

## President's Message



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 8, 2018 — Luncheon Meeting**

**October 10, 2018 — Audio Conference**

**October 15, 2018 — Alex Green Project  
Pencil delivery day**

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As the Association of Government Accountants, we use the word “accountability” quite frequently. At the national and chapter level, we use it in our mission and vision statements. But what does it really mean to say we want to advance government accountability? What does that realistically look like? For many AGA members, it looks like our jobs – the audit reports, budgets, financial statements, etc. that we produce or contribute to that provides the means for the public or legislative bodies to hold governments, civil servants, and politicians accountable for their actions. But outside of our careers, I believe we have another equally important way to influence government accountability – our responsibility as private citizens to vote. Voting is our way of choosing who will represent us at various levels of government and declaring our preference on referendums and other important matters.

It might seem obvious that civil servants would be hyper-aware of elections as it can amount to voting for their next boss, but the reality is that too many government workers and Tennesseans in general are not carrying out this important civic responsibility. Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, only 56.5% of government workers voted in 2014. While that is better than the national average, it certainly leaves a lot of votes uncast. Recent articles in the Tennessean reported that the State of Tennessee is 49<sup>th</sup> in voter turnout and 45<sup>th</sup> in voter registration. Being in the bottom 5 of states is not an acceptable place for the Volunteer State to find itself. To make matters worse, the population in Tennessee rose by 500,000 from 2006 to 2014, but the number of voters decreased by 400,000 in the same period. Comparing American voting habits to other western democracies paints an equally abysmal picture.

I could keep quoting statistics, but chances are that several readers of this newsletter are not registered to vote, may not even know if they are registered to vote, or have not voted in the last several elections. As AGA members, I don't think any of us would sit around and watch money or assets go missing without telling someone or taking action to stop it.

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# NASHVILLE NOTES

## President's Message Continued...

Why would we let 50% of the population go missing during elections and not have their voice heard on matters that affect our democracy?

The November midterm election may seem like it's still months away, but the deadline to register to vote is October 9. Maybe you are already registered and vote regularly. But statistically speaking, your family, friends, and coworkers are not registered and are not voting. If you truly believe in government accountability, please register, please vote, and take your friends, family, and coworkers with you.

In Tennessee, one of the best places for election information and a link to register to vote online is the Tennessee Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sos.tn.gov/elections>).

*Best,  
Michael*



Chase Tramel presented 'Leveraging Technology to Identify and Reduce Fraud and Mismanagement in Government' at the AGA Internal Control and Fraud Conference in Washington, D.C.



**Interested in becoming a CGFM?  
We're here to help!**

**The Nashville Chapter will be hosting  
CGFM Exam 2 Review course  
March 18-20, 2019  
Course cost- \$450 per person  
Taught by a National AGA instructor!**

**Attendees will receive: CPE, exam study  
guide and a chance to win an exam voucher!**

**Contact CGFM Committee Chair Drew Sadler  
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Thanks!  
Drew**

## National Leadership Awards

These awards, presented annually at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT), primarily recognize individuals for their contribution to the government financial management profession. Nomination forms are [online](#) and are due Nov. 30, 2018.

- Elmer Staats Award (federal)
- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award (federal)
- Excellence in Government Leadership Award (state/local)
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award (state)
- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award (local)
- Andy Barr Award (private sector)
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award (private sector)

# MEMBERSHIP

## New Members

Mrs. Kelly Armes, CGFM	TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Ms. Stephanie Belcher	Metro Water Services
Mr. Mobin H. Bhatti	TN State Commerce & Insurance
Ms. Teresa K. Breeden	TN Community Services Agency
Mr. Innocent Dargbey	Metropolitan Govt of Nashville and Davidson County
Mrs. Amanda K. Deaton-Moyer	Metro Water Services - Nashville
Mr. John Dunn	TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Mrs. Teryn McNeal	TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Mr. Wilson Parham	Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Servs Div of Admin
Ms. Sherry Snorton	State of TN Commission on Children and Youth

## Welcome back!

It was great to see so many of our members and first-time guests at the luncheon in September. We look forward to seeing everyone at various CPE, social, and community service events throughout the year.

Kicking off this new year with Recruitment Incentives are the following:

- ◇ 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 December 31 wins \$100.
- ◇ Gain 30 points so that you can receive a \$45 rebate on your full membership renewal after renewing by March 31, 2019.

Speaking of points, visit the [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) website or contact Mary Anne Queen to see how to gain points throughout the year. Just about everything you do can help you win the membership rebate mentioned above and a chance to win a free trip to New Orleans in July for the National Professional Development Training (PDT).

Get involved! Benefit yourself and others through your professional association, AGA!

