

July—September
2016

AGA Charleston Newsletter

President's Message

As President for the AGA Charleston chapter, my objective is to provide value to our current and prospective chapter members, employers, and the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). As members of this chapter, we are all seeking similar benefits from AGA. I plan to work with the CEC to facilitate program activities to maximize those benefits. The amount of benefits you will gain from AGA is absolutely dependent on the amount of effort you contribute. I encourage you to reach out to one of our Committee Directors and become active within the chapter so that you can reap the maximum benefits from AGA.

The CEC is planning the chapter's first annual Professional Development Training (PDT) on 11/17/16, which will provide at least 6 CPEs and valuable networking opportunities. We also plan to expand our membership to appeal to a greater audience and organize valuable and enjoyable chapter events. We plan to expand our CGFM program, organize impactful Community Service initiatives and enhance our budget and financial reporting. We also plan to recognize and publicize excellence in government financial management via awards and accountability programs. I look forward to working with the CEC, Past Presidents and all chapter members to accomplish these goals and to continue the evolution of AGA Charleston!

Our Immediate Past President, Sarah Mollohan, led the chapter to accomplish a great deal during the 2015-2016 program year. Former chapter Presidents Beth Da Re and Stacy Johnson were also instrumental during our 2015-2016 program year, and we appreciate your continued support and guidance.



Sheena Kennedy, CMA, CGFM
Chapter President

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Join us on LinkedIn!

<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 - Check Regularly for Latest Chapter Updates!

<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.





Welcome New Members!

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

Melanie Parris, CPA

Rebecca Helms

CGFS Center Audio Conferences

Upcoming Audio Conferences:

- 10/12/16 – Cyber/Big Data
- 11/16/16 – Fraud Toolkit Case Studies

Recent Audio Conferences:

- 9/14/16 – Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls



Membership Benefit Opportunities

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.

Benefits:

- No travel required — Watch key educational sessions in the comfort and convenience of your home or office.
- Participate despite busy schedule or budget restraints — virtual attendance offers a full-scale online educational experience.
- Earn CPEs — General sessions and selected popular breakout sessions are available via live-stream.
- On-demand recordings — Virtual attendees have access to on-demand session recordings for up to one year after the event at no additional cost. No need to alter your schedule to view a particular session... access the recording at your leisure!
- Truly participate — Virtual attendees can post questions during each session and participate in discussions in real-time via chat rooms

Upcoming 2017 Virtual Events

Financial Systems Summit

Jan. 19 | 6 CPEs

Professional Development Training

July 17–20 | 24 CPEs

National Leadership Training

Feb. 23–24 | 14 CPEs

Internal Controls & Fraud Prevention Training

Sept. 20-21 | 14 CPEs

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Virtual-Events.aspx>



Education

First Annual Charleston AGA PDT

The AGA Charleston chapter is hosting its first annual Professional Development Training (PDT) on November 17, 2016 at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

The event will offer:

- Notable speakers
- Six hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE)
- Opportunities for valuable networking

The PDT will offer attendees educational sessions that are directly applicable to government financial operations. Attendees who have earned certifications such as CPA, CGFM, PMP, and CMA will benefit from the CPE credits provided at the PDT.

Stay tuned for additional updates on the PDT. If you have questions, please contact the Education Director, Stacy Johnson, at JohnsonSL3@state.gov.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Training-Events.aspx>

AGA Charleston PDT

First Annual AGA Charleston, SC Professional Development Training (PDT)

11.17.16

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CharlestonSC/Training-Events>




Speakers during Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings which will take place each month with the exception of November 2016 and March 2017. The chapter is striving to include speakers at most chapter meetings. Speakers will be announced prior to the scheduled meetings. Be sure to attend! Meetings featuring speakers will provide Continued Professional Education (CPE), a chance to network, and provide growth in the topic of discussion.

Speakers Needed! If you would like to be a speaker at a chapter meeting or have a recommended speaker, please contact the Education Director, Stacy Johnson, at JohnsonSL3@state.gov.

Community Services

In July, AGA Charleston chapter members purchased Charleston-themed items and created a basket for the annual AGA National PDT Silent Auction in Anaheim, CA. Proceeds benefit AGA National community service initiatives and charities. Thank you to those who contributed to the basket and presenting it on behalf of the AGA Charleston Chapter!



