

President's Message



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 2019 — Luncheon Meeting

February 6, 2019 — GASB Update

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

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Happy New Year, Nashville AGA!

The Nashville Chapter is off and running in 2019! We have already held our January luncheon and our two-day Winter Seminar. Both events were very successful, and we have many more events on the horizon. Our February luncheon will be our annual joint meeting with the Nashville CFE Chapter. Come out on February 4 to network with our fellow financial professionals and hear from an exciting speaker. Also, our biggest spring training opportunity in years will offer 24 hours of CPE from March 18-20, but the deadline to sign up is January 31. The three day event will cover governmental accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting, and it is designed to help CGFM candidates prepare for the content of Exam 2. We have lots of information in this newsletter about these events and more. I hope you will make plans to join us!

Update on Governance – In my October letter, I wrote about the exciting governance changes happening in AGA with the creation of a new National Governing Board and the National Council of Chapters (NCC). National has asked each chapter to identify its representative to the NCC by the end of January, and our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) is hard at work on selecting a candidate to represent us in this new leadership position. We will have more information in upcoming newsletters about our plans for this role and potential changes to our bylaws. If you have questions or would like to come to a CEC meeting to hear us discuss these changes, please call, email, or come see me at one of our events.

A Note on the Federal Shutdown – AGA and the Nashville Chapter is committed to supporting its members during the shutdown of the federal government. If you are affected by the shutdown, please reach out to us if we can provide assistance. Service to our members and community is a core mission of the Nashville Chapter, and we will do all we can to support you during this trying time. My contact information is listed on the last page of each newsletter.

Best,

Michael

Thanks to everyone who attended the Winter Seminar!! Be on the lookout for your CPE certificates. If you have not received it, please email Melissa.Lahue@tn.gov.

NASHVILLE NOTES

Membership Recruiting New Members

As of our January luncheon, our membership count was 346. The winner of the \$100 award for sponsoring the most new members between May 2018 and December 2018 was Melissa Lahue. Currently, we have two people in the running for the \$100 Prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between January 1 and April 30! That means everyone is still in the running! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31, 2019, to be included in the \$50 incentive drawing at the awards luncheon in May.

New Members

Mr. Jeffery A. Kelly
Mrs. Tameka L. Russell
Mrs. Sonja O Yarbrough

Chapter Scholarships

William R. Snodgrass Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a Middle or West Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, or Northern Alabama high school senior or college student with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing.

Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to an AGA Nashville area chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild (any school and any major may apply.)

Scholarship applications are on the chapter website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville/Membership/Scholarships.aspx>

Please email questions or completed applications to awards@nashvilleaga.org

The deadline to submit applications for this year is 3/31/19.

PDT Awards of Distinction

These awards are presented annually at AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) recognize individuals and chapters for their contributions to AGA and the government financial management community. Nominations are due March 31, 2019.

- * Robert W. King Memorial Award
- * Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award
- * Einhorn-Gary Award
- * Achievement of the Year Award
- * Educator Award
- * International Achievement Award
- * Emerging Leader Award of Excellence
- * Cornelius E. Tierney/EY Research Award
- * Relmond P. Van Daniker Government Transparency Award
- * Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award
- * Chapter CGFM Award
- * Chapter Education Award
- * Community Service Award



Mike Corricelli, nominated by the Nashville Chapter, won AGA's 2019 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award. The award will be presented on February 27, 2019 at the AGA National Leadership Training in Washington, D.C.

SAVE THE DATE!

