

President's Message

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AGA President Message for March 2022

Hello Spring! Well, almost anyway. At least it is starting to feel like it. March is CGFM month. Did you know that 40% of our members are CGFM's? That's a great achievement! For those of you thinking of becoming a CGFM, AGA is offering a 50% special promotion for the open-enrollment Governmental Environment Course. As you know, the CGFM certification is the gold standard for government financial managers – it's a great way to create opportunities and invest in yourself.

What else is going on? To better communicate AGA's purpose and value, AGA is rebranding to Advance, Grow and Accelerate. AGA is embracing an expanded purpose while promoting government transparency and accountability. Don't forget it's time to renew your membership. Renewal is easy and fast. Just log in at the [AGA website](#) to renew online. Encourage others to join as AGA enters into new and exciting times!

This month we will be hosting Dennis Green. He will be presenting on "The Budget: A Management Tool". Dennis has more than 40 years professional experience in accounting, auditing, financial planning, law enforcement and Army logistics.

We hope to see you at Calhoun's this month. Bring a friend for a great time of networking!

Travis Lowe
AGA East Tennessee President

March 2022 Meeting

Tuesday,
Mar. 8, 2022
11:30 AM



Dennis Green, CPA, CGFM
Belio Multimedia LLC
Budget – Management Tool



Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking
11:30 – 12:10 Lunch
12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River

401 Neyland Drive
865-673-3399

Menu

Ale Pork Loin, carved on buffet
Grilled Lemon Chicken
Calhoun's Signature Spinach Maria
Neva's Potatoes
Salad
Bread

Cost

\$10.00 (member)
\$15.00 (non-member)

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, March 4, 2022

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AGA National News

AGA Web Conferences: CPE Simplified

Looking for a way to stretch your training budget? AGA Web Conferences make earning CPE hours easy and affordable. Web conferences feature experts on a variety of government financial management and performance topics. Each event includes time for participants to ask questions and receive answers from the presenters. The web conferences are held on **Wednesdays from 2–3:50 p.m. ET, cost \$59.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

Mar 23	Cybersecurity / ERM	2 CPE
Apr 6	Ethics	2 CPE
Apr 20	CARES Act	2 CPE
May 11	Fraud/Data Analytics	2 CPE

Recruit a Member

Did you know that a large percentage of new members join AGA simply because someone invited them?

As a valued member, you can impact the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better than a current AGA member how beneficial membership is to advancing government accountability.

There are recognition and rewards for recruiting such as sponsor lapel pin for one or more new members, special recognition in AGA publications and at AGA events. You could even become the next recruiter of the year by recruiting the most new members from April 1st thru March 31st of any given year.

21-22 National Events Calendar

Mar. 9, 2022	AGA Women's Forum (Free for AGA Members)	5-CPE Virtual
Apr. 14, 2022	Enterprise Risk Management ERM Workshop	Washington DC
May 12, 2022	Performance Improvement Officer/CFO Summit	4-CPE Washington DC
Jul. 17-20, 2022	PDT 2022	24-CPE Anaheim, CA
Sep. 20-21, 2022	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training	14-CPE Washington DC

Chapter News

February's Secretary Report

The February meeting of the East TN AGA Chapter was held on February 8, 2022, both virtually and in-person at Calhoun's on the River. President Travis Lowe opened the meeting and invited those in attendance to the lunch buffet. Mr. Lowe then introduced our speaker, John Sutton, who is a Program Manager for County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS).

Mr. Sutton explained that CTAS is part of the Institute for Public Service (IPS) at UT. IPS is the required outreach arm of UT, which is Tennessee's land-grant institution. Mr. Sutton gave us a brief history and description of each agency within IPS and the services that each one offers. Tennessee is just one of a few states that offers the types of services IPS provides.

Mr. Lowe closed by thanking Mr. Sutton for his time and his insightful presentation.

Karen McKee
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of March 1, 2022 as \$ 12594.52.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2021-2022

President:	Travis Lowe
Past President:	Astra Cope
Webmaster:	Emily Strange
Treasurer:	Connie Cook
Secretary:	Karen McKee
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
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CGFM:	Deb Strahler
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Early Careers:	Nicholas Fitts
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Chapter Recognition:	Mary McDonald
Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
Social Media:	Chandni Dularam
President - Elect:	

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

There is always an opportunity for anyone of you to take a position as a board member.

Chapter Member Promotions

- \$250 to Member passing the CGFM
- Bring a first time guest to a Chapter Meeting and both member and guest eat free

March Speaker

Dennis G. Green, CPA, CGFM

Belio Multimedia, LLC

Dennis G. Green, CPA, CGFM has more than 40 years professional experience in accounting, auditing, financial planning, government financial management, training, management, law enforcement, Army logistics, and marketing. He is a contract instructor for Government Financial Management programs. His past instructor experience includes Army logistics and leadership programs, college accounting and business classes, and Arizona law enforcement subjects. Dennis began his accounting career during college working at a professor's local CPA firm in Arizona. After earning his CPA, he rejoined the Army and applied his skills in logistics, finance, and leadership. Upon returning from Army active duty with a short detour in restaurant management, he returned to public accounting in Arizona followed by time spent as an Arizona Highway Patrolman. Dennis returned to financial management and accounting with continuing active-duty assignments in the Army Reserve. He retired as the Chief Accountant for the Government Publishing Office in Washington, DC and is now an executive producer and financial advisor for Belio Multimedia, LLC.

BECOME A CGFM TODAY!!!

The Certified Government Financial Manager - The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals. More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers

Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Mar. 30-31, 2022	TBD	TBD
	10:30am – 2:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day
Cost:	\$162 per person	\$725 per person	\$525 per person
Deadline:	3/23/22		

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA: Course 1 \$95, Course 2 \$115 and Course 3 \$105

Another option is online self-paced training: Course 1 - \$225

Course 2 - \$625

Course 3 - \$425