The AGA Charleston chapter will be participating in the Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 15, which benefits the Susan G Komen Foundation. Please sign up to walk with us, if you haven't already! If you are unable to make it on race day, you can still donate by signing up for the Sleep In For the Cure.

[Join AGA Charleston Team or Donate.](#)

GET YOUR PINK ON!

The event will be held at Family Circle Stadium, 161 Seven Farms Dr., Daniel Island, SC.

Registration prices are below and are good until 9/30/15. Late registration is 10/1/15 – 10/13/15 (online) or at the stadium on Thursday 10/15 from 5:00 – 9:00pm.

- Regular registration - \$35
- Kids for the Cure - \$15
- Children 5 and under - free (request that you register and sign a waiver)
- Sleep-in for the Cure (virtual participant) \$35 - you cannot attend but would like a shirt sent to you.



Treasurer's Report

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Treasurer's Report August 31, 2016	
<i>Beginning Balance July 1:</i>	\$ 3,899
<i>Deposits:</i>	113
<i>Withdrawals:</i>	-
<i>Ending Balance August 31:</i>	<u>\$ 4,012</u>
Account Balance	<u>\$ 4,012</u>

AGA Charleston SC Chapter Profit and Loss Statement YTD as of August 31, 2016						
	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Revenue						
Membership Dues	340			113	-	\$ 453
Corporate Sponsors					-	-
Non Member Events					-	-
Total Revenue	340	-	-	113	-	\$ 453
Expenses						
Community Services	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Supplies	-					-
IT Fees and Maintenance	-					-
Total Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Net Income	340	-	-	113	-	\$ 453

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!

AGA MEMBER NAME	EMPLOYER
Beth Da Re, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Cathy Myzell, CGFM, CPA	Haynes, Inc.
Emily Gable, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Eugenia Bell, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
Ward Logan, CGFM	The Citadel Military College of South Carolina
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
Peg Kendra, CGFM	The MIL Corporation
Robert Maki, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Michele Deneau, CGFM	Reliable Accounting
Paul McVicker, CGFM	U.S. Dept. of State
Randy Stanley, CGFM, CPA	U.S. Dept. of State
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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
Wilbur Spearin, CGFM-Retired	Retired



National Professional Development Training (PDT)

Enjoy the great photos taken during the AGA Professional Development Training (PDT) 2016, Anaheim, CA.

AGA Charleston attendees: Georgia Middleton, Ward Logan, Funke Olusesi and Sheena Kennedy
Next year: **BOSTON**



Sheena Kennedy accepting Chapter Recognition award on behalf of Sarah Mollohan and the Charleston chapter!



Sheena Kennedy and MIL Corp. colleagues



Chapter members:
Ward Logan, Georgia Middleton
Sheena Kennedy and Funke Olusesi



New CGFMs recognized on CGFM Day! Congrats to Ward Logan, CGFM!



Additional News

AGA Charleston

Check it Out!

Remember to login to our Chapter website and visit:

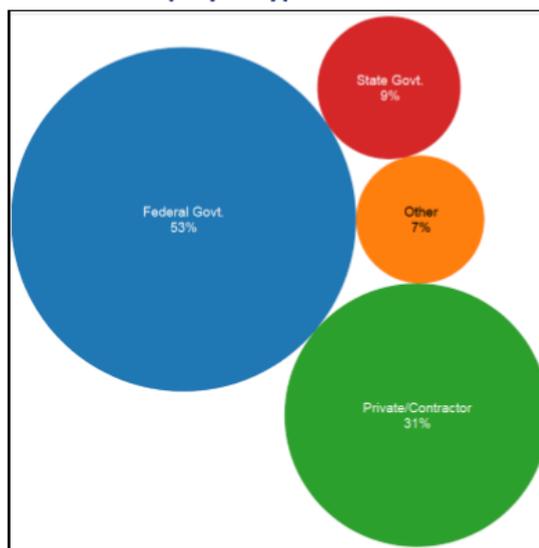
1. *My AGA > Profile* to check your email address and other contact information.
2. *Subscriptions* to sign up for the online or mailed Journal publication.
3. *Our Chapter* to learn of recent meetings, news, and accountability reports
4. *CGFM Certification*

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

Did you know?

A portion of our membership has expanded beyond the federal and private sector? State and other sectors make up 16% of our membership! Any ideas how to reach out to other sectors or expand our membership? Contact Ward Logan at loganf@citadel.edu.

Member Employer Types



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.

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