



# The Richmond Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Message

Greetings AGA Richmond Chapter Members and Friends!

I hope you are well and staying safe, healthy and diligent as we navigate these unprecedented and challenging times!

I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to our wonderful Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) volunteers for their dedication and for all that they do behind the scenes to enhance, cultivate and support the chapter and its members.

Many thanks to the Membership and to the CEC for the opportunity to lead this amazing association of dedicated financial management professionals for the 2020-2021 program year. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your President.

My leadership goal is to make a difference by adding value to others, therefore I embrace this quote by John Maxwell: "To add value to others, one must first value others."

Our chapter's goals for this challenging year of COVID-19 while sheltering in place and social distancing are transparency, maintaining an efficient governance structure, providing diverse virtual training and educational opportunities, promoting the value of AGA to increase membership, professionalism, CGFM designations and sponsorships and to recruit students and young professionals to ensure that this (continued on next page)

association remains relevant and provides opportunities for leadership and growth.

I 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 several open positions and could always use your help! Please contact me or any of the CEC members listed on the chapter website for more information.

Our Program and Education committee is offering up to 37 CPEs this program year. All of our events will be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our first virtual event is the ever so popular Fraud and Technology seminar scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th for up to 7 CPEs. Please remember to save the date. We are excited and looking forward to your attendance!

Other upcoming events are the 25th Annual Joint Commonwealth PDT (2-day conference) on Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th for 16 CPEs. The PDT Planning Committee comprised of AGA members from the Richmond, Roanoke, Shenandoah Valley and Virginia Peninsula chapters are collaborating and organizing this annual joint event.

Our Winter Seminar is Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for 7 CPEs and our Spring Seminar & Awards Program is Wednesday, May 19, 2021 for 7 CPEs. We really appreciate your support and hope that you will be able to take advantage of these virtual events.

Before I close, I would like to share what AGA means to me:



In closing, please know that I value and appreciate you and look forward to working with and learning from you as we continue to promote and advance the AGA Richmond Chapter.

Warmest Regards,

Danita R. Barnes, AGA Richmond Chapter President 2020-2021

## Upcoming Events

**National AGA  
COVID19 Series  
"FREE" Members Only Webinar**  
October 13, 2020  
AGA National Webinar

**The Shenandoah Valley Chapter  
Virtual PDT**  
"Financial Accountability In a  
Virtual Environment"  
October 20, 2020  
Virtual (8 CPEs)  
(Contact Mike Townsend if interested  
mltagashenandoah@gmail.com)

**The Richmond Chapter of AGA  
Fraud and Technology Seminar**  
October 28, 2020  
Virtual (More info to come)

**AGA 25th Annual  
Commonwealth PDT**  
**Richmond, Roanoke, Shenandoah  
Valley, Virginia Peninsula**  
December 10th and 11th, 2020  
Virtual (16 CPE)

See [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for  
more details



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



# "So Hard To Say Good Bye" .....(Past Event Memories)

October 2019 Fraud & Technology Seminar



September 2019 VA Budget Update Luncheon



Community Service



National Awards Winnings



January 2020 Tax Update Luncheon



February 2020 Winter Seminar



## 24th Annual Commonwealth PDT (Prior Year December 2019)



# AGA Richmond Chapter Happenings..



## **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](https://twitter.com/aga_richmond)
- Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/agarichmond>

### **Member Recognition**

-**Thomas Bland**, CEC member and Senior Internal Auditor with the Virginia Department of Corrections, was selected to be a Commonwealth Wellness Champion. His story will be featured in an upcoming Employee Experience Magazine that will be distributed to agencies across the Commonwealth.

### **CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager)**

Testing is back open! Continue to shoot for a certification that can help grow your career as a government employee! For more information on this, please visit the National Association of Government

Accountants website and hover over CGFM Certification. The National Chapter works with Management Concepts to provide instructor led courses (virtually)

### **NEW CGFM: Big congratulations to Lauren Griemsman, Auditor of Public Accounts!**

When you see her, let her know how proud of her you are!!! Yay!!!



### **COVID-19: Coronavirus**

The AGA Richmond Chapter has been affected, as well, by this horrific pandemic. We want to let you know that the AGA Richmond Chapter is here for you as best as a chapter can be. Continue to be safe, healthy, and active in this current environment.



# More of AGA Richmond Chapter Happenings...

## *Big kudos to our chapter on some National Awards!*

First, the Richmond Chapter earned **Platinum status** for the Chapter Recognition Program. The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. Secondly, we received the Chapter Growth Award which was spearheaded by our beloved current president **Danita Barnes**. Chapter membership data is compared as a point-in-time to last year and the chapter with the highest percentage of growth in each group is presented an award. Lastly, but certainly not least because our chapter ROCKS!, **Danielle Roache** earned the annual Volunteer of the Year award. This recognizes the significant service to our chapter. Please send congratulatory remarks their way! As a chapter, we thank you for all you do (*and have done*) to help us win these awards!



## September 2020 Meeting CEC Minutes

-Attendees: Corrine (Prepared Minutes), Danita, Danielle, Tina, Thomas B., Tyhisha, Randy, Delphine, John, Sylvia, Winston, Thomas W. via Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

-Meeting called to order at 11:33 am by President followed by the agenda being adopted and the minutes being accepted appropriately. Remarks made by president

### National Council of Chapters

-AGA (National) recently revised Code of Ethics (applies CGFMs and Members). Discussion of NGB took place and National president discussed goals and leadership.

### Treasurer

-CEC agreed that there were no filings (financial/regulatory) for our chapter due at the moment.

### Community Service

-Considering using GoFundMe fundraising platform or partnering with charities to have donations sent directly to them.

### Programs & Education

-Next planning meeting 09/21 (25th Annual AGA Commonwealth PDT - Dec 10/11 2020).  
-Committee in support for the virtual platform for this year for seminars

### Membership/Registration

-No new members since August and recruitment efforts continue with emails being sent.

### CGFM

-Committee requested to purchase new material (budget approved). AGA National has open enrollment for intensive review courses through Management Concepts

### Communications

-Working on newsletter and consistency. Discussion came up about spotlighting the chapter's lifetime member

### Accountability

-Considering alternative methods for an independent review of chapter records. Committee plans to present on CCR either February/May 2021

### Awards

-Considering purchasing gift cards for speaker gifts online from a vendor and shipping directly to them. No attendee gifts due to events being virtual

### Bylaws and Procedures

-Need 2/3 vote of chapter members. Chapter members will receive information soon on this.

### Chapter Recognition

-New point system and first round due November 2020

### Young Professionals

-Will meet to rehash incorporating a social after upcoming seminar

### Sponsorship

-No report - question was raised about how other chapters are handling this.

-Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm. Next meeting Friday October 9, 2020.



## Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

**Danita Barnes**, President, Membership Chair

**John Moore**, President-Elect

**Danielle Roache**, Immediate Past President, Asst. Treasurer, Communications, Membership, National Council of Chapters

**Winston Lucombe**, Accountability Vice Chair, Awards Vice Chair, Past President 2018-2019

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

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

**Randy Sherrod**, Programs & Education Chair,  
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, CGFM Vice Chair

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

**June Jennings**, Programs & Education

**Tyhisha Pittman**, Young Professionals Chair, Bylaws and Procedures  
Chair

**Sylvia Aryeh**, Membership Vice Chair

**Ramona Williams-Howell**, CGFM Chair

**Tina Turner**, Young Professionals Vice Chair

**Vacant Positions:** Parliamentarian, Sponsorship Chair and Vice Chair,  
Community Service Vice Chair and Bylaws and Procedures Vice Chair