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Welcome back to another fantastic year for the AGA Nashville Chapter. I am excited and nervous about the upcoming 2017-2018 chapter year as we want to accomplish much for our members. Our own Jim Arnette is serving as National AGA President this year. The Nashville Chapter has had many past national leaders and is held in high regard at the national level. Our chapter has a great core membership, and we want to make sure and continue this tradition by focusing on our mission and values.

If you would like to serve on a committee, please let us know. The commitment is usually only a few hours a month. There is a different feeling about the organization you experience when volunteering. Plus, you get to work with a great group of people!

We are going to be trying out a few new things this year. Please let us know your thoughts. The chapter executive committee wants our chapter to provide opportunities to help you network, grow and succeed in your professional career.



The 2017 Professional Development Training was held July 9–12 in Boston. The chapter was well represented. Once again, the chapter achieved Platinum status which is the highest honor.



Join me in kicking off this exciting new year of opportunities!

*Britt*

# 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 2018 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar  
— Location and date to be determined

# September Speaker — Nathan Abbott, CFE, CISA, EA



Nathan Abbott, CFE, CISA, EA

Nathan Abbott, CFE, CISA, EA is an information systems audit manager for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Local Government Audit. The division has statutory responsibility for audits of local governments in Tennessee.

A 21-year veteran of the office, Nathan has served as an information systems auditor, audit manager, and training instructor. In his current role as information systems manager, he is responsible for providing technical support and data analytics to the audit staff. Nathan teaches in-house classes to the Tennessee Department of Audit and periodically makes presentations to several other professional organizations speaking on topics such as computer forensics and computer applications. He served on the National State Auditors Association External Peer Review program as a team member and is currently serving on the Peer Review Committee.

Nathan received his accounting degree from Freed Hardeman University. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and Enrolled Agent with the IRS. Nathan is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) where he currently serves

as co-webmaster for the Nashville Chapter. He has previously served as secretary, education chair and two-year director of the executive committee of AGA's Nashville Chapter. Nathan is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners where he previously served as president of the Middle Tennessee Chapter. Nathan is a graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute, which is a training program for government leaders through the University of Tennessee. Nathan was recently selected as Member of the Year in 2017 for the Association of Government Accountants — Nashville Chapter.

Nathan resides in Franklin, Tennessee with his lovely wife, Amy and two beautiful twin girls — Ellie and Sophie. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball, is a deacon for the Heritage Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee, loves to travel, and has a tax preparation business that consumes all of his free time from January to April.



Nathan Abbott with his daughters, Ellie and Sophie.



Nathan , Amy, Ellie and Sophie

# Committee News

## Awards Committee

### Scholarship Winners Announced:

#### William R. Snodgrass Business Scholarship, \$1000 each

Alex Nicole Britt, Lebanon, TN, attending Freed Hardeman University studying Accounting and Psychology

Maikel Maged Micael, Antioch, TN, attending UT-Knoxville, studying Accounting

#### Fawn Ellis Scholarship AGA Family Scholarship, \$1000 each

Kaitlin Nichole Tucker, Smyrna, TN, daughter of Mark Tucker, studying Pre-Pharmacy at TTU

Courtney Michelle Fowler, Gallatin, TN, daughter of Kay Wilson, studying Agribusiness at TTU



## Membership

Kicking off this new year with Recruitment Incentives are the following:

- 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, 2018.

Speaking of points, visit the [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) website or contact Andrew Hawkins to see how to gain points throughout the year. Just about everything you do can help you win the membership rebate mentioned above and a chance to win a free trip to Orlando in July for the National Professional Development Training (PDT).

Get involved! Benefit yourself and others through your professional association, AGA!

### NEW MEMBERS

Lori Brasher, Brasher Accounting, No Sponsor

Marlan Crawford, State of Tennessee, No Sponsor

Jack M. Williams, Tennessee Department of General Services, No Sponsor

# Welcome to AGA!

# Committee News

## Volunteer Opportunity

The AGA Nashville Chapter is considering working a concession stand at Nissan Stadium as a fundraising opportunity for our chapter.

### Volunteer Requirements

All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to participate at the Nissan Stadium. Anyone selling or serving Beer must be at least 18 years of age.

### Training Requirements

All volunteers must have completed the training program before being able to participate at an event. Training sessions are provided prior to the beginning of the season and others are scheduled periodically throughout the season as needed.

