

October—December  
2017

# AGA Charleston Newsletter

## President's Message



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As I plan for my relocation and departure from the government industry, it is with mixed emotions that I draft my farewell message to the AGA Charleston chapter. I am saddened at the thought of no longer collaborating with you all! However, I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved as a chapter. This month, we successfully hosted the second-annual AGA Charleston Professional Development Training (PDT). The PDT registration total was approximately 130 professionals, which is a significant increase from last year. I am humbled and appreciative of the amazing speakers featured at the PDT. These professionals donated their time and efforts to deliver informative presentations to the PDT attendees. We were privileged to welcome AGA National CEO, Ann Ebberts, to our PDT as a keynote speaker and attendee. Mrs. Ebberts also met with Charleston universities and employers to discuss the benefits of AGA.

I am hopeful that my work and leadership provided inspiration and insight into the ultimate potential of AGA Charleston. I am confident that the chapter membership will continue to expand into additional organizations, including local Charleston government. I believe future PDTs will continue to grow, and that collaboration among members will generate beneficial results that are crucial in this time when efficiency matters more than ever.

The key is teamwork. Hosting PDTs, soliciting quality speakers, and operating the chapter requires initiative, innovative ideas and time commitments. This needs to be distributed to a TEAM of leaders and committees. I strongly encourage you to join the team to help make this happen. The leadership, project management and team building experience is invaluable! I have met lifelong professional contacts, travelled to National Training events, and gained priceless knowledge because of the AGA platform.

I hope you will take full advantage of the countless opportunities that AGA has to offer! I very much appreciate the opportunities AGA has provided, and the support and collaboration from you all!

Best Wishes, AGA Charleston!

**Sheena Kennedy, CMA, CGFM**  
Outgoing Chapter President





## Welcome New Members!



We are pleased to introduce the following new members who have joined AGA Charleston Chapter!

### October

Wanda Jennings-Crowe  
Bryan Nelms  
Rebecka Talley

### November

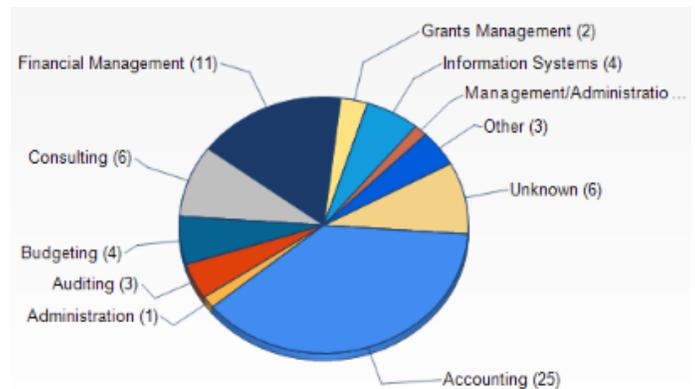
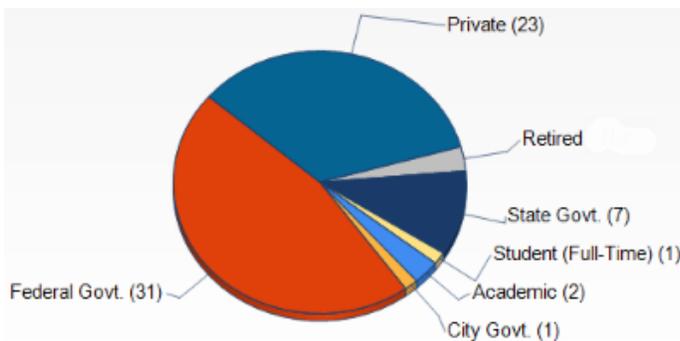
Marcus Pollard

### December

Christine Galster

### OUR MEMBERS

The AGA Charleston, SC chapter currently has 67 members in various fields of study such as budgeting, auditing, consulting, management, and information systems. Membership ranges from all government levels as well as academic and private organizations. The chapter is proud to say that the membership retention has been steady and continues to expand in other areas of government and academia.



