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It is very easy to get into a rut. It is equally as easy to maintain the status quo and not deviate from the familiar.

Although I like to try new things and think outside the box, I noticed that I was not approaching this program year with the AGA Nashville Chapter in the same way. It is a well-oiled machine and didn't need me throwing a kink in the chain. Our President-Elect Michael Winston threw out some good questions at our kick-off meeting, which started the kink "for me". He asked,

- What do **we** as a chapter want to get out of our luncheons?
- Do **we** want to save the chapter and our members money by changing up the venue?
- Do **we** want to think about new ideas to incorporate into the luncheons?

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) decided yes; therefore, we will experiment by holding two lunches at the Tennessee Room in the TN Tower. Jim Arnette, AGA National President, will be our speaker for the first meeting in the new venue.

In addition, we have decided to dip our toes in the water and try a few other new things. I want to thank Katie Armstrong, who came back from the section leadership meeting sporting new fundraising strategies with the Tennessee

Titans. These additional funds will allow us to keep our winter seminar fees affordable and continue subsidizing the luncheon costs for our members.

One of our goals is to reach out to the community and establish some name recognition by raising the awareness of AGA. We want people to know AGA is not only for accountants and auditors but for all who want to influence change and make government more accountable.

Please let us know if you have any ideas to help us reach out to local, state and federal branches of government to bring in some new members. You can email me or our CEC members. Our contact information is located at the end of the newsletter.

Let's work together to add a few new kinks in the chain before the year is over.

*Britt*

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2017-2018 Luncheon Meeting Dates

September 18, 2017 — DoubleTree  
October 9, 2017 — DoubleTree  
November 13, 2017 — TN Room, TN Tower  
December 11, 2017 — DoubleTree  
January 8, 2018 — DoubleTree  
February 12, 2018 — DoubleTree  
March 12, 2018 — DoubleTree  
April 9, 2018 — DoubleTree  
May 14, 2018 — TN Room, TN Tower

## 2017-2018 CEC Meeting Dates

August 10, 2017  
September 14, 2017  
October 5, 2017  
November 9, 2017  
December 7, 2017  
January 4, 2018  
February 8, 2018  
March 8, 2018  
April 5, 2018  
May 10, 2018

## 2017-2018 Audio Conference Dates

September 13, 2017 — Communication/Leadership  
October 11, 2017 — Internal Control  
November 15, 2017 — Ethics in Fraud  
December 6, 2017 — Internal Control  
January 10, 2018 — Grants Management  
February 7, 2018 — GASB Update  
March 7, 2018 — Infrastructure Financing  
March 28, 2018 — Cybersecurity  
April 25, 2018 — DATA Act  
May 16, 2018 — Fraud/Data Analytics

## 2017-2018 Conference Dates

January 2018 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar  
— Location and date to be determined

# October Speakers— Panel of Accounting Professionals

**Dr. Perry Moore** is Professor of Accounting and Director of Graduate Business at Lipscomb University in Nashville. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor, a Chartered Global Management Accountant, and is Certified in Risk Management Assurance. A Nashville native, Perry graduated from Lipscomb with a degree in accounting and then completed his graduate studies at the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia.

For the Tennessee Society of CPA's, Perry is a member of their Professional Ethics and Accounting Career Education Committees. Perry has also directed their "Accounting Academy", a program designed to attract high school students to accounting careers. Perry serves as a member of Council representing the Nashville Chapter and as an At-Large Member of the Nashville Chapter's Board.

Perry is active in the Institute of Internal Auditors. He has served as a past-President of their Nashville Chapter. Perry is Past-President of Delta Mu Delta, an international honor society for business majors.

**Tammy Waymire, PhD, CPA** is an associate professor of accounting at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). She joined MTSU this fall following nine years on the faculty at Northern Illinois University (NIU) where she earned awards for excellence in teaching and research. She specializes in governmental and nonprofit accounting topics, both in the classroom and in research. These interests were fueled by her background in public accounting where she audited government and nonprofit entities, and in subsequent roles as a Medicaid fraud investigator and as a public utility regulator. Her research has been published in the *Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting*, *Issues in Accounting Education*, *Public Budgeting & Finance*, *Journal of Government Financial Management*, *Journal of Accounting Education*, and *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. She currently serves as the President-Elect of the Government and Nonprofit (GNP) Section of the American Accounting Association.

