its members. I will report on ideas learned in the May newsletter as I have attended the event twice as a Chapter President-Elect and it's always an engaging, quality learning experience that helps pump life into the CEC members to better serve the AGA members.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see you at the May 16th PDT training!

Sincerely,  
Brandi Price  
AGA Dallas Chapter President

## Chapter News

Immediate Past President Melinda DeCorte is serving as the Dallas Chapter representative in the new AGA's National Council of Chapters (NCC). Under AGA's new governance structure—which takes effect July 1, 2019—AGA has established the NCC to advise AGA's governing board and facilitate connections among chapters. Ms. DeCorte's term as NCC representative for the Dallas chapter begins July 1, 2019 and runs through June 30, 2020.

AGA's new governance structure also consolidates the current National Board of Directors and current National Executive Committee into one 17-member Governing Board. This Governing Board includes eight Chapter Directors, one from each of the eight National Council of Chapters geographic areas. Ms. DeCorte has been selected to serve as the Chapter Director for Area 3, which is the geographic area that includes the Dallas Chapter. As such, Ms. DeCorte will serve on AGA's governing board, along with the other 16 members. My term on the Governing Board begins July 1, 2019 and runs through June 30, 2020.

An overview of AGA's new governance structure can be found at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review/New-Structure.aspx>

## AGA National Updates

### Renew your AGA Membership and/or CGFM Today!

AGA membership and CGFM renewals were due on March 31, 2019. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you still have time! Renew your membership today at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/renew>.

### Know a Great Chapter Volunteer?

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award. Honor a member who has made a significant contribution to the development and enhancement of your chapter. [Learn more](#) about exceptional past recipients.

### Volunteer for AGA

Interested in shaping the future of the Journal, certification, federal management standards, ethics, governance or bylaws? Volunteers are needed for AGA national boards and committees! Learn more at <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/National-Boards-and-Committees.aspx>

## Chapter Executive Committee

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Chapter President

**Melinda J. DeCorte, CGFM, CPA**  
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**Eric Kipngeno Mutai, CGFM**  
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President-Elect, and Secretary

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Are you interested in serving in the AGA Dallas Chapter Executive Committee? Please email AGA Dallas President Brandi Price at [brandireneprice@gmail.com](mailto:brandireneprice@gmail.com).