

President's Message



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

Fall is finally here! After a long and hot summer, it seems that fall has finally arrived in Nashville. The leaves are starting to change, and you need to grab a sweater on your way to Friday night football games. As the seasons change, I am reminded of changes going on in AGA. At the PDT in Orlando, the National Board of Directors (NBD) approved a new governance model for AGA that will take effect July 1, 2019. The goal of the changes is to reshape and modernize how our organization works at the highest levels. This includes addressing chapter representation and re-working the regional structure we have operated under for many years. In this letter, I would like to highlight some of these changes and share resources for our members who want to learn more.

For starters, the NBD and the National Executive Committee are being replaced by a new National Governing Board (NGB) with 17 members. The NGB will be a leaner and more efficient body for making governance decisions for AGA. While the NGB is much smaller in size, half of the voting members will be representatives for local chapters. To assist the NGB, two new councils are being created. First, the Past National Presidents and Past National Treasurers Council will bring together the experience of our past national officers. Second, the National Council of Chapters (NCC) will feature one representative per chapter. These new councils will advise the NGB and ensure that chapters have a key role in decision making at the national level. For an organization chart and more information about the NGB and the NCC, please visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review/New-Structure.aspx>.

With such big changes, AGA's national leaders are taking several steps to implement the new structure. These steps include creating a leadership development committee and seeking nominations for new leaders to fill these important leadership roles. In addition, the National Bylaws Committee is working over the next few months to identify any changes that need to be made to chapter bylaws. Whether the bylaws are changed or not, this is an exciting time for the Nashville Chapter to think about our leadership structure and how we will adapt to the new national governance structure. For more information on the seven steps national leaders are taking, please visit [https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review/Governance-Review-Background-\(1\).aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review/Governance-Review-Background-(1).aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications).

I hope the changing season presents you with new opportunities to enjoy activities in your community and with the Nashville Chapter. We have lots of events in the coming months that I hope you'll enjoy, and the details are just a flip of the page away.

Best,
Michael

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29, 2018 — Nashville Rescue Mission

November 5, 2018 — Luncheon Meeting

November 28, 2018 — Audio Conference

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NASHVILLE NOTES



Interested in becoming a CGFM? We're here to help!

The Nashville Chapter is putting together a
**CGFM Review Course for Exam 2- Govern-
mental Accounting, Financial Reporting and
Budgeting**

When? March 18-20, 2019

Where? Training Room in Cordell Hull (3.102)

Cost? \$450 per person

Taught by a National AGA instructor!

**Attendees will receive: NASBA approved
CPE, exam 2 study guide and a chance to win
an exam voucher!**

Class size is limited!

**Contact CGFM Committee Chair Drew Sadler
Drew.Sadler@cot.tn.gov
to reserve your spot
Thanks!
Drew**

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 Nov. 30, 2018.

- 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)

Membership

Recruiting New Members

As of our October luncheon, our membership count was 333, just 67 short of our goal of 400 for January 1! Currently, we have eight people in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between May 1 and December 31! That means everyone still has a chance to win! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card!

New Member

Mrs. Tabitha L. Pratt, Accountant 2

SAVE THE DATE!

2018-2019 Luncheon Meeting Dates

September 10, 2018 — DoubleTree
October 8, 2018 — DoubleTree
November 5, 2018 — Double Tree
December 10, 2018 — DoubleTree
January 7, 2019 — DoubleTree
February 4, 2019 — DoubleTree
March 11, 2019 — TBA
April 1, 2019 — DoubleTree
May 6, 2019 — DoubleTree

2018-2019 CEC Meeting Dates

August 1, 2018
September 5, 2018
October 3, 2018
October 31, 2018
December 5, 2018
January 2, 2019
January 30, 2019
March 6, 2019
March 27, 2019
May 1, 2019

2018-2019 Audio Conference Dates

September 12, 2018 — Communications
October 10, 2018 — Internal Control
November 28, 2018 — Ethics
December 5, 2018 — Communications
February 6, 2019 — GABS Update
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

January 9-10, 2019 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar

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

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

Speaker Bio



David Connor - Looking for R.O.I.: Trends in Criminal Justice Reform

November 5, 2018

DAVID CONNOR is the executive director of the Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA), an umbrella association representing county mayors and executives, the elected legislative bodies of Tennessee's 95 county and metropolitan governments and county highway officials. The association is dedicated to promoting more efficient county government and representing the interest of counties before the General Assembly and the various departments and agencies of state government.

Prior to coming to TCSA in January of 2014, he served as executive director of one of its affiliates, the Tennessee County Commissioners Association. Before that, Connor served as a member of the legal staff of the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) for over a decade. He received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in Memphis in Political Science and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. He also has previous experience working as an elections attorney for the Division of Elections in the Secretary of State's office.

Nashville Chapter 40th Anniversary Gala

"A Night Under the Stars"

By: Melissa Boaz and Donna Jewell, Program Committee Co-Chairs

On September 15, the Nashville Chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary with a "Night Under the Stars" gala at the Adventure Science Center in Nashville. The chapter was chartered in 1978 with 134 members and has grown to over 330 members. Attendees enjoyed dinner and drinks surrounded by space-themed exhibits, models of the planets, and a rotating planet Earth in the middle of the room. This was followed by a laser show in the center's planetarium that featured music from 1970s-era bands such as Queen, KISS, Kansas, and more.



