



Nashville Notes



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Rachelle Cabading
2020-2021 Chapter President

President's Letter

Spring is finally here to stay (hopefully)! During this time, our Nashville Chapter starts planning the leadership group for the next year. Our President-Elect, Alex Warns, sent out an email recently looking for volunteers to join next year's Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). If you have any interest in becoming a chapter leader or volunteering to work on one of our many committees, please reach out to Alex by Friday, May 7, 2021 at Alexander.Warns@tn.gov. Some of our larger committees like Community Service, Education, Program, and Awards are always looking for eager volunteers to help.

Our May's meeting will be held virtually on May 17th. This is the meeting we set aside each year to recognize the good work of our Chapter and its members. Awards will be given to thank some people for their hard work in helping make the Nashville Chapter the best!



President's Letter (Continued)

We will also be recognizing members who have retired this past year, having a drawing for free registration to AGA's PDT, and giving away money for membership recruitment and other prizes. Make sure you join us to see if your name is drawn for prizes.

For our May's Community Service event, we are volunteering in person at Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee on May 11th from 5:30-8:00. This ministry provides a central distribution center for companies, groups, and individuals who wished to help provide food for hungry people in Middle Tennessee. Make sure

Chapter Awards

Join our Chapter Meeting on May 17th to be a part of the chapter awards ceremony!

you check out the Community Service page on our website for information on how to volunteer and help us meet our "Power of 7 Call to Action" from National President Wendy Morton-Huddleston to donate time and money to 7 non-profits.

I look forward to seeing everyone virtually on May 17th for our next chapter meeting!

2020-21 AGA Webinars

Fraud/Data Analytics (see pg. 6)

May 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Leadership

June 9 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual



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Chapter Meeting Dates

May 17, 2021

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CEC Meeting Dates

May 12, 2021



MENTORING program

We are seeking mentors for an exciting new initiative. Please share your knowledge and experience with future leaders in our profession! Mentoring is a great resource for young professionals to gain not only knowledge and skills, but also opportunities for networking and personal support, outside of a traditional or work related 'chain of command'. Make a positive impact on the future of our profession by signing up to help a young professional succeed!

Visit [AGA - Mentoring Program \(agacgfm.org\)](https://agacgfm.org) for more information.

Community Service

On Saturday, March 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, a group of AGA volunteers “wrangled weeds” and cleared non-native invasive plants with GROW Enrichment and the Southeastern Grasslands

Initiative at Two Rivers Park in Nashville. Thank you to Angela McElrath-Prosser, Michelle Hernandez, Macey Ray, Jackson Lanier, and Mary Anne Queen!



The Community Service Committee (Keevia Battle and Mary Anne Queen) volunteered at Nashville's Earth Day Festival.



Our chapter has the opportunity to volunteer in person on May 11 from 5:30-8:00pm at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

If you are interested in volunteering, please review the attached policies and procedures.

We are limited to the number of volunteers. Please email Keevia.Battle@tn.gov by May 7 if you are interested.

You will be provided additional information on how to sign up with Second Harvest.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee opened its doors in 1978. The purpose was to provide a central distribution center for companies,

groups and individuals who wished to help provide food for hungry people in Middle Tennessee.



New Members!

Jacob L. Baker

Accountant

State of Tennessee

Madison Laster

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Alicia J. Lindsey

Deputy Administrator

Shelby County Trustee

Teryn McNeal, CPA

Audit Manager

TN Comptroller of the Treasury



Membership

As of our April meeting, our membership count was 340, just 27 short of our goal of 367 for this year! Currently, we have five 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 still has a chance to win! 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.

Recruiting Incentives

- First-time guests receive a free lunch.
- Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
- The member who sponsors the most new members by April 30 wins \$100.

Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2021.

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM CST | 2 CPEs | FOS: IT

This webinar explores the use of data analytics to support decisions made by government financial managers. Attendees will learn about the science and art of analyzing patterns, identifying anomalies and finding the underlying meaning that may be hidden in large and complex data sets. New techniques and tools have evolved to allow government financial managers to model, visualize and query data to unlock previously unknown risks and trends. Join us as we explore this emerging field and learn about its benefits to the government financial manager.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Explore the field of data analytics to support financial decisions in government
- Distinguish between 'Data' and 'Analytics' and why these are separate concepts
- Identify situations in which data analytics can be useful in decision support
- Explore some of the tools used in data analytics

LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meetings, please visit the chapter website here. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next scheduled business meeting.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, job opportunities are sent in and posted to our website by the Website Committee, for your convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, click this link for more information.

EDITOR'S CORNER

We enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership! Please share your thoughts, ideas, or interesting news with us by submitting an article to Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov no later than May 15, 2021 for the next edition of our newsletter.

Chapter Committees

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 Rachelle Cabading or the committee chairs to volunteer!

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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Leadership.aspx>

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