### Membership Benefit Opportunities

#### Upcoming Webinars:

**Jan. 10 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET (MGMT)**  
Grants Management

**Feb. 7 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET (ACCG)**  
Understanding GASB’s New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities

**Mar. 7 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET (FIN)**  
Infrastructure Financing

**Mar. 28 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET (FIN)**  
Cybersecurity

## Professional Development—Upcoming PDT 2018

PDT 2018



### 2018 Professional Development Training

July 22–25, 2018 | 24 CPEs  
Orlando, Fla. or virtual

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July 22–25 | Orlando, Fla. or virtual | 24 CPEs  
AGA's premier training and networking event

[Registration & Fees](#)

	<i>Online</i>	<i>Email/mail</i>
<b>AGA member</b>		
(by June 29)	\$875	\$900
(after June 29)	\$975	\$1,000
<b>Nonmember</b>		
(by June 29)	\$1,075	\$1,100
(after June 29)	\$1,175	\$1,200

### Three reasons you should attend:

1. Earn up to 24 CPEs!
2. Stay cutting-edge by enhancing your knowledge and skills.
3. Network and connect.

SAVE THE DATE!



Orlando World Center Marriott and Convention Center

## Young Professionals PDT Scholarship (Member benefit)

AGA selects up to FIVE young professionals (YP) to attend the AGA PDT. The YPs will act as ambassadors for PDT attendees and assist with exhibits and other event activities. A YP must be under the age of 30, a member in good standing, first time participant, and have availability throughout the event. The scholarship includes five nights in Orlando (event location), complimentary event registration, CPE if applicable, and great opportunities for meeting and networking with AGA Leaders.

### FUTURE PDT LOCATION and DATES:

2019 - New Orleans, LA July 21 - July 24  
2020 - Grapevine, TX July 19 - July 22  
2021 - Nashville, TN July 18 - July 21

## Chapter Financials

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Profit and Loss Statement YTD as of December 31, 2017							
	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
<b>Revenue</b>							
Membership Dues	154	-	-	25	-	-	179
Corporate Sponsors	-	3,000	-	2,000	-	-	5,000
PDT Registration	-	-	-	-	-	4,847	4,847
Non Member Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (t shirt sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,847</b>	<b>10,026</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
PDT Expenses	153	-	-	1,372	2,538	2,750	6,812
Community Services	-	-	-	-	-	92	92
Speaker Events	-	-	164	0	320	153	637
Post Office Box	-	-	90	-	-	-	90
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IT Fees and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Media	-	-	35	-	140	-	175
Member Events	-	-	-	119	-	7	126
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>7,932</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(289)</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>(2,997)</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>\$ 2,094</b>

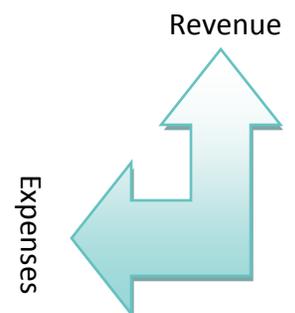
### How the Chapter funds are generated and disbursed:

**Did you know that Chapter funds cannot be budgeted or spent without prior Chapter Executive Committee approval?**

Budgets are planned by the Committee Directors and approved prior to the program year. Any additional expenses are sent out for vote by the CEC and then disbursed.

Date posted	Amount	Description
07/28/17	\$ 154.16	Chapter Dues
08/14/17	\$ 1,000.00	Haynes sponsorship
08/24/17	\$ 1,000.00	STG sponsorship
08/24/17	\$ 1,000.00	IFAS sponsorship
10/10/17	\$ 1,000.00	CGI sponsorship
10/20/17	\$ 25.00	Chapter Dues
10/30/17	\$ 1,000.00	MIL sponsorship
12/01/17	\$ 90.00	PDT registration
12/19/17	\$ 4,756.90	PDT registration
<b>Deposited total</b>	<b>\$ 10,026.06</b>	

