



# The Richmond Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Message

Greetings AGA Richmond Members and Friends!

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. Thank you for the honor and privilege to lead the chapter as your president for the 2019-2020 program year. A few Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members and I had the opportunity to attend AGA's Lead! 2019 (formerly Sectional Leadership Meeting) and the national Professional Development Training (PDT) in New Orleans, which were both motivating, informative, and inspirational in developing goals for the year.

Our goals for the year are to develop and maintain an efficient governance structure, provide diverse education and training opportunities, promote the value of AGA to encourage membership growth and sponsorship, offer more opportunities for member engagement, and promote the CGFM designation and provide more resources for CGFM candidates. In planning these goals, we took into consideration your feedback from our annual membership survey, the current services offered to members, and the structure of the chapter.

The CEC meets monthly and works diligently in supporting the goals and mission of the Chapter. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the CEC volunteers for their time, effort, and dedication to support the growth of the Chapter and its members.



## Upcoming Events

### **AGA National Shared Services Summit**

November 14, 2019  
Washington, D.C. (8 CPEs)

### **AGA Richmond**

Breakfast Seminar  
November 20, 2019  
Four Points Sheraton Midlothian  
Richmond, VA (7 CPEs)

### **Internal Control**

December 11, 2019  
See [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more details  
Webinar (2 CPEs)

### **24th Annual Commonwealth PDT**

December 12-13, 2019  
Great Wolf Lodge  
Williamsburg, VA (16 CPEs)

### **Professional Development**

December 18, 2019  
See [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more details  
Webinar (2 CPEs)

### **Uniform Guidance**

January 8, 2020  
See [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more details  
Webinar (2 CPEs)

### **Financial Systems Summit**

January 9, 2020  
Washington, D.C. or virtual (6 CPEs)

### **CGFM Intensive Review Course**

January 30-31 2020  
Alexandria, VA (18 CPEs)



We invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance your leadership skills and become more involved with the chapter by joining the CEC. We have a few open positions and could always use your assistance. You are welcome to contact me or any of our CEC members listed on the chapter website for more information.

The program year is off to an excellent start. Thank you to all who attended the September lunch seminar on Virginia's budget with The Honorable Secretary Aubrey Layne. October's fraud and technology seminar was exceptional. We had exemplary guest speakers and over 100 attendees. I am proud that we have transitioned to the AGA Richmond Member's Portal through MemberClicks. This system will better streamline the registration process, market our chapter, and provide more services for members.

For upcoming events, we have the breakfast seminar in November and our December Annual PDT in Williamsburg. The PDT Planning Committee comprised of AGA members from Richmond, Roanoke, Shenandoah Valley, and Virginia Peninsula chapters have done a commendable job of collaborating in preparation for our joint event. Registration is open for the breakfast seminar and PDT on [www.agacgfm.org/richmond](http://www.agacgfm.org/richmond), so we hope you can join us.

Lastly and most importantly, I look forward to working with and learning from you all as we continue to promote and advance the Richmond Chapter.

Sincerely,

Danielle Y. Roache

AGA Richmond Chapter President 2019-2020

## **AGA RICHMOND** **CHAPTER** **MEMBER** **SPOTLIGHT**



***Kathy Brown,  
Director of  
Internal Audit -  
Virginia  
Department of  
Corrections***



One of the AGA Richmond Chapter's biggest cheerleaders, Kathy Brown, accepted the opportunity to share a bit about herself and her career journey to our members. Kathy recently joined the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) in serving as their Director of Internal Audit. She experienced that first spark as to a possible career path during an elective Accounting course in high school. This led Kathy to pursue her accounting major at Virginia Tech's Pamplin School of Business. In hindsight, it is not surprising to see Kathy as a fellow public servant since one of the scholarships she received at VT was the Craig Shoulders Governmental Accounting Award. She was fortunate to keep her focus on passing the CPA exam during the spring semester of her senior year. Kathy has learned in looking back at past life events that things happen for a reason. Her first job offer she accepted with a "Big 8" Accounting Firm ended up being rescinded right before graduation due to an economic recession. So one interesting tidbit is that Kathy's career started with a position at the APA back when there was a Charlottesville office. Soon after beginning her career, she set goals for obtaining other professional certifications, such as CIA, CGFM, and a few others.

