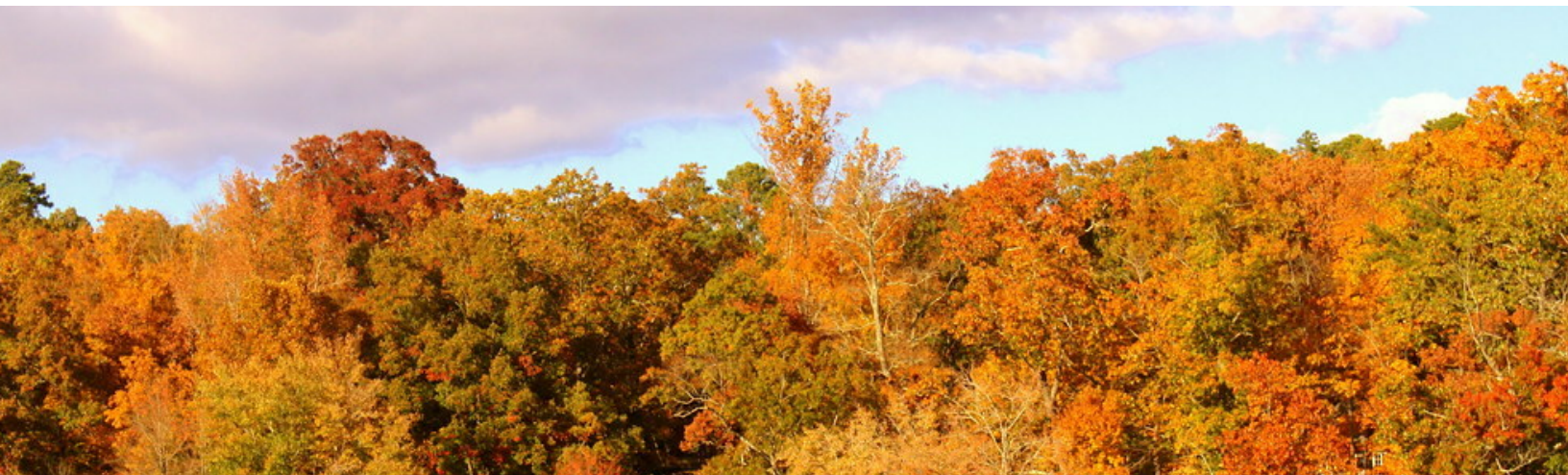




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Alexander Warns
2021-2022 Chapter President

President's Letter

Happy Holidays!

I must admit, when it comes to the week of Thanksgiving, I've always found our societies dynamic to be rather interesting. On Thursday we take a moment to reflect on, and give thanks for, the people and things we have in our lives. Families open up their homes with tremendous generosity to friends, neighbors, and relatives. Ironically, often times the very next day on Black Friday, you see people running over each other for the latest Xbox or PlayStation. In short, this seems rather counterintuitive to me.

We live in a "what's next" society which can be incredibly fast moving. Unfortunately, even though it's certainly easy to get caught up in the rat race, this pace can be extremely exhausting and rather unfulfilling. However, what if throughout the year, on a daily basis we maintained the same attitude that we have on Thanksgiving?

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Trina Weber, Mitch Weber, Jackson Lanier, Shaunna Lanier, Tim Lanier, Alex Warns, Mary Anne Queen
On 11/14 volunteers from our AGA Chapter raised funds by working a concession stand at the Tennessee Titans game.

President's Letter (Continued)

I'd speculate, with a constant mindset of "Thanks-Living" we'd all experience more happiness and fulfillment on a day to day basis.

Perhaps it's impossible to maintain a "Thanks-Living" mindset every day throughout the year. However, I believe it would be far more feasible to reserve 10 minutes (daily on your Outlook calendar) to practice things like gratitude and self-reflection. I bet, even a small habit like this could have a major impact on our lives.

Anyways, nothing written in the above paragraphs offers any new ideas or perspectives. Rather, just some top of mind concepts to potentially factor as we go through our journey. To close, I'd like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and please know the Nashville AGA Chapter is here for you.

Until next month,

Alex

2021-22 AGA Webinars

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

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

December Meeting Speaker

Nathan Abbott

Tennessee Comptroller of the
Treasury

"Cybersecurity 101"

Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE, EA is a Senior Information Systems Specialist with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury in the Division of Local Government Audit. Nathan has been with the office for 25 years and works with the audit team

providing technical support to the audit staff. Mr. Abbott holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Freed Hardeman University and is an active member in our Middle TN Chapter and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. Mr. Abbott has conducted training in the areas of computer forensics, Excel, Word, and computer applications.

For the past three years Nathan has dressed up as Santa Claus for the Comptroller's Office-wide Christmas party. Nathan resides in Franklin, Tennessee, with his lovely wife Amy and two beautiful twin girls Ellie and Sophie.



Nashville AGA Winter Seminar 2022

January 18 & 19, 2022
8AM-4:30PM

*****Group Live – Virtual*****

Sponsored by Becker &
Dixon Hughes
Goodman LLP



This two-day training event offers 16 hours of CPE and will provide attendees with accounting and auditing updates, as well as, training on technology, and more!

REGISTER AT

<https://forms.gle/jj8qhn1oWSW9z7NA9>

by January 11, 2022.

Registration Fees

- Member - \$175
- Non-member - \$275
- Non-member group rate - \$225 (3 or more from same agency)

Cancellation Policy

Requests for cancellation must be sent to Terry.Burr@tn.gov and Chase.Tramel@cot.tn.gov no later than January 11, 2022. After that date, registrants should find a replacement or be responsible for the registration fee.

Preferable Payment Methods:

- Provide cash or check made payable to “Nashville AGA” and give to Terry Burr or Chase Tramel (payment will be accepted between now and the day of the training). Or mail a check to:

Nashville AGA

ATTN: Winter Seminar

PO Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219

- State Agencies can pay through Edison using supplier ID 0000084336 for Nashville AGA
- PayPal: [2022 Nashville AGA Winter Seminar](#)

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

New Members!

Lacey Bryant

Accounting Manager

TN Department of Transportation

Constance LeSure

Accountant 3

Angela Lexner

Comptroller

City of Germantown

Heather Morgan

Finance Director

Stewart County

Cody Croom

Senior Associate

Cowart Reese Sargent, CPAs

Katherine Little

Senior Manager

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Elizabeth Sams

Auditor II

Cowart Reese Sargent, CPAs

Dennis Saucerman

Department Controller

State of Tennessee

Michael Mercer

Program Accountant

Beth Prater

Finance Manager

Murfreesboro City Schools



Membership

As of November 2, 2021, our membership count is 324, just 50 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!

Recruiting Incentives

1. 1st-time guests receive a free lunch
2. Each sponsor of a new member receives \$20
3. 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.

Community Service



AGA Nashville sponsored a water station at the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on November 20. Thank you to our volunteers: Keevia Battle, Mary Anne Queen, Rachelle Cabading, Jai Sawlani, Ashley Lesogor, Cynthia Minnick, James Williams, Lisanne Palacios, and Patricia Hensley.



Community Service (continued)

Supporting Alex Green Elementary School was our community service project for September – October. We delivered the donated supplies and a check for \$551 to the school. Thanks to everyone for their support!



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!

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 the 15th of each month 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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