



Nashville Notes



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Rachelle Cabading
2020-2021 Chapter President

President's Letter

Happy CGFM Month! Did you know we currently have 132 CGFM's in our Nashville Chapter? That means about 40% of our members are also CGFM's. All of our CGFM's should have already (or should soon) receive a special gift from our chapter. We hope you display your gift proudly. Congratulations to the 28 participants of the CGFM Review Course and good luck on your exam. Later on in the newsletter you will find their smiling faces.

Don't forget you have Two Days left to renew your AGA membership. If you have not yet renewed, what are you waiting for? It is quick and easy to renew online:

Log in to your "My AGA" account @ agacgfm.org .

Click "Proceed to Checkout" and verify your AGA membership dues amount(s).

Click "Check Out" and enter credit card payment.

Click "Submit Payment."

Relax and enjoy your benefits in the upcoming year!



President's Letter (Continued)

Everyone who has already renewed, and those who renew by March 31 will be entered into a few prize drawings.

We are excited to have Ashley Nipper and Dr. Tammy Waymire speaking to us for our April meeting on Government Audit Quality and Efforts to Improve Internal Controls. Ashley and Dr. Waymire authored an article in the Winter edition of AGA's Journal of Government Financial Management. If you have not had a chance to read their article, members can find it on AGA's website under research & publications.

Our March Community Service event is Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. This ministry provides a central distribution center for companies, groups, and individuals who wished to help provide food for hungry people in Middle Tennessee. Make sure you check out the Community Service page on our website for information on how to donate and help us meet our "Power of 7 Call to Action" from National President Wendy Morton-Huddleston to donate time and money to 7 non-profits.

I look forward to seeing everyone virtually on April 5th for our next chapter meeting!

Chapter Scholarships

William R. Snodgrass Scholarship:

Two 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 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).

For more information and for application information visit AGA Nashville - Scholarships (agacgfm.org).

Deadline to apply is April 23rd!

2020-21 AGA Webinars

CARES Act (details pg. 7)

April 21 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Fraud/Data Analytics

May 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual

Leadership

June 9 | 1:00–2:50 PM

Virtual



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Chapter Meeting Dates

April 5, 2021

***May 17, 2021**

2020-2021

CEC Meeting Dates

March 31, 2021

May 5, 2021

***Note change in meeting date**



MENTORING program

We are seeking mentors for an exciting new initiative. Please share your knowledge and experience with future leaders in our profession! Mentoring is a great resource for young professionals to gain not only knowledge and skills, but also opportunities for networking and personal support, outside of a traditional or work related 'chain of command'. Make a positive impact on the future of our profession by signing up to help a young professional succeed!

Visit [AGA - Mentoring Program \(agacgfm.org\)](https://agacgfm.org) for more information.

April Meeting Speakers

Ashley Nipper

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Dr. Tammy Waymire

Middle Tennessee State University

"Government Audit Quality and Efforts to Improve Internal Controls"

Ashley B. Nipper is a Legislative Auditor with the TN Comptroller. She is also a research fellow in the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at Middle Tennessee State University (MTS), where she is a Master of Accountancy student.

Tammy R. Waymire, Ph.D., CPA, is a professor of accounting and the MTSU Accounting Advisory Board Outstanding Professor at MTSU. She also serves on the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB's) Not-for-Profit Advisory Committee (NAC) and the XBRL US State and Local Government Disclosure Modernization Working Group.



CGFM Month

To recognize March as CGFM Month, the Nashville Chapter hosted a virtual review course for the CGFM Exam 2. A total of 28 participants spent 4 days reviewing study material in preparation for the exam!

The Nashville Chapter wishes each participant the best of luck in taking the exam and becoming a new Certified Government Financial Manager!



Community Service

The Community Service Committee is still collecting donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee.

Donations can be made until the end of March via PayPal at the Nashville Chapter website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Community.aspx> or please mail a check to : AGA Nashville Chapter, P.O. Box 198025, Nashville, Tn 37219

Our chapter will also have the opportunity to volunteer in person on May 11 from 5:30-8:00pm. We are limited to the number of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please Email Keevia.battle@tn.gov by April 11 and you will be provided additional information on how to sign up with Second Harvest.



New Members!

Sherrie Gill

Senior Auditor

Comptroller of the Treasury

Edward K. Lorenzana-Rodriguez

Accountant 2

State of Tennessee

Amanda Morris-Shrum

Chief Financial Officer

Public Entity Partners



Recruiting Incentives

- First-time guests receive a free lunch.
- Each sponsor of a new member receives a \$10 gift card.
- The member who sponsors the most new members by April 30 wins \$100.

Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2021.

Membership

As of our March meeting, our membership count was 336, just 31 short of our goal of 367 for this year! Currently, we have three 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 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! Also, remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31, 2021, to be included in the \$50 incentive drawing at the awards meeting in May.

CARES Act

April 21 | 1:00–2:50 PM CST | 2 CPEs | FOS: FIN

As the U.S. declared a public health emergency on Feb. 3, 2020, COVID related cases surpassed 9,800 around the world quickly becoming a pandemic by March 11, 2020, which the World Health Organization declared (source: <https://www.ajmc.com/view/a-timeline-of-covid19-developments-in-2020>). Thus, the CARES Act was established on March 27, 2020, with a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. The CARES Act provided direct payments to Americans to cover expenses related to public health emergencies concerning COVID-19; however, little guidance was provided to local and state governments on how to monitor and control payments — not including how to report payment data back to the federal government.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP) was established to further combat the effects of the coronavirus and provide additional direct payments to Americans, businesses, as well as State, Local and Higher Education entities in an effort to accelerate the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

In this guided training and discussion related to the CARES Act, attendees will receive a bird's eye view and insights from government leaders, subject matter experts and advisory experts working with the CARES Act on a daily basis.

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.

EDITOR'S CORNER

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 March 15, 2021 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 Rachelle Cabading or the committee chairs to volunteer!

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