

The Roanoke Ledger

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President's Message



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

2021 is off to the races. I hope that you are making good on your resolutions. They say that it takes doing something for 66 days to develop a habit, and our habits turn into a lifestyle, which shapes our destiny. So, whatever you've decided to change or start doing in 2021, hang in there for another 15 days or so and you'll be on easy street. Keep going, you can do it!

January was a busy month for our chapter, as we've had activities in college recruiting, held a board meeting by conference call, and a webinar! Thanks to all who were able to participate in one way or another. See the appropriate sections of the newsletter for details. Our January 28th meeting and webinar on Cybersecurity with Mark Center from US GAO was a huge success with 28 attendees, despite the blast of arctic air and icy weather that has plagued our region and the rest of the country. Do stay warm and

Our next meeting will be held on February 25th via webinar. After a brief update from our board, we will have a presentation by Erin McKenzie from GASB with the GASB update for 1 CPE. Do make plans to attend.

Preparations are well underway for our Spring PDT scheduled for April 29th. As we did last year, it will once again be held via webinar. We will capitalize on last year's success with insightful and interesting speakers from the federal, state, local, academia and the private sector for 8 CPEs. If you have any ideas for speakers, or you would like to be one of our speakers, either at the PDT or during our monthly webinars, please let me know. When we get all 8 speakers lined up, we will send out registration information.

February is a short month; we have kicked off our membership drive for the coming year as well as our nomination committee to elect next year's board. Make this the year that you step out of the shadows and serve as part of our board. Till next time, stay focused on your goals, if you don't have goals, now is a good time to establish some.

Before you know it, the tulips will start budding, and we'll wonder where have all the time gone. Till next time, life is short, make the most of every moment.

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Opportunities



Mark your calendars!

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



Please join us on **February 25th** for our monthly meeting with guest speaker **Erin McKenzie**, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

It's **AGA** membership renewal season! When you review your membership for 2021-2022, know that AGA is here for you.

AGA will continue to provide the tools, resources, and support to assist you in your work and advance your organization.



Click [HERE](#) to RENEW TODAY!

LinkedIn is great, but only AGA membership gives me a network of passionate professionals dedicated to local, state, and federal government accountability.

*Lal Harter
Managing Consultant
Guidehouse*

AGA bolsters the accountability profession by supporting its committed members through skills training, exposure to new ideas, networking, and leadership development.

*Suzanne Bump
State Auditor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

AGA is Community Minded

Charity Fundraiser Update

As a result of our fundraising efforts, Saint Francis Service Dogs received a total of **\$5,673.95**. The total raised included:

- **\$3,250** given by 49 donors through GoFundMe during the Commonwealth PDT Fundraiser
- The Richmond Chapter sent \$568.95, which was made up of **\$460** donated on behalf of the event speakers and **\$108.95** to cover the GoFundMe processing fees.
- AGA National Office sent **\$1,855**, which represented 50% of the amount we raised.

Saint Francis was extremely appreciative of the donation, and we are very grateful for the generosity of our AGA members and event attendees.

We will be choosing a new charity for our Roanoke Chapter's Spring PDT. If anyone has a charity that you would like to be considered for our next fundraising efforts in April, please reach out to Leah Kirby at lkirby@tjgcpas.com.



- **Call for Panelists!** We are looking for members from the GAO, the National Park Service, and the military to sit on a virtual panel that will discuss what it is like to work in government, careers in your agency, etc. to students at another campus event in the spring (date to be determined). This would be an hour-long, informational event as we introduce students to the world of government service. If interested, please contact the Membership Chair: gcadogan@tjgcpas.com or Curtis Joachim, Chapter President at cjoachim@tjgcpas.com for more information.

