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## President's Message

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### AGA President Message for March 2020

### March 2020 Meeting

Hello everyone –

Thanks to everyone who joined us last month. We hope you will make plans to join us for our final two meetings before we take a break over the summer.

Our speaker this month is Dr. Marianne Wanamaker who recently returned to the University of Tennessee, Department of Economics, after a year of service in Washington, D.C. on the President's Council of Economic Advisors, where she served as "Chief Domestic Economist."

As a reminder, March is CGFM month. Please consider studying and taking the test in order to obtain this certification. Congratulations to all of the members that have already obtained this certification.

Chris Simons

**Tuesday,  
Mar. 10, 2020  
11:30 AM**



***Marianne Wanamaker  
UT Dept. of Economics  
"U.S. Economic Update"***



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**

Beef Brisket, carved on buffet  
Grilled Chicken Calhoun  
Bacon & Cheddar Grits  
Country Style Green Beans  
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, Mar. 6, 2020**

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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

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Professional Development (Members Only) (Time 1:00-2:50 EST)</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Cybersecurity</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Ethics</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>DATA Act</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

# 2019-2020 National Events Calendar

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](http://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

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### February Minutes

February 11, 2020 Minutes by: Connie Cook

We would like to send out our appreciation for Jerry Duram, Comptroller of the Treasury – Local Government Audit Division, for coming out to speak with us on February 11<sup>th</sup>. He topic was “What’s Happening Out There?”

Jerry talked about the money issues that are out there: There are cash shortages out there across the State of Tennessee totaling about \$3.5M. He showed us a link on Mapping TN Comptroller Investigations. If you want to see where the problems exist that is a site you would want to visit.

Jerry also talked about Cyber Security. A topic we can all relate to. Not a real secure way to stop this but to educate your staff in ways to look for phony emails that have malware attached. Spring Hill knows all to well what opening a spam mail will cost you.

Another topic that Jerry spoke on was Decentralized Governments. More and more we are seeing more component units attached to the primary Governments.

Last topic Jerry mentioned was the change in our Debt Schedules. Needing more information on them.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of February 29, 2020 as \$ 16,743.36.

# East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers

**2019-2020**

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

## **BECOME A CGFM TODAY!!!**

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### **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