



The Richmond Chapter Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings AGA Richmond Members and Friends!

I hope you are doing well and staying safe as we work together to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. We are taking this situation seriously and educating ourselves on the necessary precautions needed to protect ourselves, members, and other supporters of the chapter. While it was a disappointment to cancel the March Lunch Seminar, we are going to continue to take the appropriate actions that are in the best interests of our attendees.

On a lighter note, March is Membership Madness and CGFM month. Please remember to renew your membership and CGFM by March 31st since we do not want to lose you as a member and would like for you to retain your member benefits. As a member, I personally enjoy the networking, opportunities to develop your leadership skills, the camaraderie of working together as a team, and constantly learning new things to enhance my personal growth.

Our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) continues to work diligently and have done an amazing job as chapter leaders. While the program year is not quite over, as a team we have had some notable accomplishments. Overall, the Professional Development Training (PDT), seminars, and speakers have been enriching and motivating.



Upcoming Events

Cybersecurity

March 25, 2020

AGA National Webinar

See www.agacgfm.org for more details
Webinar (2 CPEs)

Richmond Chapter April 2020

Breakfast Seminar

April 15, 2020

Four Points by Sheraton Richmond
Airport

Richmond, VA (3 CPE)

Richmond Chapter May 2020 Spring Seminar and Awards

May 20, 2020

Four Points by Sheraton - Midlothian
Turnpike

Richmond, VA (7 CPE)

PIO/CFO Summit

June 11-12, 2020

Washington, D.C.

AGA National Event (4 CPEs)

Professional Development

June 26, 2020

AGA National Webinar

See www.agacgfm.org for more details
Webinar (1 CPE)



Although a tremendous amount of time and effort goes into planning the PDT, it is one of our most enjoyable events. The growth in membership has been outstanding with over 50 new members this year. Our Accountability Committee did a wonderful job on preparing our Citizen-Centric Report (CCR), which was presented at the February Winter Seminar. The Awards Committee nominated one of our long-term members for an AGA National Leadership Award, and we were pleased when she was selected as a recipient. The chapter is continuing to progress towards platinum status for the Chapter Recognition Program (CRP). We are grateful to finally have a parliamentarian as well as the Bylaws and Procedures Committee this year, which have had a positive impact.

CEC nominations are open until Friday, March 20th. A member must be in good standing to serve on the CEC. Please do not feel that you must have certain qualifications to serve in a leadership position. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit your nomination to agarichmondinfo@gmail.com. Please contact me or any CEC member if you have questions.

For upcoming events, we have the April Breakfast Seminar scheduled on April 15th and the May Spring Seminar and Awards on May 20th. We will communicate any changes in the status of our planned events.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Danielle Y. Roache

AGA Richmond Chapter President 2019-2020



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The AGA Richmond chapter continues to thank you for being our PREMIERE sponsor!

24th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training



Immediate Past President with charity



CEC Board Member singing National Anthem



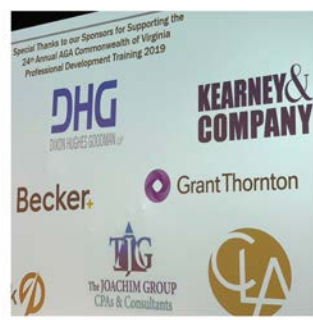
AGA National President-Elect spoke and attended



The session was filled to capacity with everyone getting educated



Charity representative and survivor spoke



We learned, socialized, networked and enjoyed the camaraderie amongst one another! See you next year!

AGA Richmond Chapter Tax Luncheon and Winter Seminar



Great job to our tax presenters!



Attendees were engaged for taxes



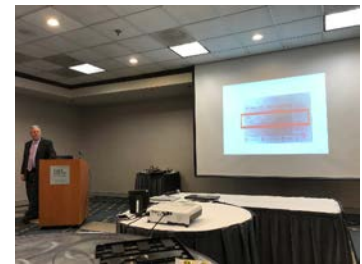
Department of Corrections came to speak to AGA



The room was packed learning about "Why is Why," "Implicit Biases," and "Being in a Connected World"



CCR was presented with a fitness twist



Attendees not only ate good! They had the opportunity to earn continuing professional education credits from speakers from the Virginia Department of Corrections, Wilbanks Smith & Thomas Asset Management, LLC, VA ABC, DHG, and the Virginia Lottery! If you were not there, you missed a treat!!!

