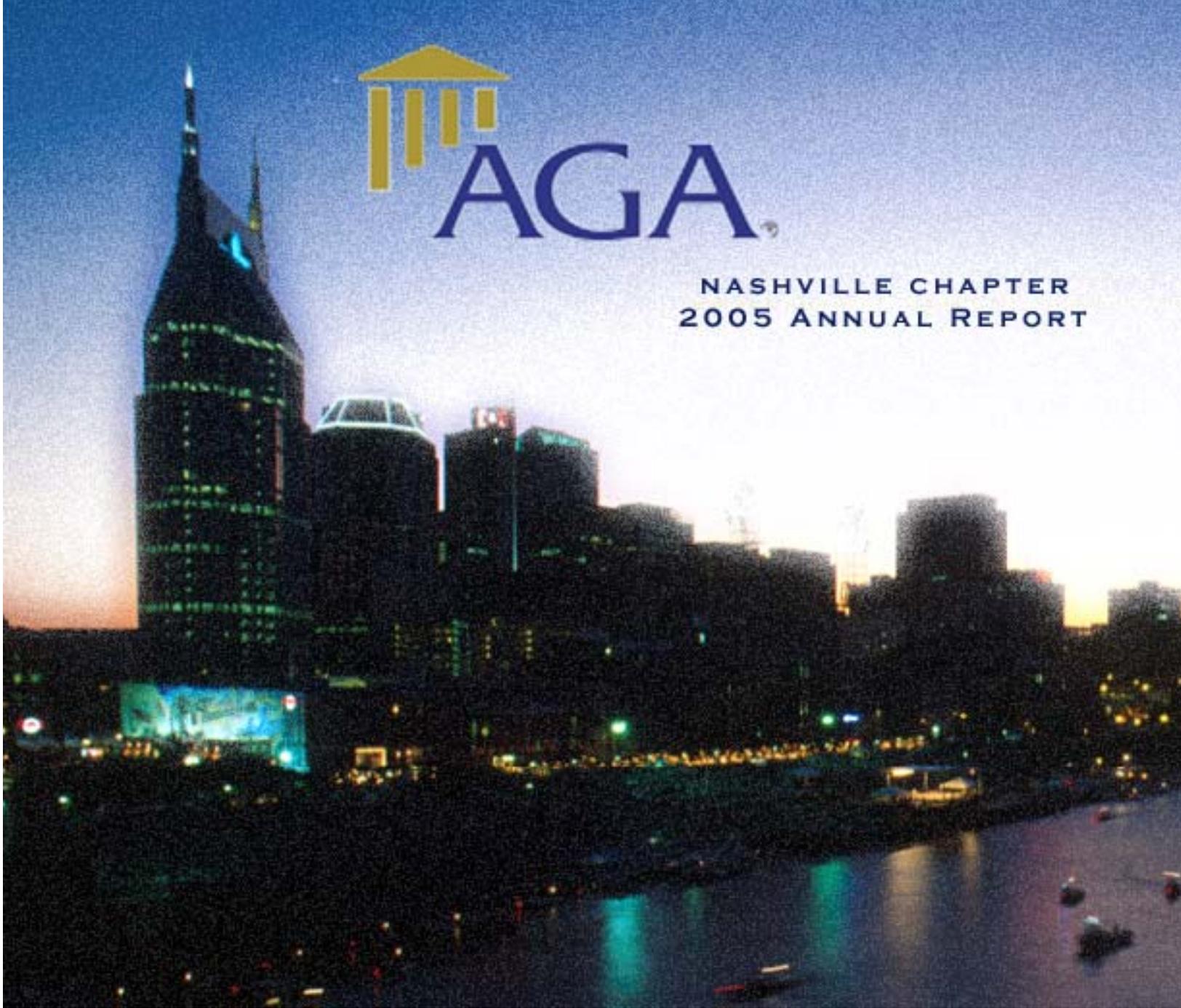




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**Nashville Chapter
Program Year
July 2004 - June 2005**

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The National Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was established in 1950 and has been dedicated to the enhancement of public financial management. AGA serves the professional interests of individuals in local, state, and federal governments by offering programs and services to forward its commitment to education and training, professional development, networking, publications, and certification that recognizes the unique skills of government financial managers.

The Nashville Chapter of AGA is one of more than 90 chapters across the country that promotes the organization's goals by providing professional support, education, and training to members while serving their communities through volunteer activities.

The Chapter was chartered on May 16, 1978 and serves the governmental financial community in middle Tennessee, northern Alabama, and south-central Kentucky. The Chapter is a part of the Southeastern Regional governance structure.

A Strategic Plan Framework was adopted in 2004 for the purpose of defining a clear and compelling mission, vision, and values that will guide the Chapter in establishing an annual strategic plan. The first annual strategic plan was adopted in 2005. This annual report documents the Chapter's service efforts and accomplishments for the program year.

MISSION

The Nashville Area Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants provides quality programs, offers services and educational opportunities, fosters leadership and professional development, and promotes certification to government accountability professionals.

VISION

To advance government accountability and create leaders in the government accountability community.

VALUES

Accountability – Promoting and advancing accountability in government.

Communication – Providing opportunities for members to learn and grow through education, meetings, and networking events.

Diversity – Respecting the ideas and perspectives of all members.

Integrity – Fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior, and exemplary services to all levels of government.

Leadership – Providing experience to members to advance leadership roles in government.

