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Chapter

# CHAPTER BYLAWS

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# AGA Charleston, West Virginia Chapter

The Charleston, West Virginia Chapter received its charter from National AGA in 2006.

## BYLAWS

### Article I

#### NAME

The name of the organization is the AGA – Charleston, West Virginia Chapter (hereinafter referred to as the “Chapter”).

### Article II

#### AUTHORITY, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

##### SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Chapter derives its name and authority from and is chartered by the AGA, and is subject to the official “National Bylaws” and “Policies and Procedures” of the AGA (hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “AGA”).

##### SECTION 2. VISION, MISSION, VALUES

VISION: To represent the premier association for advancing government accountability in our community.

MISSION: AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

VALUES: Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

##### SECTION 3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Association’s goals and objectives are detailed in its strategic plan which is published via the AGA website ([agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org)).

The Chapter’s goals and objectives include:

- (a) Primarily to instruct, train and inform government financial managers in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems, and financial management. This continuing

education process will provide for the professional development of government financial managers so that they may better serve the public.

- (b) To encourage and provide educational events for the interchange of ideas among financial managers in government service and among government and non-government financial managers.
- (c) To contribute to the advancement of financial management principles and standards and through educational events promote appropriate utilization of financial management methods and techniques to improve management control and accountability to the public.
- (d) To bring together professional financial managers in the government and the community for educational and other constructive endeavors.
- (e) To promote the observance of professional standards and ethics in the accomplishment of government financial management activities.

## Article III

### CODE OF ETHICS

In order to foster the highest professional standards and behavior, and exemplary service to all levels of government, Chapter members are expected to abide by the Association's Code of Ethics which has been developed by the national organization and is published via the AGA website to the membership and CGFMs.

## Article IV

### MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. MEMBERS

As defined in the Association's National Bylaws, the members of the Chapter shall consist of Government Members, Private Sector Members, Young Professional Members, Student Members, Retired Members, Lifetime Members, Honorary Members, Corporate Members, and Group Members. Each member is a voting member of the chapter, having one vote.

#### SECTION 2. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

It is the duty and responsibility of members to:

- (a) Endorse the vision, mission, values, goals, and objectives of the Association.

- (b) Uphold and be guided in their professional conduct by the Association’s Code of Ethics.
- (c) Cooperate with the Association’s Professional Ethics Board in any investigations of alleged violations of the Code of Ethics.
- (d) Maintain current membership in accordance with Association and Chapter requirements.
- (e) Vote on matters submitted to the Chapter membership for a vote.

### **SECTION 3. DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

Discipline and suspension of members will be as set forth in the Association’s National Bylaws.

## **Article V**

### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

#### **SECTION 1. CALLS TO MEETINGS**

General membership meetings to advance the objectives of the Chapter may be called on such dates and at such times and places as designated by the Chapter President. Special membership meetings may be called by members having at least twenty (20) percent of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

#### **SECTION 2. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Notice of each general membership meeting of the Chapter must be communicated to each member of the Chapter not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Notice of a special membership meeting must be communicated to each member of the Chapter at least three (3) days before the date of the meeting.

#### **SECTION 3. CONDUCTING MEETINGS**

General and special membership meetings can be held at a geographic location or by means of the Internet or other electronic communications technology in a fashion pursuant to which the members have the opportunity to substantially read or hear the proceedings concurrently with their occurrence, vote on matters submitted to the members, pose questions, and make comments.

#### **SECTION 4. QUORUM**

Twenty (20) percent of the voting members or five (5) members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business presented at any Chapter meeting of the membership.

## SECTION 5. VOTING ACTION

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or by law, membership matters requiring a vote must be approved by a majority vote of the voting members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum. The exception to the majority rule which requires approval of 2/3 of the voting members present at a meeting for which a quorum is present is changes to these Bylaws (see Article XV).
- (b) In lieu of a meeting, the Chapter President may call for a poll vote (via mail, email, or phone) on matters requiring a membership vote.

# Article VI

## CHAPTER OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

### SECTION 1. CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Officers of the Chapter shall be the Chapter President, the Chapter President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and Chapter Chairs.

