



# Nashville Notes



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**Rachelle Cabading**  
**2020-2021 Chapter President**

## President's Letter

Happy Holidays!

AGA's National President Wendy Morton-Huddleston's theme for this year is the Power of 7. She has put out a charge to AGA members to focus on legacy, leadership, and transformation. So what has the Nashville Chapter been doing to meet this charge? Here is an update on where our chapter is with the Power of 7 components:

- To recruit 7 new members - We currently have 15 new members!
- To donate to 7 non-profits - December marks our 5th community service project helping non-profits so we are well on our way to meet this goal.
- To sponsor 7 students to attend local or national level training - This is where we need help from the chapter. If you know of any college students that may be interested in a government career, please email our Young Professionals Chair at [Bethany.Graves@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Bethany.Graves@cot.tn.gov). We are looking for ways to expand our student membership section as we start 2021.





## President's Letter (Continued)

We appreciate our members help in achieving these initiatives from the National President. Continue to recruit members and donate time or money to our monthly community service partners.

Diversity and Inclusion are a hot topic in the workplace and at AGA. Mark your calendar for our next monthly meeting on January 11, 2021. We are privileged to have Andrea Blackman speak to us on "What is a Civil Society?" Ms. Blackman is the Division Director for the Nashville Public Library's Civil Rights Center and Special Collections Center. Throughout her career, Ms. Blackman has been known for her professional leadership, advocacy for cultural inclusivity and sensitivity, and innovative ideas in making history relevant. The Nashville Chapter and AGA are committed to creating and sustaining an environment that supports diversity and inclusion. We hope everyone can join

us in January!

Our December's Community Service event is Samaritan Ministries. This ministry provides carryout meals as well as essential items to people in need. Make sure you check out the Community Service page on our website for information on how to donate.

Also, don't forget to register for our annual Winter Seminar being held on January 20-21, 2021. This two-day training event provides 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education and will cover accounting and auditing updates as well as training on cybersecurity, fraud, and more! Click this link to register: [Nashville Chapter/Training/2021 Winter Seminar](#).

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone "virtually" on January 11th for our next chapter meeting!

## 2020-21 AGA Webinars

**Uniform Guidance** (more details pg. 8)

January 13 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

**GASB Update**

February 3 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

**Cybersecurity/ERM**

March 24 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

**CARES Act**

April 21 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

**Fraud/Data Analytics**

May 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

**Leadership**

June 9 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual



## **2020-2021 Chapter Meeting Dates**

January 11, 2021

February 1, 2021

March 1, 2021

April 5, 2021

May 10, 2021

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## **2020-2021 CEC Meeting Dates**

January 6, 2021

January 27, 2021

February 24, 2021

March 31, 2021

May 5, 2021





**Reduced Price So  
Register Now!**

# Nashville AGA Winter Seminar 2021

January 20 & 21, 2021

8AM-4:30PM

**\*\*Group Live – Virtual\*\***



This two-day training event offers 16 hours of CPE and will provide attendees with accounting and auditing updates, as well as, training on cybersecurity, fraud, and more!

## **REGISTER AT**

<https://forms.gle/SEMYw5QweECxW5TU7>

by January 15, 2021.

### **Registration Fees**

- Member - \$155
- Non-member - \$255
- Non-member group rate - \$205 (3 or more from same agency)

### **Cancellation Policy**

Requests for cancellation must be sent to [Terry.Burr@tn.gov](mailto:Terry.Burr@tn.gov) no later than January 15, 2021. After that date, registrants should find a replacement or be responsible for the registration fee.

### **Preferable Payment Methods:**

- Provide cash or check made payable to "Nashville AGA" and give to Terry Burr (payment will be accepted between now and the day of the training). Or mail a check to:

**Nashville AGA**

**ATTN: Winter Seminar**

**PO Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219**

- State Agencies can pay through Edison using supplier ID 0000084336 for Nashville AGA
- PayPal: <https://www.nashvilleaga.org/Education/Winter2021.html#bookmark>

\*Due to the PayPal fees, the payment methods above are preferred\*

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**



## Interested in obtaining your CGFM?



Nashville AGA will be hosting a VIRTUAL CGFM Exam 2 Review Course! Details are as follows:

- What: CGFM Exam 2 Review Course- National AGA Instructor will review study materials and answer questions you have!
- When: March 22nd-March 25th The course will be live from 8am-1pm each day
- Where: At home or your office!
- Cost: \$475 per person if paid before January 1, 2020. Starting January 1, 2020 the cost will be \$575.
- Inclusions: Participants will receive one paper copy of the AGA CGFM Exam 2 Study Guide (to keep!), One-year access to the virtual study guide, and up to 21 hours of NASBA approved CPE!
- Prizes?: 10 lucky participants will be selected during the course to receive an exam voucher to cover the cost of the exam! \$125 value!

**SPACE IS LIMITED-** A maximum of 30 people can participate in the course and spots are filling fast!

**Email [Drew.Sadler@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Drew.Sadler@cot.tn.gov) to reserve your seat today!**

## Community Service

For January 2021, our community service project is to collect donations for Mending Hearts.

It is the mission of Mending Hearts to provide shelter, hope and healing to women who may be homeless due to addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Donations can be made via Paypal at the Nashville Chapter's website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Community.aspx>

Or please mail a check to: AGA Nashville Chapter, P.O. Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219.

