

THE AGA COMMUNIQUE

2025–2026 PROGRAM YEAR
FALL



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A Message from the President

Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

After proudly serving as Education Director of the AGA Montgomery/Prince George's Chapter (AGA MPGC) for more than a decade, I am deeply honored to step into the role of Chapter President for the 2025–2026 program year. I extend my sincere appreciation to Immediate Past President, **Toyin Ojumu**, for her steadfast leadership during a year of significant transition in government financial management.

A Vision for Our Chapter

I begin this journey with gratitude, humility, and determination—guided by this year's theme: **"Connecting Communities, Expanding Impact."**

This theme reflects our shared commitment to collaboration, innovation, and accountability. Together, we will strengthen bridges across sectors, generations, and agencies, broadening both our professional impact and the reach of our mission.

Our Priorities for 2025–2026

In the year ahead, we will:

- **Expand Membership:** Engage students, early-career professionals, nonprofit leaders, and government employees across federal, state, and local levels. Deepen Partnerships: Strengthen collaboration with peer organizations including the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Institute of Management Accountants, NABA Inc., The Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.
- **Enhance Programming:** Deliver customized learning and networking opportunities that reflect the diverse needs of our members and stakeholders.
- **Elevate Governance & Strategy:** Advance board governance, alignment, and collaboration for sustainable chapter growth.



Ms. Carol-Ann Boothe, President
AGA MPGC Chapter



Connect with us!



President's Message

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Celebrating Leadership & Service

It is my privilege to introduce the 2025–2026 Chapter Board and announce the formation of our **Executive Mentoring & Technical Council**—a distinguished group of past presidents who bring decades of wisdom and experience to guide our chapter forward. I also extend special gratitude to our generous sponsors for their continued support.

Events & Opportunities Ahead

We have an outstanding calendar of professional development, networking, and community service activities. This robust program offers opportunities to **learn, lead, and connect**—while celebrating the strength of our professional community.

Join Us in Making an Impact

Our success depends on the dedication of our members, volunteers, and partners — you are the heart of this chapter. If you are passionate about advancing government accountability and leadership, I invite you to:

- ✓ Serve on the 2025–2026 AGA MPGC Board
- ✓ Become a chapter sponsor
- ✓ Partner with us to share knowledge, mentor others, or collaborate on impactful initiatives

Together, let us lead with purpose, build with integrity, and make an enduring impact.

With gratitude and commitment,

Carol-Ann Boothe

President, AGA Montgomery/Prince George's Chapter



2025-26 AGA MPGC Chapter Leadership



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President - Elect,
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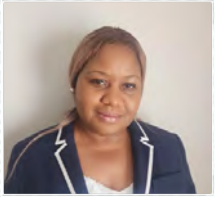
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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.

Mission Statement

AGA fosters learning , certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

2025–26 AGA MPGC Executive Mentoring & Technical Advisory Council (EMTAC)



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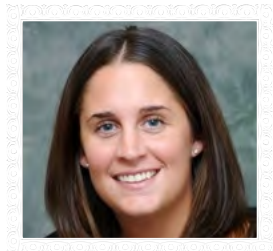
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If you are interested in becoming a 2025–2026 sponsor, please reach out to our Sponsorship Committee.

Member News

CGFM PREP

Are you interested in or currently preparing to take the CGFM exam? Now is a great time to prepare for the CGFM!

This year's CGFM program will feature **quarterly webinars**—one for each section of the CGFM exam—followed by a **comprehensive summary session**.

Monthly Webinars (Online, Mondays at 6 p.m.):

October 20

November 19

December 8

January 26

February 23

Summary Session (In Person):

March 20 | 2–4 p.m. | GWU, Room 601c

Join us online for the section-focused webinars and then connect in person at GWU for the capstone session.



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

For more information on becoming a CGFM, [click here](#).

For information on maintaining your CGFM, [click here](#).

