



President's Message

By: *Lesha Woods,*
CGFM

It is an honor to serve as your President for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. I know together we can achieve another successful year. I want to thank Carolyn White, Immediate Past President, for her outstanding guidance, vision and tireless energy she provided this past year; and to all of the committee chairs for their support and dedication. The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) went over and beyond the call of duty to ensure this past AGA year resulted in great success. I took great pride in watching Mrs. White accept the Chapter Recognition Program "Platinum" award for our chapter at the AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) in Orlando this past July. There the AGA National President, John Lynskey, announced his theme for the upcoming year will be "Giving Back to the Profession". Keeping in line with the goals at the national level, my theme "Getting Back to Basics" will include: a strong commitment to Community Service which is my definition of giving back; a dedication to promoting and expanding the awareness and benefits of AGA and the CGFM certification; and raising the awareness of education in governmental accounting by increasing scholarships to young professionals and students.

Despite the challenges of limited funding within our state agencies and a decline in membership, our CEC is strong and prepared to go the extra mile to help AGA succeed in the Baton Rouge Area. I look forward to working with this Board to address the challenges that lie ahead. We will continue to uphold the mission of AGA to advance accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government. We will strive hard to maintain the traditions of this chapter by putting together an


education schedule that will provide opportunities to expand the knowledge base of our members and professionals. We are working very hard to restore the confidence in and quality of our conferences to a level of professional excellence. Through our charitable efforts, we will continue to serve our local communities by sponsoring toy and food drives, visiting the surrounding colleges and universities, and donating to charitable organizations. I am also very excited to announce we are planning visits to local high schools to encourage young students to choose career paths in governmental accounting.

If you are not a member, I invite you to join our Chapter. We have a very exciting year ahead. If you are a member, please get involved as soon as possible. We are looking for passionate and excited members to work with us on community service projects, provide ideas for our bi-annual conferences, give input on upcoming events, and attend CEC meetings, etc. Participation with the chapter will provide opportunities for our members to create lasting friendships, develop professional relationships, and discover valuable skill sets. The 2019 CEC is in the process of planning the schedule of topics for the upcoming year. Feel free to submit any ideas, comments, or suggestions to myself or to any CEC member. Your participation will be extremely helpful and much appreciated.

It really is an honor to serve this association and I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. I hope you'll take the time to see what AGA has to offer you!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please submit all articles for the November Newsletter to carolyn.young@la.gov by 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT

	BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2018	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,848.49
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	699.43
	TOTAL FUND EQUITY	16,149.06
	TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY	\$ 16,848.49

CHAPTER RECOGNITION 2018-2019

Recognition Categories	Maximum Credits Per Category	Credits Claimed	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	5,000	2,950	59%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	375	9%
Certification	4,000	75	1%
Communicatons	3,000	1,000	33%
Membership	4,000	750	18%
Accountabiity	2,000	50	2%
Community Service	2,000	500	25%
Awards	1,000	500	50%
Totals	25,000	6,200	24%

UPCOMING WEBINARS – EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for convenient and affordable training? AGA National webinars make earning CPE hours easy. All of the webinars, unless denoted with a members-only icon, are open to anyone. They feature experts speaking on emerging issues to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance. AGA members pay just \$49, while non-members pay \$69. Group registration options are available. For more information, please visit the following site: <https://www.agacgfm.org/webinars.aspx>

September 12 | 2–3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: COMS

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Communications and Marketing (COMS)

October 10 | 2–3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: AUD

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Auditing (AUD)



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What is CGFM?



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How do you become a CGFM?

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- Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

For more information: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

CHAPTER EVENTS

❖ Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is looking for volunteers.....

- Volunteer Orientation – September 19th at 12:30 pm at United Way Office, 700 Laural Street, Baton Rouge (downtown)
- All volunteers must take a classroom tax law course and certify in tax law. Classes will be from November – January. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Diane Denton**, Sr. Tax Consultant, with IRS at 225-241-5161 or Lynda.D.Denton@irs.gov or email VITA@CAUW.org.

❖ Chapter Executive Committee Meeting (CEC) is scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 5:30 pm., (EBR Library located on Goodwood Blvd., Room #2A). *Members are welcomed to attend.*

❖ The Baton Rouge Chapter will be hosting Student Night Business Meetings at the following universities:

- Southeastern University, October 11, 2018 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Nicholls State University, October 16, 2018 5:00 – 6:00 pm

(Date & Time, tentative)

❖ AGA Baton Rouge Chapter will be hosting the 2018 Fall Professional Development Training (PDT) Conference

- Registration page is now open: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-aga-baton-rouge-fall-pdt-conference-registration-49103609217>

WHEN: December 4 – 5, 2018

COST: Members \$240 Nonmembers \$265

LOCATION: Embassy Suites by Hilton Baton Rouge
4914 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
225-924-6566

- We will be collecting can goods for the Greater Baton Food Bank, toiletries for St. Vincent De Paul; and Toys for Tots.

MEMBER NEWS



We would like to welcome the following members who joined the Baton Rouge Chapter this year:

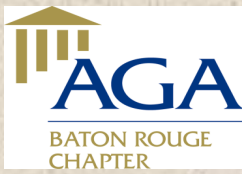
Mary K. Drago and Jeremy Waller

All new members of Baton rouge Chapter can bring their new member letter to the next montly meeting and receive a free meal at our next Business Meeting.

The July/August/September AGA Anniversaries are:

*2 yrs - Centelia Battiste
40 yrs - Verda A. Christensen
10 yrs - Bernard J. Francis, Jr.
10 yrs - Lucille P. Guillot
3 yrs - Priscilla Hall
2 yrs - Ramona K. Harris
8 yrs - Kerris L. Horton
1 yr - Don C. Johnson
2 yrs - Brent E. Manuel
5 yrs - John D. Murray
22 yrs - Cheryl S. Tanner
12 yrs - Vyki L. Thompson
13 yrs - Alice M. Townsend
2 yrs - Sarah R. Wade
6 yrs - Glenn A. Wilson, Jr.
24 yrs - Lesha C. Woods*

Thank you for your continued support!!!



CEC Meeting Minutes May 24 , 2018

President Carolyn White called the May, 2018 Baton Rouge Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at TJ Rib's Restaurant. A quorum was present to conduct business. The following CEC members were present including the Chapter's Marketing Representative: Vita Archie, Bettina Camper, Tiffani Dorsa, Priscilla Hall, Ramona Harris, Marella Houghton, Katherine Porche, Carolyn White, Sarah Wade, and Lesha Woods. The chapter had one (1) chapter member attend, Carissa Wesley.

President Carolyn White requested the CEC members to review the March and April Treasurer's financial report and the minutes. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Tiffani Dorsa and seconded by Lesha Woods. Motion carried. A motion to accept the March and April's Minutes was made by Lesha Wood seconded by Marella Houghton. Motion carried. President White announced the Chapter received Platinum status for FY 2017-2018.

Awards Director, Tiffani Dorsa presented the Chapter awards as follows:

Rookie of the Year: Vita Archie
Chapter Appreciation: George Young
Chapter Appreciation: Katherine Porche
Chapter Service: Bettina Camper
President's Award-Leadership: Lesha Woods
President's Special Award: Priscilla Hall
Above and Beyond: Carolyn White
National Chapter Service Award: Tiffani Dorsa

President White scheduled the incoming/outgoing meeting for June 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Tiffani Dorsa and seconded by Lesha Woods. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Serving the Community



Help the AGA Baton Rouge Chapter collect cans of food for The Baton Rouge Food Bank



Help the AGA Baton Rouge Chapter collect items for The Bishop Ott Homeless Shelter



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