### Uniform Requirements

- Legends will provide shirts.
- Black pants, shorts, or capri's. **SHORTS MUST BE FINGERTIP LENGTH.**
- Rubber Sole Shoes.
- If hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back.
- Legends provides hats if requested. You can wear your own just cannot have any logo on it. Must be solid black.
- You must arrive 2 hours before the event. We will not be volunteering at all the events. To determine the level of interest in this opportunity, please take a few moments to answer the 3-question survey through the link below. Please respond to the survey by Wednesday, August 23rd. **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY COMPLETED THE SURVEY, Take the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GT6KT8M> and help us determine the dates with the most interest.** Thank you for your participation and continued support of AGA.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday, September 10, 2017 Titans vs. Oakland Raiders 12:00pm

Sunday, September 24, 2017 Titans vs. Seattle Seahawks 3:05pm

Monday, October 16, 2017 Titans vs. Indianapolis Colts 7:30pm

Sunday, November 05, 2017 Titans vs. Baltimore Ravens 12:00pm

Sunday, November 12, 2017 Titans vs. Cincinnati Bengals 12:00pm

Sunday, December 03, 2017 Titans vs. Houston Texans 12:00pm

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Titans vs. Los Angeles Rams 12:00pm

Friday, December 29, 2017 Music City Bowl 3:30pm

Sunday, December 31, 2017 Titans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars 12:00pm



# Committee News and Member Spotlight

## CGFM Committee

**Interested in becoming a CGFM? AGA is here to help!!**



### **Super Summer 2017 Promotion: Pass one, get one!!!**

Pass any CGFM exam between June 1 and August 31 and receive a voucher for a FREE CGFM exam. See <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/Super-Summer-2017-Promotion.aspx> for more information.

Drawings will be held at 4 of our luncheons this year to reimburse the CGFM exam fee. Anyone who provides documentation that a part of the CGFM exam was passed during the months listed below will be entered into a drawing. Drawings will be held as follows:

Luncheon	Exams Passed
September	June - August
December	September - November
March	December - February
May	March - May

There will also be an additional drawing for May that will include everyone who was entered during the program year but did not win. For more information or to have your name entered into the first drawing, contact Melissa Lahue at [Melissa.lahue@tn.gov](mailto:Melissa.lahue@tn.gov).

A lending library has also been established. Our library includes study guides from all 3 sections of the exam. We have multiple copies available for your use. This could potentially save you hundreds of dollars!! For more information or to borrow from our library, contact Melissa Lahue at [Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov).

## Member Spotlight

We would like to recognize members of the Nashville Chapter who participate at the national and regional levels in AGA for the 2017-2018 program year and thank them for their service to this organization.

Jim Arnette, CGFM, CISA — National President/NEC

Penny Austin, CPA, CGFM — RVP-Elect

Gerry Boaz, CPA, CGFM, CGMA — Governance  
Committee Chair

Karen B. Hale, MAOM, CGFM — SVP for Regional  
Services/NEC

Deborah V. Loveless, CPA, CGFM — SVP Appointed/NEC

Richard Norment, CGFM (Retired) — Governance  
Committee

Britt Wood, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CISA, ACDA — Chapter  
President/NBD

*Thank  
You*

# National PDT 2017 in Boston, MA



Fife and Drum Corp at Opening Ceremony

Jim Arnette speaks to the National Board of Directors (right).



Katie Armstrong, Penny Austin, Nathan Abbott, Bridget Carver and Scarlet Sneed enjoying time at the PDT (left).



Passing of the gavel to National President Jim Arnette (left).

National Immediate Past President Doug Glen offers a gift to President Arnette (right).



Jim Arnette speaks to the National Board of Directors (below).

Jim Arnette's presidential theme is centered below.



Members of the Nashville Chapter attend the National 2017 PDT (left).

Katie Armstrong, Rachelle Cabading and Penny Austin checking out the sights of Boston (below).

## President's Theme

*"Accountants and Accountability Professionals Working Together to Make Government Work Better"*



# News And Just The Facts

## CAREER CENTER

A **Inspector General** position was recently posted. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the link provided at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html> .

### OUR CURRENT STANDING AS OF MAY 19, 2017, 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	6,875	4,000	172%
Certification	5,700	4,000	143%
Communications	6,304	3,000	210%
Membership	5,900	4,000	148%
Accountability	850	2,000	43%
Community Service	7,375	2,000	369%
Awards	3,800	1,000	380%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41,779</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>167%</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 September 18, 2017.



### 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](mailto:Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov) no later than September 20, 2017 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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