

## President's Message



**J. Michael Winston, CGFM,  
Chapter President**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 27-28, 2019 — National Leadership Training —  
Washington, D.C.**

**March 6, 2019 — Webinar Finance**

**March 11, 2019 — Luncheon - Tennessee  
Tower, 3rd Floor**

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Happy Valentine's Day, AGA! So maybe it is a little late for Valentine's Day, but it isn't too late to show some love for the premier organization for promoting government accountability. That's right, it is membership renewal time at AGA! Our annual renewal period runs through March 31st. So now is the time to renew your membership and CGFM designation for the year. You can renew online at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) or you will receive a letter in the mail in the coming weeks. I hope renewing your membership is a "no brainer" for our members, but I would like to share some of my favorite reasons for being a member of AGA for anyone who might be on the fence.

First, AGA's focus is on serving government workers. Everything from our training events to our CGFM designation is designed around those in the public sector. And it's not just a one-size fits all focus, but different training, tools, and resources for your level of government – federal, state, or local. Other organizations may specialize in accounting or auditing or fraud, but AGA tailors those fields for those working in government.

Second, AGA membership pays for itself and then some. If you are thinking about becoming a CGFM, members get discounts on application, renewal, and intensive review course fees. Every member gets a subscription to the Journal of Government Financial Management, and you can access archive copies online. Members get discounts to attend national and chapter events such as the PDT, the Nashville Chapter's Winter Seminar, and our monthly luncheons. These are just the items you can put a dollar value on, but the benefits of networking through AGA and access to our job bank helps our members achieve their career goals in immeasurable ways.

Finally, my biggest pitch to new members is the chance to be part of our community – a group of dedicated professionals committed to working for the betterment of our governments and our neighbors. As a volunteer organization, we rely on members who believe in that community and purpose; the ones who want to attend AGA events, and then want to help organize and plan the next one. The Nashville Chapter has a long history of service, and I hope you will renew or make a new commitment to AGA today.

Best,  
Michael

# NASHVILLE NOTES

## Membership

### Recruiting New Members

As of our February luncheon, our membership count was 349. 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 by March 31, 2019, to be included in the \$50 incentive drawing at the awards luncheon in May.

#### New Members

Mrs. Jaclyn Clute

Ms. Tammy Fields

Mrs. Kimberly A. Forsee

Mr. John Philip Kennelly

Mr. Eric LeVan

Ms. Rachael Mathis

Mr. Nathan Wilson

## Chapter Scholarships

**William R. Snodgrass Scholarship:** Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a Middle or West Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, or Northern Alabama high school senior or college student with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing.

**Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship:** Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to an AGA Nashville area chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild (any school and any major may apply.)

Scholarship applications are on the chapter website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville/Membership/Scholarships.aspx>

Please email questions or completed applications to [awards@nashvilleaga.org](mailto:awards@nashvilleaga.org)

The deadline to submit applications for this year is 3/31/19.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## **2019 Remaining Luncheon Meeting Dates**

March 11, 2019 — Tennessee Tower, 3rd Floor

April 1, 2019 — DoubleTree

May 6, 2019 — DoubleTree

## **2019 Remining CEC Meeting Dates**

March 6, 2019

March 27, 2019

May 1, 2019

## **2019 Webinar Dates**

March 6, 2019 — Finance

March 27, 2019 — Cybersecurity

April 24, 2019 — DATA Act

May 15, 2019 — Fraud/Data Analytics

June 12, 2019 — Leadership

## **2018-2019 Conference Dates**

February 27-28, 2019 — National Leadership  
Training — Washing  
ton, D.C.

July 21-24, 2019 — National Professional  
Development Training —  
New Orleans

## **Congratulations!**



Mike Corricelli has been selected to receive the AGA's 2019 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award. The award honors state government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies, and systems. It recognizes exceptional leadership that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems, or operations and individuals who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

The award will be presented on February 27, 2019 at the AGA National Leadership Training in Washington, D.C.