Planning for the gala began back in the spring under the leadership of Immediate Past President Britt Wood and the Chapter Executive Committee. A planning committee was organized for the event and met throughout the spring and summer to find a location, secure a caterer, and plan the evening's program and so many other details that contributed to the evening's success.

Nearly ninety current and former chapter members attended the gala. Special guests included three former national presidents, Charles Harrison, Richard Norment, and Jim Arnette. In addition, fourteen former chapter presidents and seven charter members also attended the event. In prepared remarks to attendees, current chapter president Michael Winston said, "Since our founding, the chapter has grown by leaps and bounds. We've held business meetings, organized community service events, added committees, established scholarships, planned professional education events, advocated for a designation for government financial managers, and so much more. Many of these things came to fruition because our members stepped out in faith and committed to be a leader in our chapter."



To mark the occasion, the chapter received a letter and a certificate of recognition from the AGA National Office as well as a "Day of Recognition" certificate from Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. The chapter also received a letter of congratulations from Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Justin Wilson. Comptroller Wilson writes, "We value the long-standing partnership our office has enjoyed with AGA, and we are proud to count many of our staff among the membership of the Nashville Chapter. I applaud you on reaching this significant milestone and look forward to the further successes that are still to come."



On behalf of the gala planning committee, may the next 40 years of the Nashville Chapter be as wonderful as the first 40!

A Night Under the Stars

Candid Photos of the crowd during the celebration. The Gala Planning Committee is shown at the bottom left hand corner of the page.



Michael Winston, Katie Armstrong, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Scarlet Sneed, Donna Jewell, Rachelle Cabading, Melissa Boaz and Nichole Crittenden

NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION

This month there will be 2 opportunities for supporting the Nashville Rescue Mission.

Volunteer Night

Where: Nashville Rescue Mission
639 Lafayette Street
Nashville, TN 37203

What: Serving Dinner at the Men's Campus

When: Monday, October 29th

Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm



Come join your fellow AGA members in serving dinner at the Men's Campus. Contact Keevia Battle (Keevia.battle@tn.gov) if you're interested in participating.

Remember to wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes as we will be standing the entire time.

Donation Drive

In addition to serving dinner, we will be collecting donations for the Nashville Rescue Mission throughout the month. See a list of their current needs

<https://nashvillerescuemission.org/content/uploads/2016/07/Mission-Current-Needs.pdf>

We would like to collect most of the donations by October 26th, so we can deliver them to the Mission on our volunteer night. You can drop your donations off at the following locations:

- Cordell Hull – 3rd Floor, Tammy Fruscione, 747-5221
- Tennessee Tower – 22nd floor – Michael Winston, 806-0521
- Howard Office Building – 3rd floor – Pam Marks, 862-6212
- Andrew Jackson Building-3rd floor-Kilolo Dunmore, 815-2143

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| TOILETRIES Razors Deodorant Soap & Body Wash Shampoo & Conditioner Body Lotion Mouthwash (without Alcohol) Feminine Hygiene Products MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Cleaning Supplies Copy Paper Clear Plastic Containers (12-15 Quart) Clear Back Packs | OTC MEDICINE Asprin Ibuprofen (Advil) Naproxen Sodium (Aleve) SCHOOL SUPPLIES Dry Erase Markers Pocket Folders Binders (1" or 2") Glue / Glue Sticks Backpacks | MEN'S CLOTHING NEEDS Blue Jeans (28-44) Work Pants (32" and up) Extra Large Clothing Tennis Shoes (8-14) Work Boots (8 to 14) Socks Underwear WOMEN'S CLOTHING NEEDS Blue Jeans Dress Pants Tennis Shoes Casual Shoes Socks Underwear | BABY ITEMS Lotion Powder AD Ointment Wipes Formula (Powder Good Start) Bottles Nipples Sippy Cups Ear Thermometer Diapers (all sizes 2-6) Pull-Ups (all sizes) Baby Clothing |
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Come enjoy football, food, and friends while raising
funds for our chapter!

Nashville AGA has volunteered to serve concessions at the **November 11th** Titans game as a fundraiser for our chapter. Before working at the game, volunteers must complete a 2 hour TEAM training at Nissan Stadium that will allow individuals to serve alcohol. If you completed the training last year, you DO NOT have to repeat it. The next available training is November 8th (6:00pm-8:00pm). We are allowed to have a limited number of untrained workers in the concession stand, so if you absolutely cannot attend the training please still consider signing up to work on game day. If you are interested in attending the training or working the game, contact Katie Armstrong at Katie.Armstrong@cot.tn.gov.

**As always, thank you for your continued
support of Nashville AGA!
Go Titans Go!**

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 , IS AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>Chapter Recognition Section</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>Maximum</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation | 4,725 | 5,000 | 95% |
| Education & Professional Development | 1,000 | 4,000 | 25% |
| Certification | 250 | 4,000 | 6% |
| Communications | 1,375 | 3,000 | 46% |
| Membership | 900 | 4,000 | 23% |
| Accountability | 150 | 2,000 | 8% |
| Community Service | 200 | 2,000 | 8% |
| Awards | 0 | 1,000 | 0% |
| TOTALS | 8,600 | 25,000 | 34.4% |

LUNCHEON / CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at 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 no later than November 12, 2018 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.
Thanks!

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