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I cannot believe it is the end of the year. Everyone says the year flies by and it does. We accomplished a lot this year and should meet the platinum chapter status this year with no problem. Many people do not get to attend the May luncheon. I hope everyone will make an attempt. The Awards Luncheon allows us to thank everyone for their hard work. In addition, we will have the drawing for the PDT in Orlando for those who were active in the chapter and give away money for membership recruitment and newsletter articles.

We will have the luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the TN Tower. I am pretty sure we are having Cracker Barrel again! I think we have a few of the kinks worked out from lessons learned from the prior luncheon held there.

The Nashville Chapter is great because of all the participation from it's members. Visitor's from other chapters are always amazed at luncheon attendance, the quality speakers, and the community

service events held every month. We could not do it without you. I want to thank everyone for helping to make this a wonderful year.

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SAVE THE DATE!

2017-2018 Luncheon Meeting Dates

September 18, 2017 — DoubleTree
October 9, 2017 — DoubleTree
November 13, 2017 — TN Room, TN Tower
December 11, 2017 — DoubleTree
January 8, 2018 — DoubleTree
February 12, 2018 — DoubleTree
March 12, 2018 — DoubleTree
April 9, 2018 — DoubleTree
May 14, 2018 — TN Room, TN Tower

2017-2018 CEC Meeting Dates

August 10, 2017
September 14, 2017
October 5, 2017
November 9, 2017
December 7, 2017
January 4, 2018
February 8, 2018
March 8, 2018
April 5, 2018
May 10, 2018

2017-2018 Audio Conference Dates

September 13, 2017 — Communication/Leadership
October 11, 2017 — Internal Control
November 15, 2017 — Ethics in Fraud
December 6, 2017 — Internal Control
January 10, 2018 — Grants Management
February 7, 2018 — GASB Update
March 7, 2018 — Infrastructure Financing
March 28, 2018 — Cybersecurity
April 25, 2018 — DATA Act
May 16, 2018 — Fraud/Data Analytics

2017-2018 Conference Dates

January 24-25, 2018 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar
July 22-25, 2018 — National Professional Development Training

Other Networking Opportunities

April 28, 2018 — Chapter Social Event — Nashville Sounds Game

Committee and Member News

CGFM

We still have a few members who have not renewed their CGFM certifications. Renewals were due March 31. If you have not taken the time to renew, please take a few minutes right now and renew your CGFM. Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Certification/CGFMs/Renew-Your-CGFM.aspx> to renew.

Our last exam subsidy drawing for the year will happen at our May luncheon. If you have passed a part of the CGFM exam during this year and have not informed us, email Melissa Lahue to get your name included in the drawing.



Congratulations to Ronald Boniol, Nichole Curtiss Crittenden, and Cynthia Singleton who renewed their CGFM certification by March 31 and won reimbursement of their renewal fee.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is looking for volunteers to review scholarship applications in April 2018. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Drew Hawkins at 615-401-7743 or by emailing at Andrew.Hawkins@cot.tn.gov.

Membership

As of our April luncheon, our membership count was 352. Currently, we have a four-way tie for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between January 1 and April 30! That means everyone is still in the running! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership.

Welcome to AGA!

NEW MEMBERS

Eric Bucholz, Tennessee Department of
Transportation, No Sponsor

May Awards Luncheon — Tennessee Tower



The May Luncheon will be held in the Tennessee Tower at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave. Please make plans to join us at 11:30 AM on Monday, May 14th. The meeting will be held on the 3rd floor in the Tennessee Room. As usual, we will have a catered, buffet style lunch followed by the annual awards program. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Winston at 615-806-0521 or Michael.Winston@tn.gov.



April Community Service Event

Rock 'n' Roll **MARATHON SERIES®**

The 2018 St Jude Rock and Roll and 1/2 Marathon Presented by Nissan will be held Saturday, April 28th! There will be over 30,000 runners and walkers in Music City and volunteers are needed to help make sure they have a great experience while in town.