Date posted	Amount	Check number	Description
07/03/17	\$ 152.59	1078	S. Kennedy - Headphones for PDT Raffle Donation
09/27/17	\$ 90.00	1079	R. Helms - PO Box Fee
11/06/17	\$ 89.94	1080	R. Helms - Meetup 6-month subscription
10/02/17	\$ 140.08	1081	S. Kennedy - Gift Card for speaker (\$20), Publix - subs/cookies/thank you cards (\$105.50), Publix - chips (\$14.58) for speaker event
10/10/17	\$ 119.42	1082	S. Kennedy - Plates/drinks and pizza for open house
10/17/17	\$ 34.96	1083	R. Helms - Facebook bump of website in September
10/30/17	\$ 1,372.09	1084	R. Helms - PDT favors
11/24/17	\$ 319.82	1085	R. Helms - Happy Hour Networking Event + \$25 Gift Card
12/04/17	\$ 448.00	1086	R. Helms - \$398 for PDT speaker gifts, \$50 for PDT Facebook Boost
11/30/17	\$ 2,139.56	1087	CSU Aramark Catering - PDT food (M. Jones)
12/06/17	\$ 105.58	1088	S. Kennedy - PDT Badge Inserts (\$13.41), CYDC Christmas Party (\$92.17)
12/12/17	\$ 182.70	1089	M. Jones - PDT Insurance (\$176), AGA HH Sharpies/Name Tags (\$6.70)
12/15/17	\$ 152.84	1090	M. Jones - Lunch with Ann Ebberts
12/15/17	\$ 320.00	1091	M. Jones - PDT Speaker Gifts & Raffle (16 \$20 Amazon Gift Cards)
12/15/17	\$ 490.76	1092	S. Kennedy - Printing Programs for PDT
12/19/17	\$ 1,750.00	1093	Charleston Southern University - PDT facilities
10/10/17	\$ 23.77	1127	R. Helms - Plates/utensils/soda water for speaker event
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,932.11</b>		



# AGA Charleston Events

Over 20 individuals attended the Open House held on October 4th and enjoyed networking, pizza, and learning more about what AGA can offer it's members. The event brought in a total of 13 non members of which 15% either signed as a new member or renewed their lapse membership.

Congrats to RUDY LIMLINGAN, winner of the drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card!

 Are you not a member yet? Want to learn more about the AGA Charleston Chapter?

 Are you interested in the CGFM designation?

 Do you want details on the AGA Charleston PDT 2017?

 Are you a current AGA member who would like to learn more about chapter leadership opportunities?

Please stop in for the

## AGA Charleston Chapter Open House

Wednesday, October 4 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
VTC Room, CGFS (Federal Complex)\*

\*if you do not work on the Federal Complex, please contact [agacharleston@gmail.com](mailto:agacharleston@gmail.com) for directions and to be added to the Visitors List

 **PIZZA!**

Pizza will be served!  
All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a gift card!

**Appetizers,  
Raffle, Drink  
Specials!**

Members from AFCEA, the State Dept, the Citadel, ASMC (SPAWAR), Kearney & Company, Inc., and many more will be joining us.

At the Crowne Plaza, Tanger

Thursday, November 9th

5:00—7:00 pm

[www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Home.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Home.aspx)

### AGA Charleston Networking Happy Hour and Open House

The AGA Charleston, SC Chapter serves local, state, and federal government professionals in the Charleston area. We foster learning, leadership, certification and collaboration for professionals committed to advancing government accountability

### Thank you Sponsors!


A happy hour event was held on November 9th to meet members from all areas of our Charleston membership--including the U.S. State Department, SPAWAR, The Citadel, Army Corps of Engineers, Kearney & Company, and many more! This event provided an opportunity to learn more about the Certified Government Finance Manager (CGFM) certification, the 2nd Annual Professional Development Training day, and the upcoming line-up for the 2017-2018 Speakers' Series.

## AGA Charleston PDT 2017



Thanks to all who contributed to a successful 2nd annual PDT! Approximately 130 government financial management professionals attended the event. The PDT provided valuable training, 8 CPE credits and networking with industry professionals from numerous government organizations and private partners. Please visit our Chapter page to see all the fabulous presentations!

