



Nashville Notes



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Jennifer Garoutte
2019-2020 Chapter President

President's Letter

With everything going on in our world and with Thanksgiving well on its way, it is a good time to focus on the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for so many things but one thing that I found myself thankful for recently is our Nashville community. At the end of October, along with several other chapter members, I helped serve a meal at the Nashville Rescue Mission. While there, several of us discussed volunteering to serve a meal on Thanksgiving or other holidays and I discovered the Rescue Mission is generally full of volunteers for the holidays. I am very thankful that not only our chapter, but our Nashville community is dedicated to serving others.

As government accountability professionals, we serve our communities every day. To effectively serve our communities, we must stay up to date on relevant topics.



President's Letter ...

On January 15 and 16, 2020, our chapter will host our annual Winter Seminar. The two-day training provides 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education and will cover accounting and auditing updates, leadership, ethics, and more. Registration is limited to the first 200 registrants so please register early!

In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Until next month,

Jennifer



Congratulations!

The Nashville Chapter would like to highlight and congratulate **Sonja Yarbrough** for obtaining her CGFM!

CGFM Beta Exams are LIVE!!

**Seats are filling quickly!
Contact Drew to reserve
your spot today!**

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

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

December 2, 2019

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

2019-2020 CEC Meeting Dates

November 25, 2019

December 18, 2019

January 29, 2020

March 4, 2020

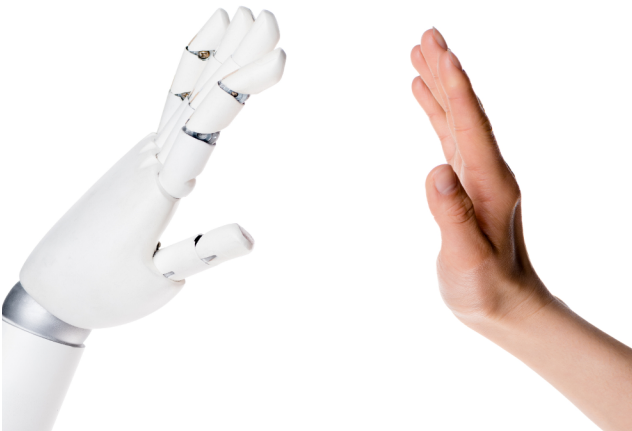
April 8, 2020

April 29, 2020

Membership Committee

Recruiting New Members

As of our November luncheon, our membership count was 329, just 71 short of our goal of 400 for Jan. 1! Currently, we have thirteen 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. Monica Ivanovici Legislative Auditor

Mr. Gray C. Lee Budget, Finance, and
Grant SME (Consultant)

Mr. John R. Murrell Legislative Auditor

Ms. Lindsey Stadterman Legislative Auditor



Nashville AGA Winter Seminar 2020

January 15 & 16, 2020
8AM-4:30PM

**SEATING IS LIMITED
TO THE FIRST 200
REGISTRANTS!**

William R Snodgrass Tower
Tennessee Room
312 Rosa L Parks Blvd, Nashville, TN 37243



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

REGISTER AT

[https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Training-Events/2020-Winter-Seminar-\(1\).aspx](https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Training-Events/2020-Winter-Seminar-(1).aspx)
by January 7, 2020.

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 Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov no later than January 7, 2020. 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 Melissa Lahue (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: <https://www.nashvilleaga.org/Education/Winter2020.html>

Due to the PayPal fees, the payment methods above are preferred

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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

December Luncheon Speaker



Tom Eddlemon

Treasurer Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County

Fuel Hedging for Budget Stabilization

Tom Eddlemon was appointed Metropolitan Treasurer in 2014, and has been with the Treasurer's Office since 1994. His responsibilities include debt management, cash operations, investment oversight for both Metro's pension plan and Metro's idle cash, and collection of tourism taxes. Prior to joining Metro he worked for 2 years at First American Bank and proudly served 16 years in the US Air Force. The highlight of his Air Force career was serving as Comptroller at the Air Base in Berlin, Germany when the wall fell in 1989. He and his wife Brenda have two children and two grandchildren.



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COATS, HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS
AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE

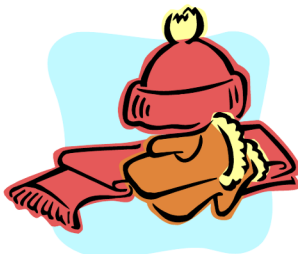


DONATIONS TO BENEFIT
SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

COATS, HATS AND GLOVES
GENTLY USED OR NEW

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR ONLY NEW

DONATIONS TAKEN AT THE DROP OFF
LOCATIONS OR AT THE LUNCHEON ON
DECEMBER 2, 2019



- Scarlet Sneed, 3rd floor, Cordell Hull Building, (615) 747-5243
- Angela McElrath-Prosser, Nashville Public Library, (615) 862-5772
- Pamela Marks 3rd floor, Howard Office Building, (615) 862-6212

Chapter Annual Reports Published

by Michael Winston

On September 30, the Nashville Chapter published its History Report and Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for the 2018-2019 program year. It was quite a year --- featuring our 40th Anniversary Gala, a CGFM Review Course, and so much more! Let's count it down....

10 – free webinars for members

9 – luncheons

8 – community service projects

7 – chapter and individual awards received at the PDT in New Orleans

6 – Values of the Nashville Chapter – Accountability, Communication, Diversity, Integrity, Leadership, and Service

5 – thousand dollars raised by Nashville AGA for Nashville Public Television

4 – college scholarships awarded to Middle TN students

3 – new CGFMs

2 – Day Winter Seminar

1 – spring social for the “Ages”

The CCR is our report to members, and potential members, of our activities between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. If you want to see just the highlights of 2018-2019, check it out [here](#). If you would like to see our full history report of all activities and chapter financial statements, check it out [here](#).

Thanks for a great year and the honor of serving as Chapter President!



Alex Green Elementary School



The Community Service Committee would like to thank the Nashville Chapter Members who provided over a thousand items to further the education of the students at Alex Green Elementary School. Thanks to you there are 428 more pencils in the hands of the students.

The Alex Green Elementary School Supply Drive provided the following much needed items for the students.

Pencils	Crayons	Markers	Glue/Sticks	Folders	Notebooks	Sharpeners	Supplies	Scissors
428	424	67	33	53	20	24	31	4

Chapter Points

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%

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 December 13, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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



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