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## President's Message

Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you well! This past year has been challenging to us all to say the least. However, with the support of you and our AGA Committee leaders, we have been able to continue to provide quality training, scholarship opportunities, promotion of Governmental Accountants all while giving back to local charities. Past President Nicole Boswell and all the other volunteers of our chapter have done an exceptional job to continue the mission of AGA through the pandemic. In fact, our chapter was awarded the highest chapter award available from the AGA National Chapter, the Platinum Award, for the 2020 – 2021 Chapter year. This would not have been possible with our all the volunteers that make our chapter run!



One of the greatest benefits of the Montgomery AGA chapter is the opportunity to network and build meaningful relationships with our peers. We have polled several members and are receiving consistent feedback that members want to get back into a live training environment. Therefore, we have reserved space and intend to have a live (full day) Conference on November 5 at the RSA activity center. Please save the date on your calendar. Our Education Committee has already received confirmation from several great speakers, including Gerry Boaz the National President of AGA, for the fall Conference.

We will continue the virtual lunch-and-learns, at no cost to our members, which typically will provide 1.2 hours of CPE per event. Registration for the August virtual luncheon has already opened. We also plan to provide several opportunities for our members to actively participate in local community service projects. Thank you for your continued support of the Montgomery AGA Chapter!

Sincerely,

Jonathan West  
Chapter President 2021-2022

# Meet the FY 2021 – 2022 Executive Committee



From Left to Right:  
Kelsey Woodham, Financial Secretary  
Nicole Boswell, Immediate Past President  
Jonathan West, President  
Leigh Dailey, Secretary  
Lashawn Pierce, President Elect  
Latreka Williams, Treasurer (not in photo)

# Local Chapter Events Calendar

## **August 19, 2021: Virtual Luncheon** (Free for AGA Members)

Speaker: Delvin Seawright, Associate Professor Lamar University  
Topic: Ethical Behavior and Decision-Useful Financial Information  
1.2 hours Ethics CPE approved

**\*\*\*\*\*Registration Open now through August 16<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\*\***

*Delvin D. Seawright, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, CGMA, a former AGA Montgomery Chapter member, is a recently promoted and tenured (effective September 1st) accounting professor within the School of Accounting & Information System at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He teaches financial and governmental accounting courses and actively researches topics related to corporate governance, accounting education, and business ethics. He has over 10 years of service as a government accountant for the State of Alabama and over 10 years of volunteer service to the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). As of June 30, 2021, he completed four consecutive 3-year terms on AGA's national Professional Ethics Board while also contributing self-authored and co-authored articles to the Ethics Counts column found within each issue of the organization's Journal of Government Financial Management. On July 1, 2021, he was recently appointed to serve a 3-year term on AGA's national Governance Committee.*

## **September 23, 2021: Virtual Luncheon** (Free for AGA Members)

Speaker: Public Financial Management Group  
Topic: Financial Modeling  
1.2-hour CPE Approval Pending

## **October/November: Community service event in the works**

More information to follow

## **November 5, 2021: Fall PDT / Live at the RSA Activity Center**

8 hours of CPE Pending

*Please note the calendar of event is subject to change as we update and finalize events. Please check the Montgomery AGA Chapter Website <https://montgomeryaga.org/> to register for events and the most up to date information.*

# National Events Calendar

Thursday September 2

Maintaining Professional Ethics in a Culture of Oversharing

Webinar | 1.5 CPEs

Wednesday September 8

Communications

Webinar | 2 CPEs

Thursday September 9

CGFM Live, Virtual Course: Governmental Environment

Virtual Course | 8 CPEs

Tuesday September 21

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

Washington, DC | 14 CPEs

Monday September 27

CGFM Live, Virtual Course: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

Virtual Course | 21 CPEs

*Please check the National Chapter Website [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to register for events and the most up to date information.*



## Congratulations to our **NEW** and **FUTURE CGFMs!**



### **David M. Reed, CPA**

**Recently Passed exams 1 and 2 of the CGFM exam.** David is in his second career now, after working as a computer programmer for 25 years. David was in the first cohort of students in AUM's Masters of Accountancy (MAcc) program, graduating in December 2016, the same month he completed the CPA Exam. David started as an Accountant at the Alabama Department of Labor, and later moved to the Alabama Department of Corrections, where he was the Business Manager at Kilby Correctional Facility for 2 years before becoming the Staff Accountant at the ADOC's Facilities Management Division last September. Originally from Columbus, Georgia, David completed his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a 2nd major in Accounting at Columbus State University. David lived and worked in Columbus, Ohio for several years and then in Louisville, Kentucky for 16 years, raising three children. David has been married to his wife, Mary, since 2009.

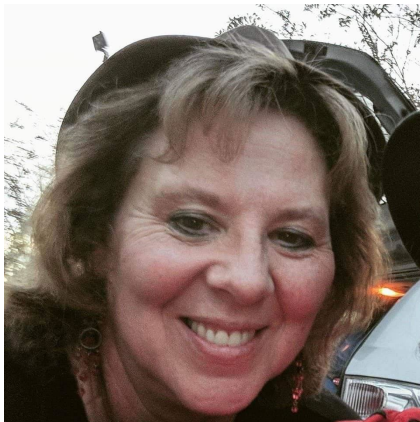
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### **Sandi B. Taylor, CPM**

**Recently passed exams 1 and 2 of the CGFM exam.** Sandi started her state career with the Alabama Department of Finance in November of 2001 and currently work for Finance in the Division of Debt Management and Capital Planning as an Accounting Manager. Sandi earned a degree in accounting from Auburn University at Montgomery, graduating in 2000. Sandi has been married to her high school sweetheart for 21 years and they have three children. Sandi enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Sandi currently serves on the Education Committee for the Montgomery AGA Chapter.

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### **Liz Burgess, CPM**

#### **Recently passed exams 1 CGFM exam.**

Liz started her career with the State of Alabama in December of 2001. She earned a degree in Accounting from Troy University 2007. She is a graduate of the Certified Public Managers program 2011 and an active member of the ASCPC Alabama Society of Certified Public Managers. She currently serves as Treasurer for the Tower Toastmasters Club Montgomery and has been a member of Toastmasters International since 2010. Liz is a Senior Accountant with the Alabama Department of Commerce Business Development Division. Liz is married, with one son and lives in Tallassee.