

President's Message



**J. Michael Winston, CGFM,
Chapter President**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12, 2019 — Leadership Webinar

**July 21-24, 2019 — National Professional
Development Training
New Orleans**

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Hello Nashville AGA Members! Welcome to our monthly newsletter for May – my last issue as Nashville Chapter President. While it is a little bittersweet to be writing this column for the last time, I am so proud of what our chapter has accomplished this year.

Congratulations to our award winners we celebrated with at our luncheon on May 6th! In my biased opinion, we are the best chapter in AGA because we have the best people, and the awards luncheon gives us a chance to recognize some of those people who put in so much time, effort, and hard work for our chapter. It isn't luck or coincidence that so many good things happened in our chapter this year. Thousands of CPE hours awarded, more than 40 new members, a CGFM review course, monthly community service activities, and so much more ---- this only happens because of the hardworking members and committees who dedicate their personal time and resources to making them happen.

We also awarded scholarships to four individuals pursuing their academic goals. Founded to honor the contributions of William R. Snodgrass and to preserve the memory of Fawn W. Ellis, our scholarship program is one of my favorite ways we invest in the future of our world. Thanks to the support of our members, we are able to help the next generation achieve their dreams. They may become the next great government accountant and fellow AGA member, or life may take them in another equally worthy direction – the key is that the Nashville AGA Chapter succeeds when our members and our community succeed.

On behalf of the Chapter Executive Committee, I want to thank each of our members for trusting us with the care and operation of the chapter this year. We are a member-run organization, and we value the trust you place in us to manage and distribute our resources in a wise and prudent manner. Thank you for your faith in us!

As a current leader, I can unequivocally say that I am in this position because of the high standards and expectations set by my predecessors. I learned from the best, I committed to giving my best to the Nashville Chapter, and I hope the leaders who come after me will continue to strive to be the best. This is how chapter's become great and stay great year after year. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

Best,

Michael

Save the Date

2019 Webinar Dates

June 12, 2019 — Leadership

2018-2019 Conference Date

July 21-24, 2019 — National Professional
Development Training —
New Orleans

25 Years of CGFM

March CGFM Course

On March 18th-20th Nashville AGA celebrated 25 years of CGFM by hosting 25 participants in a CGFM Exam 2 review course. We would like to thank our instructor from National AGA and all of our participants for joining us in making CGFM Month 2019 one to remember!

Class Attendees: (not in photo order)



Veronica Coleman, Sarah Vandergriff, Jaclyn Clute, Hanaa Azer, Arlene Hailey, Andrew Hawkins, Dawn Manka, Carrie Sabin, Lakesha Hall, John Kennelly, Paula Johnston, Greg Spradley, Connie Aytes, Taylor Erskin, Reba Carleton, Aaron Maynard, Deborah Strahler, Angela Collins, Amanda Spencer, Kim Williams, Joe Goode, Teryn McNeal, Timothy Hardy, Meagan Hinton, and Vince Finnermore.



Henry Ho, Legislative Auditor in the Division of State Audit, recently received his CGFM certification.

NASHVILLE NOTES

Chapter Officers for 2019-2020

Meet the new officers and directors who will serve in the upcoming chapter year (2019-2020). Congratulations to those selected and thank you for your willingness to serve our chapter in such an important leadership role! These individuals sworn in at our May luncheon.

President - Jennifer Garoutte

President-Elect - Rachelle Cabading

Immediate Past President - Michael Winston

Secretary - Donna Jewell

Treasurer - Nichole Crittenden

Treasurer-Elect - Katie Armstrong

Two-Year Directors: Nathan Abbott

Terry Burr

Bridget Carver

Maria McCormick

Alexander Warns

One-Year Directors: Melissa Boaz

LoriAnn Davis

Melissa Lahue

Mary Anne Queen

Drew Sadler



Congratulations Shirley Henry!

The National Executive Committee of the Association of Government Accountants has granted a Lifetime Membership to Shirley Henry. Lifetime

Membership status is proudly conferred upon those individuals with 40 continuous years of AGA membership. Shirley was a charter member of the Nashville AGA Chapter when it started in 1978 and has served the chapter in various capacities through the years including Chapter President.



Chapter Bylaws Update

The Nashville Chapter Bylaws, as amended, were passed unanimously by the members attending the May 6, 2019 luncheon.

We would like to thank all the members that attended the luncheon meeting which allowed the chapter to pass the bylaws with the appropriate number of participants.

ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

NASHVILLE CHAPTER BYLAWS

Revised May 2019

NASHVILLE NOTES

AGA Membership Anniversaries

Twenty Years

- * Bridget Carver
- * Jerry Durham
- * Talia Lomax-O'dneal
- * John Herko
- * Ferman Pride
- * Anna Holbrook
- * Richard Phebus

Thirty Years

- * Herbert Kraycirik
- * Diane Snodgrass
- * Marcia Holman
- * Iris Haby
- * Gregg Hawkins
- * David Sturtevant
- * Melanie Burlison

Retiree Recognition

- * Dean Agouridis
- * Ed Burr
- * Iris Haby
- * Karen Hale
- * David Sturtevant
- * Clare Tucker



Ed Burr



David Sturtevant



Jennifer Garoutte
2019-20 Nashville Chapter President

Dear Nashville AGA Members,

I can't believe it is May already and I will soon take on the role of being Chapter President for one of AGA's most successful Chapters. A chapter doesn't have the level of success we've had without active and dedicated members! So thank you all! I'm looking forward to serving with you all in the 2019-2020 Program Year.

