

Nashville Notes



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Alexander Warns
2021-2022 Chapter President

President's Letter

Knowledge, in this day and age, is available in so many forms. A person can literally take classes, pick through a magazine, or even learn something by watching YouTube. For years my preferred way of learning was via books and almost strictly on Excel (I might even have an Excel shirt... who can say? **!!**). Building skill within Excel was something I really enjoyed and focused on. However, as a result of this AGA year, I've changed my stance on learning as a whole.

"Alex, you can't seriously have an Excel shirt!" I've thought about while laughing to myself. And, while I still like my shirt, the work done by our Program and Education committees has altered my learning preference. These committees continually brought in outstanding speakers time and time again. As a result of their efforts, in conjunction with my virtual meeting fatigue, I now prefer attending live (in person) conferences and/or luncheons (on a broad range of topics). I feel like there is just something about being there, seeing everyone, and listening to a great speaker in person that I really enjoy. Maybe that's just me, but kudos to these committees for their outstanding work!

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Participants in our March CGFM Review Course.

President's Letter (continued)

That said, this AGA program year is almost over. How is that even possible? While the days go by slow, the months sure feel like they go fast. Looking back on the year, I've really enjoyed it. I sincerely feel the benefits I've received from AGA drastically outweigh any contributions that I've ever made to the organization. And, I must say, that's pretty cool!

Eventually, all good things come to an end. However, before my year as President is over, we have our upcoming awards luncheon. On 5/16/2022, this luncheon will have a different feel as we will take a moment to review chapter accomplishments, present awards, and even do some raffles. I hope, if you have the opportunity, you'll be in attendance to help us celebrate.

Have a great spring and until next month.

-Alex

Retiring or Know a Retiree?

If you have retired or are planning to retire during this program year or know of someone, please pass that information on to Mary Lou Goins (Mary.Goins@tn.gov) so we can properly recognize our retirees!

2021-22 AGA Webinars

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 11 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Leadership

June 8 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual



2021-2022 Chapter Meeting Dates

May 16, 2022

2021-2022 CEC Meeting Dates

May 11, 2022

New Members!

Tonya Albert

Accountant III

TN Department of MHSAS

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Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Erika Dibrell

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Charlotte Gentry

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US Department of Transportation

Landon Myers

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Diane Wheeler, CGFM

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

Ayo Folayan, CGFM

Fiscal Director

State of Tennessee

Lucille Hall McKenzie

Legislative Auditor

TN Comptroller of the Treasury



Membership

As of April 18, 2022, our membership count is 374. Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and \$20! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership.

Recruiting Incentives

1. 1st-time guests receive a free lunch
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives \$20
3. Gain 30 points so you can receive a \$55 rebate on your membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2022

Visit www.nashvilleaga.org to see how you can gain points throughout the year. There are plenty of opportunities to gain points to go toward the member rebate and a chance to win a free trip to the National Professional Development Training (PDT) in July.

May Meeting

Join us for the May Awards Luncheon, recognizing AGA Nashville members for the 21-22 Program Year.

May Webinar

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 11 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: AUDG

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Auditing - Governmental

LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meetings, please visit the chapter website here. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next scheduled business meeting.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, job opportunities are sent in and posted to our website by the Website Committee, for your convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, click this link for more information.

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE!

We enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership! Please share your thoughts, ideas, or interesting news with us by submitting an article to Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov no later than the 15th of each month for the next edition of our newsletter.

Chapter Committees

Young Professionals

Organizes events for members in the first few years of their careers.

Education

Organizes our annual training seminar in January/February. This includes recruiting and scheduling speakers for the seminar. Also organizes local participation in Webinars hosted by the National Office.

Awards

This committee creates nominations for National Awards as well as awarding local chapter scholarships. We provide at least 2 scholarships annually and this committee reviews the scholarship applications and decides on the recipients.

Membership

Recruits and retains members.

Finance

Collects money at monthly luncheons, prepares annual history report, and local chapter tax forms.



Webmaster

Maintains the website content and listserv.

Accountability & Outreach

Prepares annual Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and recruits other agencies to prepare CCRs.

Meetings & Attendance

Organizes monthly Chapter Executive Committee and chapter luncheons. Keeps up with those who sign up and attend meetings. Also assists the Education committee with rosters for meetings that provide CPE training.

Program

Recruits speakers for monthly lunches and organizes annual social events.

Corporate Sponsorship

Recruits sponsors for events. So far, most of our sponsors have been for the Winter Seminar in January or February.

Community Service

Coordinates and organizes monthly community service projects throughout the program year.

Communication

Publishes the monthly newsletter and maintains social media presence.

Contact Alex Warns or the committee chairs to volunteer!

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