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2016-2017

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May is already here and almost over!

Our chapter year is winding down. This year has flown by. At first, there was so much to do getting ready for the chapter year to begin. Now, we are handing off the responsibilities to a new Chapter Executive Committee. I know they will do a great job leading our group in the 2017-2018 chapter year.

Our Award's Luncheon on May 8 was a lot of fun. We gave out four \$1,000 scholarships as well as awards for Community Service, Membership, CGFM, Education, and Newsletter. We recognized our members with 30+ years of service to AGA and retiree, Rebecca Troyani who retired this year after 20 years with the State of Tennessee. We had the drawing for the trip to the National Professional Development Training in Boston MA this summer. Congratulations to the winner, Melissa Boaz.

Congratulations to our Member of the Year, Nathan Abbott. Nathan has done tremendous work on our current website as well as getting it ready to transition to the national website. He covers the AV needs at our luncheons including assisting me with my microphone difficulties. He was willing to speak at the luncheons if we needed someone to step in if there was a speaker emergency. At the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting, he helped me explain how our chapter handles each area of the chapter's responsibilities. Nathan is excellent

at playing devil's advocate during our discussions. Sometimes, I didn't know whether he was for or against something until we voted.

The President's Awards went to John Dunne and Bridget Carver. John does tremendous work behind the scenes. Starting in July, he began getting quotes and negotiating prices with numerous possible venues for the monthly luncheons. Each month, he sets up the meeting room for the Executive Committee Meetings which means he is literally moving tables and chairs. At each luncheon, he and Scarlet Sneed work closely with the hotel staff to get all the details nailed down so we have a smooth and enjoyable luncheon meeting.

Bridget chairs the Membership Committee. This committee works closely with Meetings and Attendance as well as Awards. Bridget is willing to help wherever she is needed. She constantly monitors the membership rolls making sure new members are recognized and that they receive a new member swag bag. You probably don't realize where we get the goodies for the swag bags. Bridget collects gift items at the various training events we attend. She was able to stock up at the National Professional Development Training in California. I believe all the extra space in her suitcase was filled with the swag bag goodies.

# President's Message Continued



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Thank you both for your help this year and your service to AGA.

Our Chapter accomplished quite a lot in 2016-2017. This year between the luncheons, audio conferences, the Fall Breakfast and the Winter Seminar, we were able to offer 40 hours of Continuing Professional Education. We had 26 members qualify for the Professional Development Training incentive drawing. We had 16 members qualify for a dues rebate of \$45. We sponsored 9 Community Service events.

All of this would not be possible without the dedication of those who volunteer to serve as chapter officers or committee members, those who attend the education events and monthly meetings, those who support the community service activities, those who sponsor new members which keeps our chapter strong and finally the support of our chapter membership.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your chapter president this year. Thank you to all those on the Chapter Executive Committee. I have learned so much from each of you. I appreciate your support throughout the year. Whenever I had a question or needed some advice you have been there for me.

Closing out the chapter year makes me think about endings and bucket lists. I have a friend who has an odd item on

his bucket list. He wants to stand on the border in the middle of the bridge out west that joins Canada and the United States and kiss a strange woman. Where he got that idea, I will never know.

My personal bucket list is more skills oriented. I took flying lessons. I learned to weld. I have tried basket weaving, quilting, cake decorating, photography and scrapbooking. The last two I count as my hobbies. One of the items on my personal bucket list is to take my Dad's muscle car to Charlotte NC and drive on the Lowes Motor Speedway.

My professional bucket list includes studying for the CGFM. Our April luncheon speaker stressed how we need to keep our job skills and certifications up to date so we can be competitive in the changing work environment.

Thank you again for supporting me during my time as Nashville Chapter President. I look forward to seeing each of you at a future luncheon, educational event, community service activity, or perhaps serving as a chapter officer or committee member.

*Angela*

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2016-2017 Luncheon Meeting Dates

September 12, 2016  
October 10, 2016  
November 7, 2016  
December 12, 2016  
January 9, 2017  
February 13, 2017  
March 13, 2017  
April 10, 2017  
May 8, 2017

## 2016-2017 CEC Meeting Dates

August 10, 2016  
September 8, 2016  
September 28, 2016  
November 3, 2016  
December 8, 2016  
January 5, 2017  
February 9, 2017  
March 9, 2017  
March 30, 2017  
May 4, 2017

## 2016-2017 Audio Conference Dates

September 14, 2016 — Internal Controls  
October 12, 2016 — Cyber/Big Data  
November 16, 2016 — Fraud Toolkit Case Studies  
December 7, 2016 — Ethics  
February 8, 2017 — GASB  
February 22, 2017 — Fraud/Risk  
March 8, 2017 — Uniform Guidance  
April 12, 2017 — Ethics  
May 17, 2017 — DATA Act  
June 14, 2017 — Fraud/Data Analytics

## 2016-2017 Conference Dates

January 25—26, 2017 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar at the Tennessee Room, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
April 5—7, 2017 — Southeast Regional PDT to be hosted by the Coastal Georgia Chapter near Brunswick, Georgia