Kathy would like to share that she has found the AGA to be an integral part of her professional life through the years, especially the benefits of networking with peers and attending valuable continuing professional development. With the extent of state government experience Kathy has enjoyed, it is no surprise that a number of our Richmond AGA members have either worked with or for Kathy at some point. She jokes about it being similar to the "Kevin Bacon 6 Degrees of Separation" game! On a more serious note, one of Kathy's career advice tips is to be open to reaching out of your comfort zone to explore some different types of opportunities. Her career has included investment accounting and financial management roles, as well as leading internal audit and investigative units. After that first position at the APA, Kathy took a break in state service to make the transition over to internal audit positions at Best Products and then Life of Virginia. The uncertainties involving job security in the corporate world of mergers and layoffs landed Kathy "back home" into government service. She has found it humbling and rewarding to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth through her years at VRS, DMAS, Virginia State Police, and DBHDS. Kathy now shares her new excitement for the future with her audit team at the DOC, and with Director Clarke - who has led DOC to become a model agency, not only in Virginia, but also nationally and internationally. Kathy also wanted to point out her biggest blessing has been sharing life with her awesome and supportive husband, Jay. They have two sons - One is a Richmond Firefighter and Busch Gardens medic, and one is a software developer for an international tech company in Blacksburg.



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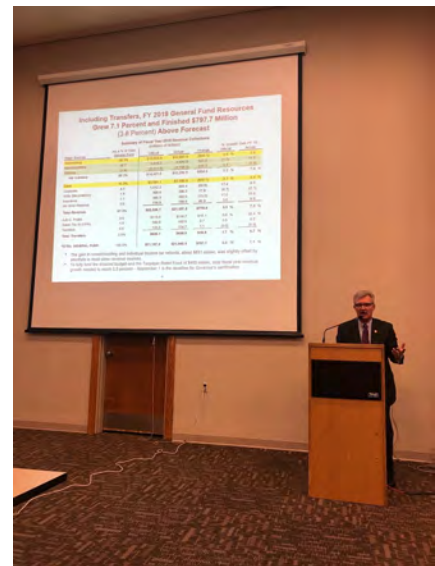
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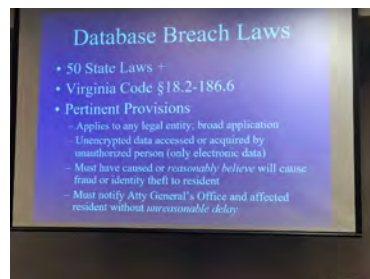
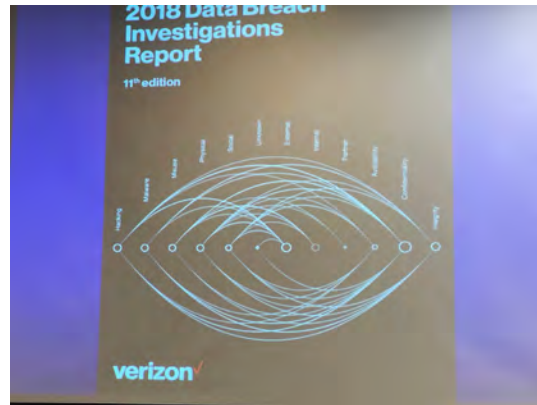
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continues to thank  
you for being our  
PREMIERE sponsor!***

# Missed the September Luncheon?



***We missed you too! The Honorable Aubrey Layne, VA Secretary of Finance presented to the attendees!!! Pizza and other goodies were there for those who attended too!!!***

# 2019 Fraud and Technology Seminar



**Attendees learned more about fraud and technology in the industry! We learned, we ate, learned some more and also learned about innovations from VITA!**

# AGA Richmond Chapter Happenings..



## WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TOO!!!!

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/agarichmond>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/agarichmond>
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## New Chapter Members!!!!

WELCOME!!!!



