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President's Message

AGA President Message for February 2020

Hello everyone –

I hope you all are staying dry and being careful on the roadways in this yucky weather.

This month we are looking forward to having Jerry Durham from the State of Tennessee Division of Local Government. Jerry is the Assistant Director for the Comptroller of the Treasury.

Please make plans to attend and contact Patti Rebholz to make your reservations so we can get an accurate head count. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 11th.

Also, it is that time of year again to renew your AGA membership. Please take a moment to visit the website and get this completed.

Chris Simons

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February 2020 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Feb. 11, 2020
11:30 AM**



Jerry Durham
Asst. Dir. Ste of TN
Div of Local Govmt. Audit



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

Ale Pork Loin, carved on buffet
Rosemary Roasted Bone-in Chicken
Neva's Potatoes
Sautéed Zucchini & Squash
Salad on the buffet
Bread Basket & Cookie Tray
Or
Veggie Plate
Baked Potato
Spinach Maria
Steamed Broccoli

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Feb. 7, 2020

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

Mar 04	Improper Payments	2 CPE
Mar 18	Professional Development (Members Only) (Time 1:00-2:50 EST)	2 CPE
Mar 25	Cybersecurity	2 CPE
Apr 08	Ethics	2 CPE
Apr 22	DATA Act	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.

2019-2020 National Events Calendar

Feb. 12-13, 2020	National Leadership Training	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Apr. 29, 2020	Enterprise Risk Mgmt Workshop 2020	5 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Apr. 7, 2020	PIO/CFO Summit	4 – CPE's	Washington, DC
July 19-22, 2020	PDT 2020	25 – CPE's	Dallas, TX
Sept. 23-24, 2020	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC

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

January Minutes

Our January meeting of the 2019-2020 year was held on January 14, 2020 at Calhoun's on the River. In President Chris Simons' absence, the meeting was opened by Mary McDonald. Mary introduced the speaker, Travis Lowe, Audit Officer with Pugh CPAs. Travis presented a program on "Internal Controls: What Are They Good For?". He discussed what purpose internal controls play in an entity. Travis also explained the types of internal controls and how our paperless processes have affected internal controls that were usually put in place with traditional processes in mind. Travis' presentation was informative and reminded everyone that internal controls involve people at every level – from top to bottom.

Mary closed the meeting by thanking Travis for his presentation.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of December 31, 2019 as \$ 18,049.77.

February Speaker

Jerry E. Durham, CPA, CGFM, CFE

Assistant Director

Division of Local Government Audit

Comptroller of the Treasury

State of Tennessee

Jerry is an Assistant Director for the State of Tennessee, Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Local Government Audit. The division has statutory responsibility for audits of approximately 1600 local governments and related organizations in Tennessee. Many of these governments are subject to the Single Audit Act and OMB's Uniform Guidance.

A 35-year veteran of the division, Jerry has served as an auditor, audit supervisor, training instructor, technical manager, and assistant director. In his role as assistant director, he is responsible for developing professional compliance procedures and monitoring the division's quality performance under GASB, AICPA, OMB, and GAO accounting and auditing standards. Jerry also has responsibility for supervising the contract review process within the division.

Jerry was selected for the AGA National Educator award for 2019. In addition, Jerry teaches the Yellow Book and Audit Findings training classes for the Tennessee Department of Audit. Jerry has been selected as Department of Audit Instructor of the Year four times.

Jerry has made training presentations for numerous other professional organizations, state, and local governments. He currently serves on several working committees for professional organizations.

Jerry is married and has three children and four grandchildren.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers

2019-2020

President:	Chris Simons
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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.

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.

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 – Updated Content Outlines

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: Alexandria, VA

When: TBA

Cost: \$375 for members

Deadline: TBA

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between TBA and TBA

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options