

The Roanoke Ledger

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President's Message



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

2020 is off to a fast start. 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 2020, 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 15th webinar was a teaming effort with the Richmond Chapter for a 2019 Tax Update for 1 CPE. The webinar was presented by DHG and 20 members attend, who each received 1 CPE! This was our first time combining a webinar with a live meeting, and it presented some challenges.

However, we've learnt from the experience and will make improvements for the next time.

Our next meeting will be held on February 27th and will be a webinar presented by Ms. Melissa J. Gordon, MBA, PMP, Chief Strategy Information Officer, Tidal Basin Government Consulting. The topic will be *Disaster Preparedness and Systems Continuity for Government Finance Professionals* for 1 CPE. Do make plans to attend.

Preparations are well underway for our Spring PDT scheduled for April 23rd at the Higher Education Center in Roanoke. 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. So far, we have seven of our eight speaker slots filled, so if you know someone we could invite to be one of our speakers, either at the PDT or during our monthly webinars or meetings, please let me know. When we get all 8 speakers lined up, we will send out registration information.

February brings the kick-off of our membership drive for the coming year as well as our nomination committee to select/elect next year's board. Be sure to renew your membership this month. Also Dare to lead. Make this the year you step out of the shadows

and assume a leadership in our Chapter as an Officer. You can do it, and we need you. Till next time, life is short, make the best of every moment!



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Opportunities



SPRING PDT

Mark your calendars

April 23, 2020

Roanoke Higher Education Center

8 CPE credits

Great Speakers

Fresh Breakfast / Fruits / Coffee and Catered Lunch

Fun Raffle to support an awesome cause

Meet our Sponsors

CGFM Quick Facts

- Prepare for the CGFM Examinations

Prepare for the examinations by attending an instructor-led course, purchasing an AGA study guide or studying other resources. Take [CGFM practice examinations](#) to test your knowledge. To determine the best way to prepare, start by reviewing the [CGFM examinations content outlines](#).



February AGA MEETING

Topic: "Disaster Preparedness"

When: Thursday February 27th, 2020

Time: 11:50am – 12:50pm Eastern Standard Time

Place: Your Computer - Webinar

Presented by: Ms. Melissa J. Gordon MBA, PMP

Cost: \$0.00 to AGA Members, \$10.00 for non-members



Member Spotlight

This Month the Roanoke Chapters Newsletter is pleased to introduce:



Bozo The Clown

We would like to use this section of the newsletter to introduce AGA members to each other. Please send me a photo and answers to any six of the questions below. Bozo says everyone should Network!!!

- 1) How long have you been a member of the AGA? As long as I can remember
- 2) Why did you join the AGA? Beats me.
- 3) What committee do you currently volunteer with? The party Committee
- 4) What do you enjoy most about volunteering? Making people laugh
- 5) What is your current occupation? Clowning
- 6) What do you love most about Government Accounting? Can't make heads or tails of the numbers
- 7) How do you define success? A smile on everyone's face
- 8) Who inspires you? Ronald McDonald
- 9) If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose? The Jocker
- 11) What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? I'm really a shy person.

AGA is Community Minded

President Visits Roanoke College...

On January 21st, Curtis Joachim, Roanoke AGA Chapter President, presented to accounting students at Roanoke College in Salem, VA and discussed accounting careers, the CGFM certificate and AGA membership. We are happy to report that attendees were interested to learn about the AGA and the CGFM certification! Nine students joined as student members of AGA!

Looking for more?

For AGA National news, visit: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

For AGA National events, visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar>

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Chapter Information

2018-2019 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
 Bradley Vaught, Accountability, Communications & News
 Letter
 Lal Harter, Nat'l Council of Chapters Representative

[Contact Information for the Chapter Board](#)

New Members

Regular Members: Mr. Chamroeun Siv

Student members:

- Erin P. Davis
- Kenley Elizabeth Jones
- Joseph L Carrick
- Michael C Jennings
- Mary K. Sullivan
- Jessica Garcia
- Jessica Michelle Louros
- Emily G Bless
- Corey K. Burch



AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending January 2020

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2020 **\$ 3,130.34**

Receipts:

1/23/2020 AGA Membership Deposit (Electronic) \$ 5.00

Total Receipts \$ 5.00

Disbursements:

1/8/2020 Harland Clarke - New Checks \$ 31.00

Total Disbursements \$ 31.00

Ending Balance: January 31, 2020 **\$ 3,104.34**

**Balance Reported
02/06/20**

Signature: Vicki B. Delp
Treasurer

Balance check
 \$ 3,104.34
 Per statement \$ 3,104.34
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Meeting Minutes

AGA Meeting – January 15, 2020

- The November minutes were published in the January newsletter. There was no meeting in December. The minutes as published were approved.
- Treasurer's report: Current Balance \$3,130.34; Estimated revenues from Fall PDT \$1,000.
- Community Service: Leah coordinated the donations to the Ronald McDonald House. Please see the letter of appreciation in the January newsletter. Our donations were appreciated.
- Accountability, Communications: We are hoping to prepare a CCR for either Pulaski County or Wytheville Community College. Brad is reaching out to members for support and for participation in the monthly newsletter member highlight.
- Membership and Emerging Leaders: We will be making a presentation to Roanoke College Jan 21, 2020. We hope this generates interest in AGA and increased membership. Roanoke College has always supported our chapter PDT and we have presented there last year.
- Meetings/Education/CGFM:
 Congratulations to Gillian Cadogan for passing the CGFM exam.
 February Meeting - Disaster Preparedness - Pulaski - tentative Webinar
 March Webinar - CGFM
 Spring PDT – April 23. We need speakers; Kickoff meeting to discuss will be 1/23/2020,
 Board Meeting – Via Conference call. Please let us know if you have any recommendations for speakers for this event.
- 2020/2021 Board: “Dare to Lead” Please consider serving as a Board Member for AGA during the upcoming year.
- CPE ○ Joint with Richmond Chapter:
 “2019 Tax Update – DHG – “Tax Reform Update – 2019 Anything but Simplification”
 Online Meeting Link: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cjoachim>

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Humor and Fun

FUNNY MOMENT AND FUN NUMBERS!!!

THERE ARE 3
KINDS OF
ACCOUNTANTS
IN THE WORLD.

THOSE WHO CAN
COUNT & THOSE
WHO CAN'T.

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6			1	9	5				
	9	8					6		
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4			8		3				1
7				2					6
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