-**Sharon Woo** - Virginia Department of Education

-**Mary Rohas** - Virginia Community College System

-**Barry Wenzig** - Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

-**Donna G. Crawford** - Virginia Commonwealth University

-**Longhao Tang** - Richard Bland College

-**Karen Setzer** - Virginia529

-**Jennifer MacKnight** - Virginia Retirement System

## NEW CGFM – CONGRATS!!!!

**Kendra Shifflett** - Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

## Member Engagement Challenge

Leveraging Member Resources

Use the [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to answer the following questions by providing the page website link. The first Richmond Chapter member to submit the correct answers to [agarichmondinfo@gmail.com](mailto:agarichmondinfo@gmail.com) will receive a \$20 gift card (participation is not open to CEC members). Good luck!

1. What are the benefits of AGA membership?
2. How can you find out if your colleague is an AGA member?
3. What is CGFM?
4. Where can you find the latest edition of the *Journal of Government Financial Management*?

## October 2019 Meeting CEC Minutes

-Attendees: Danielle, Corrine (*prepared minutes*), Randy, Ken, Deborah C., Betty, Danita, Winston, Delphine, Ramona, Al, Fred, Thomas W., Lisa S., Saa'dia, Al, Fred, Louise (*National*)

-Meeting called to order at 11:45am by President and minutes accepted appropriately

### National Council of Chapters

-NCC rep provided summary of upcoming events (webinars and NLT) - next NCC meeting is 11/7 from 2-4pm

### Treasurer

-1st quarter dormant but 2nd quarter will pick up. Invoices will be sent to sponsor. New merchant account is Payscape. New system will send automatic reminders about past due balances. CPE certificates will not be provided until balances are paid.

### Community Service

-Revised education plan. Will request attendees to bring donations for Boots to Suits for the November seminar.

### Programs & Education

-September luncheon went well; will request budget update speech yearly  
 -October Fraud & Technology seminar will be at Four Points Sheraton on Laburnum  
 -November Breakfast Seminar - working with CEC to finalize - goal is to get invite out after October seminar  
 -Williamsburg PDT - speakers are set  
 -DHG will present at January luncheon

### Membership/Registration

-Mike Rogers resigned from the CEC and followup is being done on suspended members. Committee report distributed.

### CGFM

-More materials to be ordered and Kendra Shiflett is a new CGFM. DMAS offered free CGFM courses and Delphine took advantage

### Communications

-Working on consistency for newsletter and will add more member engagement ideas. Memberclicks Portal intended to compliment, not replace, chapter website

### Accountability

-Thomas B. finishing CCR and committee will work on reviewing financial records

### Awards

-Let Winston know if you have a nomination for the National Leadership Award

### Bylaws and Procedures

-Thomas W. voted to be Parliamentarian and Fred removed from being Member-at-Large

### Chapter Recognition

-8,300 points submitted - 42.6% of chapter's goal

### Young Professionals

-No report - discussion about another event but budget restraints

### Sponsorship

-Committee met to revamp program and discussed more sponsors - solicitations were sent out

-Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm



## Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

**Danielle Roache**, President, Asst. Treasurer, Communications, Membership, Chapter Recognition

**Danita Barnes**, President-Elect, Membership Chair

**Winston Lucombe**, Past President

**Corrine Louden**, Secretary, Past President 2015-2016

**Saa'dia Douglas**, At-Large Member, Past President 2014-2015

**Ken Gunn**, Treasurer, Past President 2000-2001

**Randy Sherrod**, Programs & Education Chair, National Council of Chapters (NCC) Representative, Past President 2013-2014, 2016-2017

**Lisa Spurgeon**, Programs & Education Vice Chair

**Betty Akins**, Awards Chair, Community Service Chair, Past President 1994-1995

**Delphine Johnson**, Communications Chair, Membership

**John Moore**, Accountability Chair

**Thomas Bland**, Young Professionals Chair, Chapter Recognition, Communications Vice Chair, Accountability Vice Chair, Membership, Past President 2017-2018

**Fred Washington**, Sponsorships Chair

**June Jennings**, Programs & Education

**Deborah Coleman**, Membership Vice Chair

**Ramona Williams-Howell**, CGFM Chair

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