

President's Message

AGA President Message for May 2022

Hello East TN AGA! It was a privilege to have served this past year as Chapter President. On behalf of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), I want to thank each of our members for making this program year a success. Remember, we are a Chapter run by members and each person who serves on the CEC is a volunteer with an already full workload. So, please join me in thanking all our CEC members for their hard work and commitment.

As our program year comes to an end, I am so proud of what we've been able to accomplish. Our Chapter held in-person monthly meetings with many of those meetings having a virtual option. We even had a meeting with one in-person presenter and one virtual presenter—that has to be first in our Chapter's history! Thanks to all of our volunteers and attendees, our fall conference was a great success. However, our biggest accomplishment this year was our community impact. In December, we hosted special guest Burt Rosen from KARM. In addition to our Chapter's \$1,000 contribution to KARM, we were able to meet our match goal of \$1,500. Incredible!

This month, in lieu of a speaker we will be spending our time together at our awards luncheon at Calhoun's on the River. It will be a great time of fellowship as we recognize member milestone anniversaries and our volunteers.

Bring a friend!

Travis Lowe

AGA East Tennessee President

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May 2022 Meeting

**Tuesday,
May 17, 2022
11:30 AM**



Awards Luncheon



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

Smoked Sirloin of Beef
Grilled Lemon Chicken
Salad on the Buffet
Spinach Maria
Neva's Potatoes
New York Cheesecake w/ Strawberry Topping

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, May 13, 2022

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 Events

May 11, 2022	Fraud/Data Analytics	2.0 CPE
June 8, 2022	Leadership	2.0 CPE
Sept. 7, 2022	Free Members Webinar	1.5 CPE
Sept. 28, 2022	Communications	2.0 CPE
Oct. 19, 2022	Internal Controls	2.0 CPE
Nov. 2, 2022	Ethics	2.0 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

May 12, 2022	Apr Performance Improvement Officer/CFO Summit	4-CPE Washington DC
Jul. 17-20, 2022	PDT 2022	24-CPE Anaheim, CA
Sep. 20-21, 2022	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training	14-CPE Washington DC
Dec. 8, 2022	Technology & Transformation Summit - Virtual	8-CPE Washington DC

Chapter News

April's Secretary Report

The April meeting of the East TN AGA Chapter was held on April 12, 2022, at Calhoun's on the River. President Travis Lowe opened the meeting and invited those in attendance to the lunch buffet. Mr. Lowe then introduced our speaker, Mark Burnette with LBMC Advisory Services.

Mr. Burnette began by discussing why cybersecurity is so challenging and why programs fail. To be successful, cybersecurity programs need proper staffing, security policies, risk assessments, required passwords, and proper monitoring. Many companies fail at cybersecurity because they are more focused on compliance with laws and regulations that govern cybersecurity than they are with risk management. Mr. Burnette then discussed an action plan for companies to follow to manage cybersecurity risks. Lastly, Mr. Burnette discussed how we can be safe at home. We should be vigilant and always expect to be a target. We should use different passwords for each online account we have, we should use two-factor password authentication, and we should not provide any personal information to online sites or through email.

President Lowe closed by thanking Mr. Burnette for his very informative presentation.

Emily Strange for Karen McKee

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of May 6, 2022 as \$ 11,904.21.

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
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education:	Dennis Green
CGFM:	Deb Strahler
	Mary McDonald
Awards:	Ginger Giffin
Accountability:	Gary Mitchell
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Nicholas Fitts
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition:	Mary McDonald
Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
Social Media:	Chandni Dularam
President - Elect:	

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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2022 Service Awards

5 years

Karen McKee
Ginger Giffin
Chris Simons
Kimberly Noe
Kena Hyers
Meredith Cooper
Robin Lane
Philip Toby
Leslie Bonner

10 years

Astra Cope
Rick Pugh
Deb Strahler

15 years

Emily Strange
Rick Hall
Robert Dixon

20 years

Larry Clark
Jill Matthews
Kelley McNeal

25 years

Cynthia Nichols

35 years

Suzanne Walker
Tom Collins
Rick Taylor

New Members 2021-2022

Adam Green
Ben Johnson
Grant Daugherty
Brad Cunningham
Richard Pugh
Lori Maze
Elizabeth Hall
Jaymee Westover
Michelle Smith

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CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	June 6-7, 2022	TBD	TBD
	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:	5/30/2022		

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA: Course 1 \$50, Course 2 \$50 and Course 3 \$50 online thru Bookshelf for 180 days

Another option is online self-paced training (bundle price all modules included): Course 1 - \$225

Course 2 - \$625

Course 3 - \$425