

President's Message

AGA President Message for October 2021

Fall has arrived! Say goodbye to hot summer days and say hello to brisk mornings and jackets. Fall is my favorite time of the year with so many activities and coaching the kids' soccer teams. And let's not forget our annual fall conference scheduled virtually for November 15th and 16th. We have a great line-up of speakers and topics. More information coming soon.

For our October 12th Chapter meeting, we will be welcoming Ryan Garner from EY as our guest speaker. Ryan is a Maryville native specializing in audit and consulting practices. Our Chapter is very excited to bring you this month's meeting in a hybrid format. We welcome you all to join us at Calhoun's on the River for networking and lunch. If you can't join us in-person, we hope you will join virtually. We are also excited to announce that for any Chapter member bringing a first-time guest to a monthly meeting, lunch is on us! That's right. You and your first-time guest eat for free!

And more great news from our Chapter for those pursuing the CGFM. Any Chapter member passing the CGFM will be eligible for a gift from the Chapter. Like a \$250 gift! Wow!

I look forward to a great time of networking and fellowship this month at Calhoun's. And don't forget to bring a friend!

Travis Lowe
AGA East Tennessee President

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October 2021 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Oct. 12, 2021
11:30 AM**



*Ryan Garner, MAcc
Ernest & Young*



Agenda

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

Roasted Bar-B-Que Chicken on the bone
Bar-B-Que Pork with buns
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Smoky Mountain Baked Beans
Biscuits & Corn Muffins
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cost

**\$10.00 (member)
\$15.00 (non-member)**

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Oct. 8, 2021

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

Nov 03	Ethics	2 CPE
Dec 15	Performace Management	2 CPE
Jan 12	Uniform Guidance	2 CPE
Feb 2	GASB Update	2 CPE
Mar 2	Improper Payments	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.

21-22 National Events Calendar

Nov. 01, 2021	CGFM Live, Governmental Environment	2 – CPE's Virtual - Online
Nov. 18, 2021	Technology & Transformation Summit (Free for Members)	0 – CPE's Virtual – Online
Feb. 23-24, 2022	National Leadership Training	14 – CPE Hybrid Wash DC
	No CPE – Talks	
Oct. 14, 2021	Tech Thursday Presentation: Making the Right Decisions the First Time	
Nov. 10, 2021	Book Talk – AGA's Council for the Advancement of Women	

National Promotions

“TOGO” – take one CGFM exam between Sept 1 and Nov 30 get one exam fee

Check out www.agacgfm.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

Save the Date Fall PDT November 15th & 16th Virtual Schedule below, more information to come!

Time	11/15/2021 (PDT)	CPE Hrs	Time	11/16/2021 (PDT)	CPE Hrs
8:00 - 8:10	Randy Boyd - Conference Welcome (Pre-recorded)		8:00 - 9:40	Gary Mitchell - Single Audit Update	2
8:10 - 9:50	Gerry Boaz - AGA Update and GASB 84/97	2	9:40 - 10:00	Break	
9:50 - 10:10	Break		10:00 - 10:50	Brad Harris - Utilities Compliance	1
10:10 - 11:00	Jerry Durham / Teryn McNeal	1	10:50 - 11:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
11:00 - 11:10	Speaker Rotation		11:00 - 11:50	Chris Shuster - Facing a New Normal	1
11:10 - 12:00	John Sutton - Budget & Debt Manuals	1	11:50 - 1:00	Lunch	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break		1:00 - 1:50	Marianne Wannamaker - U.S. Economic Update	1
1:00 - 2:40	Deborah Beams - GASB Update	2	1:50 - 2:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
2:40 - 3:00	Break		2:00 - 2:50	Marcus Kennedy - Human Resources	1
3:00 - 3:50	Ron Woody - Grants Management	1	2:50 - 3:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
3:50 - 4:00	Break / Speaker Rotation		3:00 - 4:40	Perry Moore - TN State Ethics	2
4:00 - 4:50	Lauren Hock - ESG: Trends to Watch for and Emerging Regs.	1			
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September's Secretary Report

Our September meeting of the East TN AGA Chapter was held on September 14, 2021, at Calhoun's on the River. President Travis Lowe opened the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy their delicious lunch. He then introduced the speaker, City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon.

Mayor Kincannon began by recognizing and showing appreciation for all City of Knoxville employees and their efforts for the city and citizens of Knoxville. She proceeded to discuss how the city weathered the storm of the pandemic during the last 18 months and the accomplishments made during this period. Travis thanked Mayor Kincannon for her insightful presentation.

A short board meeting was held afterwards. It was decided we would attempt a hybrid meeting in October. The board approved a waiver of fees for both parties when a member brings a first-time nonmember guest to an in-person meeting. The board also approved that any member passing the CGFM will be eligible to receive a \$250 gift/award. The board also discussed the Fall Seminar speakers and schedule, decided the event will be virtual, and approved the fee of \$150 for members and \$175 for nonmembers. It was also approved that Mary McDonald would be removed as a signer on the bank account, and Gary Mitchell will be added.

Karen McKee, Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of October 4, 2021 as \$ 12,968.30.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2021-2022

President:	Travis Lowe
Past President:	Astra Cope
Webmaster:	Emily Strange
Treasurer:	Connie Cook
Secretary:	Karen McKee
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
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	Mary McDonald
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Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Nicholas Fitts
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
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Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
Social Media:	Chandni Dularam
President - Elect:	Amelia Hart

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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

October Speaker

Ryan Garner, MAcc
Ernst & Young, Atlanta, GA

Ryan Garner is an accounting and information systems professional from Maryville, Tennessee, specializing in audit and consulting practices. A 2021 graduate of the University of Tennessee's Master of Accountancy program, he has experience with public accounting, governmental & education agencies, and Fortune 100 companies. He currently works with the assurance staff at Ernst & Young, serving real estate, hospitality, and tourism clients in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chapter Member Promotions

- \$250 to Member passing the CGFM
- Bring a first time guest to a Chapter Meeting and both member and guest eat free

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.

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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

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Nov. 1-2, 2021	Nov. 15-18, 2021	Dec. 7-9, 2021
	10:30am – 2:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day
Cost:	\$325 per person	\$725 per person	\$525 per person
Deadline:	10/25/21	11/8/21	11/30/21
CPE	8	21	16

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA: Course 1 \$95, Course 2 \$115 and Course 3 \$105

Another option is online self-paced training: Course 1 - \$225

Course 2 - \$625

Course 3 - \$425