



The Southwest Sentinel



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Mark you Calendars!
Southwest Virginia Spring
PDT – April 27th!



Registration is open!



President's Message



Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGM

Happy CGFM Month! As you know, during the month of March we take time to celebrate the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). The CGFM designation showcases your knowledge, skills and expertise as a government financial professional, and expands your career options across the federal, state and local levels of government. If you're a CGFM, way to go! If you're not yet a CGFM, now is the time to invest in yourself by deciding to take the next step in your professional career. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take the first step. Schedule your first exam this month as a motivation to begin studying and ensuring that you'll find the time to prepare. Give yourself that step up when all that separates you from the competition is a personal commitment to excellence, and mastery of your profession. You can do it!

February was true to form. It came and left in a hurry. We held our chapter meeting by webinar on February 23rd. Our chapter update was followed by a presentation by Greg Miller, CPA, Director/Assurance, FORVIS with the GASB Update for the 2023 reporting cycle for 1 CPE. There were 19 members in attendance. During February our planning activities also went into full gear for our April 27th PDT. In addition, we also issued our request for nominations for chapter officers for the next AGA year. This is your opportunity to get involved. We need you! We need your help, your ideas, participation, and feedback to continue to make our chapter successful. Please consider serving on our board or as one of our various committee chairs.

Our next meeting will be via Webinar on Thursday March 30th from 11:50 am to 12:50pm. In recognition of CGFM month, we will have our annual presentation on the CGFM, including keys to successfully taking and passing the exam by Katya Silver, AGA's Director of Professional Certification. As always, it is free to members and \$10 for non-members. Do make plans to attend and earn 1 CPE.

We continue to proceed with planning to hold our Spring PDT on April 27, 2023! We have finalized the agenda with 8 exciting speakers on topics that are relevant to your career success.

March is also membership renewal month. Our goal is 100% renewal for our chapter. Get it done early and encourage others to do so as well. Till next time, be well.

Chapter Opportunities & Updates



Professional Development Training Agenda

April 27, 2023 | Virtual | 8 CPEs



This year's chosen charity for our chapter's annual PDT is Feeding Southwest Virginia. Feeding Southwest Virginia has engaged with community partners to nourish neighbors and develop solutions to address food insecurity in the region for over 40 years. Please consider donating to this year's worthwhile charity at our GoFundMe page for the 2023 Spring PDT: <https://gofund.me/6ca26dee>.

You can learn more about Feeding Southwest Virginia at their website <https://www.feedingswva.org/>.

Also, any members that have a suggestion for a community outreach project, such as cleaning a stream, working at a food bank or soup kitchen, or other volunteer projects, please email your suggestions to our Community Service Chair, Leah Kirby, at lkirby@tjgcpas.com. We would like to organize a volunteer event this year to not only achieve our annual community service goals, but also to give back to our local community through service hours with AGA.



Southwest Virginia Lunch and Learn Events

March 30 – CGFM

Chapter Information



Treasurer's Report
Month Ending February 2023

Beginning Balance: 02/01/23		\$ 8,630.98
Receipts:		
No Deposits	\$ -	
Total Receipts		\$ -
Disbursements:		
2/21/2023 Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$ 15.74	
2/27/2023 Amazon-Monthly Meeting Raffle	\$ 25.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 40.74</u>
Ending Balance: 02/28/23		<u><u>\$ 8,590.24</u></u>
Prepared By:	<u>Vicki Delp</u>	
	Treasurer	
Balance Check		\$ 8,590.24
Per Statement		<u>\$ 8,590.24</u>
Difference		\$ -

Congrats!

Kim Howell on passing your first CGFM exam!

Chapter Information

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

- **Secretary's report**

Approval of Minutes – No minutes, January's meeting was held jointly with Richmond. Status of Updates to our Bi-Laws – Kim will get with Vicky Moore for help on website and where to find digital copy of bi-laws..

- **Treasurer's report**

As of January 31, 2023 account balance is \$8,630.98 and outstanding check has been cashed.

Other than the IRS filing that has already been filed, no other tax related filings are required for the Chapter.

- **Community Service report**

Feeding SWVA is charity chosen for Spring PDT

- **Communications/Newsletter report**

Newsletter was sent out on Monday 2/20/2023.

Status of our social media site – Facebook is up and running, working on LinkedIn . Working to serve bigger group through social media presence.

- **Accountability report**

CCR publishes and submitted to AGA.

- **Membership and Emerging Leaders report**

Be on the lookout for our member satisfaction Survey.

- **Meetings/Education/CGFM report**

Spring PDT – April 27,2023 so mark your calendars. Registration and more information will be out soon.

- **Other Information**

Free registration for National PDT – National AGA PDT will be held in July in Orlando FL. If a young professional and interested in attending there is an application form. Please look into this and if there any questions let us know.

Lead in MD – Misty and Vicky Moore will be attending. This is a few days of education on the National AGA, what to expect in coming year, and for transitioning up-coming presidents/chairs.

Board Members for next year – If anyone is interested please let Misty know.

- **CPE - GASB 2023 Update: New Statements, Implementation Guides & Projects - ICPE**

Presented by Greg Miller with FORVIS

- **Raffle**

Raffle, \$25 gift certificate. Winner: Kris Smathers

- **Adjourn**

Next meeting is on March 30, 2023 at 11:50am.

AGA Events & News



ERM Workshop



April 18 | Washington, D.C. | 5.5 CPEs

[learn more](#)

March is



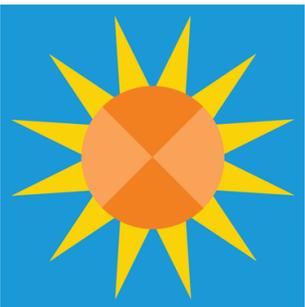
CGFM[™]

Month!

Take One, Get One!

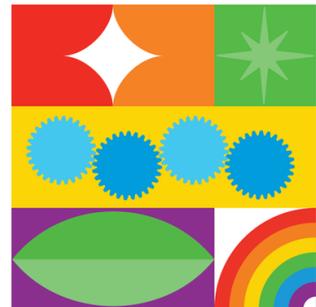
Take a CGFM exam between March 1 and April 30, 2023, and get your next exam **FREE!**

[learn more](#)



PDT 2023

July 23-26, 2023
Orlando or Virtual



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