

Richmond Chapter Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

AGA Richmond Chapter January Luncheon

Tax Updates [1 CPE] Register Here

Date: January 17, 2024

Location: Zoom Virtual Platform

AGA Richmond Chapter Winter Seminar

Date: February 21, 2024 [Up to 7 CPEs]

Location: Four Points Sheraton Richmond Airport off of Laburnum



Hey there! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

WELCOME to the first newsletter for the 2023-2024 year from the AGA Richmond Chapter. We want to thank each and every one of you for being a substantial part of our chapter this year. Many, many kudos to you!

As we look ahead to the rest of this year, we want to let you know that the AGA Richmond Chapter is still here, rocking, rolling and providing you with those affordable CPEs. We have an exciting rest of the year in place and we are looking forward to building upon our successful year thus far!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Corrine Louden

Hello AGA Richmond Chapter! It is a pleasure to once again serve as the President of the AGA Richmond Chapter. Over the past 21 years, I have had the pleasure of working beside you all at various agencies or through our contact at AGA meetings. I started as an Early Career member as a fresh graduate from college and was reeled in pretty quickly by then-members of the AGA Richmond Chapter Executive Committee. I would love to reach out to our recent graduates, those who are new to state government or the Richmond area, to come join us on the leadership team so we can pave the way for others. AGA is a top notch organization for government accountability. It's the place where I go to learn, network, and grow....aligning very closely with AGA's theme of Advance, Grow, Accelerate. Thank you all for your many years alongside me, advancing not



Richmond
Chapter

only government accountability, but our own professional development too!

Your AGA Richmond Chapter
President,

Corrine Louden

OUR SPONSOR

FORVIS

FORVIS is a top 10 national CPA and consulting firm that has served 40+ Commonwealth of Virginia agencies and public universities since 2015.



Presentation done in West Virginia for AGA

FORVIS is on several statewide contracts such as VDOT and CAI. Their service offerings include internal audit, IT audit, ARMICS, fraud investigations, quality assurance reviews, grant consulting, technology consulting, and other process improvement consulting. Key contacts include Chris Kalafatis and Randy Sherrod who can be reached at chris.kalafatis@forvis.com and randy.sherrod@forvis.com.

PICTURES AND MEMORIES

December Hybrid Session- December 7-8, 2023

The AGA Richmond Chapter was in Williamsburg, VA at the 28th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training! This event was done by four AGA chapters! NICE! The four chapters were Virginia Peninsula, Shenandoah Valley, Southwest Virginia and Richmond. We had networking, learning, growing, and fun all smashed into one! Oh shall I mention that the food was pretty good too! We had topics on leadership, fraud, success, grant management, financial and fitness together plus more! This training had the opportunity to earn up to 16 CPEs!!!!



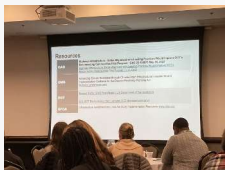
The National AGA President was in attendance bringing an awesome speech!



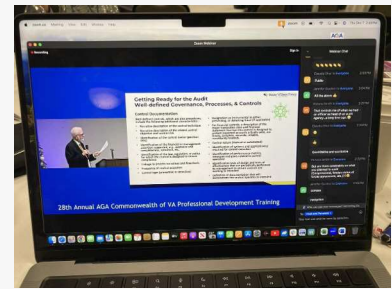
Prior AGA National President was in attendance talking future expectations



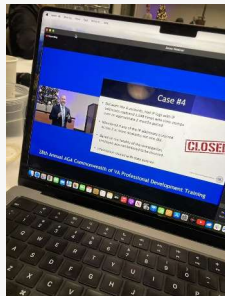
Attendees took advantage of Annual Ethics training required for CPAs.



Grant management was on the program and attendees learned some different aspects of managing grants



This training was hybrid so there were individuals enjoying virtually too!



Karaoke may have been a part of the social time too. We have some people that can SANG and then we have some that.....well.....Hope to see you at the next AGA event.



PICTURES AND MEMORIES

November In-Person Session - 11/15/2023



The AGA Richmond Chapter's November 15th event was a blast! it was held at the Four Points Sheraton near the Richmond Airport over on the eastern part of town. The speakers brought it and the sessions were impactful. Our president, Corrine Loudon, took to the mic and spoke about OSIG Cases and Beyond!

We had a representative from the Office of Attorney General provide a speech on the top 10 frauds and scams. You should've been there to hear some of the stories.



Board member LeighAnne and our 2nd speaker (Top 10 Frauds and Scams)

The other presentations included: Digital Transformation, Virginia State Police Case Studies, Planning for Retirement and we ended with some IT updates from VITA which included a discussion on AI - Artificial Intelligence.

Hope to see you at the next session!



There was an inspired speech from a representative from Welcome Home Financial Partners on "Planning for Retirement"



Debtbook was in the house speaking on Digital Transformation



GIVING BACK!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The AGA Richmond Chapter, in accordance with AGA National Community Service requirements, provides means to support charitable organizations in the Richmond metro/central Virginia area by sponsoring organizations that are under the tax-exempt section 26 U.S.C. 501c3 designation. The Chapter sponsors a charitable group at each seminar held during held during the chapter year. Attendees are given the opportunity to donate to the sponsored charity during each seminar. The charties provide health and welfare support, assistance, and other services that help those in our community. To date, this chapter year has sponsored the Richmond Area Bicycling Association (RABA) and the Good Doctor Foundation (GDF). This chapter year, our generous members have donated over \$800. RABA's mission is to organize bicycle rides as safe, positive, enjoyable, and note it as an activity that is healthy. GDF mission is to support and assist patients and their families in the central VA area through their medical journeys and across various disease continuums who are in need of healthcare, supplies, services, and resources.

