



# Nashville Notes



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**Alexander Warns**  
2021-2022 Chapter President

## President's Letter

It's hard to believe, but the 2021-2022 AGA year is upon us. As Chapter President, I can't help but to feel genuine excitement for what this program year has in store. That said, there is some exciting news as there will be a new option for our members/guests to attend Chapter events.

Great organizations understand, adapt to, and find ways to grow within their environment. To expound, prior to COVID, we noticed our luncheon attendance trending downward. Therefore, when possible this year, we are going to try something new: hybrid events. Quite simply, with this model, we will live stream in person events to a specified link. As such, individuals will have the option of attending our functions either physically or virtually.

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Us!**



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## President's Letter (Continued)

We hope and feel that, given the flexibility of this format, we are achieving our goal of best serving our membership base.

Needless to say, over the course of the upcoming program year our organization will have its fair share of challenges. In spite of this, the good news is, that with these challenges, our Chapter will have opportunities to learn and grow accordingly. That said, and as I've mentioned before, I want to encourage you to actively go on this journey with us. When possible, try and attend things like our monthly luncheons and educational events. Or perhaps even consider volunteering in the community with our Chapter. I promise, you'll probably learn something new, meet some great people, and maybe even have a few laughs in the process.

Speaking of organizational growth and involvement, on 8/12/2021 our West Tennessee Satellite Chapter did something quite amazing. At the West TN Ag Research & Education Center (Jackson, TN), Elisha Crowell and her team invited potential members for a kick-off event. Those in attendance had an opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast, do some networking, and even get an hour of CPE. Special thanks to Elisha, Sara, Twyla, and Kelsey for all their hard work.

In closing, whether it be in person or virtually, the AGA Nashville Chapter is here to support you. And, no matter the forum in which you choose to attend our events, I'm very much looking forward to interacting with each and every one of you. Let's make this year a great one!

Until next month,

-Alex

## 2021-22 AGA Webinars

### **Communications**

September 8 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Internal Controls**

October 6 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Ethics**

November 3 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Performance**

December 15 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Uniform Guidance**

January 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **GASB Update**

February 2 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Cybersecurity/ERM**

March 23 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **CARES Act**

April 20 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Fraud/Data Analytics**

May 11 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual

### **Leadership**

June 8 | 1:00–2:50 PM  
Virtual



## **2021-2022**

### **Chapter Meeting Dates**

September 13, 2021

October 4, 2021

November 1, 2021

December 6, 2021

January 10, 2022

February 7, 2022

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 16, 2022

## **2020-2021**

### **CEC Meeting Dates**

September 8, 2021

September 29, 2021

October 26, 2021

December 1, 2021

January 5, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

March 30, 2022

May 11, 2022



# September Meeting Speaker

*Gerry Boaz*

## 21-22 AGA National President

Gerry has been with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit, since January 1995. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He was a Legislative State Auditor for five years before becoming State Audit's Technical Manager. As a Legislative State Auditor, he served as an audit in-charge for three of the five years primarily on college and university audits. As the Technical Manager, he is primarily responsible for monitoring GASB, FASB, AICPA, OMB, and GAO accounting, auditing, and compliance standards relating to financial statement and financial-related audits. He reviews financial statement audits for adherence to the above principles and standards, as well as to AICPA and GAO auditing standards. He is responsible for responding to all due process documents of the above standard setters, as applicable. He serves as a representative of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT) by observing and writing an account of the GASB meetings.



He was a member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board for a three-year term (January 2015-January 2018) and its Audit Issues Task Force (AITF). He has served and currently serves on various GASB, NASACT, GAO, and AICPA task forces and working groups. He represents State Audit on the National State Auditors Association's Single Audit Committee; Auditing Standards and Reporting Committee (ASRC); and Peer Review Committee. He has served as a Vice Chair for both the Single Audit and ASRC committees. He is also an active member in the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). He currently serves on the AGA National

## September Speaker Bio (continued)

Governing Board (NGB) as AGA National President. He was the Nashville AGA Chapter President for the 2006-07 program year. He served on AGA's Professional Certification Board (PCB) for seven years (2007-2014) and as the Chair of the PCB for four of those years. He was also a member of AGA's National Executive Committee (now NGB) as a result of being the PCB Chair. He served on AGA's Governance Committee July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2019, and as Chair for the 2017-18 program year. He served as AGA's Southeast Regional Vice President (RVP) during the 2015-16 program year and as a result served on AGA's national Nominating Committee. He served as a member of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Committee on Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting (CAAFR) for two three-year terms (2004-2009) and serves on the Special Review Committee for its certificate of achievement program. He is also a 2011 alumnus of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute.

He has a BA degree in accounting with a German minor from Murray State University (MSU) in Murray, KY. He is a 1994 graduate of MSU. He is married to Melissa Boaz. He enjoys playing golf.

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## Community Service

The chapter's community service project for the month of September will be collecting school supplies for Alex Green Elementary School. We've asked the school if they have any specific items they would like donated. We need volunteers to host



collection boxes! Contact Mary Anne Queen (Mary.Anne.Queen@cot.tn.gov) or Keevia Battle (Keevia.Battle@tn.gov) to volunteer.