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 January 2021

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2021 **\$ 5,768.53**

Receipts:

1/29/2021	Square-01/28/21-Webinar-Non-Member	\$	9.41
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Total Receipts \$ 9.41

Disbursements:

1/21/2021	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$	15.74
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Total Disbursements \$ 15.74

Ending Balance: January 31, 2021 **\$ 5,762.20**

Balance Reported 02/03/21

Signature: Vicki B. Delp
 Treasurer

Balance check

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Per statement	\$ 5,762.20
Difference	\$ -

Meeting Minutes

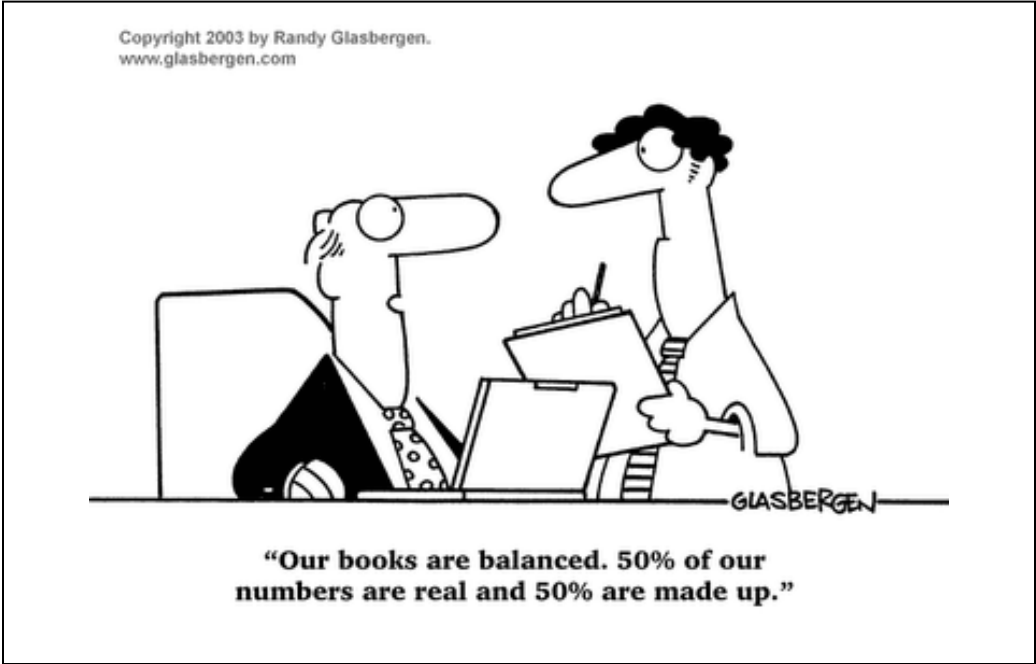
Cybersecurity - Mark Canter, US GAO

January 28, 2021

- Approval of Minutes – We did not have our regular monthly meeting in December since we were involved in the Commonwealth PDT, so there are no minutes to review.
- Community Service report – We did very well with our fundraiser for St. Francis Service Dogs during the Commonwealth PDT and they were very appreciative of our donation.
- Membership and Emerging Leaders report – We will be meeting with the student chapter of VA Tech on Feb.10 at 7pm to discuss CGFM and AGA Membership. Also, please review your contact information and try to keep it current on AGA platforms, especially if you have had job changes. Thank you!
- Meetings/Education/CGFM – We have meetings/ events scheduled for every month. Next month (February) will be the GASB update.
- Communications/Newsletter – We wish to bring back the member highlights section of the newsletter. A picture is NOT required. Please let us know if you would be interested in sharing your unique story with other Chapter members.
- Spring PDT – We are still working on completing this event to be held April 29. Please let us know if you wish to speak at this event or if you have any speaker recommendations.
- CPE – Cybersecurity - Mark Canter - U.S. Government Accountability Office - AGA Roanoke webinar
- FROM THE PRESIDENT: We are halfway through the AGA year already. This is the time when we begin to select board members for the upcoming AGA year. Please consider becoming an AGA board member. Most of our meetings are virtual and we have board members from all over SW Virginia.

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Humor and Fun



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