<https://www.agacfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/PDT-2017-Recap.aspx>

### Thank you local PDT speakers and panel!



Ann Ebberts  
Data Transparency



Stan Van Ostran  
Keeping the Freight Moving



Elizabeth Amory  
Debt Collection



Steve Hodlin  
Continuous Improvement



Darin Gerdes  
Leadership



Maxwell Rollins  
Servant Leadership



Skip Sergent  
Internal Auditing



Bryan Nelms  
External Auditing



Ed Lugo  
Ethics in Leadership

## AGA Charleston PDT 2017, Continued

### Panel participants for Project Management:



Marie Bedard  
PMP Past President, Project Management Institute (PMI)  
Charleston Operations Lead, SPAWAR

Robert Marten  
Project Manager  
Johnson & Johnson

Lisa Metheny  
Deputy District Engineer  
Programs and Project Mgmt  
US Army Corps of Engineers

Jim Harmon  
Project Manager  
Spry Methods

Stacy Mack  
Project Manager

### AGA Chapter Executive Committee and Event Volunteers



Sheena Kennedy, President, Charleston AGA



Peg Kendra, The MIL Corporation



Bryan Hall, CGI Federal



Tim Ceschin, IFAS, LLC



Volunteers work the Registration booth.

**From Left to Right:**

Georgia Middleton, Osby Mosley, Kathy Robinson, Shauna Gunter, and Julie Starkweather.



