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The Roanoke Ledger

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Roanoke Chapter

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President's Message



2018 is off to a fast start. I hope that you are making good on your resolutions. They say that it takes doing something for 21 days to develop a habit, and our habits shape our destiny. So, whatever you've decided to change or start doing in 2018, here's to you! Keep going, you can do it!

January was a busy month for our chapter, as we've had activities in community service, college recruiting, accountability, held a board meeting by conference call, and a webinar! Also, our treasurer is up and running and we now have an updated treasurer's report. Thanks to all who were able to participate in one way or another. See the appropriate sections of the newsletter for details.

Our January 31st webinar on "worker classification" presented by the IRS was our most attended to date - we had 14 members attend, who each received 1 CPE!

Our next meeting will be held on February 28th at Shoney's located at 4416 Cleburne Blvd, Dublin, VA 24084, at 6:00pm. In addition to a chapter meeting, we will have a presentation on the Federal and State Governments Budget Processes, presented by yours truly for 1 CPE. Dinner is on us, so I hope to see you there.

Preparations are well underway for our Spring PDT scheduled for April 25th at the Higher Education Center in Roanoke. So far, we have speakers lined up from GASB, Roanoke College, US Department of Energy, AGA National, Brown & Edwards and others for 8 CPEs. We still have some openings, so if you know someone who we could invite to be one 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. Do make plans to attend.

February is a short month, 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 has the time gone. Till next time, don't blink.

Curtis Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

UPCOMING MEETING/ FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Roanoke Chapter is February 28, 2018—Shoneys, Dublin 6:00pm

March 28, 2018-Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm
April 25, 2018—Roanoke Higher Education Center 7CPEs

May 30, 2018—Webinar 11:50am-1:00pm
June, 29, 2018—Awards Banquet 6:00pm-7:30pm
July—National PDT, Orlando, FL

Other AGA Information

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome Mr. Kevin D. Berry, CGFM
CGI Federal



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MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at

www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online. Just go to www.agacgfm.org to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2018-2019 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

CPE OPPORTUNITIES

The AGA offers a host of webinars. Please check out www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar to find out what's available and when.

National Leadership Training—February 27-28, 2018, Washington, DC. 14 CPEs

Information regarding these learning options may be obtained at www.agacgfm.org.

2016-2018 Governance Review

The National Executive Committee believes that AGA needs a structure change to enable continued growth and success. Our association is strong, but to continue to be the leading organization for government accountability professionals, we must consider changes to the way we operate. Read more at the AGA website and take time to provide input. <https://www.agacgfm.org/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Brad Vaught

Curtis Joachim and family volunteered at the Rescue Mission of Roanoke on January 13, 2018 from 7:30 to 10:30 to distribute food to needy families and their pets. They helped pack and distribute 98 boxes of food weighing about 3,430 pounds. The Rescue Mission is a comprehensive crisis intervention center for men, women and children. They offer life-saving services aimed at transformation and restoration. Learn more about the rescue mission at <https://rescuemission.net>.



All AGA members are encouraged to perform community service. If you and your family or company perform community service, please let Brad know by emailing him a report and pictures to bwvaught@pulaskicounty.org.

MEMBERSHIP AND EARLY CAREERS UPDATE

Membership and Early Careers

Hello Roanoke Chapter members. In membership and early careers, we completed our first of three Virginia Tech recruiting events, and it was a success! The outreach was to the VT chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. There were about 12



students there and 2 professors. The students were intrigued by Curtis' presentation and were briefed on some of the great work we do as government accountants. There were no takers on our scholarship offer, but we were able to distribute some of our pamphlets and spread the word. One of the professors was very interested in AGA and may prove to be a valuable contact we can leverage in the future for speaking opportunities or other. One VT recruiting event down and two more to go; one with the Accounting Society and one with Beta Alpha Psi - Gamma Lambda Chapter.

We also continued our recruiting efforts with other institutions of higher education by reaching out to the Chair of the Accounting Department at Roanoke College. We hope to schedule recruiting events there in the next few months and bring aboard some early careers members. If you wish to participate in this or one of our other recruiting events, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other board members.

