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Nashville Chapter President
2017-2018



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We had a splendid awards luncheon and delicious food. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. The last meeting of the year is used to honor those who really stepped up and went above and beyond. It is very hard to choose because so many volunteered their time. As always, I wish to thank the committee chairs and members for all their hard work. It was a pleasure working with everyone this program year. Check out the list of the award winners further down the newsletter.

The chapter tried some new things such as fundraising at the Titans Games, running a "spot" on NPR WPLN radio station, and changing up the luncheon venue. Our community service committee was stellar as always hosting nine events. The education committee provided 43 hours of CPE. The awards committee had 15 people qualify for the dues rebate earning over 30 points and paying their dues on time. Twenty-seven members earned over 25 points to have their name entered in the drawing for an all expense paid trip to the National PDT in Orlando, Florida. It was a successful year.

I wanted to thank all the members of the chapter for allowing me to serve as president. I appreciate the support provided throughout the year and will remember this experience fondly.

Thank you!

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 24-25, 2018 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar
July 22-25, 2018 — National Professional Development Training

Other Networking Opportunities

April 28, 2018 — Chapter Social Event — Nashville Sounds Game
September 15, 2018 — 40th Year Anniversary Gala

Committee and Member News

CGFM

We still have a few members who have not renewed their CGFM certifications. Renewals were due March 31. If you haven't taken the time to renew, please take a few minutes right now and renew your CGFM. Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Certification/CGFMs/Renew-Your-CGFM.aspx> to renew. Certifications will be inactivated if not renewed by May 31.

Interested in taking the CGFM exam? The lending library is still open during the summer if you would like to borrow study materials. Contact Melissa Lahue at Melissa.lahue@tn.gov to see what is available.



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gratulations to Kathy Richardson and Sarah Vandergriff for passing exam part 1 and winning a reimbursement of their exam fees (\$125.)

Membership

Congratulations to all the winners of our membership incentive programs! The winner of the \$50 incentive drawing for renewing membership by March 31, 2018, was Ben Wright. The winner of the \$100 award for sponsoring the most new members between January and April 2018 was Angela McElrath-Prosser. In addition, the following members received a \$45 membership reimbursement for earning 30 points or more and renewing their membership by March 31, 2018: Nathan Abbott, Katie Armstrong, Penny Austin, Keavia Battle, Melissa Boaz, Rachelle Cabading, Shirley Henry, Donna Jewell, Melissa Lahue, Pamela Marks, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Jai Sawlani, Scarlet Sneed, Alexander Warns, Michael Winston, and Britt Wood.

We wrapped up our year with a total membership of 353 professionals dedicated to quality and accountability in government and non-profit organizations. Thanks to you, the AGA continues to grow in service to our association, our community, and our nation.

If you have not yet renewed, you may renew at www.agacgfm.org. Thank you for a fabulous year, and stay tuned for more fantastic programs and membership benefits beginning in September.

Volunteer of the Year — Nashville Chapter



Cabading, Rachelle

Rachelle is a perfect example of a volunteer. As Education Chair since 2014, her committee offered 142 hours of CPE, not including the current year. She's a member of the chapter's Program Committee and serves on the National Higher Education Committee. Despite her busy schedule, she still volunteers for community service and fund-raising events, and seldom misses our monthly luncheon. On top of all this, she passed the CGFM exam this year. Rachelle is a true asset to the Nashville Chapter.

May Awards Luncheon

On May 14, 2018 , the Nashville Chapter held its annual awards luncheon. The awards luncheon is when chapter leadership has the opportunity to recognize the members who have made significant contributions throughout the program year.



President's Award to Jennifer Garoutte



Member of the Year Award to Pamela Marks



Membership Award and
National PDT Drawing to
Angela McElrath Prosser



Community Service Awards to
Pamela Marks and Charlotte Gentry



Newsletter Awards to Melissa Boaz
and Michael Winston



Community Service Award to
Maya Angelova



Volunteer of the Year Award
to Rachel Cabading



Retiree plaque presented to Bob McCloud.
Other retirees recognized but not pictured
are Gregg Hawkins and Ann Collett.

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Lifetime Member Shirley Henry



Lifetime Member Bob McCloud



Celebrating 20 Years with AGA



Celebrating 10 Years with AGA



Celebrating 5 Years with AGA

May Awards Luncheon

Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners!

The Nashville Chapter has a long history of awarding scholarships to college or college-bound students. The William R. Snodgrass Scholarship, named for his astounding contribution to the accounting and auditing profession, is award to two middle or west Tennessee, southern Kentucky or northern Alabama high school senior or college students with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing. This year's recipients are: **Ameera Hanif Bhatti (not pictured)**, **Stephen Ferraro and Sarah Kelsey King (not pictured)**.

