



# The Southwest Sentinel



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Greetings Southwest  
Virginia Chapter and  
Happy New Year!



## President's Message



**Misty Hamed, CGFM**

Greetings Southwest Virginia members and Happy New Year! I hope you were able to take the opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones over the holiday season. As we begin 2025, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for new opportunities, growth, and collaboration.

The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and renewal. As we look back on our accomplishments from last year, we can be proud of the progress we've made together. But the year ahead holds even more promise. We hope to provide you with the resources, networking opportunities, and professional development you need to excel in your career and make a lasting impact in your field.

In this month's newsletter, we've highlighted key initiatives, upcoming events, and valuable resources that will help you navigate this year with confidence. We are excited to welcome Matthew Zaun, Senior Auditor with the Government Accountability Office as our guest speaker for our January meeting. He will be providing a presentation on the Yellow Book and Green Book. I encourage each of you to check out AGA's National Leadership Training that is scheduled for February 19-20. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and grow in our field.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. I encourage you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and continue contributing to the strength and growth of our organization. We'd love to have you join us on the Executive Committee, especially as we begin planning for our annual spring PDT event in the coming months.

I look forward to "seeing" you at our upcoming events!

## Chapter Information

### Meeting Minutes October 31, 2024

- Chapter Executive Committee Updates
  - Misty Hamed – Chapter President – Spoke about new member emails and still working with national AGA to get fixed. Reviewed September meeting and showed where survey is located in newsletter for possible topics/speakers this year. Chapter is purchasing a group rate for Ethics on November 13 from 2-3:50pm. Seats will be first come first serve, 30 seats available. Follow the survey link and will get a promo code to use on CPEs for Ethics on November 13th. Commonwealth PDT on December 12-13 in Williamsburg, VA, can earn up to 16 CPEs, at Great Wolf Lodge and excellent room rates. Misty will send out a new registration link later today. For any member who is willing to volunteer at Commonwealth PDT the chapter will pay your registration fee, email Misty if interested in volunteering.
  - Vicki Delp – Treasurer – End of September balance is \$17,012.12. So far this month there have been a few expenses.
  - Kim Howell – Secretary – Curtis moved to approve September 2024 meeting minutes as published, Vicki Delp seconded, passed unanimously.
  - Curtis Joachim – Education – Working hard on Commonwealth PDT in December. Still working on getting speakers for Commonwealth PDT in December. Think of speakers for April (Spring) SW Virginia PDT.
  - Eryn Steckroth – NCC Rep – Updates from NCC meeting yesterday, succession planning for new CEC members. If interested in CEC please reach out to any CEC members or email. Lead in April – for chapter officer. Young professionals, please look into scholarships that are available. Young professionals are under 35 years old. There are also college student scholarships.
- AGA SW Virginia CEC has 2 open positions: Membership Chair and Communications Chair. If interested, please reach out to any CEC member.
- Training – A.I. SPOOKY OR NO (1 CPE)
  - Presented by Josh Sonnier (CGI).
- Raffle & Adjourn
  - Next meeting will be November 21, 2024
  - Raffle winner of \$25 Amazon E-Gift Card is Michael Joachim

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### Meeting Minutes December 5, 2024

