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# AGA Charleston Newsletter

## President's Message

Happy Spring, AGA Charleston! As the 4th quarter of our program year begins, the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) is busy planning the final events of the year. The chapter's 10 Year Anniversary and Awards event is scheduled for May 16. I highly recommend submitting nominations to recognize the accomplishments of deserving colleagues within local, state, and federal government in the Charleston area.

Thank you to Rebecca Helms and Megan Jones for coordinating our first event in which the chapter partnered with other organizations. In February, we co-hosted a networking event with the Young AFCEANs and Women in Defense groups. This was a successful event and we look forward to planning other events like this to increase our networking opportunities. Also, thank you to Osby Mosely for serving as our speaker for our chapter meeting in February. Osby presented "Becoming a Person of Influence", which is based on principles outlined by NY Times bestselling author John C. Maxwell.

An upcoming opportunity for CPEs is the Southeast Regional Professional Development Training (PDT), hosted by the AGA Coastal Georgia Chapter, on April 6-7 at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Jekyll Island, GA. The theme is "Advancing Accountability" and the speaker lineup includes Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance at The Citadel.

Please don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Thanks to all who have attended our recent events, and I encourage everyone to stay connected and to stay involved with the chapter. I hope to see you soon.

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



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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5127400>

Connect with the AGA Charleston Chapter on LinkedIn! The page is designed to keep chapter members connected, and to provide a platform to share ideas and information.

**Chapter Website - Homepage is active and updated regularly!**

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC>

Visit our webpage for all educational and member information. This is the one stop connection for all things AGA Charleston.

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## Welcome New Members!

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

### February

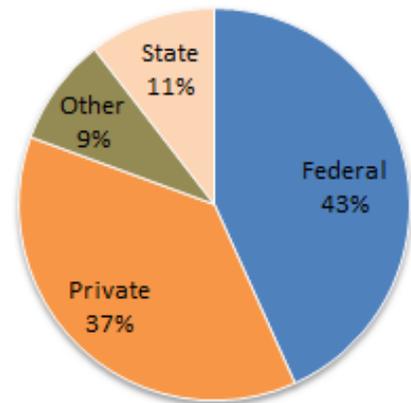
Tracy Buchman  
Robin Faass, CGFM

### March

Timmy Van Parys

### OUR MEMBERS

The AGA Charleston, SC chapter currently has 67 members. Our members hold titles such as Accountant, Consultant, Budget Analyst, Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Auditor and Controller. Our members are employed by government organizations throughout the Charleston area, including the U.S. Department of State, The Citadel, MIL Corporation, CGI Federal, Haynes Incorporated, STG, Army Corps of Engineers, and other academic or private organization.



## Membership Benefit Opportunities

### Upcoming Webinars:

- Ethics | April 12
- Maximizing Existing Funds | April 26
- DATA Act | May 17
- Developing Your Personal Brand as an Intentional Leader | June 8
- Fraud/Data Analytics | June 14
- Be a Noisebreaker, Not a Noisemaker | September 14



**Virtual Events** – AGA National offers virtual attendance for many of its national events. Virtual attendance allows those with limited travel budgets to participate and earn CPE.

### Upcoming Virtual Events

#### Professional Development Training

July 09–12 | 24 CPEs

#### Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

Sept. 19–20 | 14 CPEs

## Award Nominations

In preparation for the Awards Event in May please email nominations to Shana Gunter at GunterSG@state.gov by April 28th. Nominations should include:

- Nominee's Name
- Nominee's Employer
- Include highlights of relevant accomplishments of nominee to include impacts and results

### AWARD NOMINATIONS:

**Achievement of the Year Award (1 chapter member to be awarded)** - Recognize leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing and improving financial management in government service in the past year

**AGA Chapter Service Award (1 chapter member to be awarded)** - Eligible nominees will have made consistently important contributions to the development and enhancement of the AGA Charleston chapter, and distinguished or spectacular contributions to a chapter during the year of the nomination. These would be individuals who, for example developed innovative programs, promoting significantly increased attendance and participation, bringing substantive recognition and credit to chapter activities, or substantially improving communications with chapter members.

**Advancing Government Accountability Award (1 chapter member and 1 nonmember to be awarded)** - Formally recognize outstanding reporting by a government in the past year through the generation of a report, website, dashboard, or information display, etc. for the public and/or government officials. Reports/Communications/Information Displays/Websites/Presentations produced by state, local, or federal government units may be nominated to highlight great examples of transparency. decisions. Communications in which information is easily available to the widest possible audience, is quickly and easily understandable, is presented in a manner that facilitates understanding, and has been read, used, and or acted on will be recognized.

