



Nashville Notes



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Alexander Warns
2021-2022 Chapter President

President's Letter

December 2021. It's December 2021! But seriously, say that out loud, "It's December 2021".

When I talk to people, it seems that a familiar theme I often hear is that time flies by. However, what's interesting is that even though time flies by as a whole, no individual day seems like it goes by that fast. Why do you think that is? In short, I feel like there should be a case study on this as I'd be very curious.

Anyways, with 2022 upon us, it's common place for people to make New Year's resolutions. And to be honest, I'm not a fan of this concept as I find the premise very disingenuous. To me, the concept of establishing important life goals/aspirations simply because the calendar flipped to a new year makes me question how sincere a person truly is about those goals. In essence, on 4/23/2022 are you willing to make and work toward the same resolution that you made on 1/1/2022?

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President's Letter (Continued)

So, forget the calendar. What are your goals? What is important to you? What do you want to make happen in your life? Or even better yet, what is something that you'd loved to do that flat out scares you?

Over these last couple years, especially with COVID, I've reflected a tremendous amount on the above questions. And, I must admit, to identify, commit to, and work towards these things within my life feels flat out amazing. I mean, being that this isn't a practice life, why not?

Prince's song "1999" is frequently played when the ball drops at midnight. However, personally, I really like another song of his when it comes to goals and day to day life. That said, if you really listen to the lyrics and message in "Let's Go Crazy" I think you might as well.

In closing, best wishes for a prosperous 2022. However, in the theme of this column, 2022 is irrelevant as I really mean to say, "Best wishes for identifying and committing to the things important to you throughout your life and on your journey."

Until next month.

-Alex

2021-22 AGA Webinars

Uniform Guidance

January 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual

GASB Update

February 2 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual

Cybersecurity/ERM

March 23 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual

CARES Act

April 20 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 11 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual

Leadership

June 8 | 1:00–2:50 PM
Virtual



2021-2022

Chapter Meeting Dates

January 10, 2022

February 7, 2022

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 16, 2022

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CEC Meeting Dates

January 5, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

March 30, 2022

May 11, 2022

January Meeting Speakers

Kristine Brock | Tuan Le

Panel Discussion - "Leases"

Kristine Brock

Kristine Brock has served as Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer for the City of Franklin, Tennessee since January 2017. Formerly, she was Director of Management and Budget for the City of Maryville, Tennessee and Budget Director for Gwinnett County, Georgia. Kristine began her career as a financial advisor with a national independent municipal advisory firm. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Maryville College (TN) and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management with a concentration in Public Finance from Carnegie Mellon University (PA). Kristine has been serving in the public finance sector since 1999.

Kristine has been a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) since 2003, became a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) in 2012 and has served on the GFOA Debt Committee since 2016. She also began a term of service on GASB's Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) in 2021. She has also been involved in various capacities in the State of Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA) and was the organization's President in 2019. Kristine regularly serves as a presenter for GFOA and TGFOA conferences. She has also been a member of the International City Managers Association (ICMA) since 2019.



Tuan Le

Tuan received his Bachelors in Accounting from Belmont and his Masters in Economics from the University of Birmingham, England. He is a CPA and was with State Audit for 7 yrs before moving to the Department of Finance & Administration - Division of Accounts, where he has been for the last 13 years. He is one of the preparers of the state's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. A unique fact about Tuan: at the time of his birth, he was the youngest person in the world.

Nashville AGA Winter Seminar 2022

January 18 & 19, 2022
8AM-4:30PM

*****Group Live – Virtual*****

Sponsored by Becker &
Dixon Hughes
Goodman LLP



This two-day training event offers 16 hours of CPE and will provide attendees with accounting and auditing updates, as well as, training on technology, and more!

REGISTER AT

<https://forms.gle/jj8qhn1oWSW9z7NA9>

by January 11, 2022.

Registration Fees

- Member - \$175
- Non-member - \$275
- Non-member group rate - \$225 (3 or more from same agency)

Cancellation Policy

Requests for cancellation must be sent to Terry.Burr@tn.gov and Chase.Tramel@cot.tn.gov no later than January 11, 2022. After that date, registrants should find a replacement or be responsible for the registration fee.

Preferable Payment Methods:

- Provide cash or check made payable to “Nashville AGA” and give to Terry Burr or Chase Tramel (payment will be accepted between now and the day of the training). Or mail a check to:

Nashville AGA

ATTN: Winter Seminar

PO Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219

- State Agencies can pay through Edison using supplier ID 0000084336 for Nashville AGA
- PayPal: [2022 Nashville AGA Winter Seminar](#)

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

New Members!

Mary Agib

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Amanda Bechard, CGFM

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Rachel Ellington

CCFO Training Consultant

County Technical Assistance
Service

Dianna Hickman, CGFM

Finance Director

Cannon County



Membership

As of December 16, 2021, our membership count is 335, just 39 short of our goal of 374 for this year! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and \$20!

Recruiting Incentives

1. 1st-time guests receive a free lunch
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives \$20
3. Gain 30 points so you can receive a \$55 rebate on your membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2022

Visit www.nashvilleaga.org to see how you can gain points throughout the year. There are plenty of opportunities to gain points to go toward the member rebate and a chance to win a free trip to the National Professional Development Training (PDT) in July.

DECEMBER AGA COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Gloves, Socks, & Underwear Drive to Benefit Samaritan Ministries



Samaritan Ministries is located at 1041 28th Avenue North in Nashville. A carryout meal and essential personal resources are available Monday through Friday of each week from 11am to 12 noon to ANYONE in need. Over 1,000 clients are served monthly. Because of COVID-19, the center is only accepting **NEW** items. We are asked to give gloves, socks, and underwear. Please make arrangements in advance if you would like to drop off items at the following locations.

Drop-Off Locations	Contact Information	
Cordell Hull Building	Rachelle Cabading	(615)430-3852
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.	rachelle.cabading@cot.tn.gov	
Nashville Public Library	Angela McElrath-Prosser	(615) 862 - 5772 (Calls only)
615 Church Street	angela.mcelrath@nashville.gov	(615) 210-0812 (Text is best)
William Snodgrass TN Tower	Macey Ray	(615) 310-8209
312 Rosa L Parks Avenue	Macey.Ray@tn.gov	
James K. Polk Bldg., 8th Floor	Alexander Warns	(734) 818-7189
505 Deaderick Street	alexander.warns@tn.gov	

Financial contributions can be made at these locations and via Paypal at [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com/donate). Our chapter will match contributions up to \$100. Checks should be made payable to "Samaritan Ministries."

Please contact Scarlet Sneed at scarlet.sneed@comcast.net with questions related to financial contributions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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.

Submit an Article!

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 the 15th of each month 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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