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AGA President Message for January 2019

Hello,

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas. I also want to wish you all the best for the New Year!

Our speaker for January will be Laura Slatton and we hope that many of you will be able to attend.

The 50th anniversary for our East TN AGA chapter was on 12/31. We hope that you will be at the January meeting in order to help us celebrate with a piece of cake!

On a sad note, our long time member, Aldena Phillips, passed away on 12/18/18 after fighting an aggressive form of breast cancer for only a few months. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Thanks,
Alicia

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January 2019 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Jan. 8, 2019
11:30 AM**



*Speaker, Laura Slatton
DOE, Off. Inspector General*



Agenda

- 11:30 Registration/Networking
- 11:30 – 12:10 Lunch
- 12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River

401 Neyland Drive
865-673-3399

Menu

Barbeque Bone-in Chicken
Barbeque Pulled Pork with Buns
Creamy Country Cole Slaw
Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Biscuits & Corn Bread
or Vegetarian Plate**
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Spinach Maria

Cost

\$10.00 (member)
\$15.00 (non-member)

Please contact Patti Rebholz at
prebholz@utmck.edu to make your
reservation by **Friday, Jan. 4, 2019**
**Vegetarian Plate needs to be noted on
reservation email to Patti**

AGA National News

AGA Web Conferences: CPE Simplified

Looking for a way to stretch your training budget? AGA Web Conferences make earning CPE hours easy and affordable. Web conferences feature experts on a variety of government financial management and performance topics. Each event includes time for participants to ask questions and receive answers from the presenters. The web conferences are held on **Wednesdays from 2–3:50 p.m. ET.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

Jan. 09	Grants Management	2 CPE
Feb. 06	GASB Update	2 CPE
Mar. 06	Finance	2 CPE
May 15	Fraud/Data Analytics	2 CPE

Recruit a Member

Did you know that a large percentage of new members join AGA simply because someone invited them?

As a valued member, you can impact the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better than a current AGA member how beneficial membership is to advancing government accountability.

There are recognition and rewards for recruiting such as sponsor lapel pin for one or more new members, special recognition in AGA publications and at AGA events. You could even become the next recruiter of the year by recruiting the most new members from April 1st thru March 31st of any given year.

2018-2019 National Events Calendar

Feb. 27-28, 2019	National Leadership Training (NLT)	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual
July 21-24, 2019	Professional Development Training	24 – CPE's	New Orleans or virtual
Sept. 18-19, 2019	Internal Control and Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual

Check out www.agacgfm.org for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter

Chapter News

December Minutes

Our December meeting was held on December 4, 2018 at Calhoun's on the River. The meeting was opened by Alicia Reed, President welcoming everyone. After a great Christmas lunch provided by the Chapter, Alicia introduced the speaker; Ross Jones, the Director of Operations at Knoxville Dream Center.

Our guest speaker, Ross Jones shared with us some history of the Knoxville Dream Center and one of its main activities – Lost Sheep Ministries. The Lost Sheep Ministries ministers to the homeless “under the bridge” every Wednesday evening. They provide food, as well as many other necessities. For the last 28 years, they have ministered every Wednesday evening – not a single one has been missed. While the Lost Sheep Ministries is familiar to many people, the Knoxville Dream Center ministers to the community in many more ways. They service six Title I schools in the Knoxville area, have mobile food pantries, and community gardens to name a few. The Chapter presented Ross with a donation to the Knoxville Dream Center at the close of his presentation. The meeting was adjourned with a Merry Christmas wish from Alicia.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Sept. 30, 2018 as \$ 13,936.98

Beginning Balance June 1, 2018	-		\$ 14,670.35
Receipts	-	Dues	180.00
		Monthly Meeting	190.00
		Nov PDT Seminar	0.00
Disbursements	-	Community Svc Proj	0.00
		Monthly Meeting	(953.37)
		Nov PDT Seminar	0.00
		Misc Tax Filings	0.00
		National PDT	(150.00)
Ending Balance Sept. 30, 2018	-		\$ 13,936.98

January Speaker

Special Agent, Laura Slatton, CPA Dept. of Energy, Office on Inspector General

Special Agent Laura Slatton graduated from the University of Tennessee with a major in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. Laura began her federal career in 2002 with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General (OIG) as an Auditor. Laura became a Special Agent in 2007. As a Federal Law Enforcement Officer, Laura has specialized in complex white collar crimes against the Government resulting in 17 convictions and over \$17 million in funds returned to the United States Treasury. She is currently detailed to the FBI's counterintelligence division.

2018-2019 Chapter Events Calendar

February 12, 2019
March 12, 2019

Meetings
Amelia Hart
Penny Austin, AGA, Security Awareness

Calhoun's on the River
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Aldena Cox Phillips, CPA, faithfully served the East Tennessee Chapter of AGA for over 35 years. Aldena became the first female Controller of The University of Tennessee, serving in this role from 2017 through 2018. Aldena passed away on December 18, 2018.



Aldena Cox Phillips graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1978 with degrees in Accounting and Mathematics. She worked at Walters State Community College for three years in the Student Financial Assistance Office. In 1981, Aldena joined the State of Tennessee Comptroller's Office as an auditor in the Division of State Audit where she worked her way up to Audit Manager from 1989 to 1996.

In March 1996, Aldena joined The University of Tennessee's Controller Office as Associate Controller. From August 2010 through March 2017, Aldena served as Director of Accounting, overseeing the Controller's Office daily operations, the fiscal year-end accounting close and financial reporting and related audits, the accounting system operations, and compliance with sponsored project and federal and state tax regulations.

In April 2017, Aldena became the Controller of The University of Tennessee. In addition, she became Assistant Treasurer of the University of Tennessee Foundation.

Aldena was active in the Association of Government Accountants as a board member for 33 years and as the East Tennessee Chapter President in 1992 – 1993. She was an alumni of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute and The University of Tennessee Leadership Institute. Aldena participated in domestic and foreign missions and taught Sunday School for many years.

Aldena's expertise and leadership were vital during a time of major accounting principle changes instituted by GASB, the implementation of an ERP accounting system, and the creation and growth of the University of Tennessee Foundation.

Of all her accomplishments, Aldena was most proud of her two children Daniel and Allison and her grandson Leo Alexander.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President: Alicia Dawn Reed	974-3467
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Research: Larry Elmore	769-1632
Chapter Recognition & Meetings: Patti Rebholz	305-6953
President - Elect: Chris Simons	594-9586

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is always an opportunity for anyone of you to take a position as a board member.

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Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals. More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

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Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: Alexandria, VA

When: TBA

Cost: \$375 for members

Deadline:

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between TBA

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options