

# The Roanoke Ledger

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## Roanoke Chapter

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## President's Message



Happy Fall!

Our August professional development event was another great success. This was only possible due to the significant efforts of chapter members and guest speakers who volunteered their time and efforts for the benefit of participants. Thanks to all, your efforts are appreciated. Copies of speaker presentations should be available on the chapter website soon.

As we prepare these training events, we quickly realize as the date rapidly approaches that there never seems to be enough time to get it all done. That said, at our last chapter meeting, we turned our attention to the spring event in hopes of getting a jump on things. The content of these events is always determined by you, our members. A primary source of member input is the evaluation forms from the prior event. This most recent event yielded some great suggestions for the spring conference agenda, including; a GASB update on pension reporting, impact of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), understanding, avoiding, and/or resolving workplace conflict, and grant accounting and reporting. These subjects are tentative, but provide a good direction for the spring workshop. There is certainly ample opportunity for additional subject matter, so if members wish to see a particular subject or guest speaker it's not too late. Please forward any recommendations you might have, and remember, we value your input.

The next event is tentatively scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March, roughly the time of spring break for local universities, so please mark your calendars. It will once again be held at the Roanoke Higher Education Center, and Twizzlers will be provided (another comment from the evaluation forms, and one chapter members did not think was unreasonable). We have discussed having break-out sessions at this event where participants will choose from different presentation options throughout the day. More to come on that.

Finally, as fall gives way to winter, chapter members will once again give back to the community. There are many in need in this economy, but resources are limited. If there is a cause which you have chosen to champion, bring it to the next meeting and make your case. Chances are good it might be your cause that reaps the benefit of the Roanoke chapter's generosity.

See you at the next meeting,



Lal

# Roanoke Chapter News

## Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month. Meeting locations will be announced a few days prior to each meeting. As member participation increases, the meeting locations and dates will be rotated in an effort to give all members a chance to attend and become involved in the Chapter.

The Roanoke Chapter will hold its next meeting October 17, 2012 at 6:00pm, at Sakura in Christiansburg, VA. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome.

If you need more information, please contact Lal Harter at [lharter@pcva.us](mailto:lharter@pcva.us).

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Welcome to the Roanoke Chapter's newest members!**

**Zach Ames, RFC**

**Kristin LaBella, RFC**

**Denise Hudson, NRVCS**

## Other AGA Information

### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at [www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic](http://www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic) for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

### NATIONAL NEWS

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

### CPE OPPORTUNITIES

NLC, Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders, February 12 and 13, 2013, Washington, DC (Mark your calendars NOW!)

Information regarding these conferences may be obtained at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

### MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online. Just go to [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2012-2013 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

To join the AGA, obtain an application on the above website.



### CGFM INFORMATION

All members are encouraged to become CGFM's. Information about how you can become a CGFM is on the AGA's website.

The Roanoke Chapter has purchased study guides that may be checked out by Chapter members for use in studying for the CGFM exam.