



# Nashville Notes



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**Rachelle Cabading**  
2020-2021 Chapter President

## President's Letter

Hello Nashville AGA! As we conclude our Nashville Chapter program year, I am so proud to share with you what our chapter has accomplished! As you remember, when our program year began last September, we were still living in the uncertain world of the pandemic. We did not know exactly what activities could be offered during the year or if any of them would be in person. Our Chapter Executive Committee really stepped up to the plate this year and found ways to make sure our normal chapter activities still occurred! Thank you to everyone who played a part in our chapter's success!

One of the main missions of the Nashville AGA Chapter is to offer continuing professional education to support our chapter members in their professional growth. I am proud to say this program year, we offered 65 hours of Continuing Professional Education events.



## President's Letter (Continued)

Another mission is to give back to our community and help those in need. Due to the generosity of our chapter members, the Nashville Chapter helped out over 10 local and national charities this past year. Some examples are Alex Green Elementary School, the Nashville Rescue Mission, Samaritan Ministries, Mending Hearts, the Nashville Humane Association, Second Harvest Food Bank, Wounded Warrior Project, America Needs You, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and the American Red Cross. As this program year ends, I want to encourage everyone to continue helping those in need especially some of our small local charities. Thank You to our community service committee for all you did to help us reach the "Power of 7" call to action from National AGA. Our CGFM Program was a huge success this year. We hosted a virtual CGFM review course for exam 2 with almost 30 participants. Also, during this program year we have added 5 new CGFM's to our membership! On May 17th, we celebrated our chapter accomplishments during our last monthly meeting. Congratulations to all who won drawings, committee awards, and chapter awards.



## President's Letter (Continued)

Our chapter award winners are:

**Member of the Year** – Angela McElrath Prosser. This award recognizes a chapter member for outstanding contributions and their commitment to the Nashville AGA Chapter.



**President's Award** – Mary Anne Queen. This award is a special recognition given by the Chapter President for outstanding service to the Nashville AGA Chapter.

**Volunteer of the Year Award** – Nathan Abbott. This award recognizes a chapter member's selfless service to AGA.



On behalf of our Chapter Executive Committee, I want to thank all of our members who worked so hard to help with the success, especially in a year where we had to find different and unique solutions to ensure our chapter still met its mission of promoting and supporting government financial management!

Best,  
Rachelle

Fellow AGA Member,

I'd suspect if you looked at a COVID pop culture word cloud you'd see an overall theme of "seclusion" with the following phrases in large bold font: Social Distancing, Zoom, Quarantine, and Binge-Watching. That said, although Joe Exotic's clash with Carole Baskin was certainly entertaining, their feud unfortunately could not come close to filling the isolation void created by the pandemic. Quite simply, we lost out on human contact and it had an impact.

Looking into the future, when the upcoming AGA year comes to a close, if we created a word cloud for our Chapter, what expressions do you think would be most prominent? Personally, I'm hoping we'd see an overall theme of

Given the above, as upcoming Chapter President, I'd like to encourage and challenge each one of our members to actively participate within our organization. With numerous events you'll have the opportunity to network at a luncheon, volunteer within the community, or potentially even get the CGFM designation. I promise you'll make some friends, get new ideas, and help make up for the COVID human interaction void!

-Alexander Warns



# MENTORING program

We are seeking mentors for an exciting new initiative. Please share your knowledge and experience with future leaders in our profession! Mentoring is a great resource for young professionals to gain not only knowledge and skills, but also opportunities for networking and personal support, outside of a traditional or work related 'chain of command'. Make a positive impact on the future of our profession by signing up to help a young professional succeed!

Visit [AGA - Mentoring Program \(agacgfm.org\)](https://agacgfm.org) for more information.



# Community Service

On May 11, the Nashville Chapter sent 8 volunteers to Second Harvest Food Bank. They packed 1,620 food bags for the Child Adult Care Feeding Program! Thank you to members Penny Austin, Angela McElrath- Prosser, Pam Marks, Keevia Battle, and Mary Anne Queen, and also a special thanks to Christopher Prosser, Casey Queen, and Bryson Davis for helping out.





# New Members!

## Scott Collins

City Manager

City of Fairview

## Andrew W. Turner

Accountant 2

State of Tennessee



## Recruiting Incentives

- 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 wins \$100.

Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2021.

## Membership

Congratulations to all the winners of our membership incentive programs! The winner of the \$50 incentive drawing for renewing membership by March 31, 2021, was Richard Holland. The winner of the \$100 award for sponsoring the most new members between January 2021 and April 2021 was Katie Armstrong.

We wrapped up our year with a total membership of 342 professionals dedicated to quality and accountability in government and non-profit organizational accounting. Thanks to you, the AGA continues to grow in service to our association, our community, and our nation, and we can all be proud to be a part of the movement.

Remember if you have not yet renewed, you may do so at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to take advantage of member benefits throughout the summer and into the next program year. Thank you for a fabulous year, and stay tuned for more fantastic programs, membership benefits, and recruiting incentives beginning in September.

# Leadership

**June 9 | 1:00–2:50 PM CST | 2 CPEs | FOS: PD**

More than a year ago, the government transitioned to an almost entirely virtual environment. Although program and project management may look different in Zoom, Slack or GoToMeeting, leaders still expect results. Join AGA for a webinar on ways to succeed in this virtual environment, featuring Tonya Johnson, Deputy CFO, U.S. Department of the Interior; Thomas Harker, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Navy; and Ann Ebberts, CEO, AGA.

Learning Objectives:

In this webinar, gather new insights and skills to:

- Adapt project management techniques to the demands of virtual work.
- Develop methods to keep teams active, engaged and collegial.
- Promote commitment and prevent distraction.
- Track and monitor performance metrics and outcomes to validate success.
- Approach employee development in the virtual environment.
- Prevent video conference fatigue.

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## 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.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

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](mailto:Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov) no later than May 15, 2021 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 Rachelle Cabading 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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