# 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



**Phil Wilson, CPA, CFE, CCEP, Compliance & Ethics,  
TN Department of Health**

**October 8, 2018**

**“Lazy, Crazy, Crooked, Careless and Stupid: Understanding  
COSO Enterprise Risk Identification and Responses in  
Layman’s Terms”**

Phil Wilson, CPA, CFE, CCEP has conducted internal, regulatory, and compliance audits and investigations for over a decade with the State of Tennessee, CIGNA Government Services and the US Customs and Border Protection’s Office of International Trade. Currently, he serves in an Assistant Commissioner role as the Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer for the Tennessee Department of Health, overseeing Internal Audit, Subrecipient Monitoring, HIPAA, Civil Rights and Internal Affairs.

He is an accounting graduate from Western Kentucky University, a Tennessee Government Management Institute (TGMI) alumni, a Tennessee Department of Humans Resources (DOHR) Certified Training Facilitator, a published author, and has also been involved in church ministry in various functions for over 30 years.

# 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 October luncheon or dropped off at the following locations:

Kilolo Dunmore ([KDunmore@thda.org](mailto:KDunmore@thda.org)): 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Andrew Jackson Building, 815-2143

Veronica I. Coleman ([Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov](mailto:Veronica.I.Coleman@tn.gov)): 20<sup>th</sup> floor, Tennessee Tower, 253-3998

Tammy Fruscione ([Tammy.Fruscione@tn.gov](mailto:Tammy.Fruscione@tn.gov)): 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cordell Hull, 747-5221

## Remember you can bring donations to the October Luncheon!

# A Night Under the Stars



## Past Presidents

First Row – Britt Wood, Penny Austin, Karen Hale, Ann Collett, Angela McElrath-Prosser  
 Second Row – Charles Harrison, Shirley Henry, Jim Arnette  
 Third Row – Melvin Jones, Lea Ann Boucher, Richard Norment  
 Fourth Row – Michael Winston, Gerry Boaz, Joe Cimino



## Charter Members

First Row – Larry Wakefield, Cindy Bowling, Shirley Henry, Jack Henry  
 Second Row – Charles Harrison, Joe Cimino, Richard Norment



Michael Winston presenting retiree plaque to Ann Collett



Immediate Past National President, Jim Arnette, presenting a certificate and letter of congratulations from AGA National.



Michael Winston and Immediate Past Chapter President, Britt Wood, presenting a certificate of recognition from Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

# A Night Under the Stars



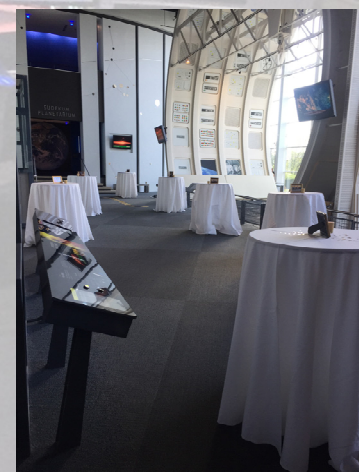
## A Tribute to the Nashville Chapter of AGA In Celebration of Its 40th Anniversary in 2018

By Shirley A. Henry  
Past Nashville Chapter President  
Charter Member

**N**ew chapter in 1978 after AGA expanded to include state and local government members  
**A**ssembled 134 charter members to start – including me  
**S**tate Audit was and continues to be a big component of the membership  
**H**ighly regarded chapter throughout the AGA community  
**V**alues each member's participation  
**I**nvolvement in various activities on a regional and national basis  
**L**ocal Government Audit is also a major component of chapter membership  
**L**eaders from our chapter have served regionally and nationally throughout our history  
**E**ducation has always been a big part of what the chapter does

**C**ommunity service is very much a part of ongoing chapter activities  
**H**igh achieving chapter with numerous national awards  
**A**ward named after our first president – Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award  
**P**latinum award winner for many years – highest chapter recognition  
**T**remendous opportunities for individual member involvement and development  
**E**njoys continuing support from state and local government members  
**R**egularly enlists great speakers for monthly luncheons – often with CPE

**A**ll about financial accountability  
**G**overnment financial manager certification achieved by many of our members  
**A**ctive as ever 40 years later!



President: Jimmy Carter  
Governor: Ray Blanton

June 1978 Top Song  
You're The One That I Want  
John Travolta and Olivia Newton John

### Dollars and Cents

Bread	33 cents
Milk	\$1.44
Gas	77 cents/ gallon
Car	\$4,645
Income	\$10,671

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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

Nashville AGA has volunteered to serve concessions at the **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Titans game 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. The next available training is November 8<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm-8:00pm). We are allowed to have a limited number of untrained workers in the concession stand, so if you absolutely cannot attend the training please still consider signing up to work on game day.

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

**Go Titans Go!**

# News And Just The Facts

## Awards Committee

The Nashville Chapter of AGA encourages members to experience different aspects of the Chapter; so the Chapter uses a point structure to offer incentives based on participation. We are currently revisiting the point structure and will let everyone know as soon as it is finalized! Also, members can check our Chapter website for updates.

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%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32,125</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>129%</b>

## LUNCHEON / CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://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](mailto: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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