## West TN Satellite Chapter Kickoff!

On August 12, an event was held to kick-off the start of our new West Tennessee Satellite Chapter. Sixty-four people came to enjoy a light breakfast, giveaways, and 1 hour of CPE. Jeremy Baker, Assistant Special Agent in

Charge, from the FBI Memphis office spoke about Cybercrime.

Congratulations to Elisha Crowell and her team on a successful kick-off!



# 2020-21 Scholarship Recipients

## William R. Snodgrass Scholarship

Two \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to a Middle or West Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, or Northern Alabama high school senior or college student with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology, management, and marketing.

### Jada Carter

Jada is currently a junior majoring in Accounting at Tennessee State University. She has been on the Dean's List every year for high academic achievement. This past summer, she worked as an Inroads Inc intern with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Inroads Inc. is a Leadership Training Program that recruits, trains, sources, and helps place young people in careers in corporate America. This summer, she was selected to participate in a 3-day KPMG RISE Leadership Conference.

She is a TRIO Upward Bound Scholar and graduate. She participated in the TRIO program in high school grades 9-12. Upward Bound is a federally funded college prep program.

Jada was a Girl Scout in 3rd grade through 12th grade and is now a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts USA. In May 2019, she earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. She volunteered 250 hours developing and performing an exercise class for Alzheimer's and Dementia residents at a Memory Care Assisted Living Facility to help improve resident's balance, mobility, and confidence.

Jada started playing the piano at age four and the violin at age nine. In elementary and high school, she played in music ensembles, performed in concerts, and served as a music mentor. Currently, she is a member of the Tennessee State University Orchestra as the first violinist.

She is also a student member of the National Association of Black Accountants and the Tennessee Society of CPAs. She was recently selected to serve as this year's Student Ambassador for the Tennessee Society of CPAs.



### Preston Hanzley

Preston lives in Franklin, Tennessee and attended Independence High School. Throughout the last four years, he has found interest and success in cross country, track and field, piano, and most importantly, economics. Through joining clubs related to economics, and volunteering with local organizations, Preston found out that a career and education in economics is something he wanted to pursue. He plans to do just that with a major in economics at Cornell University.

## 2020-21 Scholarship Recipients (continued)

### Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship

Two \$2,500 scholarships awarded to an AGA Nashville area chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild (any college or university and any major may apply).



#### Grace Maupin

Grace is a 2019 graduate of White House High School and a 2021 graduate of Volunteer State Community College with an Associates Degree in Accounting. While at Vol State, Grace served as a Presidents' Ambassador and a student worker. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Grace is attending Tennessee Tech University this fall and is a junior majoring in Accounting. She plans to pursue a Masters of Accountancy upon graduation. She is the daughter of Ron Maupin.

### Casey Queen

Casey is a senior accounting major at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She participates and volunteers with multiple organizations including the Eta Kappa Chapter of the Beta Alpha Psi Honors Organization and the Pi Lambda Chapter of the Delta Zeta Sorority.

Casey was born and raised in Nashville, TN.





# New Members!

**Grant Crosthwaite** - Fiscal Director

State of Tennessee

**William Daugherty** - CFO

Tipton County Schools

**Angela Glore** - Legislative Auditor

Comptroller of the Treasury

**Sara Pope** - Audit Review Specialist

Comptroller of the Treasury

**Meghan Rayburn** - Finance Director

Crockett County Schools

**Gabriel Sclafani** - Senior Accountant

City of Spring Hill

**Sheanette Spencer** - ESSER Accountant

Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

**Tonya Travis** - Accounting & Finance Consultant

Tipton County Schools

**Christine Tyus** - TennCare Examiner

State of Tennessee

**Michael Walker** - Finance & HR Director

City of Lakeland



## Membership

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.

Thank you for being a member of AGA and stay tuned for more fantastic programs, membership benefits, and recruiting incentives beginning in September. 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 next program year.

# Members Only Webinar

**September 2 | 1:00–2:50 PM CST | 1.5 CPEs | FOS: PD**

This course will be an overview of:

- Oversharing on social media: What it is and how to avoid it
- How to build a positive digital persona to present the best possible professional appearance online
- Best practices for messages on social media
- How to align social media communications with AICPA Code of Professional Conduct guidelines

After completing this course, the learner should be able to:

- Identify the dangers of oversharing on social media and the negative impacts it may have on employment prospects
- Create a positive digital persona for themselves and their current employer
- Implement best practices for social media use that align and follow AICPA guidelines, including its social media guidelines and Code of Professional Conduct

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## LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meetings, please visit the chapter website here. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next scheduled business meeting.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, job opportunities are sent in and posted to our website by the Website Committee, for your convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, click this link for more information.

## Submit an Article!

We enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership! Please share your thoughts, ideas, or interesting news with us by submitting an article to [Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov) no later than the 15th of each month for the next edition of our newsletter.

# Chapter Committees

## 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 Rachelle Cabading or the committee chairs to volunteer!



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