



Nashville Notes



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**Jennifer Garoutte 2019-2020
Chapter President**

President's Letter

Since our last newsletter, the weather has changed and the leaves are falling. I'm glad we have ended our record-breaking streak of 90-degree weather. Bring on the jackets, coats, hats, gloves, and scarves! Seriously, bring them! We are collecting them for Samaritan Ministries.

In all seriousness, each month I receive several e-mails from AGA National. This month's topics included leadership, recruiting, and succession planning. One quote really struck a chord with me.

"Serving others prepares you to lead others."

– Jim George

The quote had me thinking about how our Chapter gives back to our community not only by participating in community service projects but also by developing leaders for our community through these projects. I have been honored to meet and serve along-side of so many leaders through my AGA involvement!



President's Letter ...

As we head into the holiday season, I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Please join me at our November meeting where Daniel Porter, Senior Investigator for the Comptroller's Office, Division of Investigations will talk to us about adventures with bears, fried chicken, and a jeep and how it relates to fraud.

Until next month,

Jennifer

CGFM Beta Exams are LIVE!!

National AGA is offering CGFM candidates the following incentives to take the Beta exams in September and October:

- ❑ Discounted exam cost (\$100 per exam, take all 3 and save \$75!)
- ❑ Schedule your exam in September or October and receive FREE online access to the updated CGFM Study Guides!
- ❑ Scores will not be immediately provided; candidates will receive score results by Dec. 31, 2019



AGA Webinars

Ethics

November 20, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Internal Control

December 11, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Uniform Guidance

January 8, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

GASB Update

February 5, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

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

November 4, 2019

December 2, 2019

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

2019-2020 CEC Meeting Dates

October 30, 2019

November 25, 2019

December 18, 2019

January 29, 2020

March 4, 2020

April 8, 2020

April 29, 2020

Membership Committee

Recruiting New Members

As of our October luncheon, our membership count was 326, just 74 short of our goal of 400 for January 1! Currently, we have twelve people in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between May 1 and December 31! 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!



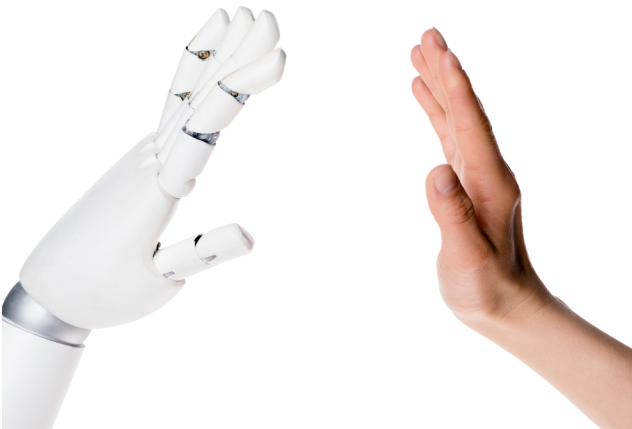
New Members

Mrs. Mary A. Agib, Legislative Auditor

Ms. Kathy A. Grant, Legislative Auditor

Ms. Mary A. Hagan, Legislative Auditor

Ms. Ajoι Wallace-McFarland, Accountant



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work the concession stands at the Tennessee Titans game on:

