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AGA President Message for September 2020

Welcome to another year of AGA. I am excited to be the new president of our East Tennessee chapter for the program year. The board of directors has been hard at work over the past few months planning for another great year of meetings, fellowship and CPE.

In the interest of health and safety, all chapter meetings and events through December will be held virtually. Whether in-person meetings will resume in the January through May timeframe is not yet determined. Once in-person meetings do resume, we will continue to offer an option to attend virtually. Although the format of meetings and events will be a bit different this year, I am looking forward to another successful year.

We are in the process of finalizing the schedule for the two-day seminar which will be held virtually on November 12th and 13th. Please save the date, and we will be getting the brochure out to you as soon as we can.

Thank you in advance for your active participation in AGA this year!

Astra Cope

September 2020 Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday,
Sept. 15, 2020
11:30 AM



Corinne Dougherty
Managing Director, KPMG



Agenda

Topic – Environmental and Sustainability
Reporting for Governments and Not-for-
Profits

More detail to follow on virtual meeting

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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.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

Sept 09	Communications	2 CPE
Oct 07	Internal Control/Improper Payments	2 CPE
Nov 04	Ethics	2 CPE
Dec 09	Internal Control	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.

2020-2021 National Events Calendar

Sept. 10, 2020	2020 AFERM ERM Summit	5 – CPE's	Virtual - Webinar
Sept. 23-24, 2020	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Nov. 18, 2020	Technology & Transformation Summit	8 – CPE's	Washington, DC

Check out www.agacqfm.org for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter

Chapter News

Meeting Minutes

No minutes for our April and May meetings which were cancelled due the COVID-19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of March 19, 2020 as \$ 16,214.88.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2020-2021

President:	Astra Cope
Past President:	Chris Simons
Webmaster:	Alicia Reed
Treasurer:	Connie Cook
Secretary:	Gail Cook
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education:	Amelia Hart
CGFM:	Karen McKee
Awards:	Ginger Giffin
Accountability:	Mary McDonald
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Perry Benshoof
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition & Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
President - Elect:	Amelia Hart

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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

September Speaker

Corinne Dougherty, Managing Director of KPMG

Corinne Dougherty is a managing director in KPMG's Federal Audit Practice in Washington, DC. In her over 15 years of experience, Corinne has focused on performing full scope financial statement audits of Federal agencies, as required under the Chief Financial Officers Act and the Government Management Reform Act. Corinne also supports KPMG's Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) practice in providing audit services to clients related to their reporting of their Corporate Sustainability Initiatives. Corinne represents KPMG on the AICPA's Sustainability Task Force.

Corinne is one of the co-leads of the KPMG DC office's KPMG Network of Women (KNOW) Chapter. The mission of KNOW is to deliver a wide-array of programs, including those that create a more compelling work environment and enhance career opportunities for women.

Corinne is an adjunct professor at George Washington University teaching governmental accounting and auditing. She is also a national instructor for KPMG and has instructed various trainings for associates through partners.

Corinne has been recognized by winning the DC office's KPMG Chairman's Award for high performance. In addition, Corinne was selected by the Greater Washington Society of CPAs as a Woman to Watch and by the Accounting and Financial Woman's Alliance as an Emerging Leader.

Corinne is a graduate of University of Maryland and is a Certified Public Account, Certified Government Financial Manager, and a Project Management Professional. She lives in Bethesda, MD with her husband.

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CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – Virtual, live

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Sept .29-30, 2020	Oct. 5-8, 2020	Oct. 19-21, 2020
	10:30am – 2:15pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day
Cost:	\$325 per person	\$725 per person	\$525 per person
Deadline:	9/22/20	9/28/20	10/12/20

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between TBA and TBA

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives