



Nashville Notes



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**Jennifer Garoutte 2019-2020
Chapter President**

President's Letter

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 Program Year! I am looking forward to serving you and our award-winning Platinum Chapter in the coming year!

In July, several of our members attended the National Professional Development Training conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our Chapter received the Platinum Chapter Recognition Award, Highest Overall Growth for a chapter with over 300 members, and awards for our Newsletter, Website, and Education. program. Chapter members Penny Austin, Jerry Durham, and Mary Anne Queen were also recognized. Penny received the Regional Vice President Award, Jerry received the 2019 Educator Award, and Mary Anne was named our chapter's Member of the Year. Our Chapter also received the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting. (See pages 8-11 for photos from the event.) Thank you to all who coordinated and participated in our events last year!

In order to continue winning awards and ensure we are providing our chapter membership with what they want and need, the CEC has spent some time over the summer compiling a survey.



President's Letter ...

I would ask that you take about 6 minutes to complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PFZJCB>

This will provide us with information as we finalize plans for the coming program year and potentially future years. Over the last few years, our monthly meeting attendance numbers have steadily declined and we are considering ways to increase attendance whether that be via longer quarterly meetings with more CPE, meetings at various times of day, or other suggestions you may have. While these changes won't take effect this year, receiving feedback will help us in considering and planning for future years.

The survey will also include areas to provide feedback regarding the CGFM, speakers or topics for meetings and training events, social activities, community service activities, and communication.

If you are interested in participating in a committee, please let me or one of the committee chairs know you are interested. Our contact information is listed on the last page of the newsletter. We are always looking for fresh eyes and extra hands!

I hope to see you at our September meeting where Michelle Earhart Hernandez, a former Nashville Chapter President, will talk to us about internal controls as it relates to a CGFM!

Until next month,
Jennifer

CGFM Beta Exams are LIVE!!

National AGA is offering CGFM candidates the following incentives to take the Beta exams in September and October:

- ❑ Discounted exam cost (\$100 per exam, take all 3 and save \$75!)
- ❑ Schedule your exam in September or October and receive FREE online access to the updated CGFM Study Guides!
- ❑ Scores will not be immediately provided- candidates will receive score results by Dec 31, 2019

AGA Webinars

Everyone Communicates, Few Connect

September 11, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Improving Federal Spending: Technology and Process Improvement

October 2, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Ethics

November 20, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Internal Control

December 11, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Uniform Guidance

January 8, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

GASB Update

February 5, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Cybersecurity

March 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Data Act

April, 22, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

Leadership

June 10, 2020



2019-2020

Luncheon Dates

September 9, 2019

October 7, 2019

November 4, 2019

December 2, 2019

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

2019-2020

CEC Meeting Dates

September 4, 2019

October 2, 2019

October 30, 2019

November 25, 2019

December 18, 2019

January 29, 2020

March 4, 2020

April 8, 2020

Membership Committee

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

1. First-time guests receive a free lunch.
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
3. The member who sponsors the most new members by December 31 wins \$100.
4. Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2020.

Speaking of points, visit the www.nashvilleaga.org website or contact Mary Anne Queen 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 Texas in July for the National Professional Development Training (PDT).

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



New Members

Ms. Kelsey Gregory

Investigator

Mr. Jacob Kennedy

**Accounting
Database
Administrator**

Mr. Stephen Kirby

Accountant

Mr. Andrew W. Turner

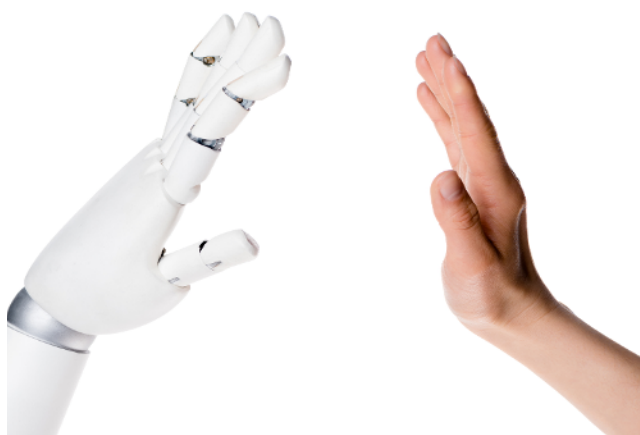
Accountant 2

Dr. Tammy R. Waymire, CPA

Professor

Mrs. Cassie A. Wheeler

Internal Auditor II



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work the concession stands at the Tennessee Titans games on the following dates:

10/6 – Titans vs. Bills

11/10 – Titans vs. Chiefs

The Legends Organization that sponsors the volunteers to work the games would like the volunteers to become ABC certified considering the concession stand does sell alcohol. If they are already certified, then they are good for three years after their initial certification date. There are many ways to become ABC certified; however, Legends does offer this training for individuals. Their current remaining schedule is as follows:

[Thompson's Station 9/3 at 6:00.](#)

[Lebanon 9/5 at 6:30.](#)

[Nissan Stadium 9/10 at 6:00.](#)



Clarksville Band Boosters will be hosting and teaching a class September 3. The cost of this class is \$20

If interested contact:

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Katie Armstrong -

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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 serves the chapter in making nominations for National Awards as well as awarding local chapter scholarships. We give away 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 monthly 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

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"Think about joining a committee. Strong committees make us a distinguished chapter"

or the committee chairs to volunteer:
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nas>

September Luncheon Speaker



Michelle Earhart Hernandez, CPA

Michelle Earhart Hernandez, CPA is the Tennessee (TN) Deputy Chief of Accounts. She is in charge of the division of Statewide Accounting for the TN Department of Finance and Administration which oversees statewide grants management, the general ledger, assets management, vendor maintenance and the financial oversight section that is responsible for the preparation of the State's financial statements and statewide GAAP standards implementation. Prior to joining the TN Department of Finance and Administration she was a legislative auditor for the TN Comptroller of the Treasury. She has worked for the State of Tennessee for 17 years. She is a past president for the Nashville chapter Association of Government Accountants and has served as Program and Early Careers chair for the Nashville chapter and served on the National AGA Bylaws and Procedural Committee.

Volunteer of the Year — Nashville Chapter



Queen, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Queen, Nashville Chapter member for over 20 years, served as Director and Chair of our Awards Committee this year. She assumed responsibility for recording member participation in luncheons, trainings, community service events, fundraising, and other chapter activities for over 300 members. She coordinated the chapter's scholarship awards from recruiting applicants, organizing a review committee, reviewing applications, and inviting recipients to our awards luncheon. In addition to her chair duties, Mary Anne attended all Chapter meetings and most Chapter Training events, community service and fundraising activities. As committee chair, Mary

Anne declined consideration for our chapter's Member of the Year Award even though she earned more participation points than any other member. She deserves recognition for her selfless service to AGA! While volunteering, Mary Anne works full-time for the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, is a wife, and mother to a college student.

2019 PDT New Orleans

Chapter Growth Award

Bridget Carver, CFE
Membership Chair

This award recognizes the chapter with the highest percentage of growth in each group.



Chapter Website Award

Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE
Webmaster Co-Chair

Websites are judged on quality of design, timeliness of content and audience appeal.



Chapter Newsletter Award

Britt Wood, CGFM, CPA
Newsletter Chair

Newsletters are judged on usefulness of content and quality of design.



2019 PDT New Orleans



Educator Award

Jerry E. Durham, CGFM, CPA

**Assistant Director for Research and Compliance
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit**

This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers.

Chapter Education Award

**Melissa Lahue, CGFM
Education Chair**

This award recognizes AGA Chapters for outstanding educational programs.

Platinum Level Chapter Award

**Michael Winston, CGFM
Chapter President**

This award recognizes outstanding local chapters



Platinum Level

Regional Vice President Award

**Penny Austin, CGFM, CPA
Southeast Regional Vice President**

This award recognizes the service and efforts in supporting the local chapters within the region.

2019 PDT Events and Speakers



2019 PDT Speakers



Mr. Jerry Durham CGFM, CPA, CFE

Assistant Director
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2019 PDT A Good Time Was Had By All



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



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