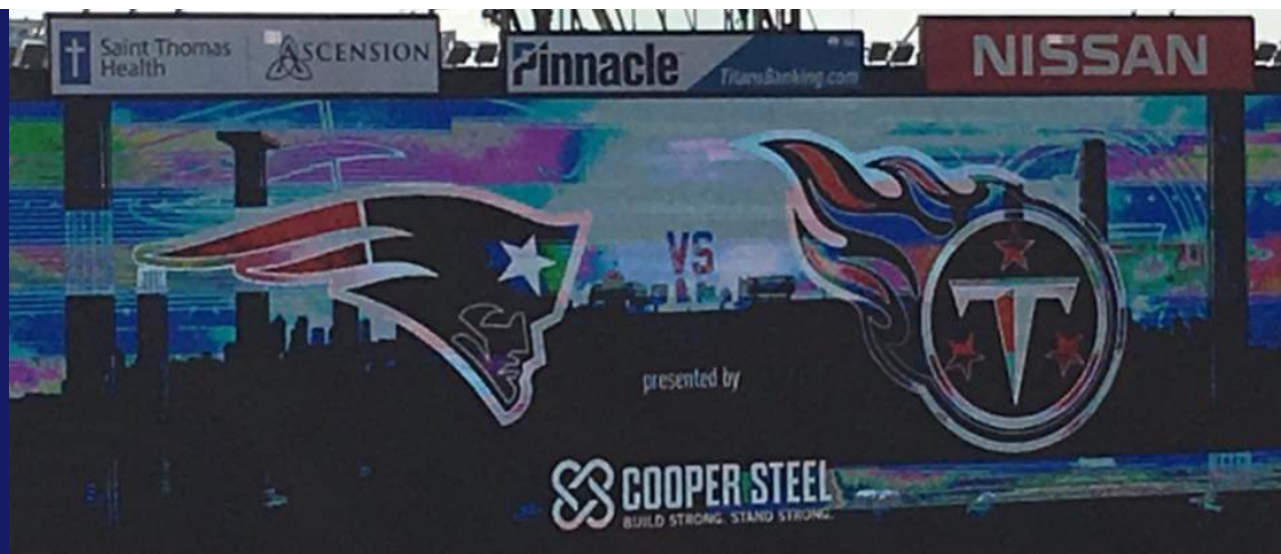
11/10 – Titans vs. Chiefs

The Legends Organization that sponsors the volunteers to work the games would like the volunteers to become ABC certified considering the concession stand does sell alcohol. If they are already certified, then they are good for three years after their initial certification date. There are many ways to become ABC certified.

If interested, please contact:

Chase Tramel
(Chase.Tramel@cot.tn.gov)

Katie Armstrong
(Katie.Armstrong@cot.tn.gov)



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."

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prepares you to lead
others."***

– Jim George

November Luncheon Speaker



Daniel Porter, CFE
Senior Investigator
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Investigations

Bears Will Be Bears – Fraudsters Too

Bears are intelligent and motivated to find food. When I left some fried chicken in my Jeep while in Gatlinburg, a bear tore a hole in the top and ate the chicken and part of my Jeep. He was just a bear being a bear. I'm responsible because I left the chicken in the Jeep and gave him the opportunity. Similarly, people are intelligent and motivated to survive. If we give them opportunity by not implementing good internal controls, they will take our assets.

This session reviews the investigation of the former director of a local conference center who took advantage of lax internal controls and stole \$31,000. She was just a fraudster being a fraudster.

Daniel

Daniel Porter, CFE, has conducted and managed civil and criminal investigations for over 20 years as a licensed private investigator, a loss prevention manager, and as an investigations manager with the State of Tennessee. Currently, he is a senior investigator in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the State of Tennessee where he investigates fraud involving public funds.

He is a Cum Laude graduate from Middle Tennessee State University's Criminal Justice Program and a CFE. He has provided training at AGA, AASHTO, CFE, GFOA, IIA, IIMC, P2F2, and NASACT conferences in the United States and Canada as well as for governmental agencies and professional organizations in various states including the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Kentucky League of Cities, the Wyoming Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers, the Indiana CPA Society, the Oregon Society of CPAs, and the Florida Institute of CPAs. He is a guest lecturer at Middle Tennessee State University and the Vanderbilt University School of Law.

NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION

This month there will be 2 opportunities for supporting the Nashville Rescue Mission.

Where: Nashville Rescue Mission

Volunteer Night

639 Lafayette Street

Nashville, TN 37203

What: Serving Dinner at the Men's Campus

When: Tuesday, October 29th

Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Come join your fellow AGA members in serving dinner at the Men's Campus. Contact Keevia Battle (Keevia.battle@tn.gov) if you're interested in participating.

Remember to wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes as we will be standing the entire time.



Donation Drive

In addition to serving dinner, we will be collecting donations for the Nashville Rescue Mission throughout the month. See a list of their current needs

https://nashvillerescuemission.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/current_needs.pdf

We would like to collect most of the donations by October 25th, so we can deliver them to the Mission on our volunteer night. You can drop your donations off at the following locations:

- Howard Office Building – 3rd floor – Pam Marks, 862-6212
- Andrew Jackson Building-3rd floor-Keevia Battle, 253-1200
- Nashville Public Library-Angela McElrath-Prosser, 862-5772
- TN Towers-22nd floor-Michael Winston, 806-0521
- Cordell Hull Building-3.016A-Scarlett Sneed, 747-5243

Upcoming Community Service Event



Give the Gift of Warmth



Our chapter is again partnering with service provider **Samaritan Ministries**, a local 501(c)(3) organization, in our annual **Hats, Gloves, Socks, Coats, and Underwear Drive**. Samaritan Ministries provides food, clothing items, and other services free of charge to our Nashville community Monday through Saturday.

Watch your email for upcoming donation locations and additional details.

FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, IS AS FOLLOWS:			
<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,375	5,000	68%
Education & Professional Development	1,400	4,000	35%
Certification	450	4,000	11%
Communications	1,250	3,000	42%
Membership	1,700	4,000	43%
Accountability	300	2,000	15%
Community Service	100	2,000	5%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
Sponsorships	700	1,500	47%
TOTALS	8,575	26,500	32%

National Leadership Awards

These awards, presented annually at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT), primarily recognize individuals for their contribution to the government financial management profession. Nomination forms are online and are due November 30, 2019. Please contact the chairs of the Awards Committee for more information or to suggest a nomination.

- Elmer Staats Award (federal)
- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award (federal)
- Excellence in Government Leadership Award (state/local)
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award (state)
- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award (local)
- Andy Barr Award (private sector)
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award (private sector)

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 November 15, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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For a list of all Chapter Leadership for the 2019-2020 Program Year visit:

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



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