



The Richmond Chapter Newsletter



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Hey there! Welcome to the March 2021 Newsletter from the AGA Richmond Chapter! Enjoy!

We want to thank each and every one of your for being a substantial part to our chapter!



If you are interested in learning more about Conference i/o via Zoom, email us at agarichmondinfo@gmail.com. We want to help members learn about these virtual tools we are using for some virtual sessions. We want to provide clarity to alleviate any future questions.





Greetings and Happy CGFM and Women's History Month to All!

Wow, what a year! I can't believe how quickly time has passed by. June will be here before we know it and my term as President will officially come to an end.

As you may recall, I began my tenure as President with the leadership goal of making a difference by adding value to others. I sincerely hope that I have been effective.

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 and to recruit students and young professionals to ensure that this association remains relevant and provides opportunities for leadership and growth. Our (CEC) Chapter Executive Committee volunteers have endeavored to achieve these goals while enhancing, cultivating and supporting the chapter and its members.

So, what have we accomplished thus far? Here's a recap of some of our major accomplishments during this program year:

- Our Chapter's CEC reviewed, updated, and approved the Chapter's Bylaws in accordance with AGA National's new governance structure. The revised Bylaws will be presented to our members for approval. You will be receiving this notification soon.
- Our Chapter purchased and learned how to use the Zoom and Conferences i/o platforms to present virtual events.
- Our Chapter offered 37 CPEs during the program year.
- Our Chapter partnered with Toby Groves to promote *The Explorers Conference 2020* virtual event in October 2020.
- Our Chapter presented the first virtual seminar in chapter history in October 2020.
- Our Chapter presented the first virtual social in chapter history, the Young Professionals Mask Social in October 2020.
- Our Chapter prepared the Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for 2020 in October 2020. This report is available on the Chapter's website.
- The PDT Planning Committee, comprised of AGA members from the Richmond, Roanoke, Shenandoah Valley and Virginia Peninsula Chapters collaborated and presented the first virtual PDT in chapter history in December 2020.

- Our Chapter purchased updated CGFM Study Guides that are available for use. Please contact Ramona Howell, CGFM Chair if you are interested in using these study guides.
- Our Chapter purchased and successfully transitioned from ePly to the Cvent event marketing and management system to manage our events.
- Our Chapter presented its second virtual seminar in February 2021.



We value your feedback and will be sending our annual membership satisfaction survey for 2021 to you soon. Your feedback will help us develop our 2021-2022 strategic goals, evaluate whether we are meeting the needs of our members, and how we can improve. The survey is anonymous. Please be on the lookout and participate in this survey. We thank you for your support!



Our final Chapter event for this program year, the Spring Seminar & Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 for 7 CPE's. Please save this date!



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. If interested, please contact me, visit our website, or reach out to any of the CEC members listed on the chapter website for more information. We have open positions and could use your help!



In closing, I want to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to our Chapter's Premier sponsor Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP (DHG) for their support during this program year.

As I wrap up my term as President, I am grateful and honored to have been entrusted with the leadership of this Chapter. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing association of dedicated financial management professionals for the 2020-2021 program year. It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as your President. All of our successes were accomplished through teamwork.

I value and appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to continuing to work with you and learn from you as we strive to promote and advance the AGA Richmond Chapter!

Warmest Regards,

Danita R. Barnes

AGA Richmond Chapter President 2020-2021



Highlighting an AGA Richmond Chapter CEC Member - Danita Barnes



STEP CHALLENGE LEADERBOARD

Final Cumulative Step Leaders			Total Steps of All Participants
1	SamStepper	75,519 Steps	1.3M
2	MEAB	75,473 Steps	
3	Danita	60,836 Steps	
4	Gina	55,598 Steps	
5	Tricio	53,733 Steps	
			Yesterday's Average Steps
			11K
			Yesterday's Top Stepper
			MEAB

Big kudos and shout out to our aforementioned President of the AGA Richmond Chapter! She made it to #3 of the top 25 walkers during the NLT (National Leadership Training). She walked over 60,000 steps! Now that is some walk! Way to go Danita!





