



# The End of the Year Newsletter



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## President's Message

My friends and colleagues,

As I pen this final President's message, I pause to reflect on the accomplishments the chapter has had over the past year, the measurement of goals achieved compared to goals established. At the beginning of my tenure as Chapter President, three goals were established for the 2018-2019 program year; 1) Continue to provide quality seminars to the membership at a reasonable price while keeping the seminars relevant to today's environment, 2) Promote CGFM more strongly and encourage young professionals to see the value of the AGA, 3) Develop new and different ways to promote AGA and increase awareness and membership.

I am happy to report that the chapter has met two of its three primary goals for this program year. As of the end of June 2019 our membership is strong at 304 active members, of which 3 are students. We had 28 new members joining our chapter this program year. We had 189 non-members that attended our seminars this program year and steps have been taken to encourage them to join the AGA chapter.

See page 2 for the rest of the president's message 

## Upcoming Events

### **Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training (National)**

September 18, 2019

Washington, D.C. (14 CPEs)

### **2019 AFERM (Association for Federal Enterprise Risk Management) ERM**

October 29, 2019

Washington, D.C. (10 CPEs)

### **Shared Services Summit**

November 14, 2019

Washington, D.C. (8 CPEs)

NOTE: The AGA Richmond Chapter monthly seminars start in September (September 18). Chapter's 2019-2020 training and events calendar will be available on the website.



The Richmond Chapter provided quality continuing professional education (CPE) to our membership by sponsoring 46 hours of CPE credits for this program year, which includes our record attendance-breaking winter PDT held in Williamsburg, VA.

The chapter continues to support the community with several fundraisers and other projects and donations. As of June 2019 we have contributed \$2,665 to organizations such as Feed More, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Special Olympics area 6, CHAT – Churchill Activities & Tutoring, Wounded Veterans, Service Dogs of Virginia, etc.

As I close this message, I would like to introduce you to our new Richmond chapter president, Danielle Roache. Danielle will succeed me effective July 1, 2019. Danielle is no stranger to the chapter. She has served in various capacities on the CEC for several years and I have no doubt that she will continue to grow and expand our chapter. She brings a tremendous amount of expertise and leadership to the chapter and we will go the extra mile in supporting her during the 2019-2020 program year.

Finally, I will like to say many thanks to the executive committee, CEC members, and to all of you as members of the Richmond chapter, for allowing me the opportunity to lead this great chapter for the past year. Your support has enabled the chapter to continue to be outstanding as it has been over the past several years. I wish each of you the best and if I can be of any assistance in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards ,

Winston Lucombe,  
AGA Richmond Chapter President 2018-2019

**FEATURE  
PRESENTATION****Introducing the AGA Richmond  
Chapter President for 2019-2020**

## VSB's Roache to Lead Association of Government Accountants

VSB Senior Accountant Danielle Y. Roache has been elected president of the Richmond Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which strives to advance the accountability of government financial professionals.

A graduate of Virginia State University with a Master of Accounting from the Keller School of Management, Roache works in the bar's finance department under Director Crystal T. Hendrick, who also belongs to the AGA. Roache, who previously worked for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, came to the VSB after first being mentored by another AGA member.

Roache has held a number of positions in the AGA since 2006, but will now lead the [chapter] as well as serving on its executive committee and as its assistant treasurer.

Roache says she was always good at math and that her teenage job at a fast-food restaurant helped her a surprising amount with her future accounting profession. "That is where I learned to count change in my head," she says.

Though working for thousands of lawyers and being the treasurer of a professional organization may seem daunting, Roache laughs, "I don't worry about anything much except not disappointing my parents."

And so far, she has done a very good job at that.

*Credit: Virginia State Bar Virginia Lawyer magazine June 2019 issue.*



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**Some AGA Richmond Highlights**

**Community Service**

- To reiterate from the president's message, we donated a total of nearly \$3K to multiple organizations (*FeedMore, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Special Olympics Area 6, CHAT - Churchill Activities & Tutoring, Wounded Warrior Project, Service Dogs of Virginia and Envision Lead Grow*).
- We volunteered with YMCA's Bright Beginnings for the third year in a row where we help under privileged children with school shopping.
- During the government shut down, AGA Richmond sent gift cards to members affected in an effort to help.

**Education & Training**

- We provided individuals with an opportunity to achieve 46 CPEs from July 2018 - June 2019
- Continued to work to provide some of the best and skillful speakers for attendees to learn and grow from

**National AGA Level**

- Achieved Platinum for another year! Certainly on a Platinum streak with points!
- A number of AGA Richmond leaders attended the Lead! 2019 program in Baltimore, MD and a number of AGA Richmond leaders are attending PDT 2019 in New Orleans, LA to represent the chapter.
- Lisa Spurgeon was awarded AGA's Volunteer of the Year Award and this will be displayed at the National event in New Orleans, LA.
- Corrine Loudon received the Excellence in Government Leadership in Washington, D.C. as she continues to represent the chapter well (*mini image to the right from the AGA Journal with Corrine included*)
- We continue to have representation on the National level with the Section IV South Atlantic Regional Vice President Saa'dia Douglas and National Council of Chapters representative Randy Sherrod.

