



The Richmond Chapter Newsletter



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Hey there! Welcome to the last newsletter for the 2020-2021 year from the AGA Richmond Chapter.

We want to thank each and every one of you for being a substantial part to our chapter this year! Much kudos to you!



As we look back at where we came from, we want to let you know that the AGA Richmond Chapter is still here! We are still pushing, kicking, and doing the best that we can to provide those affordable CPEs to you! We have an exciting year coming up and we are looking forward to growing from this successful year we have had!



Dear Members,

Whew, what an extraordinary program year!

As my term as your President comes to an end and I write this final message to you, thank you for a great year! I look forward to continuing to work with you and learn from you as we promote and advance the AGA Richmond Chapter!

I also take this opportunity to thank our Chapter's Executive Committee (CEC) and to congratulate and welcome our Chapter's incoming President, Randy Sherrod.

Before we look forward to our upcoming program year, let's take a look back over this year to highlight our major accomplishments:

Our chapter's goals were:

- 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
- Recruiting students and young professionals to ensure that this association remains relevant and provides opportunities for leadership and growth

Our CEC volunteers endeavored to achieve these goals while enhancing, cultivating and supporting the chapter and its members.

With the 2020 pandemic, our Chapter quickly adapted to the new virtual environment. So, what were our major accomplishments this program year:

- Welcomed 31 new members to the Chapter
- Created a MS Teams account for our virtual CEC Meetings
- Submitted the Chapter's Strategic Plans and ACE goals for the program year to National
- Developed a budget for the program year
- Purchased and utilized the Zoom and Conferences i/o platforms for virtual events & CPEs
- Offered 37 CPEs
- Presented our first virtual seminar in chapter history
- Presented our first virtual social in chapter history
- Presented our first virtual Commonwealth Joint PDT in chapter history
- Partnered with DHG as the Sponsor for the Chapter and the Premier Sponsor for the 25th Annual Commonwealth Joint PDT

- Prepared, produced and distributed Chapter newsletters
- Maintained and updated the Chapter's website
- Posted information and maintained a presence on Social media
- Sponsored and supported the following charities (FeedMore, St. Francis Service Dogs and the Ronald McDonald House) during our virtual events
- Prepared and distributed the Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for 2020
- Updated the Bylaws in accordance with AGA National's new governance structure
- Promoted the CGFM designation to encourage others to obtain this certification
- Purchased updated CGFM Study Guides for our members use
- Purchased and successfully transitioned from ePly to the Cvent event marketing and management system to manage our chapter's events
- Conducted our Annual Membership Satisfaction Survey for your feedback
- Developed a spreadsheet for tracking the Chapter's assets
- Performed and completed a review of the Chapter's financial records
- Selected individuals for the Chapter's Awards and for National's Volunteer of the Year Award for the 2020-2021 program year. Our awardees were announced during our Spring Seminar and Awards Program
- And so much more....

Congratulations Team AGA Richmond Chapter for receiving the Platinum Award for the 2020-2021 program year from AGA National! 🙌🙌🙌

A graphic with the words "Thank you" written in a cursive, black font on a white background.

It was my distinct honor to serve as your President for the 2020-2021 program year. I am very grateful that you entrusted me with the leadership of this amazing Chapter. All of our successes were accomplished through teamwork and under the leadership of Randy Sherrod, I am confident we will continue to successfully advance our Chapter.

Warmest Regards,

Danita R. Barnes



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



Volunteer of the Year — Richmond Chapter



Kenneth Gunn

The Richmond Chapter is especially pleased to nominate Kenneth M. Gunn as the 2020-2021 Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award for his distinguished contributions. Ken is the Comptroller of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services. He holds the CGFM, CPA, and CFE certifications. An active AGA member for over 30 years, Ken served as Chapter President for the 2000-2001 program year during which the chapter assisted in the establishment of the Roanoke Chapter. Ken is currently serving as Chapter Treasurer. He provides valuable financial information and other recommendations during Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) planning meetings. His duties include preparing an annual chapter budget, managing chapter accounts, preparing and providing financial statements that are timely and accurate, and promptly depositing receipts and disbursing funds on behalf of the chapter. Ken consistently coordinates with education and community service committee members to ensure the chapter's seminars are successful. Ken is also responsible for filing informational returns with IRS as required by the established due date. The Richmond Chapter along with three other Virginia chapters hosts an annual Professional Development Training – Ken is responsible for tracking those associated costs, receipts, and distribution of proceeds between chapters. He assists where needed with other chapter activities. As an active CEC member, Ken continues to be a valuable and active asset to chapter growth and continuity. His professionalism in all aspects provides all members a valued role model.

Reference: AGA National Volunteer of the Year



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AGA Richmond could not have had such a great year without you!!! DHG you are amazing!!!! Thank you for being a PREMIERE sponsor!