A little about me as incoming President, I've been a member of the Nashville Chapter since 2001 and have served on various committees and in leadership roles such as director, secretary, treasurer-elect, treasurer, and president-elect. I have been with the Comptroller's Office for almost 19 years. My career began as a Sunset Performance Auditor with the Division of State Audit and about 5 years ago, I transferred to the Division of Investigations. Working in the Comptroller's Office has provided me with opportunities to see government at all levels from large state agencies to small local governments and to even smaller quasi-governmental and non-profit entities. I enjoy my work!

I hold 3 professional certifications, Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Certified Forensic Interviewer (CFI). I am a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and hold an undergraduate degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration. I have also received a Graduate Certificate in Forensic Document Examination from East Tennessee State University.

In my spare time, you can usually find me playing with my two dogs, crocheting, reading or spending time with my family.

Committee Awards



Michael Winston calls his last meeting to order as President.



Jai Sawlani, Mary Anne Queen and Pamela Marks received community service awards. Thanks for all you do helping AGA make our community service projects successful .



Mary Lou Goins and Gerry Boaz each won for submitting an article for the newsletter.



Drew Sadler did a great job recruiting new members for the chapter this year.

Chapter Awards



Drew Sadler, CGFM, received the
President's Award

Special recognition given by the Chapter
President for meritorious service to the
Nashville AGA Chapter



Melissa Lahue, CPA, CGFM, CFE,
received the
Member of the Year Award

Recognition given to a chapter member
for outstanding contributions and com-
mitment to the Nashville AGA Chapter



Pamela Marks is the winner of the free
trip to the AGA National PDT in
New Orleans

Reaching certain point thresholds
through participation results in added
membership benefits, such as qualifying
for a chance to win a trip to the AGA
National PDT



Michael Winston, 2018-19 AGA Nashville
Chapter President passes the gavel to our
new 2019-2020 Chapter President
Jennifer Garoutte



Jennifer Garoutte 2019-20 AGA
Nashville Chapter President honors
Michael Winston's service as
2018-19 Chapter President

Outgoing Officers



Nichole Crittenden, Treasurer Elect



Rachelle Cabading, Secretary



Britt Wood, Immediate Past President



Jennifer Garoutte, President Elect

Scholarship Winners



Tamara Yarbrough is a 2019 recipient of the Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship Award. She is the daughter of Nashville Chapter member Sonja Yarbrough. Tamara was born May 15, 2000. She attended LaVergne High School, where she graduated with a 3.9 GPA in May 2018. Tamara currently attends Middle Tennessee State University majoring in Business Administration. Although Tamara is finishing up her first year as a MTSU student, she will be entering her junior year of college this fall, thanks to college credits she earned through the dual enrollment program at LaVergne High School. After college, Tamara aspires to be a lawyer.

Tamara Yarbrough was the only scholarship winner who was able to attend the awards luncheon with her mother Sonja Yarbrough.



Joshua Rogers is a 2019 recipient of the Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship Award. He is the son of Nashville Chapter member Julie Rogers. Joshua is a senior at Columbia Academy and is valedictorian of his class. He is very involved at school being the president of the National Honor Society, co-president of the drama club, and co-president of his HOSA chapter. He is also very involved in the community, actively participating at the Maury County Arts Guild as an officer of the Teen Arts Project. Joshua plans to attend the University of Alabama at Huntsville in the fall to study biochemistry.



Rebekah Martin is a 2019 recipient of the William R. Snodgrass Scholarship Award. Rebekah was born and raised in central Illinois. She is currently a junior accounting major at Lipscomb University, and her goal is to earn a Master's in Accounting degree and become a licensed CPA. Rebekah enjoys social and missions work, being involved in the community, and spending time with her golden-doodle Milly.



James Camp is a 2019 recipient of the William R. Snodgrass Scholarship Award. James is a student member of the Nashville Chapter of AGA. He plans on graduating from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in May 2020 and a Master of Accountancy in December 2020. He is from Hopkinsville, Kentucky and graduated from Hopkinsville High School in 2016, where he graduated third in his class. During high school, James was a member of Beta Club, National Honors Society, Science Olympiad, and the varsity golf team that went to the state tournament for three consecutive years. He is currently a member of Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma. Currently, he interns for Aramark Corporation at Western Kentucky University's campus. After college, James plans on obtaining his CPA license and working as an auditor in the government or public sector.

News And Just The Facts

FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF MAY 31, 2019 , IS AS FOLLOWS:			
<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	5,900	5,000	118%
Education & Professional Development	8,400	4,000	210%
Certification	5,650	4,000	141%
Communications	6,650	3,000	222%
Membership	5,950	4,000	149%
Accountability	1,450	2,000	73%
Community Service	2,000	2,000	100%
Awards	4,250	1,000	425%
TOTALS	40,250	25,000	161%

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@cot.tn.gov no later than July 15, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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