AGA will be participating in this event by volunteering, donating, or actually running in the event, if you would like to be a part of this fun and exciting event please sign up via the link provided below. Once you have signed up please contact Tammy Fruscione at 615-747-5221 or tammy.fruscione@cot.tn.gov.

Volunteers are needed at the Health and Fitness Expo at the Nashville Music City Center Wednesday, April 25 - Friday, April 27, the YMCA of Middle Tennessee KiDs Rock Race Sunday, April 29th, and on Race Day, Saturday, April 28th at the Start & Finish Line!

To submit your volunteer forms electronically please click the link below.

<http://www.runrocknroll.com/nashville/the-weekend/volunteer/>

To register for the race:

<http://www.runrocknroll.com/nashville/register/>

To donate to the cause:

https://charity.runrocknroll.com/events/nashville?_ga=2.38578851.1406745532.1520427376-14074480.1520427376

All volunteers will receive a Race Crew t-shirt and a ticket to the post race concert, this year's post-race concert is Hunter Hayes!

Member Spotlight — Michael Winston, CGFM



Chapter President-Elect Michael Winston

My name is Michael Winston, and I am currently serving as the Nashville Chapter President-Elect. That means I have the honor and privilege of leading this great chapter during the 2018 – 2019 program year. As I think back on my journey to get here, it's surprising that I made it to Nashville, let alone that I made it to AGA. But I am so fortunate that I did make it here, and I am looking forward to where the Nashville Chapter and I are going next.

While I was born in Florida, I grew up in Knoxville and will always think of it as my home. I grew up surrounded by an extended family that got together at church twice a week and many birthdays, holidays, and family dinners in-between. My great-grandmother always saved a seat for me next to her on the church pew and on the couch when the Atlanta Braves were playing. It was my close relationship with her where I discovered a love for jigsaw puzzles, card games, and crossword puzzles. It was the crossword puzzles that laid the foundation for my love of the newspaper. While I used to skip straight for the comics and puzzles page in the News Sentinel, I slowly started checking out the news in the other sections. I discovered a passion for reading, especially about current events locally and around the world.

In school, I did well for many years, but subjects got harder in high school, and I wasn't as interested in getting straight A's as I used to be. That is until I walked into Ms. Davis' Beginning Accounting class. To this day, I am so lucky that West High School offered an elective on

accounting. Debits and credits made so much sense to me. A fellow student and I used to race each other in class to see who could get our assignments done first. Truth be told, he would usually beat me on turning it in, but I was more accurate in getting the correct answers. From then on, I knew I was going to major in accounting when I got to college. And true to form, I stayed in Knoxville and got my bachelors degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee.

While I was in college, I had the opportunity to start working for a local credit union. I started out as a teller and moved on to new accounts and even lending. Not only was it good professional experience, but I also learned a lot about internal controls and compliance with regulations – skills that I didn't know I was really going to need down the road. Towards the end of my five years with the credit union, I graduated from UT and moved into a full time position in loss prevention. While I was fortunate to have a full time job when many of my classmates were struggling to find positions during the recession, I was not enjoying what basically amounted to collections work.

Over the next few months, I searched and searched for a new job opportunity. My main goal was to find something that would let me really use my accounting degree. When the big job search sites didn't seem to be providing a lot of options, I realized that I hadn't looked at government positions. So I found my way to the State of Tennessee website and started filling out an application. I got to the question that wanted to know what counties I would be interested in working in, and that was the first time I truly considered leaving Knoxville to work somewhere else. To make an already long story a little shorter, I landed in Internal Audit with the Department of General Services here in Nashville.

My experience with the State has been nothing short of fantastic. It has been the perfect intersection between my educational and personal interests. I get to help craft budgets and financial management strategies in the government environment that is reported in the news daily. Not that I ever want to see my name in the news, but it is very rewarding to see how my work affects the citizens of Tennessee. Looking back, it seems so obvious

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that I would enjoy a career in government, but yet it took me a long time to find it. So I have to attribute this to a lack of awareness about career opportunities in government, and I think that is where AGA comes in.

My director who hired me, Debi Moss, recruited me to join AGA. She was a new member herself, but she recognized that there was great value in getting involved...