AGA is offering a complimentary session for Young Professionals on **July 20 from 3:40 – 5:00 p.m. ET.**

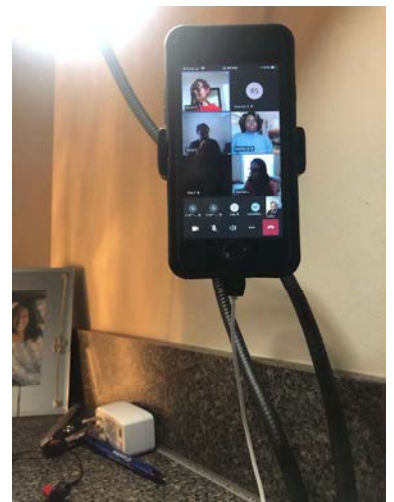
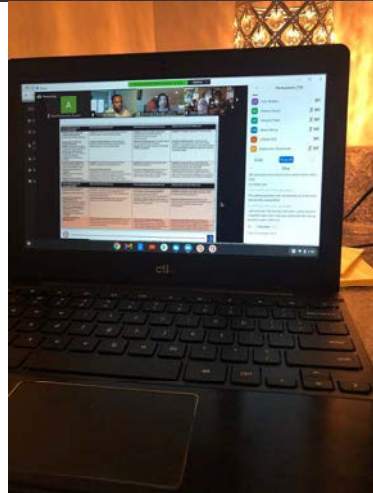
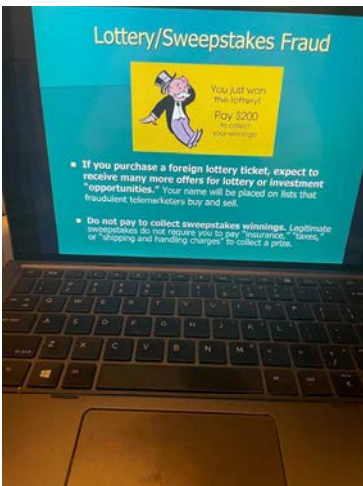
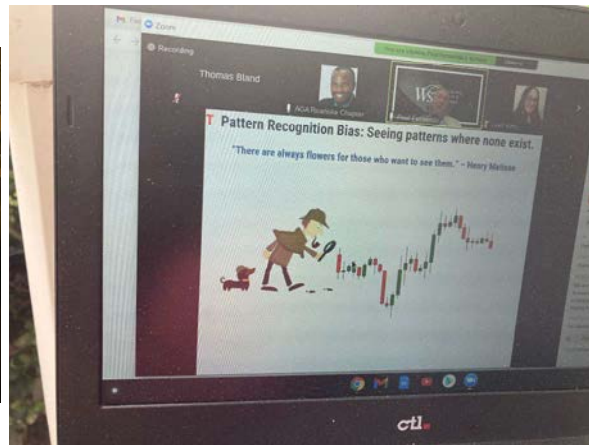
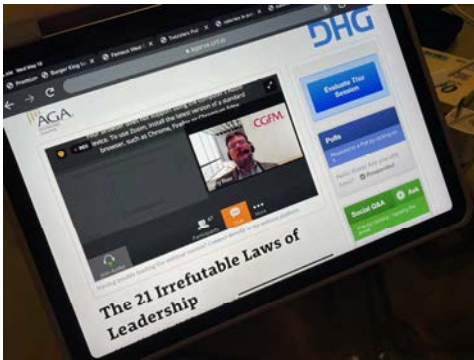
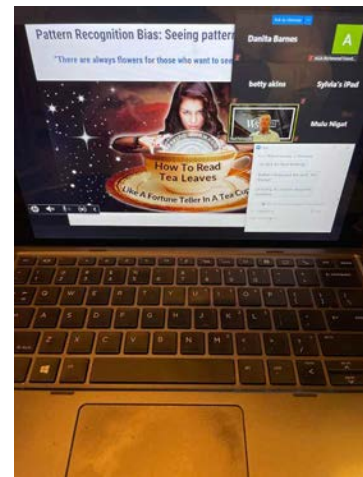
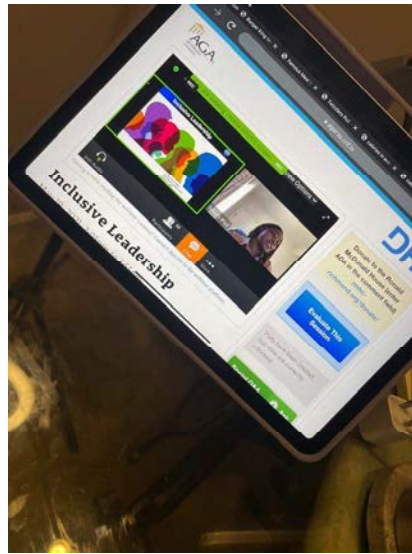
This session was created for Young Professionals, by Young Professionals, and will utilize zoom breakout rooms to facilitate meaningful conversations with an AGA Young Professional leader.

While this session will be held during AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT), attendees do not need to attend PDT to attend this session. That's right! It's open to all AGA Young Professionals (under the age of 35).

For more information on this opportunity, please reach out to Thomas Bland at thomas.bland@vadoc.virginia.gov or directly to Dess Vince Cruz at dvincecruz@agacgfm.org. Registration close July 15 at 11:59pm ET.

Reference: AGA National for picture & email

A look back at the virtual trainings plus we all needed coffee



This is not your typical newsletter! For more information about our chapter, board and more, please visit our website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Richmond/Home.aspx>

We have said this continuously within this newsletter but we are thankful for you all! We earned platinum from National with the help of the Board, our leadership, and especially.....YOU! Let's go Richmond Chapter!!!



Platinum Pic Reference

<https://going-there.com/posts/gt-wins-globalnet-commitment-of-excellence-platinum-award>