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President's Message

AGA President Message for May 2021

May brings the final meeting of our AGA year, which will be the Awards Ceremony Luncheon at Calhoun's on the River to recognize our members who have reached a milestone anniversary with the chapter as well as our board members who have served this year. We will not have a speaker or CPE for the event. It will be very nice, however, to finally be able to safely socialize and network in-person!

With all that was going on in the world over this past year, I would like to thank each of you who attended a monthly meeting or event as well as those who joined AGA or renewed their membership during my term as Chapter President. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the chapter officers who participated in many more planning meetings than usual in transitioning to a virtual format.

It has been an honor to serve, and now it is time for me to pass the torch to Travis Lowe, who will be next year's Chapter President. I wish you all the best, and I look forward to seeing you in our next AGA program year when we resume meeting in September!

Kind Regards,
Astra Cope
2020-2021 AGA East TN Chapter President

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May 2021 Meeting

**Tuesday,
May 28, 2021
11:30 AM**



Awards Ceremony



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

Grilled Lemon Chicken over Rice
Smoked Beef Brisket
House Salad
Spinach Maria
Smoky Mountain Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Baked Cinnamon Apples
and Double Chocolate Cake for dessert

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, cost \$59.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

June 9	Leadership	2 CPE
June 23	Members Only – Free for AGA members	1.5 CPE
Sept 8	Communications	2 CPE
Oct 6	Internal Control / Improper Payments	2 CPE
Nov 3	Ethics	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.

2020-2021 National Events Calendar

Professional Development Training (PDT)	July 18-21	Nashville or virtual	24 CPE
Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training	Sept 21-22	Virtual	14 CPE
Technology & Transformation Summit	Nov 2021	Virtual	8 CPE

Check out www.agacqfm.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

April Meeting Minutes

Our April meeting of the East TN AGA Chapter was held virtually on April 13, 2021. President Astra Cope opened the meeting with some announcements. Astra then introduced the speakers, Susan Gennoe, City of Knoxville CFO and Boyce Evan, City of Knoxville Deputy Finance Director.

Susan and Boyce discussed the state of the City of Knoxville's finances and the budget process.

Astra thanked Susan and Boyce their presentation and for filling in for Mayor Kincannon. Astra discussed the May awards meeting and that the decision to have an in-person or virtual meeting is still being discussed. An announcement will be sent out soon.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of May 1, 2021 as \$ 15,966.45.

Milestones for 2020-2021

5 years

Shawn Davis
John Sutton
Mark Hurst
Megan Barnard
Deena Finley

10 years

Kimberly Green
Joey Barnard

15 years

Allen Rippetoe

25 years

Keith Smith

30 years

Karen McGrew

New members since May 2020

Calvin Chen
Kaleb Mullins
Matt Dull
Steve Witherspoon
Jennifer Graham
Chandni Dularam
Susan Gennoe
Susan Johnson

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2020-2021

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

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

There is always an opportunity for anyone of you to take a position as a board member.

BECOME A CGFM TODAY!!!

The Certified Government Financial Manager - The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

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.

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers

Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – TBA

Due to COVID in person training suspended

Course 1 – Jun 10-11 10:30-2:15pm \$325 register by 6/3/21

Course 3 – Jun 16-18 10:30-3:30pm \$525 register by 6/9/21

Course 2 – Jun 22-25 10:30-3:30pm \$725 register by 6/15/21

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options