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AGA President Message for February 2019

Hello,

I'm glad that we have made it through the end of January and it is getting closer to Spring. I'm not made to withstand the cold temperatures, despite appearances.

I wanted to mention that it is AGA membership renewal time, so please remember to go to the AGA website and renew, or if you are not a member, please consider joining AGA.

Our speaker for February is Amelia Hart who also spoke at the 2 day seminar in November. We had many positive comments on her previous presentation so I'm glad to welcome her back.

I hope that many of you are able to attend next Tuesday, February 12!

Thanks,
Alicia

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February 2019 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Feb. 12, 2019
11:30 AM**



Speaker, Amelia Hart



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

Fried Chicken
Homemade Meatloaf
Spinach Maria
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Baked Bread
or Vegetarian Plate**
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Spinach Maria

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Feb. 8, 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

Mar. 06	Finance	2 CPE
Mar. 27	Cybersecurity	2 CPE
Apr. 10	Ethics	2 CPE
Apr. 24	DATA Act	2 CPE
May 14	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

January Minutes

Our January meeting of the 2018-2019 year was held on January 8, 2019 at Calhoun's on the River. The meeting was opened by Alicia Reed, President with a welcome to everyone. Alicia introduced the speaker, Laura Slatton, Department of Energy, Office of Inspector General.

Our guest speaker, Laura Slatton, presented a program on "Fraud Awareness Briefing". Laura discussed the three sides to the Office of Inspector General's office – audit, investigation, and inspection. She gave information on white collar crime and the differences of criminal – beyond a reasonable double; civil – lower burden of proof; and administration – suspension and disbarment of contractors. Her presentation and the real- life cases provided a great insight into the workings of the Office of Inspector General and specifically fraud.

Alicia closed the meeting by thanking Laura for her presentation. A brief board meeting was held to discuss a representative to AGA's 2019-2020 National Council of Chapters. Amy Paganelli has agreed to be the representative.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Jan. 31, 2019 as \$ 16,209.25

February Speaker

Ingrid Amelia Hart, DBA, CPA, CGMA

Amelia Hart provides management consulting services to assist businesses in strategic and operational goals through Hart Accounting and Professional Services PLLC, Knoxville, TN. She also prepares compilations, completes various compliance reporting, and assists with tax-related issues for small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Amelia received her Doctor of Business Administration, Accounting, from Anderson University. She received her Masters of Business Administration, Accounting, from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and her Bachelor of Science, Accounting, from Lee University. She currently is a Accounting and Information Management Department Lecturer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Amelia is a member of the American Accounting Association, American Institute of CPAs, Tennessee Society of CPAs, and is a member of NACUBO.

2018-2019 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

Mar. 12, 2019	Penny Austin, AGA, Security Awareness	Calhoun's on the River
April 9, 2019	TBA	Calhoun's on the River
May 14, 2019	Awards	Calhoun's on the River

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President: Alicia Dawn Reed
Past President: Karen McKee
Webmaster: Alicia Dawn Reed
Treasurer: Connie Aytes
Secretary: Pamela Gail Cook
Historian: Amy Paganelli
Membership: Robin Shelton
Education & CGFM: Mary McDonald
Awards: Astra Cope
Accountability: Astra Cope
Community Service: Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers: Perry Benshoof
Newsletter Editor: Deb Strahler
Research: Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition & Meetings: Patti Rebholz
President - Elect: Chris Simons

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: April 1-2, 2019

Cost: \$350 for members (discount in celebration of 25th Anniversary)

Deadline: March 20, 2019

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between April 3, 2019 – July 31, 2019

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options