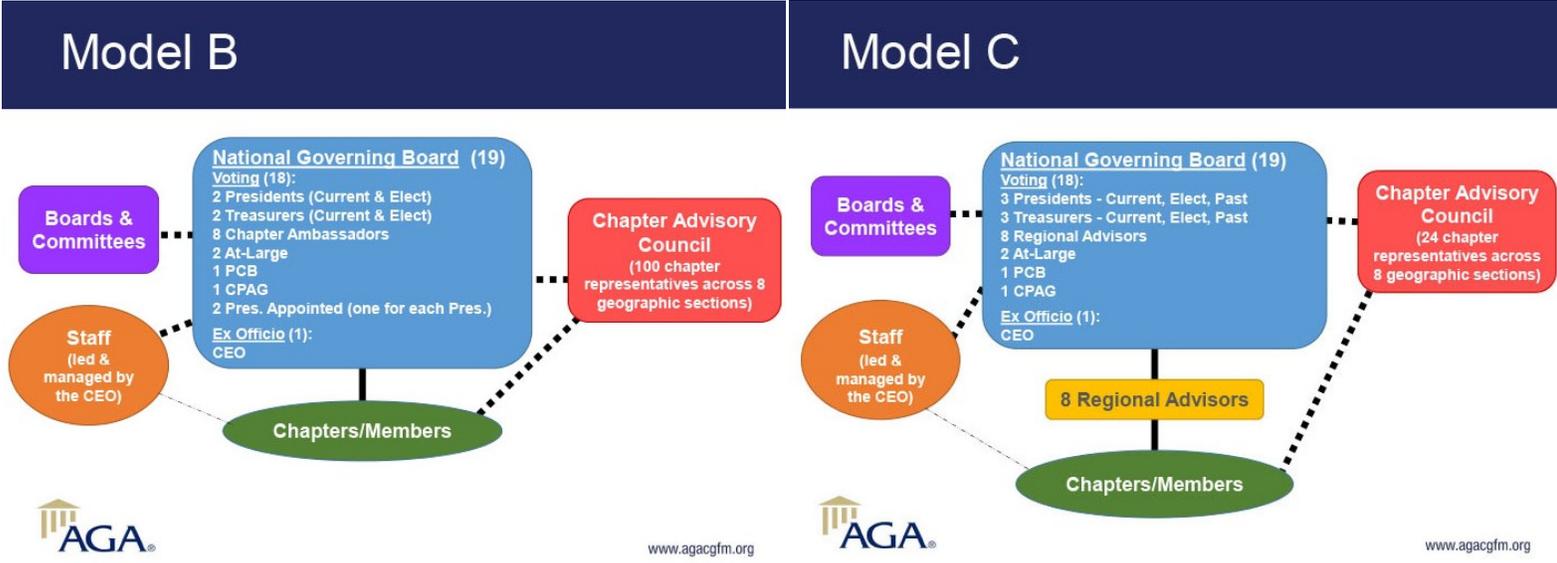
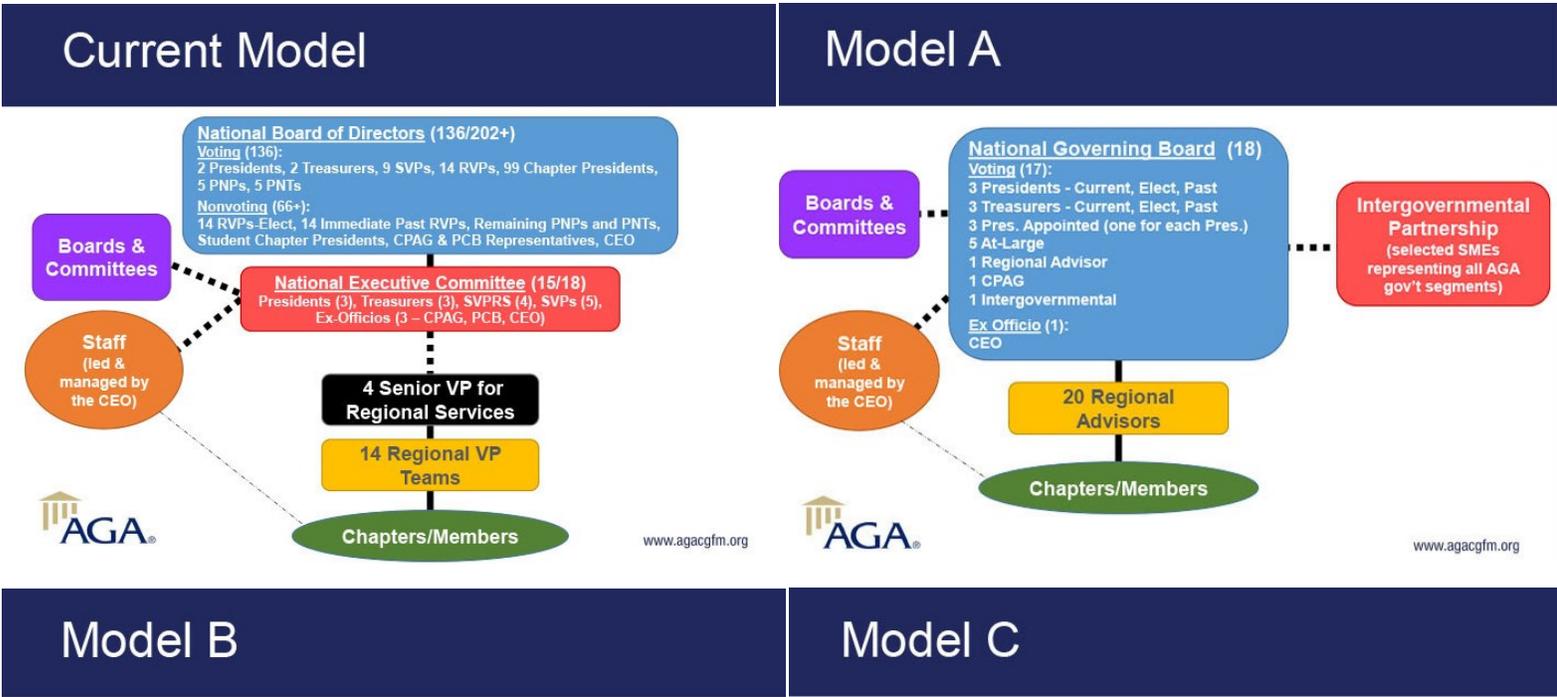
PDT Attendees



# AGA Governance

## 2016–2018 Governance Review

Changes are on the horizon for AGA! To enable continued growth and success for AGA Chapters and members the National Executive Committee (NEC) are reviewing changes to AGA operations. There are currently three proposed Models on the restructure to meet the needs of members and chapters. The current model below reflects the various leadership levels within AGA. The proposed models (A-C) and/or a combination of the models will reduce the number of leadership roles from National Board of Directors providing more member input on voting while shifting Senior VP for Regional Services and VP Teams to potential Advisors to improve communications between Chapters and National Leadership. Other benefits, upcoming meetings and details can be found on the AGA site at <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review.aspx>



Each potential model provides a Chart of Attributes found on: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review/What-could-a-new-governance-structure-look-like-fo.aspx>



Community Service Event

# Susan Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure



On October 21, 2017 AGA Charleston wore PINK and teamed up in the Race for the Cure. Check us out!