Cheers to Our Incredible New Members! 🥂

Let's raise our glasses and celebrate the amazing new members joining us! Welcome aboard! 🎉

Hema Augustine

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Yanisa Queen

Clifton-Dayvonne Roy

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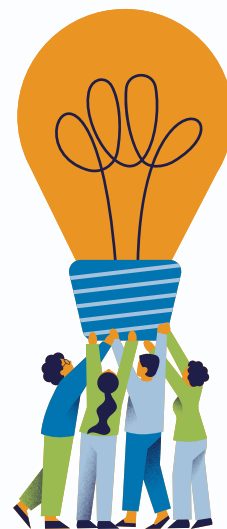
Rosalina B. Wackford

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Whether you've been part of the community for a decade or just a few years, we're grateful for your continued support. Your commitment makes us stronger. Here's to many more years together!

We are looking forward to the great things we will accomplish together!



Student Spotlight:

Building the Next Generation

The AGA MPGC Student Committee is proud to welcome our newest student members!

- **Alpha Odimegwu** (*Student Representative MPGC Board*)
- **Kito Adeniji-Adele**
- **Tsion Tariku**
- **Athilah Abadir**
- **Uche Onwubalili**
- **Kerry Techwei**
- **Donovan Wayman**
- **Hamdan Khan**
- **Kelli Collins**

We are excited to support their growth and provide opportunities for networking, mentorship, and leadership development.

Event Highlight: NABA-QUE at UMD

On September 12, 2025, AGA MPGC partnered with the NABA Metro DC Chapter to connect with students at the **NABA-QUE event**, hosted by the NABA UMD Student Chapter. This dynamic gathering brought together bright future leaders in accounting, finance, and business for an evening of engagement, community-building, and mentorship.

It was an inspiring event where our chapter shared resources, opportunities, and encouragement with students. Thank you to NABA DC for the collaboration and to our members who represented AGA MPGC at the event.

Students Shine at Joint Networking Event

On September 18, 2025, AGA MPG joined IMA and MACPA for a student networking event at Ledo's Pizza in College Park.

Kathleen Sobieralski, who serves on both the AGA MPG and IMA boards, Alpha Odimegwu, AGA MPG Board Student Representative and I attended.

The event gave students the chance to network with professionals, connect with peers, and be recognized by leaders from all three organizations.

Upcoming Student Outreach

We look forward to continuing our outreach and building meaningful connections with students in our community. Join us at these upcoming events:

Montgomery College Club Rush (See flier)

 **Thursday, September 25, 2025**

 **12:00 – 2:00 PM**

 **Rockville Campus:**

**The QUAD(Green Space),
Small Gym, PE 137A (If rain)**

All members are welcome to join us at these events to meet students, share AGA's mission, Together, let's continue to support and celebrate students as they grow into future leaders of government financial management.

We're looking forward to the great things we'll accomplish together!



REUB



SEPTEMBER 25

12PM-2PM

SMALL GYM, PE 137A

ENGAGE WITH THE STUDENT CLUBS
AND ORGANIZATIONS!
EXPLORE CAMPUS RESOURCES
CELEBRATE CAMPUS SPIRIT!



Student Life
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CONTACT
VAL.MELGOSA@MONTGOMERYCOLLEGE.EDU OR CALL 240.567.5092

Meet Carol-Ann: Beyond the Role



Carol-Ann Boothe

President, AGA MPGC
2025-2026 Program Year

What's a fun fact about you that most people don't know?

I love to travel, but even more, I find it fun to organize group trips. Friends and colleagues often call me their travel advisor because I help plan flights, hotels, and itineraries — even when I'm not traveling.

Much like leadership, it's about creating a shared journey, aligning details, and ensuring everyone enjoys the experience.

Do you have a favorite TV show, movie, or series you can rewatch endlessly?

I can rewatch Lifetime movies endlessly; they're all about hard work, love, and success.

What was your very first job, and what did it teach you?

Nanny for my niece — I quickly learned that communication goes way beyond words.

Do you have a favorite leadership book, podcast, or quote that inspires you?

**"Developing the Leader Within You" by
John C. Maxwell.**

*"Leadership is defined not by position,
but by the ability to influence others
through purpose and service."*



Advancing Knowledge Through Education

Continuing education is at the heart of AGA MPGC's mission. Our Education Committee is committed to providing high-quality learning opportunities that strengthen professional skills, expand knowledge, and foster meaningful connections across our community.

We are excited to share the lineup of CPE sessions and workshops planned for the rest of the program year. Mark your calendars and join us!

