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Alexander Warns 2021-2022 Chapter President

# **President's Letter**

So, given my accounting background, at times writing these monthly editorials can be rather challenging. To expound, in my column my goal is to share Chapter news, ideas, and upcoming events in a manner that is both entertaining and engaging. That said, unfortunately coming up with topics that are both fun and applicable is not always so easy.

For example, my initial plans for this editorial were to somehow link our AGA Chapter to one of the following topics:

- 1. The Tennessee Titans and Derrick Henry are taking over the NFL
- 2. Without doubt, Prince is the greatest musician of all time
- In an organized marathon, participants pay money (registration, fees, etc.) for the opportunity to run 26.2 miles, this has always seemed backwards to me





### President's Letter (Continued)

Needless to say, associating AGA with any single idea noted above would be next to impossible. Therefore, instead for this month's column, I'm going to relate our Chapter to all three of the above bullet points.

In the upcoming month, our AGA Chapter has plans to do some truly amazing things in our city. On 11/14, to raise scholarship funds, AGA members will be working a concession stand at the Tennessee Titans game. Furthermore, just a few days later on 11/20, volunteers from our Chapter will host a water station at the Rock N Roll Marathon.

In my experience, I've found the benefits of volunteering to be incredibly rewarding. To summarize, I've been able to meet new people, be part of a team, and make a positive impact in the community.

In closing, if you are interested in volunteering with our AGA Chapter please let me know (Alexander.Warns@tn.gov). I promise, I'll be at future events and would love to hear your thoughts pertaining to music history, theory, and the all-time greats.

Until next month,

-Alex

### 2021-22 AGA Webinars

**Ethics** November 3 | 1:00–2:50 PM Virtual

**Performance** December 15 | 1:00–2:50 PM Virtual

**Uniform Guidance** January 12 | 1:00–2:50 PM Virtual

**GASB Update** 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

November 1, 2021 December 6, 2021 January 10, 2022 February 7, 2022 March 7, 2022 April 4, 2022 May 16, 2022

### 2021-2022 CEC Meeting Dates

December 1, 2021 January 5, 2022 February 2, 2022 March 2, 2022 March 30, 2022 May 11, 2022

# **November Meeting Speakers**

# Special Agent Chad Jarboe

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Jarboe has been with the FBI since 2019 and is charged with the investigation of public corruption matters in the Middle District of Tennessee. Prior to joining the FBI, SA Jarboe was a civil litigation attorney in Nashville, TN for approximately 10 years.

## Special Agent Mark Shafer

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Mark Shafer has been with the FBI since 1998 and has investigated a range of criminal violations. Currently, SA Shafer is charged with the investigation of Public Corruption and Civil Rights matters.

# "Accountability Talks"

Our very own Chapter President, Alex Warns was a featured guest on AGA's podcast on the topic of hybrid meetings!

Give it a listen here:

Episode 73: How to Go Hybrid (AGA - Accountability Talks (agacgfm.org)



#### **Description**

"Accountability Talks" is a podcast focused on the government accountability community. We hope these conversations will enlighten and inspire you as you navigate your career, provide fascinating insights from government thought leaders and encourage you to take part in this vibrant community.



# **Community Service**

# St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

Our November Community Service project is assisting at the November 20, 2021 St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon!



We will work a water station during the race from 5:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. We will be at Water Stop #4 located at Granny White Pike between Clayton Ave. & Ferguson Ave.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Keevia Battle (Keevia.K.Battle@tn.gov) or Mary Anne Queen (Mary.Anne.Queen@cot.tn.gov).

# **New Members!**

**Vonda Brigance** Decatur Co Board of Education **Dalten Hopson** Student **Tennessee Tech University Benjamin Johnson** Legislative Auditor TN Comptroller of the Treasury Valeria Stadelman Legislative Auditor TN Comptroller of the Treasury **Megan Vineyard** Deputy Finance Director Henderson County Lee Wilkinson Finance Director Henderson County

### **Recruiting Incentives**

- 1. 1st-time guests receive a free lunch
- 2. Each sponsor of a new member receives \$20
- 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.



# Membership

As of October 14, 2021, our membership count is 322, just 52 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!

# **Ethics**

### November 3 | 1:00-2:50 PM CST | 2 CPEs | FOS: BETH

Today more than ever, organizations define ethical behavior as knowing the difference between right and wrong. But, unfortunately, in the workplace, it's not quite so simple. In this training, you will explore The Influential Power of Workplace Ethics and know it is much more than Right & Wrong.

#### **Learning Objectives**

At the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of Ethical Leadership.
- · Discover how Ethics reflect beliefs and values.
- Understand the correlation between Ethics and Diversity.
- Unlock the trustworthy source of Ethical behavior; the "I" Factor.
- · Gain insights on how to facilitate Ethical improvement.
- Adopt strategies for taking "Ethical Action" in the workplace..

#### 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!

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

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



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