

NEWSLETTER

From the Richmond Chapter of AGA — 2018-2019 Program Year

AGA Core Values:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA Richmond Chapter Members,
Happy New Year! 2019 promises to be a great one and I feel honored to serve as your president. I look forward to meeting all the new members as we work together to continue building our vibrant chapter to new and higher levels.

We finished the year in great shape. We successfully hosted the 23rd Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia PDT with record attendance. My sincere thanks to Randy Sherrod and his committee who spent many countless hours organizing the event.

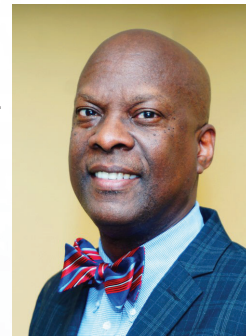
We have several more events and activities planned in 2019. Please visit our website to keep up-to-date on chapter activities so you don't miss the ones that matter to you most.

In January, we had a well-attended lunch seminar on tax reform presented by LaKrisha Watson and Iris Laws of Dixon Hughes Goodman (DHG). (The presentation is posted on our website, with permission)

February is also shaping up to be a busy month. Many having to deal with the new tax changes, among other things. In

addition, there's the February Spring Seminar (7 CPEs) on February 13th at the Four Points by Sheraton Richmond Airport.

We have some great sessions planned for the remainder of the plan year. So mark your calendars. Experience firsthand the vibrancy of our chapter. Get involved, give us your suggestions, invite your colleagues. I



promise you will meet a fantastic network of professionals and friends if you do.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. Until then, have a fantastic month

Regards,
Winston M. Lucombe
President.

Charitable Chapters—AGA

The CEC Board elected to reach out to our members who were furloughed due to the recent Federal Government shutdown. We wanted to let them know that we care and to help with expenses, we gave each one a \$50.00 Walmart Gift card.

The Scoop: January 2019 Luncheon

Below are some pictures from our January luncheon! Thanks to all who attended!



Call for Nominations—National Governing Board

AGA's new structure takes effect July 1, 2019. Our Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is currently identifying candidates for these positions on the first National Governing Board:

Six (6) Directors (for Chapters)

One National Council of Chapter's representative from each of the Council's eight (8) geographical areas will be selected in this inaugural year of the National Governing Board. Per the AGA National Bylaws, two shall be the Senior Vice President of Sections I and IV currently serving on the NEW to allow for continuity. The remaining six Directors (for Chapters) will be selected from the six geographical areas not represented by the two (sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8). National Council of Chapters members in these areas are invited to self-nominate for a Director position by Feb. 22. Special preference will be given to 2018-2019 RVP-Elects who wish to serve.

To read more about the Leadership Development Committee's purpose, responsibilities and composition, visit the National AGA website and search for the Leadership section. Call for Nominations are within that area.

Upcoming Events

Come join us for great training opportunities, a chance to network with colleagues and motivate each other to stay committed to your new goals. The schedule is also on our website at: www.agacgfm.org/chapters/richmond

- **February 2019 Winter Seminar—Four Points by Sheraton Richmond Airport (7 CPEs)**
- **March 2019 Lunch Seminar—Patrick Henry Building—Downtown Richmond (1 CPE)**
- **April 2019 Breakfast Seminar—Four Points by Sheraton Richmond Airport (7 CPEs)**



Journal of Government Financial Management Winter 2018 Magazine—Our own George D. Strudgeon, Audit Director at APA was recognized for his support and stressing the value added to his career by achieving the Certified Financial Government Manager (CGFM) designation. Congratulations George on your achievement!

AGA National Events

- Webinar: GASB Update. **February 6th** 2-3:50 pm **2 CPEs**
- 2019 Leadership Training: Developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders. **Feb. 27–28 | Washington or virtual | 14 CPEs**
- Calling all Authors opportunity to contribute: Our Journal of Government Financial Management quarterly publication invites members to submit articles to be included in the Summer 2019 issue entitled “Thriving in a Risky Environment”. Deadline **March 1, 2019**. See current issue pg. 9 for details.

We Are On Social Media Too!

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/agarichmond>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/agarichmond>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/aga_Richmond
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/agarichmond>



Career Opportunities!

The Office of the State Inspector General

The office has some vacancies they are looking to fill. See below for the position and visit the State of Virginia jobs website for more details on each.

- Chief of Investigations
- Senior Auditor
- Data Analyst

If interested, please apply!

News for Candidates



CGFM Study Material—only \$37!!

Online access to this study guide for a period of 6 months for a single user. Requires internet access. This is a nonrefundable product.

CGFM Application Fee—only \$25!!!!