Spotlight: GAO Update Luncheon

CPE Session & Luncheon: GAO Standards in Action — Fraud Risks and Audit Excellence

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

GAO Headquarters, Washington, DC

This session will provide timely insights into the GAO Yellow Book standards, fraud risk management, and audit excellence in practice.

Register [HERE](#)

Spotlight: Annual Ethics Workshop & Networking Reception

In partnership with NOVA, IIA DC, and ACCA

Thursday, December 11, 2025

12:00 – 5:00 PM

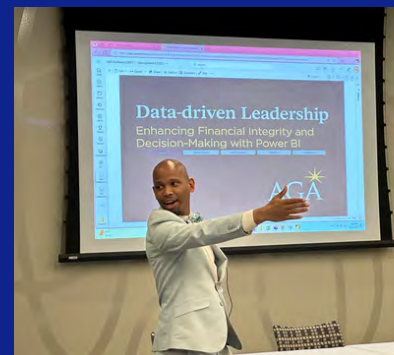
KPMG Washington, DC Office

Join us for an engaging afternoon focused on ethics in government financial management, followed by a networking reception to strengthen connections across the profession. Registration will open shortly!

Save the Dates: 2026 CPE Sessions

- **January – Public Sector Leadership Forum: Federal, State & Local Government**
- **February – Enterprise Risk Summit: Resilience Across Sectors**
- **April – Annual Government Financial Management Spring Workshop**
- **May – Lessons in Leadership: Insights from AGA Past Presidents & Sponsors + Community Service**

Don't miss these opportunities to engage, learn, and grow with your peers in the profession. Together, we advance excellence in government financial management!



Upcoming AGA National Events

In addition to our local programs, AGA National offers a variety of CPE sessions, conferences, and training opportunities throughout the year. These sessions provide access to national experts, innovative best practices, and networking with peers across the country.

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training, 14 CPES! (Washington DC)

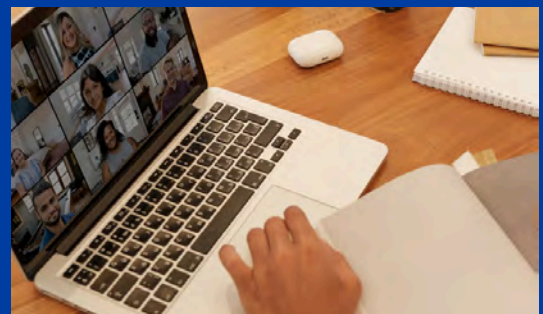
September 24–25, 2025. Strengthen your skills in internal control and fraud prevention with AGA's two-day training in Washington, DC. Learn from experts, gain practical tools, and connect with peers .

Register [HERE](#)



AGA National Webinar Training Schedule

- **Oct 8th, 2025, 2:00–3:15 PM ET**– Adaptative Mindset for Resilience (FREE for Members)
Register [HERE](#) (1.5 CPES)
- **Oct 9th, 2025, 11:00–3:00PM ET**– Budget Justification
Register [HERE](#) (4 CPES)
- **Oct 21st, 2025, 7:00–8:15PM ET**– The Resilient Financial Management Professional (FREE for Members)
Register [HERE](#) (1.5 CPES)
- **Oct 22nd, 2025, 2:00–3:50PM ET**– Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting
Register [HERE](#) (2 CPES)
- **Nov 7th, 2025, 11:00–3:00PM ET**– Congressional Budget Process
Register [HERE](#) (4 CPES)
- **Nov 19th, 2025, 2:00–3:50PM ET**– Professional Ethics Challenging Current Governments
Register [HERE](#) (2 CPES)
- **Dec 10th, 2025, 2:00–3:50PM ET**– Internal Controls
Register [HERE](#) (2 CPES)



Stay tuned for upcoming highlights from AGA National's CPE calendar — a perfect way to complement your chapter learning and stay ahead in the profession!

Serving Our Community

As part of our commitment to giving back, AGA MPGC is proud to support meaningful initiatives that make a positive difference in our community. We invite you to join us at these upcoming opportunities to serve and inspire.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night.

Help bring light to the darkness of cancer by joining the annual walkathon !