- (a) The President shall be the prior year's President-Elect and shall serve for a one-year term in addition to any period in which he/she filled a vacancy in the office of President.
- (b) The President-elect, is selected by the President.
- (c) Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairs shall be elected annually for a one-year term as provided in Article VIII

### SECTION 2. CHAPTER CHAIRS

- (a) The Chapter Chairs include the following positions:
  - Membership
  - Education
  - Accountability (CCR)
  - Community Service
  - Young Professionals
  - Professional Certification
  - Communications (newsletter, website, etc.)
  - ACE Director/Award Chair
  - National Council of Chapters Representative

- (b) Chapter Chairs will be elected annually for one-year terms as provided for in Article VIII.

### **SECTION 3. VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

All Chapter Officers and Chairs shall serve in these positions on a voluntary basis without compensation by the Chapter. This shall not, however, prevent the Chapter from reducing or waiving fees or charges for Officers and Chairs participating in Chapter activities or offerings, or from compensating any Officer or Chair for services to the Chapter independent of the functions of an Officer or Chair, provided that any such adjustment in fees or charges, or any such arrangement for compensated services, shall be adequately disclosed to the Chapter membership prior to its occurrence.

### **SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

The responsibilities of Chapter Officers and Chairs are set forth in AGA's Chapter Leadership Handbook found on AGA's National Website. Chapter Officers and Chairs are expected to perform those duties.

A member of the Chapter Executive Committee may be removed with cause, by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting CEC members. "Cause" under this Section 4 shall be defined to include not meeting the position's stated responsibilities, violations of AGA's Code of Ethics as determined by the Ethics Committee, and as provided in the Bylaws, and in the Association's Chapter Leadership Handbook.

## **Article VII**

### **CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **SECTION 1. CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)**

- (a) The governing body of the Chapter shall be the CEC which will consist of the Officers and Chairs, each member having one vote.
- (b) If the Chapter President is absent from the CEC meeting, the officer to preside shall be determined in the following succession: Chapter President-Elect, Immediate Past Chapter President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

#### **SECTION 2. CEC MEETINGS**

Meetings of the CEC are strongly recommended to be held at least monthly on such date, time, and manner as may be designated by the Chapter President.

### **SECTION 3. CEC QUORUM AND VOTING ACTION**

- (a) A quorum for a CEC meeting is at least twenty (20) percent of the voting members or five (5) members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business of the voting members of the CEC.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, matters requiring a vote by the CEC shall be approved by a majority of voting members present for which a quorum is present. The exceptions to the majority rule, which require approval of 2/3 of the voting members, are removal of Chapter Officers and Chairs (see Article VI, Section 4) and setting the annual Chapter dues rate (see Article XII).
- (c) In lieu of a meeting, the Chapter President may call for a poll vote (via mail, email, or phone) on matters requiring a CEC vote. Any vote taken in this manner that is not unanimous must be resubmitted to the CEC at its next meeting for ratification.
- (d) Unless precluded by other sections of these Bylaws and without limitations regarding other matters, the CEC shall have responsibility for the following matters based on voting as prescribed in this Article.
  - (1) Promulgate the policies and programs of the Association and the Chapter.
  - (2) Establish a Chapter dues schedule for all classes of Chapter members.
  - (3) Updating and approving all Chapter Bylaws.
  - (4) Review all actions and programs of the Chapter's Committees and Task Forces. The CEC may require Committees or Task Forces to appear before it at appropriate times.
  - (5) Appoint the Chapter's Representative to the National Council of Chapters.

## **Article VIII**

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

#### **SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS**

Candidates for Officers and Chairs may be nominated by a member or self-nominated.

## **SECTION 2. CAMPAIGNING**

Campaigning by candidates for elective office is not permitted.

## **SECTION 3. BALLOTING**

When there is a contest for an Officer or Chair position:

- (a) An electronic form (Ballots) will be created to send out to the AGA Chapter membership.
- (b) The Chapter Board shall cast votes in a time frame outlined by the current Board when the ballot is sent to the Chapter membership.

When there is no contest, the nominee will automatically be appointed to the nominated position.

## **SECTION 4. ELECTION RESULTS**

Results of elections shall be tabulated as designated by the Chapter Bylaws and Procedures Committee, which shall certify the results to the Chapter President. When there is no contest for an elective office, the Chair of Chapter Bylaws and Procedures Committee shall certify the election to the Chapter President without ballot.