Take advantage of this special Offer on application fee until January 31st



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New Chapter Member

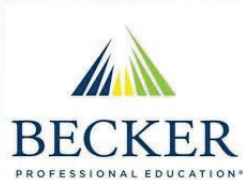
Please welcome our new member:

**Leonard Itskovich, Auditor at
Richmond City**

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)

Winston Lucombe	President/Community Service Vice Chair
Danielle Roache	President-Elect/Assistant Treasurer/Communications Chair
Thomas Bland	Past President/Communications Vice Chair/Young Professionals Chair
Corrine Louden	Secretary/Past President 2015-2016/Past Regional VP Section IV South Atlantic
Ken Gunn	Treasurer/Past President 2000-2001
Deborah Jones	Young Professionals Co-Chair
Vince Pate	Sponsorships Chair
Deborah Webb	Sponsorships Co-Chair
Randy Sherrod	Programs and Education Chair/Sponsorships Committee
Lisa Spurgeon	Program and Education Co-Chair
Mike Rogers	Sponsorships Committee
Jennifer Mayton	CGFM Chair
Chris Gordon	CGFM Vice Chair
Betty Atkins	Community Service Co-Chair/Programs and Education Committee
Betty Akins	Awards Chair
Saa'dia Walker	Accountability Chair/Awards Vice Chair
John Moore	Accountability Vice Chair
Danita Barnes	Membership Chair
Jian Martin	Membership Vice Chair
Delphine Johnson	Communications Committee

The AGA Richmond Chapter would be remiss to not thank the sponsors below from our PDT in Williamsburg, VA. We thank you so much for helping us and the other chapters greatly at the PDT.



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CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)—MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2019

We had a very expressive, but productive meeting this afternoon. Thank you to all members who attended: Winston, Corrine, Delphine, Mike, John, Betty, Danielle, Thomas, Saa'dia, Fred,

Correction to the November minutes: the Accountability Committee did not recommend dual signatures on expenditures (note that the Committee will work on a new policy for the next meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 11:44am.

President:

- Internal discussion about the use of the CGFM designation. The outcome was favorable to the accused; however, CEC should note that CEC business should be kept in-house - approach the accused first before bringing it to outside parties.

- Corrine was acknowledged for receiving the Excellence in Government Leadership award for 2019 - will be recognized in February at the AGA training. Corrine requested reimbursement for hotel for one night and this discussion was tabled. (**Winston**, can you please add this to the

- Discussion about the cost of travel. Betty has received inquiries from members about the high cost. CEC needs to create a policy that travel requests be submitted to the employer first, then the chapter - discussion was that the CEC already expected that. Further discussion about travel to the PDT. Concerns about sending the same people multiple times. Response from some was that we are paying for the position, not the person. **Saa'dia** (RVP) will put together a proposal for her and Winston to attend the PDT next year with details on costs, as both have voting responsibilities and are expected to attend. We also will have one extra hotel scholarship to discuss.

- With new governance structure, the RVP position has been removed after FY19. National created a new NCC position and recommended that Randy Sherrod fill the position since he had been previously elected as RVP-elect. The current RVP (Saa'dia) discussed this nomination with Randy and he was happy to accept. Saa'dia motioned to place Randy in this position,

Community Service:

- Winston stepped down as the Vice-Chair so that we could get some assistance doing raffles and other Community Service responsibilities - as well as focusing on his presidency. Betty stated that she would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair. Saa'dia moved to accept Winston's resignation as Community Service Vice-Chair and to nominate Betty as the

Education:

- The PDT received great feedback. **Danielle** will send out a survey to attendees after the CPE certificates are emailed out.

Education:

ALL CEC, please send speaker suggestions AND contact info to Randy so we can fill February slots. Currently have three (OSIG agent, ABC agent, and empowerment speaker).

Membership:

- Discussion about helping furloughed AGA Richmond members. Motion by Betty and seconded by Saa'dia for **Danielle** to scan our federal employee member list (15) and reach out to those impacted. **Betty** will purchase \$50 gift cards for those families, and the **Membership Committee** will mail gift cards to them, along with a letter from our president, **Winston**. All ayes.

- National's event registration system should be ready by March. In the interim, **Danielle** and **Thomas** will be looking into extending the Cvent contract by one year.

- We had 214 registrants and 205 actual attendees (those registered less sponsors) for the PDT.

- Richmond Chapter had 325 members as of 5/1/18 and now have 316 as of 1/10/19.

- **Betty** will send a sympathy card to the family of AGA member, Cindy Pastorfield, who passed away in early December :(

CGFM:

- Chris is going to D.C. to participate in the CGFM testing questions

- Jennifer sent a proclamation to the Governor to prepare for March CGFM month

Communications:

- Delphine put together the December newsletter (great job!) and will be working on the January newsletter.

- There are about 70 folks already registered for our luncheon next week!

- Danielle is doing an EXCELLENT job at keeping up with our social media sites!!! She has recently added a job board and posted jobs from VDH and DMAS.

- Corrine added Delphine as a viewer to our AGA Google photos.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)—MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2019

Accountability:

- **John** will draft a policy regarding expenditures to discuss at the next meeting

Financials:

- Ken is working on final numbers for the PDT once he gets final info from VA Peninsula chapter
- Danielle is attending a National webinar on behalf of Ken, required for Treasurers

Chapter Recognition:

- We have already achieved PLATINUM!!! Congratulations team :)

Young Professionals:

- Planning a social for March/April

New Business:

- Will need to RSVP for the upcoming SLM replacement (LEAD?) by 3/8/19. Should be Randy (required), Danielle, and Winston.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.