🕒 **Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

📍 Rockville Town Center, Rockville, MD 20850

How to help:

- Register as a team member and invite friends, family, and coworkers.
- Can't attend? Donate—and don't forget to request an employer match if available.

Register [HERE](#)

Let's build a big team and make a big impact!



Volunteer at JA Finance Park

Empower local middle-school students to become financially capable through a hands-on budgeting simulation. Volunteers guide small groups as they manage real-world expenses—housing, transportation, groceries, childcare, insurance, and more.

Register [HERE](#) (Please enter "AGA MPGC" in your user profile for tracking.)

Open to: Members, friends, and colleagues

Upcoming Dates:

- **Oct 30, 2025** — Montgomery County (8:30 AM–1:45 PM)
Location: 12501 Dalewood Dr, Silver Spring, MD
- **Nov 20, 2025** — Prince George's County (9:15 AM–2:45 PM)
Location: 960 Nalley Rd, Landover, MD
- **Dec 17, 2025** — Prince George's County (9:15 AM–2:45 PM)
Location: 960 Nalley Rd, Landover, MD
- **Mar 26, 2026** — Prince George's County (9:15 AM–2:45 PM)
Location: 960 Nalley Rd, Landover, MD
- **Apr 30, 2026** — Montgomery County (8:30 AM–1:45 PM)
Location: 12501 Dalewood Dr, Silver Spring, MD



Questions: Email Freda Jackson at freda.jackson@sikich.com



MULTI CHAPTER PICNIC

Gather and celebrate the upcoming program year with the other AGA Chapters in the DMV. AGA members and their family are invited for a delightful day filled with delicious food and great company.

American Style BBQ will be provided.



**Saturday,
Sept. 27**



11 AM - 2 PM



**Jeanie Dean
Park**

**REGISTER
TO ATTEND**



Jennie Dean Park

3630 27th St S, Arlington, Virginia 22206



AGA MPGC Calendar of Events

OCTOBER



- Future Leaders in Public Service & Finance – Student/Early Career Focus
- Light the Night Walkathon
- JA Finance Park Community Service
- CGFM Webinar

NOVEMBER

- Audit Integrity in Focus: GAO Yellow Book & Fraud Essentials
- JA Finance Park Community Service
- CGFM Webinar



DECEMBER



- Ethics Workshop & Networking Reception
- JA Finance Park Community Service
- CGFM Webinar

JANUARY

- Public Sector Leadership Forum: Federal, State & Local Government
- CGFM Webinar



FEBRUARY

- Enterprise Risk Summit: Resilience Across Sectors
- CGFM Webinar



MARCH

- Crab Feast & Networking Reception
- JA Finance Park Community Service
- CGFM Summary Session (in-person)



APRIL

- Annual Government Financial Management Spring Workshop
- JA Finance Park Community Service



MAY

- Lessons in Leadership: Insights from AGA Past Presidents & Sponsors



JUNE

- Annual Awards Ceremony Dinner Cruise



Past Event Highlights

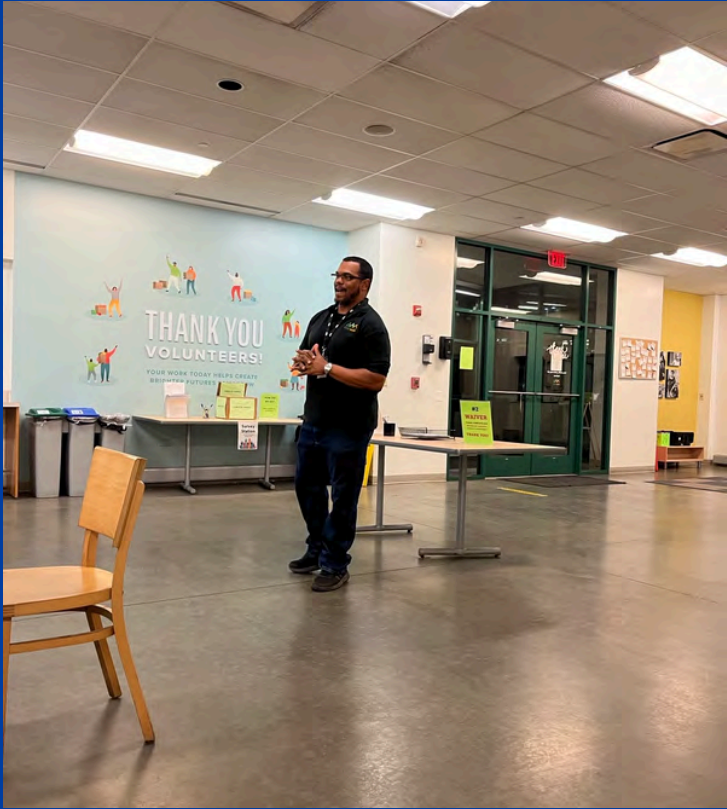
As we celebrate 75 years of AGA, we're excited to share photos from impactful and memorable events throughout our history. Thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey and helped make these moments so meaningful.