**CGFMs and Membership**

- We had a few members pass the CGFM exams and we are continuing to push for more to take it. There are a number of members pursuing this certification
- The membership committee is stronger than ever and will continue to grow for this next AGA year under the direction of Danita Barnes! Danita was recognized for being a Top Recruiter in the nation for AGA!

**Accountability**

- The CCR (*Citizen-Centric Report*) was completed and presented to the chapter by Saa'dia Douglas.
- Accountability Co-Chair John Moore put together a group of volunteers to provide an independent review of the chapter financials.

**Young Professionals**

- We had a well-attended and eventful social immediately following a seminar where attending members had the opportunity to shoot pool, play connect four, enjoy some good food and build camaraderie.
- We represented AGA at a career day at Ginter Park Elementary school where we truly reached out to the "young, young" professionals!



**Special Olympics Virginia**

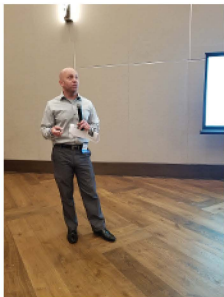


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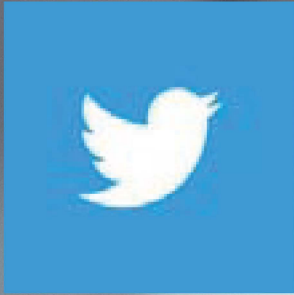
**susan G. Komen race FOR THE cure**  
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# 2018-2019 Memories



# 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>

Pursuant to the National AGA website, there's no "one-size-fits-all" approach to studying for the CGFM examinations. Here are the tips that many candidates find helpful:

- Download the "personal CGFM Success Plan"
- Read everything about CGFM certification on the AGA website
- Start your preparation with the examination content outlines and pay special attention to the acronyms and sample questions
- Review additional references in areas with which you are less familiar
- Make flashcards for local, state, and federal terms
- Use reputable resources, such as AGA materials, information provided by a government agency or college textbooks (*beware of poor quality materials that are sometimes sold online*)

This information is located on the National website within the CGFM Candidates area. CGFM Prospects: Keep on it! Current CGFMs: Continue to encourage them all!



## New Chapter Members!!!!

WELCOME!!!!

-Kristyn Bane from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA)

-Linda Lee from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

-Khodr Khalil from Department of Health,

-and, Brian Edwards and Susan Worrell from Henrico County

## NEW CGFMS!!!! CONGRATS!!!!

LaToya D. Jordan, CGFM, and Bennett B. Newman

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY!!!!

The Virginia Department of Transportation is recruiting for a new Financial Reporting Accountant position. This is a pay band 5 position. Applications will be taken through 8/30. Please visit the State of Virginia jobs website to apply!



## June Meeting CEC Minutes

-Attendees (voting): Winston, Danielle, Thomas B., Corrine, Randy, Betty, Saa'dia, Danita (non-voting) Delphine, Ramona, Thomas W., Jonolyn (City of Richmond), Toni (City of Richmond) & Louise from AGA National (via phone)

-Meeting called to order at 11:39am by President and minutes accepted appropriately

### Community Service

-Discussed YMCA service project from last summer and sponsorship for the PDT in Williamsburg

### Programs & Education

-Good year, good attendance & good speakers  
-1st PDT Committee conference call will be 06/24  
-Proposal discussed about profit sharing between chapters and using other locations

### Membership

-Report provided and we have a dedicated individual emailing/calling suspended members.  
-Started onboarding process with MemberClicks (Cvent replacement)

### Communications

-Researching Canva but National shared LucidPress as an option for newsletters and other communications.

### Financials

-Reports presented and discussions took place about requiring CEC members to attend meetings.

### Awards

-National PDT - AGA Richmond will provide two \$50 gift cards for raffle and \$100 check for chapter challenge.

### Chapter Recognition

-Chapter has reached and surpassed Platinum level with 39,761 points. In 4th place after D.C., NY and Guam chapters.

### Young Professionals

-Good event at Fox & Hound and working with VCU on other leads, possible career fair  
-IMA is still working to coordinate a social. CEC member suggested IMA come speak to us about management topics.

### Sponsorship

-Committee has already begun knocking on doors & discussions took place about sponsors getting bang for their buck.

### New Business

-Voted for Thomas W. to serve as Bylaws & Procedures Vice Chair and voted for Ramona to serve as the CGFM Chair.  
-2014 CGFM material was returned and request was made that newsletter be issued monthly.

-Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm



## 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, Bylaws & Procedures, 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

**Deborah Jones**, Young Professionals Vice Chair, Community Services Vice Chair

**Fred Washington**, Sponsorships Chair, At-Large Member

**June Jennings**, Programs & Education

**Deborah Coleman**, Membership Vice Chair

**Ramona Williams-Howell**, CGFM Chair

**Chris Gordon**, CGFM Vice Chair

**Thomas Waldon**, Bylaws & Procedures Vice Chair

**Mike Rogers**, Bylaws & Procedures Chair, Membership

**Star Harris**, Communications

**Vince Pate**, Sponsorships Vice Chair

**Al Subramanian**, Programs & Education