

AGA – Southwest Virginia Chapter

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President's Message



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

Welcome to the 2021/2022 AGA Year! I am honored and excited to serve as Chapter President of our newly renamed Southwest Virginia Chapter. 2020/2021 was an exciting year for us, during which our Chapter earned the Platinum level designation – the highest designation attainable as part of AGA's Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) awards Program. The objective of the Chapter Recognition Program is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines to help the development of a well-rounded chapter.

This year, I plan to continue to build on the successes that we've had with the focus of helping members sharpen their skills and advance their careers, despite the challenges of operating during a Pandemic. My goal as chapter president is to continue to assist you to take advantage of all that AGA has to offer to accomplish your professional goals. I aim to accomplish this by providing opportunities for gaining quality CPE's year-round, including personal development. We will seek to provide opportunities for networking events, with a focus on recruitment and retention, attracting and retaining emerging leaders and students to ensure the continued viability of our Chapter, and to provide opportunities for our members to be of service to our communities.

I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the dedicated core of directors who chaired our Chapter's Executive Council (CEC) last year. This year, we've not only brought back most of those board members, but we've also added three new chairs, namely, Ms. Regina Williams, Accountability Chair, Mr. Joshua Kingery, Membership/Emerging Leaders Chair and Ms. Karen Watson, Secretary. I look forward to working with Regina, Josh, and Karen as well as the rest of our Board to execute the plans and accomplish the goals that we've established for the year. We plan to demonstrate the value of AGA while at the same time making those values accessible to those who wish to take advantage of them.

As always, we can't do it without you. We need you to participate. We need you to show up. Show up for the monthly meetings, the webinars, the networking events and PDTs. We need you to help us grow our chapter. Talk to your co-workers about AGA. Share our newsletter with them; tell them about our free webinars for CPEs, not only locally but also the ones available from AGA National and other chapters.

This year, we will once again get your input. Keep an eye out for membership survey coming out in the next few weeks. Tell us what is important to you, what topics you would like us to cover as part of our training curriculum, when is the best time/day to hold meetings etc. We will use this to adjust our chapter plans if necessary. We've put together a dynamic program for the coming year. It's going to be an exciting ride. Do join us!

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Opportunities & Updates



PLATINUM

2021

Achievement in
Chapter Excellence



Southwest Virginia Chapter earns the 2021 **Platinum ACE Award**

'Name the Newsletter' Contest

The newly renamed **Southwest Virginia Chapter** needs your help! Our newsletter, The Roanoke Ledger, needs a new name to better align with our recent chapter name update. And we are looking to you, our chapter members! The winner will receive acknowledgement and a \$25 Amazon gift card!

How to enter:

- Submit your original entries but emailing to misty.hamed@cgifederal.com by **October 15, 2021**. Please use 'AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter Newsletter Name' as the email subject.
- You may submit as many entries as you wish. We are looking for a relatively short name (two-four words) that reflect our diverse area.

Entries will be compiled and sent to chapter members for voting. The winning name will be announced during our October meeting.



Please join us on **September 30th** for our monthly meeting!

Southwest Virginia Chapter is launching a new social media profile on Facebook. Details coming soon! **#AGASWVA**

[AGA National Event Calendar](#)

[AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter Events](#)

Member Spotlight

For this month's **Member Spotlight**, we are pleased to introduce:



Regina Williams – Finance Director, Wythe County

- **How long have you been a member of the AGA?** *Two and half years*
- **Why did you join AGA?** *My peer at Pulaski County invited me to join. I wanted to be able to network with other Government Accountants and learn from them. I like to continue to learn different and new ideas.*
- **What is a typical day like for you?** *My day usually never goes as planned. I may have a plan but when I get to the office a department head, employee in my department or the county administrator may have a question or a project they need help with and my day gets rearranged to help them. This makes my day interesting and never dull or boring but I may have to do what I had planned at night or the weekends.*
- **How do you define success?** *Success is being able to work at a position that makes you happy and that you can see where you have made a difference or made a change for the better. I always want to leave a position or department better than it was before I came.*
- **What inspires you?** *To be the best me I can be.*
- **What is something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?** *My hobby is quilting. I am behind making quilts for all my grandchildren. Maybe when I retire I can catch up. Also, I am a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) through Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This involved studying for and successfully completing 7 exams in 2015.*
- **What do you enjoy most about AGA?** *I enjoy meeting different people and learning about them and their role in government.*

Chapter Information

2021-2022 Chapter Board

Curtis Joachim, President/Education
Karen Watson, Secretary
Vicki Delp, Treasurer
Regina Williams, Accountability
Leah Kirby, Community Service
Misty Hamed, Communications & Newsletter
Joshua Kingery, Membership
Vicky Moore, Webmaster
Gillian Cadogan, National Council of Chapters Representative

[Chapter Board Contact Information](#)

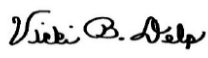


New Members

- Mr. Trevor B. Bennett
- Ms. Kimberly Howell



AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending August 2021

Beginning Balance: August 1, 2021			\$	8,873.46
Receipts:	No Receipts			
			Total Receipts	\$ -
Disbursements:				
	7/21/2021	EFT	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$ 15.74
			Total Disbursements	\$ 15.74
Ending Balance: August 31, 2021			\$	8,857.72
Balance Reported 09/15/21				
Signature:			Balance check	
	Treasurer			
				\$ 8,857.72
			Per statement	\$ 8,857.72
			Difference	\$ -

In Other News...



Would you like to know about the process leading up to CGFM? Are you considering taking the first step towards applying for your CGFM?

I hope you will follow along as I document my journey to CGFM in our monthly newsletter over the coming months.

-Misty

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