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AGA President Message for April 2019

Hello,

I'm glad to see that Spring is finally showing in Tennessee!

For our meeting this month, we will have Susan K. Williams from The Trust Company of Tennessee speaking on social security, retirement, and other things to plan for as you age.

This is our last meeting with CPE for the year, but we will have an awards meeting in May to celebrate membership milestones and the officers that have served for the current year.

If anyone is interested in serving on the board for the next year, please see me at the meeting or any other officer.

Hope to see you at the meeting!
Alicia

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April 2019 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Apr. 9, 2019
11:30 AM**



*Speaker, Susan K. Williams
Trust Company of TN*



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

Smoked Roast Beef, carved on buffet
Prosperity Pork Loin, carved on buffet
Neva's Potato Casserole
Country Style Green Beans
Baked Bread & Cookies
Or Vegetarian Plate**
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Spinach Maria

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Apr. 5, 2019

**Vegetarian Plate needs to be noted on
reservation email to Patti**

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

Apr. 10	Ethics	2 CPE
Apr. 24	DATA Act	2 CPE
May 15	Fraud/Data Analytics	2 CPE
Jun. 12	Leadership	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.

2018-2019 National Events Calendar

July 21-24, 2019	Professional Development Training	24 – CPE's	New Orleans or virtual
Sept. 18-19, 2019	Internal Control and Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual

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

March Minutes

Tuesday's meeting was opened by Alicia Reed by introducing Penny Austin our Regional Vice President.

We would like to take this time to thank Penny for your presentation on security and for showing us that the most popular security breach we have is our own employee's by opening Phishing Emails. These emails look like they came from someone in your organization but when looking at the domains where they come from it is obvious that the email is bogus.

Most emails are asking for bank information or reminding you of an invoice that is past due and needs to be paid.

Also mentioned in her presentation is the need to continue changing passwords or make sure that your organization's system is secure as well as getting training for your employees on what to and what not to do when you receive bad emails.

Prepared by:
Connie Aytes

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Mar. 31, 2019 as \$ 15,043.37

April Speaker

Susan K. Williams, VP & Trust Officer

Susan Williams is Vice President & Trust Officer, often serving clients in their mature years and also working with businesses with \$1 – \$15 million in their 401(k) retirement plans. She has more than twenty years of experience in financial planning, tax, investments, and trusts. Susan serves on our internal Investment Committee and organizes our Financial Planning efforts, as well.

Susan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Radford University and a Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning from the College for Financial Planning in Denver, CO. Susan is a Certified Financial Planner® and a Retirement Plans Associate.

Susan is a graduate of Leadership Blount 2016 and Experience Your Smokies. She is a long time member of the East TN Financial Planning Association, where she served as President, and a member of the Knoxville Estate Planning Council. Committed to serving those who have served our country, Susan also assists Veterans and Wounded Warriors with financial planning and securing permanent homes for their families.

2018-2019 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

May 14, 2019

Awards

TBA

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Past President:	Karen McKee
Webmaster:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Treasurer:	Connie Aytes
Secretary:	Pamela Gail Cook
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education & CGFM:	Mary McDonald
Awards:	Astra Cope
Accountability:	Astra Cope
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Perry Benshoof
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition & Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
President - Elect:	Chris Simons

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!!!

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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.

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Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: Alexandria, VA

When: April 1-2, 2019

Cost: \$350 for members (discount in celebration of 25th Anniversary)

Deadline: March 20, 2019

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between April 3, 2019 – July 31, 2019

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options