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Roanoke Chapter

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## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

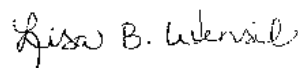
Welcome to another AGA program year. Summer is right around the corner. Like spring changing to summer, the Roanoke chapter is starting a new season. We are already busy planning a year filled with activity.....from our one day seminars to the Blue Ridge and National PDCs. We also participate in numerous community service projects throughout the year as well. If you have a favorite charity that you might want us to help sponsor, attend a meeting, and let us know. We are always looking for new ways to serve the community.

Thanks so much to the outgoing officers. You guys did an awesome job and will set the standard for those of us just starting. We still have committee seats available for

those who might want to serve in that capacity.

I look forward to working with all our members this year. Please contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions for seminar topics or just want to chat about AGA and ways we can better serve our members. AGA is about more than CPEs. It is a great source of career information and networking opportunities.

So attend a meeting (June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 p.m., Shoney's in Dublin) have dinner with us and share some ideas. Remember it is your organization. By participating, you can make Roanoke the Chapter that helps you succeed.



Lisa Wensil, CGFM  
Chapter President



### Jokes of the Month

What is the definition of an accountant?

Someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand.

Why did the accountant cross the road?

So he could charge the client for travel expenses . . .

Accountants aren't boring people—they just get excited over boring things!

# Roanoke Chapter News

## Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday 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 in June 18, 2009 at 5:45pm at the Shoney's in Dublin. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome.

If you need more information, please call Lisa Wensil at [lisa.wensil@swvtc.dmhmsas.virginia.gov](mailto:lisa.wensil@swvtc.dmhmsas.virginia.gov)

## Committee Chairs

Membership - Open  
Education - Open  
Comm. Service - Open  
Newsletter - Deanna Cox  
Early Careers - Open  
Webmaster - Billy Gardner  
CGFM -Linda Woody/Patty Belcher  
Historian - Frances Vaught

## COMMITTEES

As you can see to the left, we need members to step in and fill many vacant committee seats.

If you are interested in any of the committees listed, please contact Lisa and let her know that you are interested in serving.

# 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

58th Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition, June 21-24, 2009, New Orleans, LA

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

CPE hours may also be earned by taking a quiz online on each *Journal of Government Financial Management*. CPE certificates are printed immediately upon completion.

## 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 2009-2010 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.

# Meet Your 2009-2010 Officers

## LISA WENSIL — PRESIDENT

I am originally from WV. I attended both Marshall University and WVU, but eventually graduated with my BS from Bluefield College in Virginia with my degree in Accounting.

Before settling down in Carroll County Virginia, I was somewhat of a gypsy. I have lived and worked in WV, VA, SC, NC and then back to VA.

I now work at Southwestern VA Training Center, where I am an accountant and payroll manager. The training center is a very unique and rewarding place to work. During my 6 years, I have had the opportunity to "Support the people, who support the people". Also it is where I was intro-

duced to AGA. My first supervisor at the training center was Frances Vaught, a founding member of the Roanoke Chapter. Last year, I studied and passed the exams for certification as a CGFM. Is the CPA exam next????

My husband Sam and I are also the proud parents of Dusty, our little Yorkshire Terrorist. Not a typo. If you have ever had one... you know what I mean. But I have to consider myself lucky; he still lets me and his dad live with him in his house.



## LAL HARTER— PRESIDENT-ELECT:

My father worked for the Department of State as a career diplomat. As is the case with Foreign Service families we travelled a great deal; my parents had four children, each born on a different continent. I was born in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968. I graduated from High School in Geneva also, in 1986. I received my Bachelor of Science in Business (major in accounting with minors in French and communications) from Virginia Tech. My family lives in Blacksburg, Virginia; five year old son Aiden, his three year old brother Liam, eight month old sister Treslyn, and their mother Brandy. Brandy's

sister Sarah also lives with us. We have a dog named Seamus and two cats, Gracie and Annie. I am an accountant at Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates where I have been for just under three years and work at Red Robin and Book-binder's Grill on the weekends. I hope to be a philanthropist when I grow up.



## SECRETARY— SARAH FINK

I was born in Princeton, WV and raised by my parents with my elder brother and little sister. I graduated from Princeton Senior High School in June 2001. I went on to Francis Marion University in Florence, SC where I graduated cum laude in May 2005 with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting. I started working as a staff accountant for Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates in June 2005 where I have been working ever since. I

married my husband, Ben, in August 2005 and have one son, Schyler, and one dog, Beauty. We happily live in Christiansburg, Virginia.



## TREASURER — PATTY BELCHER

Patty is a 1987 graduate of Emory and Henry College with a BA in Business Management (concentration in accounting). She has earned the designation of Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager.

Patty began her career in 1987 in public accounting. She began as a staff accountant working her way to principal in 1998, managing the audit side of the accounting practice. In 2007,

she left public accounting and went to work for a governmental agency.

Patty serves as the Financial Services Manager at Mount Rogers Community Services Board. Her responsibilities include ensuring accurate accounting and reporting, internal control management and internal auditing functions.

Patty is a member of the American Institute of CPA, the Virginia Society of CPA and the Association of Governmental Accountants.