



Nashville Notes



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Alexander Warns
2021-2022 Chapter President

President's Letter

As I hope you already know, January 18th and 19th were a couple big days for our AGA Chapter. On these dates our Chapter hosted (virtually) our annual winter seminar. Presenters spoke on a wide range of topics including accounting and leadership while attendees earned up to 16 hours of continuing education. In my humble opinion, I believe this was the best winter seminar our chapter has put on yet.

Prior to the event and behind the scenes, seminars like these require a tremendous amount of planning, communication, and effort. Furthermore, on the day(s) of, our Education and IT committees are continuously coordinating with upcoming speakers and troubleshooting any issues that arise. To say the least, it's quite the undertaking!

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President's Letter (Continued)

Special thanks to Chase Tramel, Terry Burr, and Nathan Abbott for making the winter seminar such a success.

Speaking of professional education and training, our Chapter is an incredible resource for obtaining the CGFM designation. This upcoming March 21st – 23rd, Drew Sadler will lead our Chapter in hosting a CGFM exam prep course. This course will cover study materials for exams 1 and 3 and provide up to 24 hours of NASBA approved CPE. That said, if you are interested in getting your CGFM, please reach out to Drew (drew.sadler@cot.tn.gov) accordingly.

As always, the goal of our Chapter is to best serve you, our membership base. We hope, by providing high quality educational events like the winter seminar and CGFM prep course, we are doing just that.

Until next month.

-Alex

2021-22 AGA Webinars

GASB Update (see pg. 8)

February 2 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Cybersecurity/ERM

March 23 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

CARES Act

April 20 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 11 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Leadership

June 8 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual



2021-2022

Chapter Meeting Dates

February 7, 2022

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 16, 2022

2021-2022

CEC Meeting Dates

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

March 30, 2022

May 11, 2022

February Joint Meeting Speaker

*John Sutton - CCFO Program
Manager (CTAS)*

*"Why do internal controls fail and what
can be done to fix it? A Contrarian
Viewpoint"*

John Sutton, CPA, CPTM, started with CTAS in July 2019 with 35 years' experience in local governmental accounting, auditing and financial reporting. Previously, John was a Senior Audit Manager with PUGH CPAs, an RSM US Alliance Firm, and with another local CPA firm both located in Knoxville, TN. After graduating with a BBA Degree with a major in accounting from Middle Tennessee State University, he began his career as a staff auditor with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Government Audit. John has extensive experience working with counties, boards of education, cities, utility districts and governmental pension and retirement plans. John has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Tennessee since 1987 and in April 2021 he became a Certified Professional in Training Management (CPTM). He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Tennessee Society of CPAs (TSCPA), Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and the TN Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA).





Make 2022 your year to become a CGFM!

Sign up today to reserve your spot in the next review course!
Contact Drew @ drew.sadler@cot.tn.gov

What: CGFM Review Course- Covering study materials for exams 1 and 3

When: March 21st-23rd 2022

Where: 3rd Floor of the Cordell Hull Building Downtown Nashville

Cost: AGA members- \$480 Non AGA Members- \$600 (We are limited to a course size of 30 people and we have 14 signed up!)

Benefits: All course participants will receive a paper copy of the exam 1 and 3 study guide, up to 24 hours of NASBA approved CPE, AND one exam voucher to take an exam for free!! (\$125 voucher)

New Members!

Angelo Bruno

Accounting Manager
State of Tennessee

Debra Dutcher

Finance Director
City of Spring Hill

Ashley Gibson

Accountant

Dywuana Morris

Comptroller
City of Memphis

Angelous Simmons, CMFO

City Recorder
Town of Whiteville

Rachael Wade

Solutions Architect
SWK Technologies



Membership

As of January 23, 2021, our membership count is 341, just 33 short of our goal of 374 for this year! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and \$20!

Recruiting Incentives

1. 1st-time guests receive a free lunch
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives \$20
3. Gain 30 points so you can receive a \$55 rebate on your membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2022

Visit www.nashvilleaga.org to see how you can gain points throughout the year. There are plenty of opportunities to gain points to go toward the member rebate and a chance to win a free trip to the National Professional Development Training (PDT) in July.

DECEMBER AGA COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Gloves, Socks, & Underwear Drive to Benefit Samaritan Ministries



Samaritan Ministries is located at 1041 28th Avenue North in Nashville. A carryout meal and essential personal resources are available Monday through Friday of each week from 11am to 12 noon to ANYONE in need. Over 1,000 clients are served monthly. Because of COVID-19, the center is only accepting **NEW** items. We are asked to give gloves, socks, and underwear. Please make arrangements in advance if you would like to drop off items at the following locations.

Drop-Off Locations	Contact Information	
Cordell Hull Building	Rachelle Cabading	(615)430-3852
425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.	rachelle.cabading@cot.tn.gov	
Nashville Public Library	Angela McElrath-Prosser	(615) 862 - 5772 (Calls only)
615 Church Street	angela.mcelrath@nashville.gov	(615) 210-0812 (Text is best)
William Snodgrass TN Tower	Macey Ray	(615) 310-8209
312 Rosa L Parks Avenue	Macey.Ray@tn.gov	
James K. Polk Bldg., 8th Floor	Alexander Warns	(734) 818-7189
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Financial contributions can be made at these locations and via Paypal at [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com/donate). Our chapter will match contributions up to \$100. Checks should be made payable to "Samaritan Ministries."

Please contact Scarlet Sneed at scarlet.sneed@comcast.net with questions related to financial contributions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

February Webinar

GASB Update

February 2 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: ACCG

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Accounting - Governmental (ACCG)

This session will give an overview of the GASB pronouncements that become effective in the coming fiscal years. A portion of the session will be used to cover accounting topics related to stimulus bills. The session also will explain some of the projects on GASB's current technical agenda and research agenda.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the provisions of recent pronouncements of the GASB, including standards related to subscription based technology arrangements and leases
- Determine how the recent pronouncements change financial reporting and enhance the understandability of government financial statements
- Discuss on-going projects of the GASB including the financial reporting model re-examination and revenue and expense recognition

LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meetings, please visit the chapter website here. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next scheduled business meeting.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, job opportunities are sent in and posted to our website by the Website Committee, for your convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, click this link for more information.

Submit an Article!

We enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership! Please share your thoughts, ideas, or interesting news with us by submitting an article to Tyler.Ensminger@cot.tn.gov no later than the 15th of each month for the next edition of our newsletter.

Chapter Committees

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 creates nominations for National Awards as well as awarding local chapter scholarships. We provide 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 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.

Contact Alex Warns or the committee chairs to volunteer!

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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Leadership.aspx>

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