



Nashville Notes



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Alexander Warns
2021-2022 Chapter President

President's Letter

As I've previously mentioned, I'm originally from Michigan. That said, up north it seems like the winters never end. However, living here in Nashville, things are much different weather-wise. And, with March upon us, I'm excited for more and more spring days. To me, spring is an exciting time as it truly feels like a rebirth.

Speaking of spring, in the upcoming months our AGA Chapter has plans to do some great things. First, on March 12th we will host an in-person member social at Plaza Mariachi. During this social, members and guests will be able to gather, visit, and enjoy entertainment including juggling, stilt walking, and much more.

Additionally, this April, our AGA Chapter has two fantastic community service events planned (both on 4/23).

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President's Letter (continued)

Members from our Chapter will be volunteering at the "Nashville Earth Day Festival" as well as the "St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon." If you are interested in participating in either of these events please contact Mary Anne Queen (Mary.Anne.Queen@cot.tn.gov) or Keevia Battle (Keevia.K.Battle@tn.gov) for additional information

Even if you haven't previously attended Chapter events, like the ones I mentioned above, I'd very much encourage you to do so. Speaking from experience, these events not only make a direct impact in our community, but also are a lot of fun. I look forward to hopefully seeing you there!

Until next month.

-Alex

2021-22 AGA Webinars

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

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 16, 2022

2021-2022 CEC Meeting Dates

March 2, 2022

March 30, 2022

May 11, 2022

March Meeting Speaker

Daniel Porter, CFE

"Ethics Aren't for the Birds in Ozark"

Daniel Porter, CFE, has conducted and managed civil and criminal investigations for over 25 years as a licensed private investigator, a loss prevention manager, and as an investigator and investigations manager with the State of Tennessee.

He currently provides training and consulting services in the areas of fraud prevention-detection-investigation as well as ethics, productivity, and leadership.

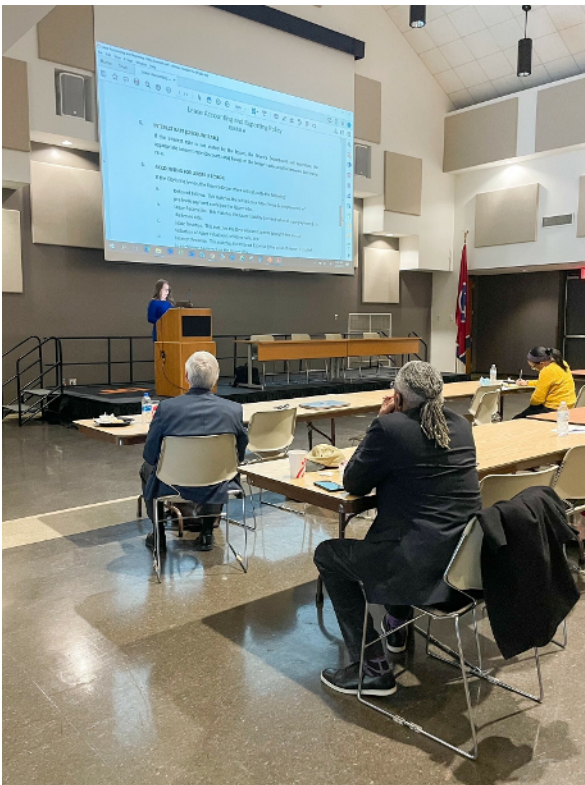


Daniel is a Cum Laude graduate from Middle Tennessee State University's Criminal Justice Program and has been a Certified Fraud Examiner for over 20 years. He has provided training at AGA, AASHTO, CFE, GFOA, IIA, IIMC, P2F2, and NASACT conferences in the United States and Canada as well as for governmental 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.



West TN Satellite Chapter Event

On February 15th, our West TN AGA Satellite Chapter, an affiliate of the Nashville Chapter, hosted its 2nd event featuring Jerry Durham and Teryn McNeal. Teryn presented on GASB 87 and Jerry shared the latest guidance from the Treasury's release of the Final Rule related to APRA funding and spending. There were 60 in attendance, and the crowd consisted of CPAs, CMFO/CCFOs, auditors, and finance directors, and other government officials from all across West TN. It was another very well-received event!





Make 2022 your year to become a CGFM!

Sign up today to reserve your spot in the next review course!
Contact Drew @ drew.sadler@cot.tn.gov

What: CGFM Review Course- Covering study materials for exams 1 and 3

When: March 21st-23rd 2022

Where: 3rd Floor of the Cordell Hull Building Downtown Nashville

Cost: AGA members- \$480 Non AGA Members- \$600 (We are limited to a course size of 30 people and we have 14 signed up!)

Benefits: All course participants will receive a paper copy of the exam 1 and 3 study guide, up to 24 hours of NASBA approved CPE, AND one exam voucher to take an exam for free!! (\$125 voucher)

New Members!

Karen Bell

Finance Director

Madison County

Patricia Davis

Accountant

McNairy County

Bassem Ibrahim

Assistant Accounting Manager

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Contract Audit Review Specialist

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

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TN Department of Treasury

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TN Department of Corrections

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Deputy Finance Director

Madison County

Heather Stadelman

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Anji Deaton

CMFO

Shelly Long

Chief Deputy Register

Obion County

Priya Patel

Student



Membership

As of February 17, 2022, our membership count is 352, just 22 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.

Community Service

On January 27, 2022, Nashville Chapter AGA volunteers sorted 3,235 pounds of frozen food which will provide **2,695 meals**. One in eight Middle Tennesseans struggle with hunger daily.



Community Service (continued)

Two Events for April!

The **Nashville Earth Day Festival 2022** and the **St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon** are BOTH taking place on **Saturday, April 23rd**.

Registration for the Nashville Earth Day Festival is open NOW. The festival will again be in Centennial Park, and they are planning to return to their larger, pre-pandemic format in terms of size and activities. It promises to be a fun, rewarding time! Registration link is below.



Use this form to register for the Nashville Earth Day Festival (and indicate that you are volunteering for Nashville Chapter AGA)! Please let mary.anne.queen@cot.tn.gov know that you have registered.



It's that time again when we get to volunteer at the St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on April 23, 2022.

We will once again work a water station during the race from 5:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. We will be at Water Stop #4 located at Granny White Pike between Clayton Ave. & Ferguson Ave.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Keevia.K.Battle@tn.gov or Mary.Anne.Queen@cot.tn.gov.

We had a blast at the last race. Please join us as we cheer on thousands of runners.

March Webinar

Cybersecurity/ERM

March 23 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: IT

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Information Technology (IT)

This session examines common attack vectors, such as ransomware, used by malicious actors against critical government financial infrastructure and systems. Discussion will also touch on methods to prevent and detect breaches and steps to prepare for and react to an eventual breach or attack.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how malicious actors introduce harmful and malicious software into the network and critical systems.
- Identify practical ways to monitor for and prevent attacks from occurring or to limit their impact.
- Learn a practical approach for preparing an incident response and the steps to take immediately after an attack or breach.

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 Alex Warns 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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