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AGA President Message for December 2020

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2-day Fall Professional Development Training on November 12th and 13th. This was our first year hosting the event virtually. While the chapter board looks forward to being able to offer an option to once again attend events in-person, based on the evaluations and feedback provided, the event was a success. My gratitude goes out to all those who assisted with planning the training as well as to the attendees who actively participated.

The next chapter meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 8th. Our speaker will be Jim Wright from the Fish Hospitality Pantries. The mission of the organization is Feeding Families and Creating Community. During the month of December, the chapter is conducting a fundraising campaign to support the cause. Due to the pandemic, there is an unprecedented amount of food insecurity in our local community, and there is an urgent need for donations. As a chapter, we are making a one-time gift of \$1,000, and we have pledged to match up to \$1,500 in member donations. Additional information will be provided during the December meeting. Please consider making a contribution by going to <https://donorbox.org/fish-donations>. For purposes of the chapter match, select the box "Dedicate my donation in honor or in memory of someone" and enter East TN AGA.

I hope to see everyone virtually at our December meeting. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Astra Cope
2020-2021 AGA East TN Chapter President

December 2020 Meeting

Tuesday,
Dec. 8, 2020
11:30 AM



Jim Wright
Fish Hospitality Pantries



Agenda

Mission of the Organization to Feed
Families and Creating Community

More detail to follow on virtual meeting

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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

Jan. 13	Uniform Guidance	2 CPE
Feb. 03	GASB Update	2 CPE
Mar. 3	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.

2020-2021 National Events Calendar

Nothing scheduled at this time

Check out www.agacqfm.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

November Meeting Minutes

No minutes, November was our 2 day Professional Development.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of December 3, 2020 as \$ 19,049.93.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2020-2021

President:	Astra Cope
Past President:	Chris Simons
Webmaster:	Alicia Reed
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Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition & Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
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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.

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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.

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

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 – Virtual, live

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Jan 11-12, 2021	January 26-29, 2021	February 9-11, 2021
	10:30am – 2:15pm 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:	1/4/21	1/19/21	2/2/21

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options