**Randall L. Kinnersley, Ph. D., CPA, CGFM, CGMA** is a professor at Western Kentucky University (WKU). He earned a Ph. D. from Texas Tech University, a Master of Accounting from the University of Illinois, and a MBA from Eastern Illinois University.

Randy is a licensed CPA in Illinois. His accounting career began in health care and he ultimately served as a Director of Finance (chief financial officer) for a government-owned hospital before he began his academic career. Randy has spent more than 30 years in academia with governmental accounting as his primary interest.

Randy has served on Nashville Chapter Executive Committee. He was the Nashville Chapter Early Careers Chair for two years and also served on a southeast regional professional development conference planning committee. Randy was a member of the Government Performance Accountability Committee of the AICPA for three years and currently serves as the government accounting expert on Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) content sub-committee of the CPA exam for the AICPA.

**Dan Wesley Meyer, Ph.D., CPA** works as an associate professor at Austin Peay State University since 2004. He previously taught at Indiana University East, Jacksonville State and University Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also worked at Seidman and Seidman and Memphis Moore and Gray. He received a bachelor's degree at the University of Mississippi, master's degree at Purdue University and doctorate degree at the University of Missouri. He is the author of several publications and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Thomas W. De Berry** graduated with a B.S. in Accounting from Lubbock Christian University and a M.S. in Accounting from Texas Tech University. He has been a C.P.A. (Texas certificate) since 1980. Tom worked for several years in Dallas, Texas and the Los Angeles, California area in the electric utility industry. He completed his Ph.D. in Economics from Texas Tech University, while on the faculty of Lubbock Christian University. He became a Certified Fraud Examiner in 2007. He has taught a wide variety of courses in accounting, economics, and fraud examination for Lubbock Christian, University of North Georgia, and Freed-Hardeman University.

# Committee News

## Community Service

### **AGA is once again participating in HAND ON NASHVILLE DAY on September 23, 2017**

HON Day, Hands On Nashville's signature day of service and largest annual fundraiser, supports one of the city's most important resources: Metro Nashville Public Schools. Since 2012, more than 20,000 volunteers have made an economic impact of more than \$1.5 million\* for schools in our community.

*Hands On Nashville Day 2017*, presented by Altria, is made possible through partnership with the Office of Mayor Megan Barry, Metro Nashville Department of Public Works and Metro Nashville Public Schools.

### **We will have the opportunity to volunteer at Bellshire Design Center for HON Day 2017**

**Location: 1128 Bell Grimes Lane, Nashville, TN 37207**

#### **Volunteers are invited to:**

Plant trees and daffodils.

Create inspirational murals.

Landscape playgrounds.

Paint hallways, gymnasiums and more!

#### **Other details:**

HON Day is family friendly: Youth ages 10 and older are invited to participate with an adult. Volunteers must be 18 or older to participate without an adult.

Dress for a mess: Please wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Reusable water bottles are encouraged.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please email Keevia Battle, [Keevia.battle@tn.gov](mailto:Keevia.battle@tn.gov) or Veronica Coleman, [Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov](mailto:Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov).

## Membership

Kicking off this new year with Recruitment Incentives are the following:

- First-time guests receive a free lunch.
- Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
- The member who sponsors the most new members by December 31 wins \$100.
- Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2018.

Speaking of points, visit the [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) website or contact Andrew Hawkins to see how to gain points throughout the year. Just about everything you do can help you win the membership rebate mentioned above and a chance to win a free trip to Orlando in July for the National Professional Development Training (PDT).

Get involved! Benefit yourself and others through your professional association, AGA!

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Lori Brasher, Brasher Accounting, No Sponsor

Marlan Crawford, State of Tennessee, No Sponsor

Jack M. Williams, Tennessee Department of General Services, No Sponsor

# Welcome to AGA!

# Committee News and Member Spotlight

## CGFM Committee

The first drawing took place at our September luncheon. Congratulations to **James Young** who passed Part 1 of the CGFM exam!! James will receive a check to be reimbursed for his exam fees. The next drawing will be held at our December luncheon for all parts passed in September through November. Please contact [Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov) to get your name added to the drawing.