**Applicants will be notified of the Awards Committee decision by May 17th.**

## Treasurer's Report

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Treasurer's Report February 28, 2017		AGA Charleston SC Chapter Profit and Loss Statement YTD as of February 28, 2017									
		July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Total	
<b>Beginning Balance April 1:</b>											289
<i>Deposits:</i>	\$ 3,559										5,000
<i>Withdrawals:</i>	7,819										2,175
<i>Ending Balance February 28:</i>	2,298										-
<b>Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 9,080</b>										40
											<b>\$ 7,504</b>
											<b>1,737.9</b>
											<b>\$ 184</b>
											<b>\$ 86</b>
											<b>28</b>
											<b>-</b>
											<b>25</b>
											<b>262</b>
											<b>2,323</b>
											<b>\$ 5,181</b>



## Education



<u>AGA Member</u> Early Bird (by June 9)	<u>Online</u> \$775	<u>Email/Mail</u> \$800
<u>Non Member</u> Early Bird (by June 9)	<u>Online</u> \$975	<u>Email/Mail</u> \$1,000

### FEATURED SPEAKER EVENT

One of our Chapter's goals this year was to provide our members with more opportunities to earn CPE credits with featured guest speakers. On February 23rd our very own Osby Mosley gave a presentation on "Leadership" through his take on the book, *Becoming a Person of Influence* by John C. Maxwell. Members were able to earn one CPE for attending and lunch was provided by the chapter to kick the speaker season off right! A survey was later given to attendees to ensure we're providing quality speakers and relevant topics for AGA CGFM certifications. To view the results, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-MQN5QW6G> We also have a great line-up for the remainder of the year for speakers in our region and from our sister chapters. Great job Mr. Mosley!



## CGFM

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



Join the many members who have obtained their CGFM. Take advantage of potential study groups or offsite classes!

NAME	EMPLOYER
Beth Da Re, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Cathy Myzell, CGFM, CPA	Haynes, Inc.
Charles Maloney Jr., CGFM	Self-Employed
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Georgia Middleton, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Kathryn Robinson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
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Lynne Baronoff, CGFM-Retired, CPA	Retired
Michele Deneau, CGFM	Reliable Accounting
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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

Congratulations on your **CGFM** certification! Great job!

- Robin Faass
- Olufunke Olusesi



## Networking and Social Events

Upcoming event for May 2017!!! Mark your calendars.

You are cordially invited to attend  
**The AGA Charleston Chapter**  
**10 Year Anniversary Celebration**  
**& Awards Ceremony**  
 Tuesday, May 16 at 12pm  
 CGFS Auditorium, Federal Complex, North Charleston, SC  
 Food and refreshments will be served

Please join us for our Anniversary Celebration & Awards Ceremony. We will network, socialize and celebrate the 10th year of the Charleston Chapter. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to Megan Jones at [JonesMV@state.gov](mailto:JonesMV@state.gov) by May 11.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC>



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Want to learn more about the AGA Charleston Chapter?



Interested in the CGFM designation?



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

Chapter Executive Committee members will be available for Q&A.

Thursday, March 2 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the VTC Room

**Pizza!**

**PIZZA will be served!!!** Come join us for lunch and learn all about the AGA Charleston Chapter!  
 All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a gift card!

The Chapter held an Open House on March 2nd to answer questions and discuss future leadership opportunities to members and non members. There were 21 attendees who networked, enjoyed pizza, and received lots of information.

**Congratulations** Jeff Burdick winner of the \$15.00 gift card to Kickin' Chicken.

### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

February was a busy month for our Chapter as we joined forces with two other associations for networking. We met with the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) and Women In Defense associations for an evening of drinks and appetizers at the Crown Plaza in North Charleston. There were members from SPAWAR, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. State Department, and various government contracting vendors. Business development and ideas on technology and cyber security were the topics of the night! Stay tuned as we continue to network and seek strong partnerships with other National, State, and Local government organizations.



## Additional News

Check it Out!

***It is annual membership renewal time!***

Membership benefits? Endless....

Log onto our website, visit the National site, talk to a Committee Member or Director to learn more!



The Chapter is always looking for members to support our committees. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact any of the following executives or directors.

### Chapter Executive Committee

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