

President's Message



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

Hello and welcome to a new program year for the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants! We are glad you are here and looking at our newsletter – our monthly update on the latest chapter activities, education events, and all the information that our members need to know. We have so many great things planned for this year, and the newsletter is the best way to stay updated on the latest chapter happenings.

For starters, let's make sure you are getting the newsletter delivered to you via email every month. Visit our website, www.NashvilleAGA.org, find the "Membership" tab, and click on "Join Email Group." By entering your email address, you will ensure that you get the newsletter, invitations to luncheons, social events, community service opportunities, and so much more. I know we all get a lot of emails and signing up for one more subscription list seems like too much, but we promise to only use it to send out the important news of the Nashville AGA chapter.

In the coming pages, you will find so many opportunities to make the most of your AGA membership or discover why you should become an AGA member. Our luncheon schedule has been released! Once a month, we get together for a fine meal, an opportunity to network, and hear from an exciting guest speaker. The dates for this year are listed so you can go ahead and add them to your calendar. Our speakers range from local to national, subject matter experts to public officials, entertaining to educational, and many points in-between. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend – first-time guests attend for free!

If you're looking for opportunities to better yourself and grow your career opportunities, look no further than our educational and certification events. From our annual Winter Seminar to free webinars, we will help you get the training and CPE you need to stay sharp and learn new skills. We are very proud of the Certified Government Financial Manager designation (CGFM), and our chapter has lots of resources to help you earn and keep this testament to your skills and professionalism.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10, 2018 — Luncheon Meeting

September 12, 2018 — Audio Conference

**September 15, 2018 — 40th Anniversary
Gala!**

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If you're looking to get involved with our chapter and our community, be sure to check our community service events and social offerings. Each month, we will sponsor a different charity or organization as a way to give back to the community that we love and serve. Opportunities may include fundraisers, collecting supplies, and even getting our hands dirty to serve meals, brighten community spaces and more. Our social activities will start with a bang this year as we celebrate our Chapter's 40th Anniversary with a gala at the Adventure Science Center. If you can't join us for this event, don't worry! We will have more activities planned coming soon.

I could keep going, but there is just so much we pack into this newsletter each month, and we put so much effort into it because we think it is a great value to our members. We hope you look forward to the latest committee news, member-submitted articles, and so much more that our chapter has to offer.

In closing, I would like to extend two special notes of thanks. First, to Karen Hale, our long-time newsletter editor, who recently retired from the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Office -- For many years, Karen has labored to gather, edit, and publish this award-winning newsletter. She always found ways to keep our information current, our look fresh, and to save us from typos. Thank you so much for your service, and congratulations on your retirement! Second, to our new editor and former Chapter President, Britt Wood -- Thank you for stepping up to take on this leadership role for our chapter, and we can't wait to see where you will take us next!

If you have any news, events, or articles you would like to submit to the newsletter, please contact Britt at Britt.Wood@cot.tn.gov. The submission deadline for each month is the Friday following each monthly luncheon.

***Thanks,
Michael***

Season of Success!

National 2018 CGFM Exam Promotion

CGFM candidates, take any CGFM exam in August or September and receive a promo code for 50% off any CGFM exam taken before the end of the year.

Here's how it works:

Take any CGFM examination between August 1 and September 30, 2018. Receive a promo code via email, which will give you 50% off the price of your next CGFM examination.

Schedule and take your next CGFM exam using the promo code by December 31, 2018.

For Terms and conditions go to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/CGFM-Promotion.aspx>

May Community Service Event 2nd Harvest Food Bank Volunteers!



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



Daniel Porter, CFE

September 10, 2018

“When You Hear Hoofbeats, It May Be a Zebra”

Daniel Porter, CFE, has conducted civil and criminal investigations for over 20 years as a licensed private investigator, a loss prevention manager, and as an investigator with the State of Tennessee. Currently, he is a senior investigator in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the State of Tennessee where he investigates fraud involving public funds.

He is a Cum Laude graduate from Middle Tennessee State University's Criminal Justice Program and a CFE. He has provided training at AGA, AASHTO, CFE, GFOA, IIA, IIMC, P2F2, and NASACT conferences as well as for governmental agencies and professional organizations in various states including the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Kentucky League of Cities, the Indiana CPA Society, the Oregon Society of CPAs, and the Florida Institute of CPAs. He is a guest lecturer at Middle Tennessee State University and the Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Alex Green Elementary – AGA PENCIL PARTNER

School Supply Drive!



AGA's annual **Pencil Partner** school supply drive for Alex Green Elementary is upon us again. While you're shopping, we ask if you will consider picking up school supplies for the students at Alex Green Elementary. The following items are what is desired:



Pencils,
Dry erase markers,
Electric pencil sharpeners,
Chart paper markers,
Chart paper,
Graph paper.

If you are unable to donate anything from the list, don't despair. Any donation...large or small is welcomed!!

There is also a chance to volunteer your time at one of the upcoming activities planned at the school. Details will be forthcoming!

We would like to collect all of the donations by October 15, 2018. Donations may be brought to the September and October luncheon or dropped off at the following locations:

Kilolo Dunmore (KDunmore@thda.org): 3rd floor, Andrew Jackson Building, 815-2143

Veronica I. Coleman (Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov): 20th floor, Tennessee Tower, 253-3998

2018 National AGA PDT



Tennessee was represented well at the 2018 AGA PDT in Orlando, FL.



2017-18 National President Jim Arnette accepted a plaque honoring his presidency.

Our chapter earned the Platinum Level Recognition Award for earning the highest achievable point level.



Deborah Loveless, CGFM, CPA, was honored as a Senior Vice President and also received the President's Award.

Karen Hale, CGFM, was also honored as a Senior Vice President.



All of Jim's family was able to join him at the PDT.

2018 National AGA PDT



Several of our members presented at the conference or participated in panels.



Remember you can win an all expense paid trip if you are an active member by earning points.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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

Nashville AGA has volunteered to serve concessions at the **September 30th** and **November 11th** Titans games 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. Training is offered often from (6:30pm-8:30pm). If you are interested in attending the training or 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!

News And Just The Facts

CAREER CENTER

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

FINAL POINTS STANDING AS OF MAY 31, 2018 , IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,025	5,000	61%
Education & Professional Development	7,900	4,000	198%
Certification	3,775	4,000	94%
Communications	7,100	3,000	237%
Membership	5,525	4,000	138%
Accountability	250	2,000	13%
Community Service	2,950	2,000	148%
Awards	1,600	1,000	160%
TOTALS	32,125	25,000	129%

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 May 18, 2018 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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