**Members from left to right:** Sarah Mollohan, Jamie Turner, Stacy Johnson, Rebecca Helms, Timmy Van Parys, Sheena Kennedy, Colleen Bridges, and Laurel Sutton. Thank you to all of the family and friends who also participated.



**Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) Christmas Party.** AGA Charleston helped bring Christmas spirit to kids in need, right here in Charleston at the Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 2. The CYDC is a temporary home to DSS-referred children and teens in foster care. These kids have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment, and have not been placed with a foster family, or are in transition from another program. Thanks to the event organizers and all volunteers from U.S Department of State, ASMC and AGA who helped give young, deserving neighbors a day of holiday spirit, laughter and fun!!



AGA Charleston member Kathy Robinson created these fun centerpieces to bring Christmas spirit to the party!



AGA Charleston provided prizes for a bottle flip game.



Each child received a gift from their wish list, thanks to the generosity from CGFS employees, AGA members and ASMC members. Great teamwork!



AGA Charleston set up an activity station for the kids to make SLIME!



## CGFM

Interested in earning your Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification? Contact the CGFM Director Peg Kendra at [KendraPM@state.gov](mailto:KendraPM@state.gov).



Join the many members who have obtained their CGFM. Take advantage of potential study group and classes!

Current AGA Charleston CGFMs	
Name	Employer
Beth Da Re, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Cathy Myzell, CGFM, CPA	Haynes, Inc.
Charles Maloney Jr., CGFM	Self-Employed
Emily Gable, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Eugenia Bell, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Georgia Middleton, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Kathryn Robinson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Lisa Willett, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Lynne Baronoff, CGFM-Retired, CPA	Retired
Michele Deneau, CGFM	Reliable Accounting
Olufunke Olusesi, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Paul McVicker, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Peg Kendra, CGFM	The MIL Corporation
Randy Stanley, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Robert Maki, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Robin Faass, CGFM	CGI Federal, Inc.
Shari Clark, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Sheena Kennedy, CGFM, CMA	The MIL Corporation
Stacy Johnson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Vicki Chupas, CGFM	Department of the Navy SPAWAR SSC Atlantic
Ward Logan, CGFM	The Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Wilbur Spearin, CGFM-Retired	Retired

### Certification in 10 easy steps!

- Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- Apply for the CGFM Program
- Submit Required Degree Documentation
- Receive an Eligibility Letter
- Prepare for the CGFM - *study - study - study!*
- Schedule the CGFM Exams
- Take the CGFM Exams
- Submit a work verification form (needed to complete designation)
- Receive your CGFM Aware letter
- Receive your CGFM Certificate and Maintain your Certification

For more information visit:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/CGFM-Process.aspx>

## Additional News

### FAREWELLS and WELCOMES



The chapter would like to extend a HUGE thank you and congratulations to our outgoing President, Sheena Kennedy. Sheena has accepted a position within another organization allowing her to spread her wings to the next phase in her successful and growing career. She has expanded the Chapter by completing obstacles and check marking tasks we as a Chapter wanted to accomplish over previous years. Her dedication, leadership, and drive to succeed has led the Chapter to a path for greater things. Not only is Sheena such a great example of what a leader is - she is just so darn likeable too. You'll be missed!



Lets congratulate Rebecca Helms as she transitions to her role from President - Elect to Incoming President. The Chapter is so excited to see your enthusiasm and continued leadership direct us towards our fullest potential. And yes, we really like you too!

#### REMINDER!

Verify your login credentials with the AGA National website. Log on to see all upcoming National Events and take advantage of your National member benefits.

## Chapter Executive Committee

#### Outgoing President

Sheena Kennedy, CMA, CGFM  
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#### Incoming President

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