Stay tuned for more updates, and we look forward to celebrating future milestones with you!



Annual Awards Gala, June 2025

Past Event Highlights



Junior Achievement Finance Park, Volunteers hard at work!

Past Event Highlights



Student Networking Event at Ledo's Pizza, September 2025



NABA-QUE, University of Maryland, September 2025

Past Event Highlights



AGA Spring Workshop, April 2025

Past Event Highlights



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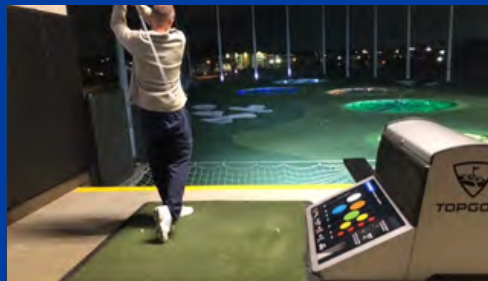


AGA Spring Workshop, April 2025

Past Event Highlights



AGA Lead With Reps, April 2025



Networking event, Top Golf, November 2025

Past Event Highlights



Networking event, Beat the Bomb, March 2025

Past Event Highlights



AGA MPGC luncheon, IMF, January 2025

Past Event Highlights



AGA PDT, 2024



Leukemia & Lymphoma Light the Night, October 2024

Past Event Highlights



AGA-MPGC 50th Anniversary Dinner Cruise, 2018

MUST-DO FALL ACTIVITIES

Highlighting community, culture, and outdoor splendor, we're sharing must-do fall activities across Montgomery and Prince George's County, MD. Whether it's pumpkin patches or film festivals, there's something below for the entire AGA MPGC community.

Oktoberfest Events

Silver Branch Brewery, Rockville:
September 13, 2025

Silver Branch, Silver Spring:
September 20, 2025

**Parks Ale Trail at Lake
Needwood**, Rockville:
September 20, 2025

Town Center Gaithersburg:
September 27, 2025

Zinnia's, Silver Spring:
September 27, 2025

Kentlands Village Green,
Gaithersburg: October 12, 2025

PIKEtoberfest (Pike & Rose, North
Bethesda): October 5, 2025

Farms Festivals

Butler's Orchard Pumpkin Festival
September 20 - November 2, 2025

Old Maryland Farm Fall Festival
September 27, 2025

Montpelier Farms Festival
September 13 - November 2, 2025

Miller Farms Fall Harvest Festival
September 1 - mid November 2025

Other Fun Events

Riverdale Park Farmers Market
Thursdays, 3-7PM

Prince George's Film Festival
September 25 - 27, 2025

Fall Hikes & Trails

Sugarloaf Mountain: Perfect for elevated views or a drive-up photo op.

Lake Needwood Trails and Great Falls: Known for picturesque paths and waterfalls.

Patuxent Research Refuge: A natural landscape with rich biodiversity.

Lake Artemesia: Walk or bike the Paint Branch Trail to colorful aquatic gardens.



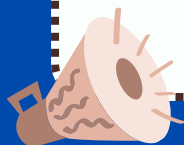
AGA COMMUNIQUE NEWS

**ATTENTION
MEMBERS!**

WRITE FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

DO YOU...

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN WRITING? DO YOU HAVE INSIGHTS TO SHARE ON GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND RELATED TOPICS? IF THE ANSWER IS YES TO EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS, CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE AGA MPGC CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.



UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

WINTER - DECEMBER 2025
SPRING- MARCH 2026
SUMMER - JUNE 2026

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