



Nashville Notes



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Jennifer Garoutte
2019-2020 Chapter President

President's Letter

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the quote, "...in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." I would add change is also a certainty in our world. I mean, standards in our field are constantly changing. But our lives also change all the time.

As I write this, I am in the midst of a job change. After almost 20 years with the Comptroller's Office, I have been offered and have accepted a position with the Tennessee Board of Regents. I will miss our March meeting because it is on the first day of my new job but I will be back in April. Rachelle will do a fabulous job with our March meeting!

Until next month!

Jennifer



Awards Committee

PDT Awards of Distinction

These awards are presented annually at AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) recognize individuals and chapters for their contributions to AGA and the government financial management community.

- Robert W. King Memorial Award
- Einhorn-Gary Award
- Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award
- Achievement of the Year Award
- Educator Award
- Cornelius E. Tierney/EY Research Award
- International Achievement Award
- Emerging Leader Award of Excellence
- Relmond P. Van Daniker Government Transparency Award
- Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award
- Chapter Education Award
- Community Service Award
- Chapter CGFM Award

Nominations are due March 31, 2020. Please contact the Awards Committee Chairs for more information.

Chapter Scholarships

William R. Snodgrass Scholarship:

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a middle or western Tennessee, southern Kentucky, or northern Alabama high school senior or college student with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management, or marketing.

Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship:

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to an AGA Nashville area chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild (any school and any major may apply).

Scholarship applications are on the chapter website at [our Scholarship Information page](#).

Please email questions or completed applications to awards@nashvilleaga.org. The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 2020.

AGA Webinars

Cybersecurity

March 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Data Act

April 22, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Leadership

June 10, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM



2019-2020 Luncheon Dates

March 2, 2020*

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

2019-2020 CEC Meeting Dates

February 26, 2020*

April 8, 2020

April 29, 2020

*** Change in meeting dates**

New Members

**Mrs. Natasha L. Blackshear,
Attorney**

**Mrs. Mary Collins, Senior
Accounting Business Analyst**

**Mrs. Lisanne M. Palacios, Fund
Coordinator**

**Ms. Yvonne Latour, Graduate
Student**

Miss Rebekah N. Martin, Student



2019
Chapter Website Award



2019
Chapter Newsletter Award



Membership Committee Recruiting New Members

As of our February luncheon, our membership count was 346. Currently, we have seven people in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between January 1 and April 30! That means everyone is still in the running! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31, 2020, to be included in the \$50 incentive drawing at the awards luncheon in May.

March Luncheon Speaker

Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance

Biography of

John Gioeli, Director of Government Programs



John Gioeli has been with Becker for over 11 years serving as the Director of Government Programs. John has over 25 years experience working with Federal Government in the areas of training, development and information resources. He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) where he served as CGFM Regional Coordinator and a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). John is also a member of The Coalition for Government Procurement.

John has been instrumental in aligning Becker Professional Education with government agencies and training centers for the sole purpose of expanding educational opportunities to government employees. John is a highly qualified professional who brings his knowledge and experience to clients in educational development. DoD, Army, Navy and Air Force, GAO, Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services are just a few of the federal agencies he works with providing education.

John has a BBA degree from CUNY, Baruch College of Business combined with many years of real world experience built on a strong foundation servicing federal government agencies.



Community Service Projects

For our chapter's February Community Service Activity, we sorted food items at the Second Harvest Food Bank's Warehouse on February 18, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. We had 10 great volunteers who helped sort 4,100 pounds of produce. We actually finished by 7:00 pm. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers.



Pamela Marks, Julie Rogers, Penny Austin, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Maya Angelova, Christian Tosha, Jama Tosha, Arlene Sawlani, Jai Sawlani. Not pictured: Cheyenne Marks.



Our Chapter's March Community Service Activity is once again helping Nashville Public Television (WNPT - Channel8) with its membership drive on the evening of Monday, March 9. We will work the phone bank that evening from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. We are looking for 10-12 volunteers to participate in this project. NPT provides volunteers with a light dinner before the training session.

If you are Interested in volunteering, please contact Keevia Battle. Keevia.battle@tn.gov and provide your shirt size and also indicate if you want the ladies or men. If you are unable to participate in the phone bank, you can also donate to Channel 8 during the pledge drive.

Nashville AGA Presents



SPRING BREAKFAST

Catered by Puckett's

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



REGISTRATION FEES: \$25 MEMBERS \$35 NON-MEMBERS

Fraud and Internal Controls

*Randy Sherrod, CPA, Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP and
Laura Slatton, CPA, Dept of Energy-Office of Inspector
General (4 hours CPE)*

Register at <https://www.nashvilleaga.org/Education/Spring2020Breakfast.html> by April 17, 2020

Cancellation Policy

Any request for cancellation must be sent to: melissa.lahue@tn.gov no later than Friday, April 17, 2020. After that date, members and non-members who have a reservation but are not able to attend should find a replacement or be responsible for the registration fee.

Committee listing

Young Professionals

Organizes events for members in the first few years of their careers.

Education

Organizes our annual training seminar in January/February. This includes recruiting and scheduling speakers for the seminar. Also organizes local participation in Webinars hosted by the National Office.

Awards

This committee creates nominations for National Awards as well as awarding local chapter scholarships. We provide at least 2 scholarships annually and this committee reviews the scholarship applications and decides on the recipients.

Membership

Recruits and retains members.

Finance

Collects money at monthly luncheons, prepares annual history report, and local chapter tax forms.

Webmaster Maintains the website content and listserv.



Accountability & Outreach

Prepares annual Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and recruits other agencies to prepare CCRs.

Meetings & Attendance

Organizes monthly Chapter Executive Committee and chapter luncheons. Keeps up with those who sign up and attend meetings. Also assists the Education committee with rosters for meetings that provide CPE training.

Program

Recruits speakers for monthly lunches and organizes annual social events.

Corporate Sponsorship

Recruits sponsors for events. So far, most of our sponsors have been for the Winter Seminar in January or February.

Community Service

Coordinates and organizes monthly community service projects throughout the program year.

Communication

Publishes the monthly newsletter and maintains social media presence.

Contact

Jennifer.Garoutte@cot.tn.gov or the committee chairs to volunteer! Visit our website and click on "Chapter Leadership."

***"Serving others
prepares you to lead
others."***

– Jim George

Chapter Points

FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 , IS AS FOLLOWS:			
<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,100	5,000	82%
Education & Professional Development	3,150	4,000	79%
Certification	1,125	4,000	28%
Communications	2,975	3,000	99%
Membership	2,900	4,000	73%
Accountability	700	2,000	35%
Community Service	700	2,000	35%
Awards	100	1,000	10%
Sponsorship	700	1,500	47%
TOTALS	16,450	26,500	62%

LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at www.nashvilleaga.org. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for the next program year.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time departments forward job opportunities to the Website Committee, which are posted for members convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, go to this link for detailed information <http://nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html>

EDITOR'S CORNER

We truly enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership. Please share your thoughts and ideas or interesting news with us by submitting your article to Britt.Wood@comcast.net no later than March 13, 2020 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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