

November 2022

NEWSLETTER

Presidents Message

Christine Blair

Hello Shenandoah Valley AGA Members

In this month of November I encourage all of us to take a moment and reflect on what we have to be thankful for. With that in mind, I want to express my gratitude to our Shenandoah Valley Chapter members, volunteers, and advisors who continue to support the chapter. We could not sustain our chapter without you and I am very grateful for all of the contributions you provide.

Save the date for the 27th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training. The event will take place on December 8 & 9. The event will be hybrid, join us at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, VA or from the comfort of your home for 16 CPEs. Registration is now open.

Please remember this is also the season of giving. This year at our annual PDT we will be holding a fundraiser event to benefit Semper K9 Assistance Dogs. These contributions are tax deductible and help to change the lives of veterans and rescued dogs, please see enclosed flyer for more information.

As this year comes to a close, our chapter is looking forward to 2023. I wish you all many blessings during the holiday season! **Advance. Grow. Accelerate.**

Respectfully,

Christine Blair

Recognition
of Excellence
2021



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Upcoming Event



27th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training

December 8 & 9, 2022

8 a.m.- 5 p.m. EST

Strategic Leadership - Thriving Through Change

Enjoy the comradery, networking, and fellowship as we are back in person at the Great Wolf Lodge, or you can attend virtually. Earn up to 16 CPEs, including an opportunity to fulfill the annual ethics required of CPAs in VA. Register at [Personal Information - 27th Annual AGA Commonwealth of VA Professional Development Training \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com/e/Personal-Information-27th-Annual-AGA-Commonwealth-of-VA-Professional-Development-Training)

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Recruit New Members

Did

you know that our Chapter can receive **100 bonus points** for exceeding our membership growth goal. The point structure is as follows:

Tier 1: maintain membership number.

Tier 2: achieve 10% growth

Tier 3: exceed 10% growth

We also have a chance for 100 more bonus points by achieving 16% growth. Help us by recruiting new members today!



AGA's Multi-Year Recruitment Challenge

AGA's goal for their multi-year recruitment challenge, *Everyone Get One*, is to total 20,000 members within the next four years! If EVERY member recruits just one new member, we will **far** surpass this goal!

You probably know and work with many people who should be – but are not yet – AGA members. Think about the value your AGA membership brings you. Is it the CPEs? The networking opportunities? The numerous ways to build your resume through chapter leadership or publishing in the Journal or mentoring? Maybe it's the potential for scholarships and awards! Chances are excellent you know someone else who would be attracted to the same opportunities and would benefit greatly from membership in AGA.

By recruiting new members, you help strengthen AGA (and our Chapter) and build a better future of the accountability profession. Do not hesitate! Talk with someone today about the value of your AGA membership!



2022–2023 Chapter Communications Award

Nominate our chapter for the Chapter Communications Award! A panel of judges will review the nominees' websites, social media, and member communications and recognize the chapters with the best overall programs at PDT 2023. Submit your nominations by November 15. An email from your Chapter Services Managers with the link for self-nominating will be sent soon.



2022 Inspector General Survey: Sustaining Change

AGA, in partnership with Kearney & Company, unveiled its latest survey report of the oversight community — **2022 Inspector General Survey: Sustaining Change**. The survey highlights difficulties brought about by the pandemic and includes interviews with oversight officials in state government who were, in many cases, the first line of defense against fraud, waste and abuse in these federal pandemic relief programs.

You can view the survey on AGA's Website under Research & Publications.

Tell Us What Training You Want

Please share your ideas for training topics and potential speakers. This is your Chapter and we want to deliver training/topics that interest you. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request or invite a speaker you identify.

Join Our Chapter Executive Committee

We are recruiting members to join our Chapter Executive Committee for the upcoming Chapter 2022-23 year, which began July 1. Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter? Please reach out to any Chapter Officer and let us know. We would love for you to join our Executive Committee or one of our various committees and help out. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!



Upcoming Events

November Town Hall

November 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. ET.

Next month's **Town Hall** will address trainings, meetings and events.

A registration link is available in your Oct. 19 AGA Leadership Matters email.

Technology & Transformation

Summit 2022

Dec. 8, 2022

Washington, DC

National Leadership Training 2023

February 22-23, 2023

Washington, DC

14 CPEs



Save the Dates!

LEAD 2023

April 20–22, 2023

Accountability Talks

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

Community Service Corner

Wreaths Across America

Remember, Honor, and Teach

Once again, we are participating in the Wreaths Across America campaign. We are soliciting donations for Wreaths Across America to sponsor wreaths that will be placed on the graves of our fallen military members across the country. A wreath can be sponsored in remembrance of a loved one or to honor someone who has served or is still serving. The wreaths are \$15 per wreath. Please join us in helping to honor our fallen military members as well as those who have served or are still serving. You can sponsor wreaths at <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/24150>



Land's End AGA Apparel Store

With AGA's recent rebranding, new merchandise is now available at Land's End. Whether you're looking for something special to commemorate a membership event, present a gift to a speaker or show your AGA spirit, our **one-stop shop** has what you need! See merchandise at <https://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>.

AGA's Mentoring Program

Did you know that AGA has a mentoring program? Consider being a mentor or a mentee.

Mentors—Share your knowledge and expertise to assist others in developing and growing in our profession.

Mentees—If you are looking to develop a skill or gain insight from an experienced professional, please consider signing up.

More information at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Mentoring-Program.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.

You can make a difference when you join AGA.

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

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SEMPER K9
Assistance Dogs
www.SemperK9.org



WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

Our mission is unlike any other. Semper K9 not only utilizes rescue dogs in our service dog selection process, we also custom train each dog to the specific needs of their wounded veterans.

We provide training and support for the entire family. Through our Family Integration Program, we teach caregivers and other family members the skills needed to support the veteran in their recovery through animal-assisted therapy.

SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS

Using rescued and donated dogs, we provide mental health mobility service dogs free of charge to wounded service members to enhance their quality of life.

USMC Combat Veteran founded and operated, Semper K9 has the ideal leadership to assist our Post 9/11 veterans. Our founder's formal military training, along with his multiple combat deployments and civilian K9 career has prepared Baity for developing and implementing operations at Semper K9.



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