

# The Southwest Sentinel



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Greetings Southwest  
Virginia Chapter!

Please join us at our next  
monthly meeting on  
November 30th at 11:50 AM!  
Dr. Maryam Kamran will be  
presenting on DEI.

Earn 1 CPE

## President's Message



### Misty Hamed, CGFM

Greetings Southwest Virginia Chapter! I hope this finds each of you doing well and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday last week. I believe that National President, Gwen Sykes, said it best; "AGA's motto is 'Advance, Grow, Accelerate.' In this holiday season, we can add 'Grace, Growth and Gratefulness.'"

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Technology and Transformation Summit that was held on November 16. It was a day full of amazing innovation! Congratulations to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) on winning this year's Innovation Challenge.

This is the last week to register for the 28th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia PDT. The event is scheduled for December 7-8 and provides both in-person or virtual registration. This will be our chapter's event for December; monthly lunch and learn sessions will resume on January 25, 2024. More information regarding the agenda and registration can be found [here](#).

## EMERGING ISSUES IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

December 7-8, 2023  
Williamsburg, VA or Virtual

I look forward to "seeing" each of you at our November monthly lunch and learn session on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We are excited to welcome Dr. Maryam Kamran, Director of Inclusion and Diversity at Virginia Tech. Members have the opportunity to earn 1 CPE.

## Chapter Information



Southwest Virginia  
Chapter

Month Ending  
October, 2023

Beginning Balance (10/01/23) \$ 11,485.03

## Receipts:

10/5/2023	EFT	AGA-Chapter Dues	\$ 70.00
10/5/2023	EFT	AGA -Chapter Dues	\$ 235.00
10/19/2023	EFT	Verification Deposit	\$ 0.01
10/26/2023	EFT	AGA-Chapter Dues	\$ 5.00

Total Receipts \$ 310.01

## Disbursements:

10/4/2023	DC	Amazon-September Meeting Raffle	\$ 25.00
10/23/2023	EFT	Zoom-Monthly Fee	\$ 16.79
10/30/2023	DC	Amazon-October Meeting Raffle	\$ 25.00

Total Disbursements \$ 66.79

Ending Balance: (10/31/23)

*Vicki B. Delp*

\$ 11,728.25

Prepared By:

Treasurer

Balance Check	\$ 11,728.25
Per Statement	\$ 11,728.25
Difference	\$ -



REMINDER

The Southwest Virginia Chapter has online  
CGFM study guides available for use by its  
members.

## Chapter Information



## MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: October 26, 2023, 11:50 AM ET

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztEtLiS5KeBA5dsGS2l82if7CN>

Registration:

Revised Meeting Minutes [X]

- **Approval of Minutes**  
Approval of September 28, 2023; motion made by Leah Kirby and seconded by Eryn Steckroth. All CEC approved. Apology from Kim Howell on delay of CPE certificates from Sept. meeting, will have out by end of week.
- **Treasurer's report**  
Balance for AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter as of September 30, 2023 is \$11,485.03
- **Communications/Newsletter report**  
Eryn Steckroth – Reminded everyone that all links for CPEs can be found in the newsletter. If you have any ideas or information that you would like passed along in the monthly newsletter feel free to email to Eryn at [eryn.steckroth@cgifederal.com](mailto:eryn.steckroth@cgifederal.com).
- **Community Services Report**  
Leah Kirby – Working on confirming the charity for the Commonwealth PDT in December. Taking suggestions of charities for the chapter's Nov./Dec. donation. Had a suggestion for the Local Women's shelter in Roanoke for the spring PDT charity. Any other suggestion or ideas please email to Leah at [lkirby@tjgcpas.com](mailto:lkirby@tjgcpas.com).
- **Accountability report**  
No report
- **Membership and Emerging Leaders report**  
Laura Long – Looking into all options to network and reach out at local colleges, universities, community colleges. If you have any suggestions on how to help please let Laura know at [llong@tjgcpas.com](mailto:llong@tjgcpas.com).
- **Meetings/Education/CGFM report**  
Misty Hamed – Commonwealth PDT is December 7-8, 2023 in Williamsburg VA. Hotel block is with Great Wolf Lodge, this is a hybrid event and there are still volunteer opportunities.
- **NGB Representative/Website report**  
Free CPE, Technology Transformation Summit, for AGA members on 11/16/23. This is a hybrid event.
- **CPE – Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) - 1CPE**  
Misty Hamed, CGFM, President of Southwest Virginia Chapter.
- **Raffle**  
Winner \$25 amazon e-gift card: Kim Howell
- **Adjourn**  
Next meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 11:50 AM ET.



## AGA Events &amp; News



Washington, D.C.  
or Virtual  
**February 28-29, 2024**  
14 CPEs

## Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Feb. 2, 2024

	Online	All Other
<b>AGA Members</b>		
Early Bird	\$550	\$575
Standard	\$650	\$675

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## Looking for additional FREE CPE credits?

Free Members Only Webinar  
Overcoming Challenges with Courage,  
Kindness and Community  
**December 6 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs**

Register [Here!](#)

Free Members Only Webinar  
(Topic TBD)  
**February 14 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs**

Register [Here!](#)

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



AGA National Event Calendar

AGA Events & News



28th Annual  
AGA Commonwealth of Virginia  
Professional Development Training

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## Southwest Virginia Chapter Leadership



**Misty Hamed**  
President-Elect/  
Communications



**Curtis Joachim**  
Immediate Past  
President/Education



**Vicki Delp**  
Treasurer



**Kimberly Howell**  
Secretary



**Vicky Moore**  
National Council of Chapters  
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**Eryn Steckroth**  
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Membership

Contact information for chapter officers can be found here:  
[AGA Chapter Leadership](#)

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