The AGA Richmond Chapter makes it a strong point to always give back at any and every seminar, and this includes seminars that are done with others! For Edmarc, the four chapters. noted in page 4, from the 28th Annual PDT came together to raise over \$2,000. Edmarc was established in 1978 as the 1st hospice in the nation designed specifically for children. Founded in Suffolk, Virginia, Edmarc was initially created as a grassroots effort to care for children in their homes who are facing life-threatening illnesses. Edmarc now provides a multitude of services to kids and families, allowing them to stay together and in a place of familiarity and comfort.



AGA Richmond Happenings

AGA REBRANDING THROWBACK AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

JANUARY 2024

AGA RICHMOND CHAPTER



#THROWBACK: AGA REBRANDING

Did you know? The new AGA is here! Some of you may know and some of you may not. AGA, going forward, will simply be AGA. Think about IBM. What percentage of people know what IBM stands for? (It is International Business Machines from that quick google search). AGA, specifically the AGA Richmond chapter, is still here for your quality affordable CPEs, education, networking, camaraderies, social events, young professionals and the list goes on! We want our members to (A)dvance, (G)row, and (A)ccerlerate in their perspective careers! You should have been seeing different logos and a revamped website. All in all, we are here servicing one of the best chapters in all of the land! There are no worries or changes needed from the membership. For more information on the rebranding, here's a link detailing the change.

Young Professionals

Hey there!!!

Interested in hanging out with some of the AGA Richmond crew? How about an evening of bowling??? The AGA Richmond Chapter is looking to do a bowling event in the Spring of 2024.

For any suggestions on what you would like to do or on this upcoming event, feel free to email the AGA Richmond Chapter at info@agarichmond.org. The chapter did a 5K together before too to add to the ideas of something the chapter could do.



From our last AGA Richmond Social at the Flying Squirrels game



SOCIAL MEDIA AND...

Check us out!

We are on social media too! You can search for agarichmond on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. X, formerly twitter, is the only one that wants to be a little different. We are Aga_richmond there! Go check us out!



**Let's welcome our new members to AGA
Richmond!!! Woo Hoo!!!**

Vivian Shields, Virginia College Savings Plan

Ashley Newman, Auditor of Public Accounts

Henry Bosman, Virginia Department of General Services

Kimberly Robinson, Virginia Retirement System

Burneele Bates, Virginia Retirement System

Debra Brooks, Virginia Retirement System

Paris Miller, Virginia Retirement System

Ying Li, Virginia Retirement System

Sharon Woo, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Holly Ji, Virginia Department of General Services

Teresa Eckhout, Department of Motor Vehicles

Stacey Jordan, Town of Dumfries



MINUTES AND CEC

AGA RICHMOND BOARD



December 2023 Minutes

-Attendees: Corrine Louden, June Jennings, Leigh Anne Stacklin, Delphine Johnson, Danielle Roache, Betty Akins, Randy Sherrod, Thomas Bland

-Meeting called to order at 11:40am and 7 board attendees therefore quorum was met. Prior minutes approved appropriately.

-President and **ACE goals** were reviewed.

-Treasurer's Report - Discussions took place about the upcoming PDT and chapter is saving this year in cost. Anticipated \$28.1K in registrations as of meeting date. Additional sponsors this year so promising outcome expected.

-National Chapter of Chapters (NCC) - succession planning is a high priority and shared what are things you wish you knew before coming on board to CEC.

-Accountability - Circle back will be done to inquire about the financials of the chapter being independently reviewed.

-Awards - National Leadership Awards were discussed and individuals were brought up for nominations

-Bylaws and Procedures - Google drive is established and the development of folders is next

-CGFM - The committee wants to provide complimentary membership for students & professors plus provide free attendance to a future seminar

-Communications - great start to the newsletter and shared some needs to the CEC

-Community Service - Chapter raised \$545 for RABA

-Membership - Working to increase membership for the fall challenge

-Programs and Education - PDT discussion took place. FORVIS will do Tax Update in January 2024 and looking for speakers for February 2024. In-person seminar contracts are in place for the rest of this AGA year.

-Young Professionals - we are hoping to have a bowling event in the end of January or the beginning of February.

-Nothing to report for **Registration** and **Sponsorship**.

-New Business: Discussion was brought up about having a table at Government Conferences to spread the word about AGA

-Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

Corrine Louden

President

Nominating Committee Chair

Bylaws & Procedures Chair

June Jennings

President-Elect

ACE Chair

Winston Lucombe

Immediate Past President

Bylaws & Procedures Vice Chair

Leigh Anne Stacklin

Secretary

Awards Chair

CGFM Vice Chair

Ken Gunn

Treasurer

**The roles of Sponsorship Chair, Sponsorship Vice Chair,*

Parliamentarian, Accountability Vice Chair,

Awards Vice Chair, Community Services Vice Chair,

Registration Vice Chair are all vacant

Danielle Roache

Assistant Treasurer

National Council of Chapters Rep

Communications Chair

Thomas Bland

Accountability Chair

Registration Chair

Delphine Johnson

CGFM Chair

National Council of Chapters Rep

Ramona Howell

Communications Vice Chair

Young Professionals Vice Chair

Danita Barnes

Membership Chair

Randy Sherrod

Programs & Education Chair

PDT Planning Committee Chair

Betty Akins

Community Service Chair