Don't forget about the lending library!!! Our library includes study guides from all 3 sections of the exam. We have multiple copies available for your use. This could potentially save you hundreds of dollars!! For more information or to borrow from our library, contact Melissa Lahue at [Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov).



Congratulations to Kay Wilson for passing all CGFM exam parts and successfully becoming a CGFM!!



## CGFM Committee

Welcome back!

It was great to see those of our membership at the luncheon in September, and the first-time guests, and we look forward to seeing everyone at various CPE, social, and community service events throughout the year.

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### New Members

Kyle Center, Department of General Services, Sponsored by Debi Moss

Ivan Greenfield, State of Tennessee, No Sponsor

Patricia Hensley, THEC and TSAC, Sponsored by Carrie Blair

# Welcome to AGA!



# Committee News



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

COME ENJOY FOOTBALL, FOOD, AND FRIENDS WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR CHAPTER!

NASHVILLE AGA HAS VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE CONCESSIONS AT THE **NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** AND **DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** TITANS GAMES AS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CHAPTER. BEFORE WORKING AT THE GAME, ALL VOLUNTEERS **MUST** COMPLETE A 2 HOUR TEAM TRAINING AT NISSAN STADIUM THAT WILL ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ALCOHOL. THE NEXT AVAILABLE TRAININGS ARE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> (6:30PM-8:30PM) AND WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> (6:30PM-8:30PM). OCTOBER TRAINING DATES HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED BY THE TITANS, BUT THOSE WILL BE COMMUNICATED ONCE THEY ARE SET. SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER LUNCHEONS. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT KATIE ARMSTRONG AT [KATIE.ARMSTRONG@COT.TN.GOV](mailto:KATIE.ARMSTRONG@COT.TN.GOV) TO VOLUNTEER.

GO TITANS GO!

# Member Anniversaries

We would like to recognize members who have special anniversaries with AGA this year. Please congratulate them on their time with AGA .

## 5 Years

Mr. Phillip R. Buell, CPA  
Miss Janice E. Moore, CGFM  
Mr. Michael L. Galey  
Ms. Emily Gray  
Ms. Cindy M. Hobbs  
Mr. Dieudonne M. Ndinda, CGFM  
Mr. James Michael Winston, CGFM  
Ms. Heather T. Roe  
Mr. Jerome W. Trice  
Mr. William A. Sadler, III, CGFM  
Ms. Cecilia Parsons, CPA

## 10 Years

Mr. Alan E. Major, CGFM  
Ms. Sandra S. Tulloss  
Mr. Marc V. Finamore  
Mrs. Anne R. Henson, CGFM  
Mrs. Melissa S. Lahue, CGFM  
Ms. Mikhel S. Lindsley  
Mrs. Donna F. Nicely, CGFM  
Mr. Victor U. Nwanso  
Mrs. Kathy R. Richardson  
Mr. Marty Spears  
Mr. Scott A. White, CGFM, CDFM-A

## 20 Years

Mrs. Mary Anne J. Queen, CGFM, CFE  
Ms. Melissa B. Wright  
Ms. Patricia D. Amorello, CGFM

## 20 Years Continued

Ms. Dena Winningham, CGFM  
Mrs. Melissa D. Boaz, CGFM  
Mr. Gerry Boaz, CGFM, CPA, CGMA  
Mr. Mike J. Corricelli, CGFM  
Mr. Donald M. Hall  
Ms. Tammy R. Worley, CGFM  
Ms. Suzanne Smotherman  
Ms. Elizabeth R. Pugh  
Mr. Bryan Wayne Burklin, CGFM  
Mr. Ronald E. Boniol, CGFM  
Mr. Aaron Jewell, CGFM

## 30 Years

Mr. Daniel V. Willis, CGFM  
Mrs. Margaret Wallace Walker, CGFM, CPA

## 40 Years

Mr. John M. Hughes  
Mr. Dennis F. Dycus, CGFM  
Mr. Charles L. Harrison, CGFM-Retired  
Mr. Robert E. Hart, CGFM-Retired  
Ms. Shirley Ann Henry, CGFM, CPA, CGMA  
Mr. Richard V. Norment, CGFM-Retired