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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!



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, CGFM 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 2021 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth



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March 23, 2021

Ramona Howell, CGFM
Federal Grants Manager
Office of Fiscal Services and Grants Management
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
1220 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mrs. Howell:

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which has a network of 15,000 members in 96 chapters in the United States with approximately 304 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Virginia.

The AGA Richmond Chapter has responded to AGA's mission of advancing government accountability and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Virginia by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements.

In recognizing the upcoming AGA observance, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors supports the important missions of AGA's organization and the CGFM program. Thank you, and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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
- ❑ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/agarichmond>

-Carla Woods, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

-Karen Beebe, LaTiah Johnson, Jamie Porter, Keokah Sanders, Jennifer Starkey, and Angela Tillery - All from the Virginia Department of Health

-Sophia A. Vickers, Defense Commission Agency

AGA Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that our due date of 3/31/2021 is fast approaching. Don't miss it. We are looking forward to you rejoining us!

New Chapter Members!!!!

WELCOME!!!!



-Nancy Abraham, Virginia Department of Transportation

-John Boswell, Virginia Retirement System

-Lindsey Delano, Virginia Commonwealth University

-Nikia D. Jones, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

-Angela O' Mary, Virginia Department of Transportation

-Herbert Queen, Virginia Retirement System

-Jeanine Walton, Transportation Security Administration

Limited Time! \$21 CGFM Application Fee

In Celebration of CGFM Month,

We are starting a study group for all who are preparing for the CGFM Exam. If you are interested please contact Delphine, CGFM Committee at

Delphine.Johnson@vadoc.virginia.gov. Let's work to help each other to get it done.

March Meeting CEC

(Minutes (pending approval April CEC Meeting))

-Attendees: Betty Akins, Delphine Johnson, John Moore, Sylvia Aryeh, Daniel Claiborne, Danielle Claiborne, Lisa Spurgeon, Randy Sherrod, June Jennings

-Meeting called to order at 11:35am by President and agenda adopted.

President provided remarks about attending NLT with another CEC member. Fun and interactive. Nomination notice was sent out to members.

NCC (National Council of Chapters)

-Thanks Board for support and complimented National for new CGFM exam process. Recent meeting highlights included discussions around renewal process and ACE Awards.

Treasurer

-Very good sound position and Authorize.net research was done. \$6K operating surplus.

Community Service

-FeedMore support was very successful from last virtual seminar on Feb 17. Raised over \$500 to support this charity which is helpful during pandemic times. Discussed ideas for upcoming session in May.

Programs & Education

-Great virtual event in Feb. Future events will offer virtual option. Planning has started for May event and discussed PDT logistics for December.

Membership

-3 new members that joined since Feb. Some members have not renewed and a proposal was brought to the CEC about restructuring the membership committee. Tabled until next meeting.

CGFM

-Excited about it being CGFM Month (March). Governor's proclamation was submitted among others. Reemphasized idea of CGFM study group.

Communications

-Newsletter is on the way and kudos given for information on different social media sites.

Accountability

-Suggested helping attendees learning Conference i/o better and emphasis made on Chapter records review.

Awards

-Reminders made upcoming National Award deadlines and suggestions requested.

Bylaws and Procedures

-Working to send out notice to membership providing highlights of major changes. Plan is to use Conference i/o

Chapter Recognition (ACE Awards)

-ACE was filed and the next one is due at the end of May

Young Professionals and Sponsorship

-Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

-Discussion on storage of chapter items lead to an inventory document and proposal made on other sources of chapter income.

-Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm



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, Sponsorship Chair, 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

Tylisha Pittman, Young Professionals Chair, Bylaws and Procedures Chair

Sylvia Aryeh, Membership Vice Chair

Ramona Williams-Howell, CGFM Chair

Tina Turner, Young Professionals Vice Chair

Daniel Claiborne, Membership

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