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AGA President Message for May 2019

Hello,

I would like to invite everyone to the last meeting of this AGA year at Chesapeake's. We will be recognizing those with certain years of service and also the officers for the past AGA year. We will not have a speaker or CPE, but it will be a nice chance to socialize and network.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone who has joined AGA or renewed their membership during my year as president. Also, I would like to thank all of the officers for their help during the year and especially for all the work that they did for the November Seminar that we had.

Now it is time to pass the torch to Chris Simons who will be next years President. I know that Chris will do a great job and want to wish him the best. Our meetings will start back in September so please be on the lookout for the newsletter.

Alicia

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May 2019 Meeting

**Tuesday,
May 14, 2019
11:30 AM**



Awards



Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking
11:30 – 12:10 Lunch
12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

Chesapeake's

600 Union Ave. (Downtown)
865-673-3433

Menu

Ordering off of the Lunch Menu

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, May 10, 2019

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.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

May 15 Fraud/Data Analytics

2 CPE

Jun. 12 Leadership

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.

2018-2019 National Events Calendar

July 21-24, 2019	Professional Development Training	24 – CPE's	New Orleans or virtual
Sept. 18-19, 2019	Internal Control and Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual

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

April Minutes

Our April meeting of the 2018-2019 year was held on April 9, 2019 at Calhoun's on the River. The meeting was opened by Alicia Reed, President with a welcome to everyone. Alicia introduced the speaker, Susan Williams, CFP, RPA with The Trust Company of Tennessee.

Our guest speaker, Susan Williams, presented a program on financial planning for 2019. Susan discussed the many considerations individuals need to consider in regards to saving for retirement. Since, as a whole, we are living longer, we are going to have to either work longer or save more – more than likely a combination of the two. She also emphasized that retirement savings need to be in different baskets – such as pre-tax and after-tax. She strongly encouraged everyone to establish an on-line account for Social Security – helps to avoid identity theft and allows annual earnings to be verified. Her presentation provided a lot of valuable information for those that are close to retirement as well as those who have some years to go.

Alicia closed the meeting by thanking Susan for her presentation. She also reminded everyone of our May meeting which will be our annual Awards meeting.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Apr. 30, 2019 as \$ 15,033.39

PICTURE FOR WEBPAGE

Everyone brings your smiles to the May Award meeting on May 14th we are bringing a photographer to take our group picture for our Webpage.



2018-2019 AWARDS

5-year milestone:

Mary McDonald (joined September 2013)
Claudia Featherstone (joined October 2013)
Andrea Addis (joined December 2013)
Cheryl Davis (joined January 2014)
Robin Shelton (joined February 2014)
Kaley Walker (joined February 2014)
Patti Rebholz (joined March 2014)

10-year milestone:

Connie Aytes (joined June 2008)
Thaddeus Grace (joined August 2008)
Anne Bryant-Hurst (joined April 2009)

20-year milestone:

Gail Cook (joined January 1999)
Joe Brown (joined January 1999)
Frank McDaniel (joined January 1999)
Tammy Wilson (joined March 1999)
Kristi Reynolds (joined April 1999)

25-year milestone:

Kenny Baird (joined June 1993)
Amy Paganelli (joined July 1993)



**East Tennessee
AGA Chapter Officers
2018-2019**

President:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Past President:	Karen McKee
Webmaster:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Treasurer:	Connie Aytes
Secretary:	Pamela Gail Cook
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education & CGFM:	Mary McDonald
Awards:	Astra Cope
Accountability:	Astra Cope
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Perry Benshoof
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
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EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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



This past March members of East TN Chapter attended CGFM course sponsored by the Nashville Chapter, can you find them?

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The Certified Government Financial Manager - The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

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Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – Updated Content Outlines

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: New Orleans, LA and Alexandria, VA

When: July 19-20, 2019 and August 12-13, 2019

Cost: \$350 for members (discount in celebration of 25th Anniversary)

Deadline: July 9, 2019 and July 31, 2019

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between Sept. 1, 2019 and Oct. 31, 2019

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options