Ameera Bhatti will graduate from the Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tennessee and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and major in Business with a focus in Accounting and International Business. She has been involved in Class Leadership Council, Model United Nations, Amnesty International, School Ambassador, School Newspaper Editor. She has served in community activities such as tutoring elementary school students, Chattanooga Mayor's Youth Council, National Honor Society Tutor of middle school students and volunteers at the Kellogg Hubbard Children's Library. Her goals are to obtain a CPA license and work in Tax Accounting in a public or private accounting firm.

Stephen Ferraro plans to graduate from MTSU with a Master of Accountancy in the Spring of 2020. He graduated from Sycamore High School in Peasant View, Tennessee in 2009 and obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration from Cumberland University in 2013. He participated in the high school marching and concert band as the Drum Major and served on the Leadership Committee and as Section Leader. He was a member of the Economics Challenge Team and was in the Modern Music Masters (Tri-M) as band president. His activities at Cumberland University consisted of marching, concert and jazz band and a member of Delta Mu Delta. He was an elementary school student mentor and volunteer for Christmas Anonymous. He is currently employed by the Tennessee Department of Revenue as a Tax Auditor 4. His goals are to obtain a CPA license, increase managerial responsibility in Revenue and volunteer his time and talent to individuals and nonprofits.



Stephen Farraro is one of the recipients of the William R. Snodgrass Scholarship

Sarah King plans to graduate from Lipscomb University with a degree in Accounting in December 2018. Sarah graduated from Donelson Christian Academy in Nashville, Tennessee in 2015. Her goals are to obtain a CPA license and work in Tax Accounting and work in a public or private accounting firm. She was involved in school activities as an Honor College member, treasurer for Liberty in North Korea, Delta Mu Delta member, Tennessee Society of CPAs student member, Intercultural Honors Society member, National Honors Society member, Mu Alpha Theta member, and International Club member. She was involved in public service activities such as Y.E.L.L. service projects club member, math tutoring as a student teacher, high school teacher assistant, elementary teacher assistant, and Citizenship test assistant for N.I.C.E. Her work history includes working as a Math instructor for Mathnasium, Accounting Intern for Compass EAST and N.E.S. and as a Tax Compliance Inter for AIG.

The Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship, named posthumously for a State Audit employee, is awarded to two AGA Nashville chapter members, members' spouse or members' children or grandchildren (any school and any major may apply.) This year's recipient is **Laura Grace Worley (not pictured)**, daughter of **Greg and Tammy Worley**.

2018-2019 AGA Chapter Officers

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers for the 2018-2019 program year to the Chapter Executive Committee, and the list of officers was accepted. Please congratulate next year's chapter leaders!

President	Michael Winston
President-Elect	Jennifer Garoutte
Immediate Past President	Britt Wood
Secretary	Rachelle Cabading
Treasurer	Alexander Warns
Treasurer-Elect, Bylaws	Nicole Crittenden

Two-Year Directors

Melissa Boaz
LoriAnn Davis
Melissa Lahue
Mary Anne Queen
Susan Slaton

One-Year Directors

Katie Armstrong
Veronica Coleman
Donna Jewell
Jai Sawlani
Chase Trammel

Save the Date — 40th Year Anniversary Gala

Tickets are \$40 each and are available until August 10, 2018. The evening includes a reception, full dinner and planetarium show. Please send payment to AGA Mailbox, P.O. Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219.



Save the Date — Community Service Event

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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

▲ Nashville AGA has volunteered to serve concessions at the September 30 and November 11 Titans games as a fundraiser for our chapter. If you are interested in working one or both games, contact Katie Armstrong at Katie.Armstrong@cot.tn.gov.

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

Go Titans Go!

Social Event — Sounds Game

On April 28, several of our members attended the baseball game between the Nashville Sounds and the New Orleans BabyCakes. Although the Sounds did not come out with the win, it was a fun night of camaraderie, corn hole, and cold temperatures. The true winners of the night were those who sold sweatshirts. Win or lose, warm or cold, we had a blast.



Thank You for Your Service!

Thank You for Participating at the Regional or National Level!

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

Members Participating at the National Level

Jim Arnette, CGFM, CISA, President

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

Rachelle Cabading, CGFM, CFE, Higher Education Committee

Karen B. Hale, MAOM, CGFM, SVP Section IV, National Board of
Directors, and National Executive Committee

Deborah Loveless, CPA, CGFM, SVP Appointed, National Board of
Directors, National Executive Committee, and
Professional Development Training Committee

Richard V. Norment, CGFM-Retired, Governance Committee

Members Participating at the Regional Level

Penny Austin, CPA, CGFM, CISA, RVP-Elect

News And Just The Facts

CAREER CENTER

A **Budget Director** position was recently posted. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the link provided at [AGA Job Board](#) .

OUR CURRENT STANDING AS OF MARCH 16, 2018, IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	2,600	5,000	52%
Education & Professional Development	7,050	4,000	176%
Certification	3,050	4,000	76%
Communications	5,675	3,000	189%
Membership	4,275	4,000	107%
Accountability	250	2,000	13%
Community Service	2,250	2,000	113%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	25,150	25,000	101%

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 August 10, 2018 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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