# Speaker Bio



Michelle Earhart Hernandez, CPA

*“The Basics of Internal Control and Why a CGFM Should Care”*

March 11, 2019—Tennessee Tower, 3rd Floor

CPE-eligible

Michelle Earhart Hernandez, CPA is the Tennessee (TN) Deputy Chief of Accounts. She is in charge of the division of Statewide Accounting for the TN Department of Finance and Administration which oversees statewide grants management, the general ledger, assets management, vendor maintenance and the financial oversight section that is responsible for the preparation of the State's financial statements and statewide GAAP standards implementation. Prior to joining the TN Department of Finance and Administration she was a legislative auditor for the TN Comptroller of the Treasury. She has worked for the State of Tennessee for 17 years. She is a past president for the Nashville chapter Association of Government Accountants and has served as Program and Early Careers chair for the Nashville chapter and served on the National AGA Bylaws and Procedural Committee.

# Community Service Event

## Second Harvest Food Bank

February 26th from 5:30- 8:00 PM, the Nashville Chapter of the AGA will once again be volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Below is a description from Second Harvest on what to expect:

Second Harvest's mission is to feed hungry people and work to solve hunger issues in our community. Volunteers are needed every day to help sort and pack food donations, prepare BackPacks for hungry at-risk children, families, and seniors. We primarily need help sorting food donations from grocery stores, food drives, and local farms. By sorting food for different programs and distribution sites, you help provide millions of meals each month to our hungry neighbors in Middle and West Tennessee.

Projects vary and may include:

- ⇒ Evaluate, sort, and pack non-perishable food donations.
- ⇒ Evaluate, sort, and pack frozen or perishable food in our 40-degree cooler.
- ⇒ Bag bulk produce into family-sized portions.
- ⇒ Pack food bags for children or boxes for senior citizens.

Spots are limited so I will need to provide them with a final headcount prior to the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me via [Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov](mailto:Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov) to sign up no later than February 21st.





# Spring Social

Broadway at TPAC presents



Are you ready to return to the 80s, the decade of hairspray and heavy metal? Look in your closet for the old neon legwarmers and buy some AquaNet!

If so, join the Nashville Chapter of AGA for a night on the Sunset Strip with Rock of Ages! The spring social will be on April 12th at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

If you aren't familiar with the show, TPAC's website includes a description of the show and a disclaimer of the themes of the show along with a medley video from the Tony Awards – see <https://www.tpac.org/event/2019-04-12-to-2019-04-13-rock-of-ages/>

Tickets will be \$25 for members and \$39.50 for nonmembers. We must make final payment to TPAC by early March, so if you are interested in going to see Rock of Ages let either Donna Jewell (Donna.Jewell@cot.tn.gov) or Melissa Boaz (Melissa.Boaz@cot.tn.gov) know you want to attend by February 28th.

Payments may be made in person (contact Donna or Melissa to set up a time or place), may be mailed to the AGA PO Box (P.O. Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219), or via PayPal ([https://www.nashvilleaga.org/pay\\_2019\\_social.html](https://www.nashvilleaga.org/pay_2019_social.html)).

# News And Just The Facts

## Awards Committee

The Awards Committee would like to share with you an update to the AGA Nashville Chapter Policies. The Community Service Committee requested changes to the Appendix of Policy 7 (the AGA Point Policy). On September 5, 2018, the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) approved the changes to the community service points structure related to volunteer time and to sponsorship of donation boxes. The changes to the Appendix of Policy 7 are as follows:

	Former	New
Volunteer (in person)	3	<1 Hr Event – 1 pt 1-3 Hr Event – 2 pts 3+ Hr Event – 3 pts
Sponsoring a drop box	1	1-2 boxes – 1 pt 3-4 boxes – 2 pts 5+ boxes – 3 pts

The changes are effective as of the date of approval (9/5/18).

## FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018 , IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,975	5,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	2,750	4,000	69%
Certification	925	4,000	23%
Communications	3,325	3,000	111%
Membership	2100	4,000	53%
Accountability	150	2,000	8%
Community Service	800	2,000	40%
Awards	200	1,000	20%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,225</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>61%</b>

## LUNCHEON / CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) . The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for the next program year.

## 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 [Britt.Wood@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Britt.Wood@cot.tn.gov) no later than March 15, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

# 2018-2019 AGA Chapter Leadership Directory

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