# The Nashville AGA Year in Review — Mary Lou Goins

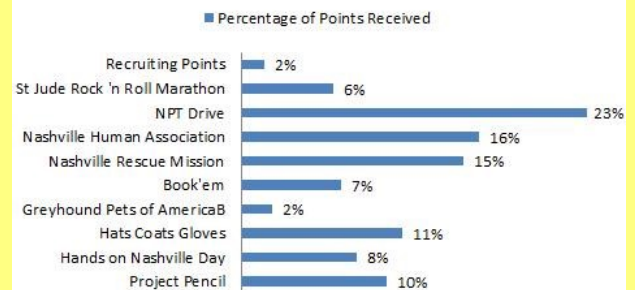
Does Nashville AGA make a difference? A quick review of the statistics of membership points makes one think about how AGA makes an impact upon its membership. Do members belong to AGA just because they want to say they belong? Do they come to the meetings? Do they attend the training offered? Do they participate in the community service opportunities? How many participate on the various committees?

Currently Nashville AGA has a membership of 365 members, 73% of the membership earned some type of points during the previous year. Of those earning points, 65% of those earned less than ten points as indicated with the chart.

Nashville has nine regular meetings during the year. 204 members, or 56% of the current membership did not attend a meeting during the year. If you do the math, that makes 44% attended a meeting or 161 members. Only 1% or 5 members attended all nine meetings while 12% or 45 members attended a meeting only once during the year. Seven of those meetings are CPE meetings for members to earn an hour of continuing professional education. Thirty-one guests were brought to the meetings and six new members were sponsored by existing membership.

Nashville AGA has always been known for great Community Service participation, however only forty-one of it's membership or 11% participated in at least one community service activity. There were some great opportunities presented for each of us to participate. Of the points being earned the prior year on the various community service activities the National Public Television drive received the highest for points earned. As we begin a new year each member of Nashville AGA needs to remember that we are to be engaged in service to our community and strive to improve the participation in the coming year.

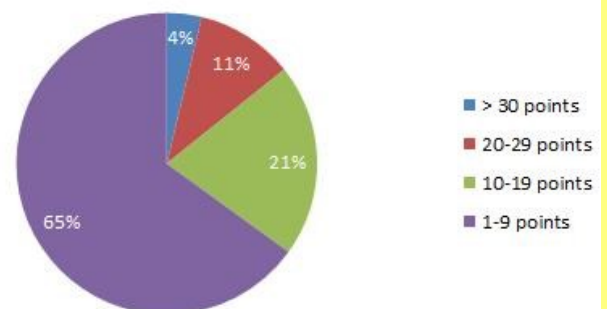
## Community Service for AGA



Committee participation is vital to any organization. There are sixteen various committee opportunities in AGA which include: Awards, Education, Internet, Meetings & Attendance, CGFM, Newsletter, Membership, Early Careers, Program, Community Service, Public Relations, Accountability, Finance, Sponsorship, CEC, and Regional and National Committees for members to serve. Only 12% of the current membership received points for serving on a committee. Volunteer to serve, it will help Nashville AGA to grow.

Training participation is the highest participation for any AGA points received during the year. 51% or 185 members of Nashville AGA participated in the training offered through AGA and seven of the members were featured speakers. AGA is a great place to obtain continuing education credits for CGFM and CPA. Are you taking advantage of those opportunities?

## Percentage Points





# News And Just The Facts

## CAREER CENTER

A **Inspector General** position was recently posted. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the link provided at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html> .

### OUR CURRENT STANDING AS OF MAY 19, 2017, IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,975	5,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	6,875	4,000	172%
Certification	5,700	4,000	143%
Communications	6,304	3,000	210%
Membership	5,900	4,000	148%
Accountability	850	2,000	43%
Community Service	7,375	2,000	369%
Awards	3,800	1,000	380%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41,779</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>167%</b>

### 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 October 9, 2017.



### 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 [Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov) no later than October 13, 2017 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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