Donations will be collected through **January 31, 2021.**



## Community Service (continued)

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Gloves, Socks, & Underwear Drive to Benefit Samaritan Ministries



Samaritan Ministries is located at 1041 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Nashville, TN 37208. A carryout meal and essential personal resources are available Monday through Friday of each week from 11am to 12 noon to ANYONE in need. This year, because of COVID-19, the center is only accepting **NEW** items. Currently, the greatest needs are as follows:

- Gloves
- Socks
- Underwear
- Thermal underwear
- Body wipes
- Hand warmers

Drop-Off Locations	Contact Information	
<b>Cordell Hull Building</b>	Rachelle Cabading	(615) 430-3852
425 Fifth Avenue North	<a href="mailto:Rachelle.Cabading@cot.tn.gov">Rachelle.Cabading@cot.tn.gov</a>	
<b>Nashville Public Library</b>	Angela McElrath-Prosser	(615) 862-5772 (Calls only)
615 Church Street	<a href="mailto:angela.mcelrath@nashville.gov">angela.mcelrath@nashville.gov</a>	(615) 210-0812 (Text is best)

Please make arrangements in advance if you would like to drop off items. Financial contributions are also accepted and our chapter will match contributions up to \$100. We are collecting donations through December 31, 2020.

Financial donations can be made via Paypal (found at <https://www.agacgfn.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Community.aspx>) or check (AGA Nashville Chapter, PO Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219) or check or contact Scarlet Sneed at [scarlet.sneed@comcast.net](mailto:scarlet.sneed@comcast.net).



# January Meeting Speaker

*Andrea Blackman*

## "What is a Civil Society?"

Andrea Blackman currently serves as the Division Director for the Nashville Public Library's Special Collections. In 2003, Ms. Blackman joined the library to lead what is now the internationally recognized Civil Rights Center. Throughout her career, Ms. Blackman has been known for her professional leadership, advocacy for cultural inclusivity and sensitivity, and innovative ideas in making history relevant. She has been recognized for her professional achievements with the Civil Rights Oral History Project, the Flood 2010 Digital History Project and the library's most recent oral history project of Nashville's New Faces, a "StoryCorps @ your library project" designed specifically to record and preserve Nashville's foreign-born, immigrant and diverse populations. In 2015, Blackman began developing public initiatives to go beyond traditional boundaries to better serve communities. In the wake of increased media attention on interactions between law enforcement and African-American citizens, she developed a cultural and racism education curriculum rooted in the Nashville Civil Rights Movement. Recognized by the Nissan Foundation, Blackman was awarded \$50,000 to develop the program Civil Rights and A Civil Society: Critical Dialogues in Equity, Race and Identity. She recently was selected as a Library Journal Mover & Shaker; won an AASLH History in Progress (HIP) Award, as well as a Leadership in History and Innovation Award for her program's unique strategies for community engagement. She is an adult leader with the Girl Scouts of Middle



Tennessee; Blackman is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

She's served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), the Nominating Committee for the National Council on Public History (NCPH), as well as on the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB). She holds the post of adjunct professor at both Lipscomb University and Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. Her ongoing research includes education disparity and self-representations in children's literature; antiracism, racism and racial inequality; African Diaspora; Modern Civil Rights Movement; Caribbean history and literature; oral history methodologies; community engagement and equity. She can be followed on Twitter at @adblackman7.

# New Member!

**Taylor Erskin, CPA**

Legislative Auditor

Comptroller of the Treasury

**Trevor Glover**

Legislative Auditor

Comptroller of the Treasury

**Lauren Lewis, CPA**

Legislative Senior Auditor

Comptroller of the Treasury

**Roy Yoquelet, CGFM**

Accountant

Alcoholic Beverage Commission



## Membership

As of our December meeting, our membership count was 332, just 35 short of our goal of 367 for this year! Currently, we have eight people in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between May 1 and December 31! That means everyone still has a chance to win! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card!

## Recruiting Incentives

- First-time guests receive a free lunch.
- Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
- The member who sponsors the most new members by December 31 wins \$100.

Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2021.



# January Webinar - Uniform Guidance

## ***The New Uniform Guidance and Compliance Supplement - Tools for the Grant Professionals and Auditors***

January 13 | 1:00–2:50 PM CST | 2 CPEs | FOS: ACCG

On August 13, 2020, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued revised Guidance for Grants and Agreements (Uniform Guidance) 2 CFR Parts 25, 170, 183 and 200. The revision sets the stage for enhanced result-oriented accountability for grants. The revised Uniform Guidance became effective November 12, 2020, and provided some key changes for grant professionals and auditors. In addition, OMB issued 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix XI - Compliance Supplement in August 2020. The Uniform Guidance and Compliance Supplement are important to understand in order for an organization to comply with the grant requirements including the Single Audit Act or grant specific audit requirements.

This session will cover the key aspects of the changes to the Uniform Guidance and the 2020 Compliance Supplement to better understand the impact on grants based on the results of Single Audit Act or program specific audits. In addition, participants will learn about the key issue areas related to grants from the Government Accountability Office (GAO), grant audit issues from the State Auditor perspective and how federal agencies use the results from the Single Audit reports.

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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.

### **EDITOR'S CORNER**

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 December 15, 2020 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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