

July — September  
2018

# AGA Charleston Newsletter

## President's Message

I hope everyone had a great summer and stayed safe during Hurricane Florence.

This past quarter, Rebecca Helms, Social Media Director, and I attended AGA's National PDT conference in Orlando, July 22-25. There were great speakers on the agenda and many interesting topics, ranging from Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and Blockchain, to GAO Yellow Book and FASAB updates, to Next Generation Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems demonstrations. Mr. John Lynskey, the new National AGA President, was introduced and he outlined his goals for the upcoming year ([see the link for his letter to AGA members](#)). Also, I'm very excited to announce that our Charleston Chapter was recognized as a Platinum AGA Chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. Award levels are based on the number of credits earned during the year, Platinum being the highest designation. Thanks to all our members and sponsors for your continued support of the chapter.

Speaking of PDT, our Charleston Chapter PDT is scheduled for November 29, 2018 at Charleston Southern University at the Whitfield Center. We have scheduled some dynamic speakers to address topics such as information security, federal/state/local accounting standards updates, robotics, and much more. Please keep your eye out for further emails and social media posts with more details on the event and registration.

Has anyone checked out the AGA podcasts? I recently checked out the episode on Blockchain and Robotics (episode 7). Robotics is an emerging topic in our industry, and the podcast addressed how the Department of Treasury's Office of Financial Innovation and Transformation incorporates this technology into a variety of initiatives. There have been eight sessions posted so far but keep your eye out for new content in the coming weeks.

I'd like to congratulate Jeff Burdick on recently passing the CGFM exam. Way to go! Please continue reading within this quarter's newsletter to hear more about his journey.

I also want to thank and welcome three new CEC members who have accepted positions:

- Olufunke Olusesi, Newsletter Co-Director
- Tameka Watts, Newsletter Co-Director
- Robert Parsons, Accountability Director

Finally, our team had a meeting to set upcoming goals and our strategic plan for the new AGA year which began July 1. Please be on the lookout for upcoming social events, young professional outreach programs, and developing networking opportunities. I look forward to seeing everyone at PDT!

**Bryan Nelms, CPA, CISA**  
Charleston Chapter President



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## New Members



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

### July

Jeffrey C. Mounts

### August

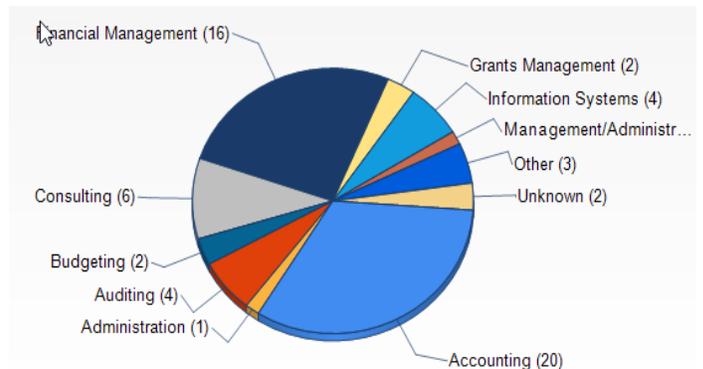
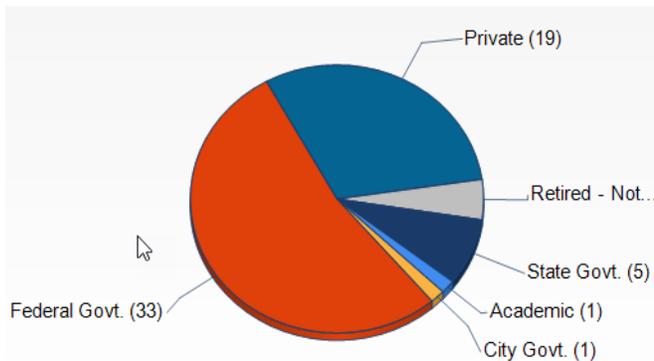
Neela S. Nair

### September

Omar Garcia

### OUR MEMBERS

The AGA Charleston, SC chapter currently has 62 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:

**Oct 10 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET**  
Internal Control | 2 CPEs

**Nov 28 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET**  
Ethics | 2 CPEs

**Dec 5 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET**  
Internal Control | 2 CPEs

**Dec 20 | 1–2:00 p.m. ET**  
Social Media | 1 CPE



## CGFM Spotlight



Thank you Jeff Burdick for letting the AGA Charleston Chapter Members get to you know you!

