

November 2021

NEWSLETTER

Presidents Message

Michael Townsend

Greetings Shenandoah Valley Chapter!

I have exciting news to share. Christine Blair is a Certified Government Financial Manager. Christine passed the final exam in October. The curriculum of the CGFM certification covers such topics as accounting; auditing; internal controls; budgeting and financial reporting, and applies to federal, state, and local government. Please congratulate Christine on this major accomplishment!

The Chapter provided two awesome webinars in September and October; Elena Tercero, CPA, New Mexico Chapter presented *Lead from Within* and Kim Farington, CPA, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer for the First Responder Network Authority discussed *Working in the Multi-generational Workforce*. The Chapter is diligently working with three Virginia Chapters for the 26th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia PDT to be held virtually December 9th and 10th. This will be a great way to earn 16 CPEs. Several Chapter members traveled to meet with the Shepherd University Accounting Club to discuss career opportunities and how AGA and this Chapter can help with their career.

As we approach the holiday season, I ask Chapter members to participate in the Chapter's Community Service campaigns. I am thankful to be a part of this great Chapter and wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and 2022.

~Mike

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Congratulations to Christine Blair for passing all three exams to become a Certified Government Financial Manager!!! This is such exciting news and we are so proud of Christine for this accomplishment. She has worked hard studying over the past 2 1/2 years. Please congratulate Christine for this great accomplishment!

Shenandoah Valley Chapter CCR

Congratulations to our Chapter for being the first chapter to submit its Citizen Centric Report (CCR) to AGA National this year!!! See our Chapter website for our current CCR.

CEAR Reviewers Needed

Reviewer Training—December 2, 2021

Do you have considerable knowledge and experience in federal government financial management and/or performance measurement and reporting? Or know someone who does? Become a CEAR reviewer and be a part of a prestigious group of AGA advisors to agencies on how to improve their AFRs and PARs! **Reviewers** for the CEAR Program can earn up to six CPEs for their involvement in the program.

Note: you do not need to apply to be a CEAR Reviewer to attend this training.



Community Service Corner

Wreaths Across America

Remember, Honor, and Teach

Now thru November 30, 2021
Wreath Laying December 18, 2021

The Shenandoah Valley AGA Chapter is participating in Wreaths Across America. Please remember the fallen and honor those that served by sponsoring a wreath. Each wreath costs just \$15. For more information and to sponsor a wreath please:

Visit our website at

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0054P

Or contact Gina Smith Moss (540) 504-1849

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Adopt a Family for the Holidays

This year the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of AGA adopted a family through Bright Futures of Frederick County VA. This family has been identified through the public school system as a family in need.

How do we do this when we are not in the office?

I have set up an Amazon Wish List with some of the items listed below. You can add things to the list if there is something different you would like to donate.

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

I will be at the Starbucks by the Office at Rutherford Crossing once a week to pick up any items. Email me if that is something you are interested in.

I can also arrange other pick up times/places

Child One— Boy 10 years old - Grade 5	
<i>Dreams Gift</i>	Mine Craft Toys
<i>Additional Gift Ideas</i>	Headphones (not earbuds), Outdoor Games
<i>Books</i>	Minecraft Books
<i>Favorite Color</i>	Blue - Green- Orange
<i>Clothing Sizes</i>	Sweatpants Men M ~ Hoodies Men L ~ Shirts Men L ~ Pajamas Men L



Child Two - Boy 8 years old - Grade 3	
<i>Dreams of</i>	Mine Craft Toys
<i>Additional Gift Ideas</i>	Markers, Colored pencils, outdoor games, Headphones (not
<i>Books</i>	Mine Craft Activity books
<i>Favorite Color</i>	Blue
<i>Clothing Sizes</i>	Jeans Child 10/12 Husky ~ Hoodies Men S ~ Shirts Child L 14- 16 ~ Pajamas Childs Boys L 14-16 Onesies

Due December 9th

Don't have time to shop ? We will take cash and gift card donations too!!!!