# Committee News

## Awards Committee

### **Scholarship Winners Announced:**

#### **William R. Snodgrass Business Scholarship, \$1000 each**

Alex Nicole Britt, Lebanon, TN, attending Freed Hardeman University studying Accounting and Psychology

Maikel Maged Micael, Antioch, TN, attending UT-Knoxville, studying Accounting

#### **Fawn Ellis Scholarship AGA Family Scholarship, \$1000 each**

Kaitlin Nichole Tucker, Smyrna, TN, daughter of Mark Tucker, studying Pre-Pharmacy at TTU

Courtney Michelle Fowler, Gallatin, TN, daughter of Kay Wilson, studying Agribusiness at TTU

### **Awards Presented at the Awards Luncheon**

Community Service — Michael Winston and Charlotte Gentry

CGFM — Two members were awarded renewal subsidies: Dean Agouridis and Mark Tucker

Newsletter — Mary Lou Goins won \$50 for her technical article and Britt Wood won \$50 for her non-technical article

Education — Melissa Lahue won a gift card from a drawing of those members having seven participation points in the Education category.

Membership — Paul Havlicek sponsored the most new members between January and April; Don Vanatta won the \$50 prize drawing from those members who renewed their membership prior to March 31.

President's Awards — John Dunne and Bridget Carver

Member of the Year — Nathan Abbott

Winner of the trip to the National Professional Training in Boston — Melissa Boaz; Alternates: Emily Gray and Victor Nwanso

## CGFM Committee

### **CGFM End of Year Report (Annual Highlights)**

1. Received Chapter CGFM Award at 2016 PDT
2. Purchased six 2016 study guides for lending to members preparing for CGFM exams
3. Paid for five exam fee subsidies
4. Held four study sessions with members preparing for the exam
5. Obtained proclamations recognizing March 2017 as CGFM Month from the State of Tennessee and Metro Nashville
6. Refunded two members for CGFM Renewal Fees
7. Three new CGFMs since May 2016



# Committee and National News

## Membership

Congratulations to all the winners of our membership incentive programs! The winner of the \$50 incentive drawing for renewing membership by March 31, 2017 was Don Vanatta. The winner of the \$100 award for sponsoring the most new members between January 2017 and April 2017 was Paul Havlicek. In addition, the following 16 members received a \$45 membership reimbursement for earning 30 points or more and renewing their membership by March 31, 2017: Keevia Battle, Melissa Boaz, Rachelle Cabading, Charlotte Gentry, Mary Lou Goins, Emily Gray, Karen Hale, Shirley Henry, Donna Jewell, Melissa Lahue, Pamela Marks, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Debi Moss, Scarlet Sneed, Michael Winston, and Doreen Zientar.

We wrapped up our year with a total membership of 365 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.

### NEW MEMBERS

Macey Ray, State of Tennessee, Sponsored by  
Barbara DeHarde

## National Slate of Officers

Congratulations to past Nashville Chapter Penny Austin, CGFM, CPA, for being elected as the 2017-2018 Regional Vice President-Elect for the Southeast Region. We look forward to Penny's leadership and the exciting things she has in store for our region.

## 2017 National PDT Agenda

Check out the 80 sessions on the DATA Act, enterprise risk management, blockchain, cybersecurity and more. Visit our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/pdt2017> for more information.



# Awards Luncheon



Bridget Carver receives the President's Award



Nathan Abbott receives the Member of the Year Award



Michael Winston receives the Community Service Award



Angela McElrath-Prosser receives the President's Appreciation Award



Retiree Rebecca Troyani is recognized for her service to the Nashville Chapter AGA.



John Dunne receives the President's Award

Charlotte Gentry receives the Community Service Award

# Awards Luncheon — Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the Ellis Fawn Scholarship winners — Kaitlyn Tucker and Courtney Fowler.



Scholarship recipient Kaitlyn Tucker



Scholarship recipient Courtney Fowler



Scholarship recipient Courtney Fowler



Scholarship recipient Kaitlyn Tucker

# 2016-2017 AGA Chapter Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee submitted following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 program year to the Chapter Executive Committee, and the list of officers was accepted. Please congratulate next year's chapter leaders!

President-Elect	Michael Winston
Secretary	Gay Oliver
Treasurer	Jennifer Garoutte

## Two-Year Directors

Community Service Co-Chair	Veronica Coleman
Early Career Chair	Chase Tramel
Finance Chair	Katie Armstrong
Finance Co-Chair	Jai Sawlani
Program Chair	Donna Jewell

## Committee Chairs

Awards Chair	Drew Hawkins
Bylaws/Procedures Chair	Nichole Curtiss Crittenden
CGFM Chair	Melissa Lahue
Communications Chair	Karen B. Hale
Community Service Chair	Keevia Battle
Education Chair	Rachelle Cabading
Meetings/Attendance Chair	Scarlet Sneed
Membership Chair	Bridget Carver



# News And Just The Facts

## CAREER CENTER

A **Insurance Examiner** 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 May 8, 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 May 12, 2017 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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