2018-2019 Remaining Luncheon Meeting Dates

January 7, 2019 — DoubleTree
February 4, 2019 — DoubleTree
March 11, 2019 — TBA
April 1, 2019 — DoubleTree
May 6, 2019 — DoubleTree

2018-2019 Remining CEC Meeting Dates

January 2, 2019
January 30, 2019
March 6, 2019
March 27, 2019
May 1, 2019

2018-2019 Audio Conference Dates

February 6, 2019 — GASB 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

*****Nominating Committee*****

In order to have 2020 vision, no, scratch that. In order to have a vision for the 2020 calendar year, we are looking for individuals willing to serve in chapter leadership roles. These roles include anything from president-elect, secretary, treasurer, two-year director, or committee members. Our committees include: Membership, CGFM, Finance, Community Service, Program, Corporate Sponsorship, Early Career, Education, Awards, Webmaster, Accountability & Outreach. If you have questions about any of these positions or committees, please contact Jennifer Garoutte at (615) 401-7950 or via e-mail at

jennifer.garoutte@cot.tn.gov.

Speaker Bio

RICHARD M. BAER, FBI Supervisory Special Agent

February 4, 2019

“White Collar Crime”

RICHARD BAER - Is a FBI Supervisory Special Agent. He has worked in numerous capacities throughout his career including the Criminal Investigative Division, Violent Criminal Threat Section, Safe Streets and Gang Unit, International Operations Division - Americas Unit. He is currently serving the Nashville Resident Agency, Squad 6 Civil Rights, Complex Financial Crimes, Human Trafficking, Public Corruption, and Columbia Resident Agency. He is the Line supervisor for 9 Special Agents, 2 Forensic Accountants, 1 Operational Support Technician, and 2 Embedded Intelligence Analysts.

SSA Baer has been tasked with motivating an investigative squad to improve informant development and initiate cases linked to strategic FBI National Priorities. In addition, he directs investigative efforts, through the use of sophisticated techniques, in dismantling significant criminal threat actors within the greater Nashville Metropolitan area and seven southern-most counties of Middle Tennessee by collaboration with federal, state, local and private-industry partners.

During his time in the International Operations Division - Americas Unit, he served as the Program Manager for 10 FBI Legal Attaché Offices and personnel assigned to all countries within South America, Central America, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean. His duties included providing direct investigative support to all threats against U.S. interests, including: large-scale drug trafficking emanating from South America, gang violence in Central America, and kidnapping of U.S. citizens in Mexico, to name a few.

SSA Baer is a FBI Adjunct Faculty Certified Instructor. He received a B.S. degree in Computer Information Systems from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering – University of South Florida and his M.S., Business Administration (MBA) from Warrington College of Business – University of Florida. He is Bilingual in Spanish and English.

Award Recipient

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Romero Cruz, et al. (2017)

Virginia Gang Investigator's Association – Gang Investigator of the Year (2014)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Thaddaeus Snow, et al. (2014)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Rances Amaya (2013)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Bruno Cornejo, et al. (2012)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Amaya Portillo, et al. (2011)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Outstanding Investigation – U.S. vs. Perez Amaya, et al. (2010)

Community Service Event



The Community Service committee are soliciting donations for the Martha O'Bryan Center for the month of January. They have recently opened a Southside Food pantry and would appreciate any donation, no matter how small. Attached is the list of items needed by the Center. If you would kindly provide the monetary value of your items for tracking purposes, it would be much appreciated. Donations may be 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
- Tammy Fruscione (Tammy.Fruscione@tn.gov): 3rd floor, Cordell Hull, 747-5221
- Charlotte Gentry (Charlotte.A.Gentry@tn.gov): 7th floor, Davy Crockett Building, 741-7520
- Pamela Marks (Pamela.Marks@nashville.gov): 3rd floor, Howard Office Building, 862-6212

We will be collecting donations until Monday, February 4, 2019.

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 DECEMBER 31, 2018 , IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,975	5,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	2,750	4,000	69%
Certification	925	4,000	23%
Communications	3,325	3,000	111%
Membership	2100	4,000	53%
Accountability	150	2,000	8%
Community Service	800	2,000	40%
Awards	200	1,000	20%
TOTALS	15,225	25,000	61%

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 February 15, 2019 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.
Thanks!

2018-2019 AGA Chapter Leadership Directory

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