



# Nashville Notes



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**Jennifer Garoutte**  
2019-2020 Chapter President

## President's Letter

With the end of the calendar year approaching, I can't believe our program year is almost half over! It's a good time to look back on what we've accomplished this year. As I was putting the list together, I realized our accomplishments kind of flowed with a classic holiday song:

- 4 great speakers;
- 3 service projects;
- 2 Titans games;
- A chapter of dedicated members.

(Did you sing it? I bet you sang it...)

In all seriousness, our chapter has been very productive so far and I look forward to seeing what 2020 holds for us.

If you haven't contributed to our December service project for the Nashville Humane Association, there is information on that in this newsletter. If you haven't registered for the Winter Seminar, it is less than a month away.



## President's Letter ...

If you resolve to become more involved with AGA in 2020, there is a list of committees with the activities and responsibilities in this newsletter. Please contact me or a committee chair to join. You get points for serving on a committee. Points allow you to be entered into the drawing for a trip to the Professional Development Training in Dallas in July.

Wishing all of you the happiest and warmest of holidays!

Until next year,

Jennifer



## CGFM Beta Exams are LIVE!!

### Only 5 Spots Left

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;

## AGA Webinars

### **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**

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

## **2019-2020 CEC Meeting Dates**

December 18, 2019

January 29, 2020

March 4, 2020

April 8, 2020

April 29, 2020



# Membership Committee

## Recruiting New Members

As of our December luncheon, our membership count was 336, just 64 short of our goal of 400 for January 1! Currently, we have seventeen 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!

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**Congratulations to Chase and Megan Tramel who are expecting a baby girl!**



## New Members

**Mrs. Ereny Girgis, Accountant 1**

**Mrs. Tina G. Manning, Fiscal Director**

**Mr. Arlen Munden, Department Controller**

**Mrs. Zahra H. Sultan, Accountant**

**Miss Tracy Terczynski, Legislative IS 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](mailto: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**

# January Luncheon Speaker



## **Dennis F. Dycus, CPA, CFE, CGFM**

**Trainer, Consultant, Public Speaker**

**Schools....A great place to steal!**

Dennis Dycus retired in 2012 after 39 years with the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee as the Director of the Division of Municipal Audit where he was responsible for the audits of all local governments in Tennessee, with the exception of counties and their affiliated units as well as conducting investigations related to fraud, waste, and abuse in local governments.

For the last several years Mr. Dycus has developed and/or conducted training programs in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Mexico, Canada and Europe, for organizations such as the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; numerous state CPA societies; the Government Finance Officers Association; the Association of Government Accountants; the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; Westcott Communications, Inc.; Western CPE; Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network; the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe; The Cherokee Nation, IBM; HCA; NYC Presbyterian Hospital; Saturn, Inc.; Chrysler; Securities and Exchange Commission; the U.S. Department of Labor; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; the Government Accountability Office; U.S. Office of Management and Budget; the Internal Revenue Service; US Bankruptcy Trustees; Bisk Education, Inc.; Nichols Education, Inc.; Symbion, Inc.; numerous state audit organizations; local ACFE, AGA and state CPA chapters; and individual professional firms. He frequently speaks at colleges and universities as well as various professional conferences, both on a local and national level.





Help give hope to homeless and adoptable animals this holiday season. When homeless and suffering dogs need help, gifts from friends like you help save their lives and find them loving families... just in time for the holidays!

Give to the AGA December 2019 Community Service project to provide care for shelter pets like:

- Food and shelter
- Medical care
- Loving adoptive families

Your gift can make their holiday wishes and new beginnings possible!

**Please watch your email. There will be more information to follow.**





The collage consists of 12 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row features a green jacket with a pink flower accessory, a red jacket, and a blue 'TITAN' sweatshirt; a photo of the Samaritan Ministries building with a green facade and white arched windows; and a white jacket with a blue and purple hat. The second row shows a black jacket with a green and red hat, a collection of colorful patterned hats, a package of socks, and several packages of grey socks. The third row displays a blue jacket, a black jacket with white stars, a package of Gold Toe socks, a pair of grey socks with a red lip and spider design, and a package of boxer briefs. The bottom row includes a brown and blue knit hat and scarf set, and a collection of various socks and gloves.



# 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](http://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](mailto:Britt.Wood@comcast.net) no later than January 15, 2020 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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