- Want to develop your skills to do your job better? Check out our webinars and training events
- Want to be involved in our community? Check out our community service activities
- Want to step up the career ladder? Try our CGFM program or apply for a scholarship to go back to school
- How about expanding your work contacts? Come network at our luncheons and socials

I could keep going, but I truly believe that getting involved in AGA was the critical piece for me finding success and fulfillment in my job. And on the personal side, my time in Nashville has brought my fiancée, Jill, and I together in a way that our time at UT never did. We live in Robertson County with our two rescue dogs, Cory and Pinto, who seem to be looking forward to our wedding this summer as much as we are.



Michael Winston and fiancée, Jill

With nearly 40 years under its belt, the Nashville AGA Chapter has done so much to shape and create leaders here in Nashville who have gone on to do great things at the national level. But our chapter is more than a leader, it is a group of members who lead by dedicating their time and effort to creating something bigger than one person can. Yes, "Chapter President" will accompany my name next year, but just as I have each year that I've been a member, I plan to work with each of you to build on our past success and continue moving forward as the best chapter in AGA.

Education Committee News

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and the Nashville AGA Chapter are co-sponsoring the April 25, 2018 webinar on "DATA Act". The Webinar will be held at ONE location: the Comptroller's **Audit Training Room on the 3rd Floor** of the Cordell Hull Building. Seating is limited to the first 50 people who register. **For those attending in the Cordell Hull Building, please remember to arrive early in order to pass through building security.**

Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville/Training-Events/WEBINARS.aspx> to register.

April 25 | 1–2:50 p.m. CT | 2 CPEs | FOS: AUDG

Since May 9, 2017, every federal agency is required to report standardized spending data. This webinar will focus on explaining how you can use data to enhance the value, quality, engagement, interaction, and effectiveness of your daily task. Hear the results of the Grants Pilot test and learn how to prepare especially, if you are non-federal agency.

We will also explore resources and software such as USAspending.gov, GitHub, and the Central Data Element Repository Library to help guide in reporting automation and reduce costs.



Speakers:

Mike Peckham, ReInvent, Grants Management Lead, HHS

Hudson Hollister, Executive Director, Data Coalition

Moderator: Demek Adams, CGFM, Principal, Grant Thornton

Learning objectives: Participants will learn:

How the DATA Act has impacted grants reporting

Section 5 Grants Pilot objectives

Section 5 Grants Pilot test models

Three overarching recommendations to Congress for reducing grant recipient reporting burden

How the DATA Act impacts the way agencies report spending

Purpose of the DATA Act

Stakeholder involvement in DATA Act

Financial reporting today



Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)

Chapter Social Event



Come join us for a night of fun and frivolity with the Association of Government Accountants.

When: April 28 at 6:35 pm

Where: Sounds Stadium

Who: Your Nashville Sounds vs.
the New Orleans Baby-cakes

Included: Cost of baseball ticket at a table for four of your nearest and dearest AGA friends in the Band Box area (close to corn hole, great view of the game, with table service for food and beverages) Check out the venue online at <https://tinyurl.com/ht9v8g7>

Cost: \$20 per member; \$30 per guest

Seats are limited, so reserve and pay for your tickets today! See Donna Jewell for payment options or questions (donna.jewell@cot.tn.gov).

News And Just The Facts

CAREER CENTER

A **Budget Director** position was recently posted. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the link provided at [AGA Job Board](#) .

OUR CURRENT STANDING AS OF MARCH 16, 2018, IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	2,600	5,000	52%
Education & Professional Development	7,050	4,000	176%
Certification	3,050	4,000	76%
Communications	5,675	3,000	189%
Membership	4,275	4,000	107%
Accountability	250	2,000	13%
Community Service	2,250	2,000	113%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	25,150	25,000	101%

LUNCHEON / CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at www.nashvilleaga.org . The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for May 14, 2018.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time departments forward job opportunities to the Website Committee, which are posted for members' convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, go to this link for detailed information — <http://nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html>



Editor's Corner



We truly enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership.

Please share your thoughts and ideas or interesting news with us by submitting your article to Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov no later than May 18, 2018 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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