Respectfully,

Lal Harter



Roanoke Chapter Association of Government Accountants (AGA)**Meeting Minutes****January 11, 2018****Attendance:**

Curtis Joachim, Bradley Vaught, Vicki Delp, Leah Kirby, Vicky Moore

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03PM. The Minutes for 12-13-17 were motioned for approval by Leah Kirby and seconded by Bradley Vaught.

2. Treasurer's Report – Covered by Curtis Joachim

Vicki Delp has kindly stepped up as our new Roanoke Chapter Treasurer. Welcome Vicki! Files will be transferred from Vicky Moore to Vicki Delp on 01-19-18. Vicki will contact the bank to see what is necessary to have her name on the accounts to sign checks, etc. Curtis has receipts for expenses from previous meetings that he will turn over to Vicki.

3. Community Service Report – Covered by Bradley Vaught

We are ready to donate the agreed upon contribution for the hurricane/disaster relief after Vicki has settled in as treasurer. No community service has been reported yet under the local AGA name, so we might schedule a group activity for the Spring. Curtis will be volunteering this Saturday at the Roanoke City Rescue Mission, and will get pictures to Brad.

4. Accountability Communication Report – Covered by Curtis Joachim

Curtis sent presidents report to Deanna for the newsletter. Please send any articles or contributions that you have to Deanna for the newsletter by the 10th of each month.

5. Membership and Emerging Leaders – Covered by Curtis Joachim

Curtis will be attending a meeting at Virginia Tech for the National Association of Black Accountants on January 25th at 7:00PM. He would like to print out the pamphlets that Lal put together to hand out for his presentation. Lal will follow up with other organizations at Virginia Tech to possibly do presentations.

Curtis would like for us to reach out to the local Roanoke Government to increase membership. Curtis will call to see if we can do a "lunch & learn" call/webinar. Curtis encourages everyone to reach out to any contacts in our cities or at our organizations, and we can do a "lunch & learn" call/webinar for any organizations that are interested.

6. Meetings and Education – Covered by Curtis Joachim

January – IRS Webinar on January 31, 2018 at 11:50am to 1:00pm. We will have a brief update on what's going on in the chapter at 11:50am, and will move on to the presentation from the speaker at 12:00pm. We have received 12 RSVPs so far, had a dry run with the presenter, and are all ready to go. This will be for 1 CPE for 50 minutes.

February – Event will be February 28th at 6:00pm (from 6:00pm-7:30pm) – February's event will be in Pulaski or Dublin. We still need a speaker for this event.

Vicky suggested Dublin. Everyone is leaning towards Shoney's in Dublin. Brad will check to see if it is available. Dinner will be provided for attendees.

Roanoke Chapter Association of Government Accountants (AGA)**Meeting Minutes****January 11, 2018 (Continued)****6. Meetings and Education – Covered by Curtis Joachim (Continued)**

March – We will have a webinar for which we have two willing speakers. Bo Shevchik from the Federal Reserve of Boston, is willing to speak on Digital and Crypto currencies. He gave a similar presentation at the PDC in December for the Richmond Chapter. Also, Bill Hughes from PWC is willing to give a talk on Block Chain.

April – Our Spring PDT will take place on Wednesday April 25th, 2018. A possible location we are currently checking into is the Roanoke Higher Education Center. Curtis has reached out to RHEC, and they are putting together an offer/price package.

We will be reaching out to companies such as KMPG, Cherry Bekaert, USDA, Becker, etc. for sponsorship & speakers.

We have speaker presenting on Emotional Intelligence & one talking about Cost Accounting. We would also like presenters to cover a yellow book update, GASB, IT, Regional Economic update, grants & Fraud. Other suggestions are welcome.

7. Other Business – Presented by Curtis Joachim

Vicky mentioned that the following dates should be avoided: May 2nd, 9th, and May 10-12 due to Tech Graduation.

Meeting times seem to work best for most if they are held during lunch hours (12pm-1pm).

8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.

AGA Treasurer's Report

For the Month Ending January 31, 2018

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2018		\$ 4,099.05
Receipts: (No Receipts)	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>
Disbursements: (No Disbursements)	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>
Ending Balance: January 31, 2018		<u><u>\$ 4,099.05</u></u>

Balance reported as of 02/15/18

Signature: *Vicki B. Delp*
Treasurer

	Balance check	
		\$ 4,099.05
Per statement		\$ 4,099.05
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