



# Nashville Notes



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**Jennifer Garoutte 2019-2020  
Chapter President**

## President's Letter

Happy Fall!

With the official start of fall on September 23, 2019, I hope everyone is looking forward to the changing leaves, cooler weather (let's hope), and has considered starting their holiday shopping. It always seems to me that the time between September and December goes so fast!

We have several things happening this month:

- On October 2, we are co-hosting a webinar with the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration.
- A team of chapter volunteers will work a concessions booth at Nissan Stadium on October 6 when the Titans play the Buffalo Bills. Working the booth helps us raise money so we can continue to supplement member lunches and keep the cost of the Winter Seminar down.
- We are collecting school supply items for Alex Green Elementary School. There are several locations to drop off items and items can also be dropped off at the October 7 meeting.



## President's Letter ...

- The membership survey will be closing soon so if you haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PFZJCB>  
Thank you to those who have already completed the survey!
- National Leadership Awards nominations are open until November 30, 2019. There are several state, local, and federal awards that recognize individuals for their contribution to the government management profession.

There is more information throughout the newsletter regarding these events so I hope you will spend some time looking it over and consider participating in this month's events.

I hope to see you at our October meeting where Mike Batson, Chief Audit Executive for the Tennessee Board of Regents will talk to us about the Focus on College and University Success (FOCUS) Act and changes resulting from its implementation in 2016.

Until next month,  
Jennifer

## CGFM Beta Exams are LIVE!!

National AGA is offering CGFM candidates the following incentives to take the Beta exams in September and October:

- ❑ Discounted exam cost (\$100 per exam, take all 3 and save \$75!)
- ❑ Schedule your exam in September or October and receive FREE on-line access to the updated CGFM Study Guides!
- ❑ Scores will not be immediately provided- candidates will receive score results by Dec 31, 2019



## AGA Webinars

### **Improving Federal Spending: Technology and Process Improvement**

October 2, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Ethics**

November 20, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Internal Control**

December 11, 2019

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Uniform Guidance**

January 8, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **GASB Update**

February 5, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Cybersecurity**

March 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Data Act**

April, 22, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Fraud/Data Analytics**

May 25, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM

### **Leadership**

June 10, 2020

William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower

1:00PM - 2:50PM



## **2019-2020**

### **Luncheon Dates**

October 7, 2019

November 4, 2019

December 2, 2019

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 13, 2020

May 11, 2020

## **2019-2020**

### **CEC Meeting Dates**

October 2, 2019

October 30, 2019

November 25, 2019

December 18, 2019

January 29, 2020

March 4, 2020

April 8, 2020

April 29, 2020

# Membership Committee

Welcome back!

It was great to see those of our membership at the luncheon in September, and the first-time guests, and we look forward to seeing everyone at various CPE, social, and community service events throughout the year.

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

1. First-time guests receive a free lunch.
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
3. The member who sponsors the most new members by December 31 wins \$100.
4. Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2020.

Speaking of points, visit the [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) website or contact Mary Anne Queen 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 Texas in July for the National Professional Development Training (PDT).

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



## New Members

**Mrs. Meredith Albright** Department Controller

**Mr. Ossama N. Ghobrial** Accountant 1

**Mr. Armond Harris** Accountant 2

**Mrs. Trina M. Clancy** Legislative Auditor

**Mr. Tyler Ensminger** Legislative Auditor

**Ms. Emalie M. Hayse** Legislative Auditor



## Community Service Event - Alex Green Pencil Partner



### ALEX GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES WISHLIST

Backpack	Kleenex/tissue
3-ring Binder	Markers
Calculator	Notebook Paper (College ruled or wide ruled)
Colored pencils	Paper towels
Composition notebooks	Pencils
Construction paper	Pencil box
Clorox wipes (or disinfectant wipes)	Pencil pouch
Crayons	Pens
Dry erase markers	Plastic bags (gallon size or sandwich size)
Erasers	Post-it Notes or Sticky Notes
Cap erasers	Scissors (blunt tip)
Folders	Sharpies (or permanent markers)
Two-pocket folders	Spiral notebooks
Glue	Subject dividers (5-tabbed or 8-tabbed)
Glue sticks	Watercolors
Handheld pencil sharpener	
Hand sanitizer	
Highlighters	
Index cards	



Drop off boxes located at the Nashville Public Library and the Howard Office Building. Other locations to be determined.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work the concession stands at the Tennessee Titans games on the following dates:

**10/6 – Titans vs. Bills**

**11/10 – Titans vs. Chiefs**

The Legends Organization that sponsors the volunteers to work the games would like the volunteers to become ABC certified considering the concession stand does sell alcohol. If they are already certified, then they are good for three years after their initial certification date. There are many ways to become ABC certified; however, Legends does offer this training for individuals.



If interested contact:

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## Committee listing

### 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 serves the chapter in making nominations for National Awards as well as awarding local chapter scholarships. We give away 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 monthly 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.

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"Think about joining a committee. Strong committees make us a distinguished chapter"

or the committee chairs to volunteer:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nas>

# September Luncheon Speaker



**Mike Batson**  
**Chief Audit Executive, Tennessee Board of Regents**

Mike Batson is the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) for the Tennessee Board of Regents, which is comprised of thirteen community colleges and twenty-seven colleges of applied technology across the state. As Chief Audit Executive, he reports directly to the Audit Committee of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Batson's career in higher education began as an Internal Auditor for Tennessee State University in 1994 where he also served two years as a fiscal officer in research. He became the Director of Internal Audit from 2000 to 2016. Mr. Batson moved to the Tennessee Board of Regents system office in 2016 as the Director of Internal Audit. He was appointed Chief Audit Executive in 2017. As the CAE, Mr. Batson manages the Office of System-wide Internal Audit, consisting of three auditors and staff, and coordinates the internal audit activities for the system's thirteen community college internal auditors. Mr. Batson also served over six years as a Legislative Auditor for the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit.

Mr. Batson is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Accounting from Auburn University. He is a member of the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA), the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).



# National Leadership Awards

These awards, presented annually at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT), primarily recognize individuals for their contribution to the government financial management profession. Nomination forms are online and are due November 30, 2019. Please contact the chairs of the Awards Committee for more information or to suggest a nomination.

- Elmer Staats Award (federal)
- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award (federal)
- Excellence in Government Leadership Award (state/ local)
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award (state)
- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award (local)
- Andy Barr Award (private sector)
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award (private sector)

## 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@comcast.net](mailto:Britt.Wood@comcast.net) no later than October 15, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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