## **SECTION 5. TERM**

An individual elected/appointed to an Officer or Chair position serves a one-year term, on a volunteer basis, with the option to keep the position if they wish. The exception is for the president and president elect which rotate annually unless circumstances do not allow the rotation. If this is the case, the president may serve additional term(s) if he/she wishes.

## **SECTION 6. FILLING OF VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy occurring in an Officer or Chair position, the position will be filled as soon as possible. Duties of that position may be performed by other CEC members who have the availability.

# **Article IX**

## **COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

There shall be at least three (3) standing committees, including any combination of: Membership, Accountability, Education, Young Professionals, and Professional Certification. The Chairs of the standing committees are nominated and elected as Chairs of the CEC per Article VIII above.

In addition, the Chapter President, upon ratification by the CEC, may establish such Committees and Task Forces as may be needed to assist the CEC and the Chapter President in carrying out the programs and

operations of the Chapter. The Chapter President shall, in consultation with the Chapter President-Elect, appoint those Chairs.

Committee membership, terms and responsibilities will be as set forth in the Chapter Leadership Handbook.

## Article X

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end at the close of business on the 31st day of March of each year.

## Article XI

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The Chapter Executive Committee shall have authority to prescribe such procedures as it deems appropriate to assure adequate budgetary and financial controls for the Chapter.

#### SECTION 2. EXPENDITURES

Approval of expenditures by the Chapter Executive Committee requires approval of 2/3 of the voting members, which shall constitute authority for the responsible officials of the Chapter to obligate funds.

## Article XII

### DUES

The Chapter portion of the annual dues/rates shall be set by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CEC. [See Article VII, Section 3].

## Article XIII

### DISSOLUTION

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the business and affairs of the Chapter, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, all assets shall, after payment or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the Chapter, be distributed exclusively to the AGA, provided that the Association shall at the time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law. If at that time the Association is no longer exempt under Section 501(c)(3), the CEC shall dispose of all assets exclusively for the purpose

of the Chapter or to such Association or organization as shall at the time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3), in such manner as the Chapter Executive Committee shall determine.

## Article XIV

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter unless otherwise provided by statute, or these Bylaws.

## Article XV

### AMENDMENTS

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL

The power to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Chapter membership, provided that any such action of the Chapter Executive Committee can be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter membership.

#### SECTION 2. ORIGINATION OF BYLAWS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes in these Bylaws of the Chapter shall be submitted in the following manner:

- (a) By proposal, in writing, to the President-Elect, or President if the President-Elect position is vacant, from any Chapter Committee or the AGA National Office.
- (b) By proposal, in writing to the President-Elect signed by 20 percent of the membership or 7 members of the Chapter, whichever is less.

#### SECTION 3. PROCESSING PROCEDURES

Proposals shall be submitted to the Chapter Executive Committee. The Chapter Bylaws cannot contradict nor contain any ambiguity in relation to AGA's National Bylaws. After review and coordination with the initiator, appropriate changes along with Committee analysis shall be submitted to the CEC who shall submit Bylaws changes to the Chapter membership for a vote. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of Chapter members present is required for approval, with quorum. After ratification by the membership, the amendments to the Chapter Bylaws should be provided to the AGA National Office. Modifications to the Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the CEC.

# Article XVI

## LIABILITY OF OFFICERS AND INDEMNIFICATION

### SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the real and personal property of the Chapter Officers, Chairs and Committee and Task Force members shall not be available to satisfy any of the Chapter's corporate debts to any extent or what so ever.

### SECTION 2. INDEMNIFICATION

- (a) The Chapter may indemnify any current or former Chairs, current or former Officers, or any person who may have served at AGA's request as a Chair or Officer of another Corporation, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Chair or Officer, if such person acted in a manner required by the law of the Chapter's state of incorporation in order to be eligible for indemnification.
- (b) Expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Chapter in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Chapter Executive Committee in the specific case, upon receipt of a written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the relevant standard of conduct for indemnification and a written commitment to repay any funds advanced if it is ultimately determined by a court of law or AGA's Ethics Committee that the individual who has not met the relevant standard of conduct.
- (c) The indemnification provided hereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any applicable statute as amended from time to time, any bylaw, agreement, vote of the members of the Chapter or disinterested Chairs or otherwise, both as to action in their official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Chapter officer or Chair and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person.