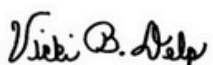
- Chapter Executive Committee Updates
  - Misty Hamed – Chapter President – Will be back on regular day for January 2025 meeting day. We are working on setting up speakers for the remainder of chapter year.
  - Vicki Delp – Treasurer – End of November balance is \$16,569.54. Expenses, Zoom fee and raffle winner.
  - Kim Howell – Secretary – October CPE Certificates were emailed on Friday 11/22/24, if you did not receive one and attended the Oct. meeting, please let me know. October minutes were submitted to the CEC and will be in the next newsletter and will be approved at January 2025 meeting.
  - Curtis Joachim – Education – Commonwealth PDT in Williamsburg, VA is next week, 12/12 and 12/13/24. About 164 registered, either in person or virtual. There is a free registration available, let Curtis know. Can earn up to 16 CPEs. The chapter needs to decide where we want to donate to for Christmas.
  - Eryn Steckroth – NCC Rep – No NCC updates, next meeting in new year. LEAD planning ongoing. Communications – December newsletter will be coming out soon and will include training information. There is a free webinar on Wed. 12/11/24.
  - Vicky Moore – Chapter President-Elect – is planning on attending the Commonwealth PDT. Suggested Feeding SWVA as an option for our chapter donations.
  - Laura Long – Community Services – Working with United Way of SWVA on getting donations sent from Commonwealth PDT. Will go towards Hurricane Helene storm relief. December charity for SWVA AGA Chapter was discussed and a motion made by Curtis to accept Feeding SWVA as our charity with a second from Vicki Delp. Motion passed unanimously.
- AGA SW Virginia CEC has 2 open positions: Membership Chair and Communications Chair. If interested, please reach out to any CEC member.
- Training – Uniform Guidance Updates (1 CPE)
  - Presented by Curtis Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA, The Joachim Group CPAs & Consultants LLC
- Raffle & Adjourn
  - Next meeting will be January 30, 2025
  - Raffle winner of \$25 Amazon E-Gift Card is Gina Smith Moss

## Chapter Information

Chapter Financials,  
October, 2024

Beginning Balance (10/01/24)		\$ 17,012.12
Receipts:		
10/25/2025	Membership Dues	\$ 10.00
Total Receipts		\$ 10.00
Disbursements:		
10/16/2024	DC Amazon-Sept. Raffle Winner	\$ 25.00
10/20/2024	EFT Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee/Storage	\$ 26.79
10/28/2024	DC AGA-Ethics Webinar for Members	\$ 349.00
Total Disbursements		\$ 400.79
Ending Balance: (10/31/24)		\$ 16,621.33
Prepared By: 		
Treasurer		
Balance Check		\$ 16,621.33
Per Statement		\$ 16,621.33
Difference		\$ -

Chapter Financials,  
November, 2024

Beginning Balance (11/01/24)		\$ 16,621.33
Receipts:		
No Receipts		
Total Receipts		\$ -
Disbursements:		
11/18/2024	DC Amazon-October Raffle Winner	\$ 25.00
11/20/2024	EFT Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee/Storage	\$ 26.79
Total Disbursements		\$ 51.79
Ending Balance: (11/30/24)		\$ 16,569.54
Prepared By: 		
Treasurer		
Balance Check		\$ 16,569.54
Per Statement		\$ 24,292.54
Difference		\$ (7,723.00)

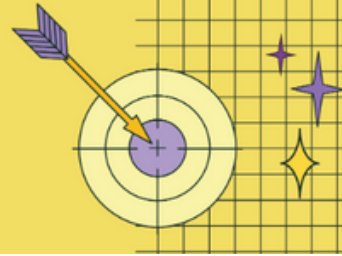
**NOTE:** A deposit of \$7,723 was placed in our AGA Bank account that doesn't belong to our chapter. I have contacted the company who made the deposit. This deposit is not reflected in our ending balance listed above.



## AGA Events &amp; News

# National Leadership Training 2025

February 19–20, 2025  
Washington, D.C. or Virtual



AGA will host the 2024 National Leadership Training (NLT) from February 28–29, 2024, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. This hybrid event is a cornerstone for developing leadership skills and advancing expertise among government financial professionals.

Attendees can earn up to 14 CPE credits through a variety of engaging sessions led by renowned government and industry leaders. Both in-person and virtual options are available, with virtual attendees enjoying live sessions, interactive discussions, and access to recordings for up to a year.

Early bird discounts available until February 2, 2024. [Register today!](#)

## AGA National Event Calendar

### Looking for additional FREE CPE credits?

Wake Up Wednesday  
Coffee Chat

**Jan 29 | 8:00–9:00 AM ET | 1 CPEs**

**Register [Here!](#)**

Free Members-Only  
Webinar

**March 12 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs**

**Register [Here!](#)**

Check out AGA's additional [Webinars](#).



Connect with Us

## Southwest Virginia Chapter Leadership



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President Elect  
Webmaster



**Vicki Delp**  
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