Young Professional Community Service



The AGA Richmond Chapter had the opportunity to share and give back at the Young Leaders Empowerment Explosion sponsored by the Chesterfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

National Leadership Training (NLT)

Janice Long was recognized at the NLT for the state leadership award. The NLT took place in Washington, D.C. from February 12-13, 2020. Thank you Janice and thank you to those that went to support her!



AGA Richmond Chapter Happenings..



WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TOO!!!!

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<https://www.facebook.com/agarichmond>
- LinkedIn
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/agarichmond>
- Twitter:
https://twitter.com/aga_richmond
- Instagram:
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New Chapter Members!!!!

WELCOME!!!!!!

Michael A. Pointer, Virginia Commonwealth University; Gary A. Crawley, Virginia Department of Corrections; Roberta S. Vick, City of Hampton; Doug Simon, McConnell & Jones, LLP; Carol A. Neeley, City of Hampton; Michelle Lewis; Amy Johnson, City of Suffolk; Carole Vaden, Virginia Commonwealth University; Niveditha Sudharsan, Virginia Commonwealth University; Gregory T. Lehman, Virginia Department of Transportation; Jennifer D. Harvell, City of Richmond; Carla Cave, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Leigh A. Castro, City of Richmond; Monique Garling Barnes, Prince George County Public Schools; Paul J.

Watson, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ahmad W. Saidi, Virginia Department of Health; Janie Ricks, Virginia Department of Health; David Porter, Virginia Retirement System; Cathy Neston, Cotton and Company; Jessica McCray, Virginia Department of Transportation; Jeffell Jefferson, Virginia Department of Health; Diedre Forsgren, Virginia Department of Health; Angela Davis, Virginia Commonwealth University; Amanda Davis, Virginia Department of Health; Monique Brockenbrough, Virginia Department of Health

GOVERNOR CGFM PROCLAMATION

Governor Northam has proclaimed March 2020 as CGFM Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia!
See next page!





CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

.By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization and part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which has a network of 15,000 members in 96 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 325 active members of the AGA represent state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers living in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, AGA Richmond Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of advancing government accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the residents of Virginia by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program also requires members to pass three examinations in Governmental Environment (GE), Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB), and Governmental Financial Management and Control (GFMC) in order to be an effective government financial manager; and

WHEREAS, CGRM also requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 2020 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Kelly Thomass
Secretary of the Commonwealth

February 2020 Meeting CEC Minutes

-Attendees: Danielle, Corrine (*prepared minutes*), Danita, Winston, Thomas B., Randy, Lisa, Ramona, John, Thomas W., Saa'dia, Tyisha, *via conference call*

-Meeting called to order at 11:32am by President followed by the agenda being adopted and the minutes being accepted appropriately

-CEC Nominations opening the following week. Lead 2020 discussed. Lead 2020 will be in Dallas, TX - due to National by March 6 and due to CEC by February 28th

National Council of Chapters

-Call took place on 02/04/2020 by National President Elect. Great Wolf Lodge PDT received kudos. National PDT also in Dallas, TX.

Treasurer

-Overall good news - waiting on sponsor from PDT

Community Service

-\$185 collected for Health Brigade not including personal donations from the attendees. Feedback given about charity taken quite a bit of time at start of sessions.

Programs & Education

-February 2020 - good attendance, great speakers, attendees were engaged. March 15th at Patrick Henry and April will be back at Four Points on Laburnum

Membership/Registration

-Committee report provided. Member suggested discounts for retired members. Chapter potentially transitioning from MemberClicks to ePly due to complexities and difficulties with old system.

CGFM

-Received proclamation letter back from Governor's office. This has been posted on the website. Other chapters will be notified.

Communications

-Working on newsletter and consistency

Accountability

-No report

Awards

-PDT Awards of Distinction due March 31, 2020 and volunteer of the year due May 31, 2020.

Bylaws and Procedures

-Will send email of proposed changes before next meeting. Want to adopt new Bylaws before new fiscal year. Need to confirm some information with National.

Chapter Recognition

-26,745 credits; 19,475 with adjustments - 26 away from platinum

Young Professionals

-Will plan May event social and ask for suggestions at next meeting

Sponsorship

-No report

-Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm



Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

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

Danita Barnes, President-Elect, Membership Chair

Winston Lucombe, Past President

Corrine Loudon, 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

Chris Gordon, CGFM Vice Chair

Thomas Waldon, Parliamentarian, Bylaws and Procedures Vice Chair

Star Harris, Communications

Vince Pate, Sponsorships Vice Chair

Al Subramanian, Programs & Education