**Q) Where do you work and what is your role?**

**[JMB]** I am an Accountant for the MIL Corporation and I work on the Property Accounting team, which is part of the Global Financial Operations area of the Department of State (DoS). We are tasked with ensuring that all capitalized personal property is accurately reported for the DoS.

**Q) Why was achieving the CGFM important to you?**

**[JMB]** For one, it was a personal sense of accomplishment. That I have the self-discipline to complete the rigorous requirements for the certification. Second, it was important to achieve in order to further solidify my role as a trusted Subject Matter Expert here at DoS.

**Q) What are some of your hobbies and interests?**

**[JMB]** I'm a home brewer. Although my time away from work is limited, I try to brew my own beer a few times a year. I also enjoy all kinds of sports, both watching and playing. And I've recently started to get into woodworking.

**Q) What advice do you have for other Government Finance employees and contractors?**

**[JMB]** Keep your ears open and keep learning every day. There are so many different systems and processes here that you are able to learn something new every day. It might not be something that you need to know today, but it could help you at later time or if you move to a different position.

## Professional Development—Upcoming PDT 2018



# PDT2018

## 2018 Professional Development Training

Thursday, November 29, 2018 @ Charleston Southern University

#agachspdt2018

### Three reasons you should attend:

1. Earn up to 8 CPEs!
2. Exceptional value; high quality and low cost CPE
3. Network and connect with fellow professionals

SAVE THE DATE!



Charleston Southern University

### FEES

#### Registration Fees

Attendee Type	Registration Fee
AGA Member	\$90
Non AGA Member	\$140
Student/Retiree Rate*	\$25
Group (5+) Rate**	\$90

\*Student rate is applicable to full-time students who are not employed.

\*\*Group rate applies to attendees from the same employer or the same professional organization where 5 or more employees/members attend.

## Chapter Financials

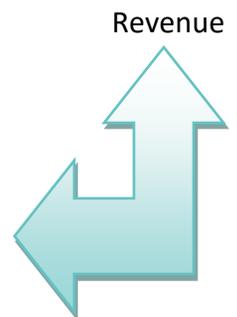
AGA Charleston SC Chapter Profit and Loss Statement YTD as of June 30, 2018			
	July	August	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership Dues	180		180
Corporate Sponsors			-
PDT Registration			-
Non Member Events			-
Miscellaneous (t shirt sales)			-
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>180</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
PDT Expenses			-
Community Services			-
Speaker Events			-
Post Office Box			-
Supplies	30		30
IT Fees and Maintenance			-
Social Media			-
Member Events			-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>

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

<u>Date posted</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
7/27/2018	\$ 180.00	Membership Dues
Deposited total	\$ 180.00	

Date posted	Amount	Check number	Description
7/12/2018	\$ 30.01	1105	C. Bridges - Checks
Transaction balance	\$ 30.01		

Expenses



# AGA Charleston

## 2018 AGA Professional Development Training (PDT)



Bryan Nelms and Rebecca Helm hanging out with astronaut, Ken Ham.



Chapter Recognition Award: Platinum Chapter  
AGA Charleston Chapter  
July 2018



## 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 group and classes!

Current AGA Charleston CGFMs	
Name	Employer
Beth Da Re, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Brett Green, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
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
John Buchholz, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Kathryn Robinson, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Kevin Pickering, 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
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Peg Kendra, CGFM	The MIL Corporation
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Robin Faass, CGFM	CGI Federal, Inc.
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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

Interested in hearing what others want to know about obtaining the CGFM Designation? Visit the AGA site for CGFM frequently asked questions @

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

## Additional News

Each month your Charleston AGA Chapter Executive Committee meets to share updates on events, best practices, and plan for future events. If you have any questions or would like to see the meeting minutes, please click here.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Our-Chapter/Meeting-Minutes.aspx>





Want to learn more about the AGA Charleston Chapter?



Interested in the CGFM designation?



Charleston CHAPTER



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

**Please stop in for**

**AGA Charleston Chapter**

**Fall Membership Recruitment Drive**

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

**Friday, October 5th**

**12:00pm to 1:00pm**

**Auditorium Building F**

Light lunch will be served!! Come join us and learn about the AGA Charleston Chapter!

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for door prizes!



## Chapter Executive Committee

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IFAS is an accounting and management consulting firm with experience providing Global Financial Services Support, Budget and Resource Management, A-123, IT Support Services and Business Process Improvement services to our federal clients.

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