Please email or call Danielle Unger, AGA Community Service Chair

540-454-5671 if you have any questions!

Tell Us What Training You Want

As we are planning our AGA Chapter webinars, please let us know what training / topic you would be interested in learning about. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request.

Interested in Joining Our Chapter Executive Committee?

Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter. Please reach out to any Chapter Officer and let us know. We have several vacant positions, and we would love your help on our various committees. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!



Upcoming Events



November 18, 2021 for 8 CPEs

Free for AGA Members

26th Annual
AGA Commonwealth of Virginia
Professional Development Training

December 9-10, 2021 for 16 CPEs

More info to come as we plan for
this great event.

Accountability Talks

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Accountability-Talks-Podcast.aspx>

Did You Know?



AGA members are dedicated professionals.

AGA supports government at all levels and work in all areas of financial management, accounting, auditing, IT, and other business operations areas to help government work more efficiently and effectively.

As members, we're able to boost our careers through AGA education and the CGFM certification, and through opportunities to network, share ideas and solutions.

AGA training events are fantastic; they highlight innovations, best practices and research and lead to positive change in government that benefits our society.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

CGFM is a professional certification awarded by [AGA](#), who is *the* member organization for financial professionals in government.

Benefits of Becoming a CGFM:

- Increases knowledge of government financial management
- Increases confidence on the job
- Provides better understanding of 'big picture' of government
- Indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government
- Helps encourage employer incentives and continuing education
- Enhances credibility, public confidence, and employee value





Did You Know?

Journal of Government Financial Management

Submission of articles for consideration for the Spring 2022 issue of the ***Journal of Government Financial Management*** is **Dec. 1**. We encourage our members and employers to contribute thought leadership and lessons learned to our Cabell's-listed, blind peer-reviewed publication. The spring issue launches a year-long series on insights from the pandemic's effects on government work, beginning with the theme of transitions. What changes do you see in your work now, in the profession or in yourself since March 2020? How does the pandemic influence the way we are working together? How do broader cultural changes come into play? What are some positive impacts of the pandemic response? How is the public sector helping citizens in this period of transitions?

National Leadership Awards

Please consider nominating a colleague or client for a **National Leadership Award** and recognize their tremendous talent and impact within the government financial management community. The awards honor the profession's most dedicated and inspiring thought leaders and the innovators who have made significant contributions to government. More information can be found on AGA's website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/National-Leadership-Awards-and-AGA-National-Awards.aspx>

Nominate your colleagues today! The deadline for submissions is **Dec. 10**.

Membership

Recruit a Member

Member recruitment is and must continue to be at the forefront of our chapter goals, even while we are meeting virtually. Please invite potential members and newcomers to our events and webinars. Help them to see the benefits of becoming a member of AGA and our Chapter

Let us know of potential members so we can include them in our Chapter communications and invite them to events. If they seem interested, continue to reach out as they may not join the first time, but may need some encouragement and continued vision into the benefits of AGA. Help us grow our Chapter and AGA!

Get Involved

National President-Elect, National Treasurer-Elect, and Director (At-Large)

AGA, the premier organization dedicated to promoting government accountability and serving accountability professionals, is seeking leaders to serve as the 2022-2024 National President-Elect, National Treasurer-Elect, and Director (At-Large) of the National Governing Board. This is your opportunity to shape AGA programs, advance your profession and represent members' interests. Nominations for National President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and Director (At-Large) positions for 2022-2024 will be accepted in late November 2021. For more information please visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Call-for-Nominations/Available-Positions.aspx>

National Boards and Committees

Each Spring, AGA solicits board and committee member candidates. The National President-Elect works with the board and committee chairs to fill leadership vacancies. AGA works to ensure each board and committee, taken as a whole, is representative of AGA membership. For more information on how you can get involved please visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/National-Boards-and-Committees.aspx>

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