



Quarterly Newsletter

Re-Engage, Connect, and Thrive

The workplace has been in a constant state of change. Reorganizations, reductions in force, automation, and shifting priorities are now a regular part of many professional environments. Outside factors such as economic uncertainty and evolving technology add even more complexity. In this climate, it can be challenging to find a place where you can truly thrive, discover new opportunities, and connect with others who share those same goals.

One of the most valuable resources available to you is the professional network you already have through AGA. Membership connects you with peers who understand the challenges of working in today's environment and who are committed to professional growth and public service. Your local chapter offers many ways to engage, and taking part can create meaningful opportunities for professional development and connection.

By attending events, participating in training, or joining a committee, you can expand your skills, strengthen your professional relationships, and learn from the experiences of others. Engagement also creates space to share your own knowledge, contribute to your community, and support the success of fellow members.

In uncertain times, the relationships and resources you build through active involvement can help you navigate change with greater confidence. Your chapter is here to provide that connection, and your participation makes it stronger.

Upcoming Events

LUNCH AND LEARN:
NAVIGATING CHANGE IN
TURBULENT TIMES- 1 CPE
AUGUST 27

WEBINAR:
COMMUNICATIONS
2 CPES
SEPTEMBER 17

WEBINAR: UNIFORM
GUIDANCE AND GRANT
ACCOUNTING
2 CPES
OCTOBER 22

WEBINAR: ETHICS
2 CPES
NOVEMBER 19

Continuing Education

Continuing education is a key part of staying sharp and confident in today's fast-changing professional world. Building new skills and expanding your knowledge not only adds value to your organization, but it also supports your personal growth and career goals. Our chapter is excited to help members on this journey by offering more learning opportunities throughout the 2025 to 2026 program year.

We will kick things off with a Lunch and Learn, hosted by our Education Chair, Ned Forney. Please join us on August 27th at 11am for a 50-minute session (worth 1 CPE), followed by a Q&A session, and Chapter updates. Be on the lookout for the meeting link through email & Socials!

A flyer for a "Lunch and Learn" event. The title "Lunch and Learn" is in large white text on a blue background. Below it, the date "Wednesday 27 August, 2025" and time "11:00 AM" are listed. A "JOIN US" button is present. A circular badge indicates "CPE 1". At the bottom, an email icon and the address "education@agacharleston.org" are shown. The background of the flyer features a blurred image of a person presenting to an audience.

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday
27 August, 2025

11:00 AM

JOIN US

CPE
1

education@agacharleston.org

Community Corner

As we close out another program year, the Volunteering Committee is proud to reflect on an incredible season of service and connection throughout the Charleston Metro area. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, we successfully hosted multiple community events that made a meaningful difference — both through hands-on engagement and impactful monetary contributions.

From local clean-ups and food drives to fundraising efforts and support for vital nonprofits, our chapter has truly embraced the spirit of giving back. Each event has strengthened our ties to the community and reminded us of the power we have when we come together in service.

Our chapter is beyond excited to keep this momentum moving forward.

Back to School



500 Backpacks Filled

A blue poster with a halftone pattern background. At the top, the text "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!" is in large white letters, flanked by two orange megaphone icons. Below this, "UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES" is in smaller white letters. Three volunteer opportunities are listed in orange text, each with "When:" and "Where:" details in white. At the bottom, there is a white button with "INTERESTED?? EMAIL" in blue, and the email address "communityservices@agacharleston.org" in white. The poster is decorated with orange hand icons and hearts at the bottom corners.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

September 20th: Sullivans Island Beach Sweep
When: September 20th, 2025, 10 AM – 12 PM
Where: Fort Moultrie Visitor Center – Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

October 18th: Pet Helpers
When: October 18th, 2025, 9 AM – 11 AM
Where: Pet Helpers – Charleston, SC 29412

November 20th: Lowcountry Food Bank
When: November 20th, 2025, 1 PM – 3 PM
Where: The Hulsey Family Community Food and Nutrition Center – Charleston, SC 29405

INTERESTED??
EMAIL

communityservices@agacharleston.org

Message from the President

CASEY SZEGI, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

As we kick off the new program year, I'm thrilled to share that our chapter is charging forward with incredible momentum! We have a full calendar ahead—featuring monthly volunteer opportunities, engaging events through our partnership with the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, and so much more. I'm deeply grateful to be carrying the torch from Victoria Clark as your Chapter President, and I look forward to continuing her legacy

by staying deeply engaged in our community and fostering opportunities for professional growth. This is your chance to connect, give back, and grow alongside fellow members. We can't wait to see you at many of these gatherings throughout the year, culminating in our hallmark event, the PDT in 2026—mark your calendars now for what's sure to be our best yet!



New Member Spotlight

Sara Fortson



Sara Fortson, a Greenwood, SC native, earned her BS in Finance and Marketing from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She relocated to Charleston in 2015 to be closer to the coast. With over seven years of experience in State and Local government and five years in the private industry, her career has focused on accounting and HR roles. Currently, she is a contractor with IFAS, LLC, supporting the Federal government for over a year. Outside of work, Sara is passionate about Gamecock football, excelling in fantasy football leagues, and hunting for shark's teeth and fossils in Charleston's rivers and beaches—though she keeps her favorite spots a secret.

Cally Eisberg

Originally from Lancaster, PA, Cally Eisberg moved to Charleston in 1999. She is married with two daughters, ages 7 and 11, and her family enjoys traveling and supporting local sports teams in their free time. Volleyball has been a significant part of Cally's life—she played Division I volleyball, coached at the collegiate level, and now both of her daughters are following in her footsteps by playing the sport.

Cally joined IFAS, LLC in April 2025 as a Business Process Analyst on the Systems Interface team. Before joining IFAS, she spent seven years at Amazon, primarily working remotely. She is excited to be back in an office environment, where she can engage in face-to-face conversations and collaborate in person. As a member of AGA, Cally looks forward to building professional connections, fostering growth, and contributing to the local community through volunteer efforts.



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