



# Nashville Notes



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**Jennifer Garoutte**  
2019-2020 Chapter President

## President's Letter

Hello everyone!

When I wrote last month's letter, I didn't think I would be giving a similar message this month. I hope you all are healthy, safe, and enjoying some unexpected extended time with your immediate families.

As of now, we are unsure if our May awards luncheon will occur. It will depend on the structured re-opening of events and activities that is rumored to be starting soon. The CEC is working on contingency plans for the luncheon as well as temporarily revising the points structure since we have had several activities canceled. Please watch the Google Group e-mail for updates regarding luncheons, details on the Membership Points and the PDT drawing, as well as the Member incentive for paying dues by their due date which has been extended to June 30.

As for me, in this time of turmoil, I am thankful for hobbies that keep my hands and mind busy but also to remain employed and to be able to work from home as there are so many who aren't as fortunate right now. Stay safe everyone!

Until next month!

Jennifer



## It's All Fun and Games...

...until it's not! Games are no strangers to social media. The most recent game is asking everyone to post their senior picture in support of the 2020 graduating class. Sounds like a fun and sweet gesture, right? Some pictures make you laugh - the clothes, hairstyles. Good memories of a special time. You might even feel a little pressure to play along — all my friends are posting so why shouldn't I? While these games seem innocent, there is a lot working behind the scene — or screen — that most definitely is NOT. These pictures can be used to guess passwords or spam you with marketing material. Just by posting the picture, a hacker can guess our age, home state, and even hometown with just a few clicks. Then they can find a website you have visited and start guessing the answers to your security questions. It could take some time but with the right tools, a hacker can get into your accounts and change your passwords. Next thing you know, a hacker is binge watching Tiger King with your Netflix account. It is a harsh reality, but this is the digital world we live in. Skip the games, relive your glory days in the comfort of your own home — and send graduates some money or gift cards. They will be just as happy.

**Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE, EA** | *Senior Information Systems Specialist*

## PDT 2020 Update:

**AGA continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. At this time, preparations for PDT 2020 in Dallas are moving forward as planned. AGA and the host hotel are working together closely to protect the safety and welfare of all our PDT participants.**

**AGA is following the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and will comply with relevant national, state, and local laws and regulations.**

**Important information about COVID-19 virus and AGA training events**



## AGA Webinars

### **Fraud/Data Analytics**

May 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Leadership**

June 10, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM



## **Event Updates**

April 28, 2020 – SPRING BREAKFAST – **POSTPONED** – The Spring Training Breakfast is being postponed to the fall. For those who have already paid, you will have the option of a refund or to transfer your registration to the fall breakfast.

**Renewal Extension!** Due to the impact of COVID-19 National AGA has extended the deadline for renewing your CGFM to June 30! The CGFM renewal drawing (\$50 prize) will be held after this new deadline.

## **2019-2020**

### **Luncheon Dates**

**\*May 11, 2020**

## **2019-2020**

### **CEC Meeting Dates**

**\*\*May 6, 2020**

**\*TBD update will be sent via Google Groups when the meeting will be held.**

**\*\*Will be held via Skype/Telephone**



**2019**

Chapter Website Award



**2019**

Chapter Newsletter Award



## AGA Announces Election of New Board of Director Officers

**AGA's National Governing  
Board confirmed Gerry C.  
Boaz, CGFM, CPA, CGMA,  
for the role of National  
President-Elect!**

**Congratulations Gerry!**



## Membership Committee Recruiting New Members

As of April 15, 2020, our membership count was 365. Currently, we have ten members in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between January 1 and April 30! That means everyone is still in the running! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership.

## New Members

**Ms. Le T. Nguyen, Accountant, NASA**



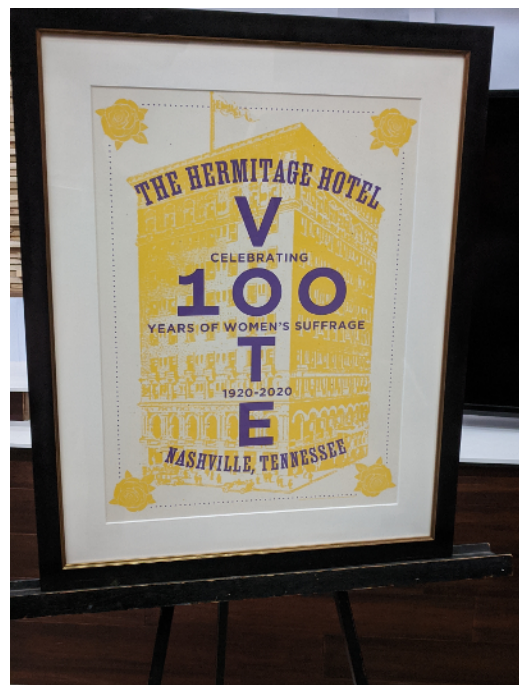


## Community Service Report

Thank you to all the members who participated and supported our AGA Nashville Chapter's community service activities. The good work our chapter has accomplished is directly related to the wonderful giving hearts of our members.

For the chapter's March community service activity, we once again helped Nashville Public Television (WNPT – Channel 8) with their membership drive. We worked the phone bank on the evening of Monday, March 9 from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM. We had nine members from both state and local government participate in this project, as well as several members call in with pledges.

Our chapter's April community service activity was going to be working a water station for the St. Jude Rock-n-Roll Marathon. However, the Marathon has been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. With Safer At Home and Social Distancing, no more in-person activities are planned for this chapter year.



## Committee listing

### 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

**Jennifer.Garoutte@cot.tn.gov** or the committee chairs to volunteer! Visit our website and click on "Chapter Leadership."

***"Serving others  
prepares you to lead  
others."***

**– Jim George**



# Chapter Points

FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020 , IS AS FOLLOWS:			
<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,925	5,000	99%
Education & Professional Development	11,475	4,000	287%
Certification	7,400	4,000	185%
Communications	4,850	3,000	185%
Membership	4,700	4,000	73%
Accountability	700	2,000	35%
Community Service	2,300	2,000	115%
Awards	200	1,000	20%
Sponsorship	1,150	1,500	77%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36,550</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>138%</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 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@comcast.net](mailto:Britt.Wood@comcast.net) no later than May 15, 2020 for the next edition of this newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Leadership.aspx>



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