Service – Attending to the needs of our members, the governmental financial sector and the community.



Melinda Parton
2004-2005 AGA Nashville
Chapter President

What an exciting and rewarding year this has been as your Nashville Chapter President. The Nashville Chapter is one of the largest Chapters in the Association and as our Regional Vice-President stated in April 2005, we are the example provided to other Chapters in our Region and across the country. Our Chapter has many talented dedicated professional leaders and volunteers that give of their time to advancing and promoting government financial accountability.

Thank you members for participating in the membership survey on our website. The results helped our Chapter leadership and committees plan for the program year and provided insight on timely educational topics that the leadership focused on addressing.

Here are a few of our noteworthy accomplishments this year:

- First chapter strategic plan developed.
- 100 CPE credit hours provided.
- March 2005 proclaimed as CGFM Month.
- Policy to recognize Retiring members developed.
- Chapter Website redesigned.
- Six local community service activities coordinated.

Thank you for the honor of being your Chapter President. I will never forget this year. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the year's success.

Thank you Chapter Executive Committee Chairs and Committee members. This year was a success because of you and the great participation of our Chapter members.

I want to close by thanking my employer, Tennessee Comptroller John Morgan for his continued support of this association and my boss and mentor, Charles Harrison, for his continued support and encouragement.

Melinda K. Parton

Chapter Governance Committee

Goal: Maintain an effective governance and financial structure.

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met formally twice during the summer to plan for the program year. The CEC met formally each month prior to the Chapter meetings to ensure activities and events were proceeding as planned and within budget.

The National Association encourages chapters to participate in the Chapter Recognition Program each year. The program is aimed at helping chapter's achieve AGA's mission and provides chapters with guidelines toward being a well-rounded chapter. The Nashville Chapter attained 18,350 credits for the program year. As has been achieved consistently over the years, our Chapter received the highest level chapter designation, the Platinum Award, for attaining between 17, 501 and 20,000 chapter recognition credits.

The first Chapter strategic plan was developed and adopted this program year. Under the leadership and guidance of our President-Elect, Dianne McKay, our committee chairs established goals, strategies and indicators for their committees guided by the Strategic Plan Framework that was developed and adopted in 2004.

A retiree policy was also developed and adopted in 2005 under the leadership and guidance of our Past President, Phil Carr. This policy allows us to consistently apply how we recognize members that are retiring from their professional careers in financial management.

Our secretary ensured we conducted business in accordance with our Chapter Bylaws and maintained minutes of our Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Chapter meetings for publication to the membership in our monthly newsletter.

Our Treasurer maintained all record keeping and payment of bills and provided monthly financial reports and comparison against the approved budget to the Chapter Executive Committee for review.

An audit of the records, financial reports and systems of internal control was performed and we received an unqualified opinion for the year ending June 30, 2004.

Communication - Newsletter and Website Committees

Goal: Communicate effectively with Chapter members in an integrated and timely manner.

Newsletter

The newsletter committee produced nine issues of our Chapter newsletter, Nashville Notes. Informed members, customers, stakeholders of upcoming community service projects; training opportunities sponsored by our chapter and other professional organizations; and other planned events and activities. Promoted CGFM certification and participation in events for incentive awards. Published the minutes of our chapter executive committee meetings and chapter meetings to keep our membership up to date on Chapter decisions and events..

Each monthly newsletter was published prior to each chapter meeting with relevant and current information of interest such as news from National; technical articles from members such as developments in PCAOB; how to study for the CGFM exams; and how employers and employees alike benefit from the CGFM designation.

Multiple means of electronic communication were used throughout the year. The newsletter was only offered in electronic format this year, which reduced the cost of printing for the Chapter. Contact information in the newsletter included telephone and email addresses. Reminders of upcoming events were sent by email throughout the year

Website

Our Website committee rolled out a redesign of the Chapter's presence on the internet in March 2005. The Chapter's Website can be found at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/>. The new website includes search functionality to aide in finding information and provides more links to other sites and relevant information.

Community Service

Goal: Promote and conduct community service activities that enhance the Chapter and the Association of Government Accountant's image and reputation.

The Community Service Committee's plan for the year included participation in five community service activities and we ended the year with a total of six activities that were conducted to help our local community.

Members participated in the following projects:

Project Pencil Foundation

- * Volunteer and provide school supplies for Alex Green Elementary

Second Harvest Food Bank

- * Non-perishable food items collected for local area

Channel 8 Membership Drive

- * Answered phones to raise money for public television

Salvation Army Angel and Lil' Soldier Tree

- * Members provided gifts for kids at Christmas

Coat/Glove and Hat Drive

- * Collected clothing for needy families in our local area

Prevention of Unwanted Pets

- * Donations for low income families to spay or neuter pets

Country Music Marathon

- * Members volunteered to maintain booths

Additionally, donations were collected and funds donated to AmeriCares this year in order to help support the Tsunami Relief effort.

Meetings and Attendance Committee

Goal: Coordinate all Chapter meetings.

The 2004-2005 program year was a success for the meetings and attendance committee. Our committee achieved the stated goal of coordinating all chapter meetings. These meetings included the chapter executive committee meetings (CEC), monthly chapter business luncheon meetings, the year-end CEC appreciation luncheon meeting, and the year-end chapter awards luncheon meeting.

At the beginning of the program year, our committee was faced with the challenge of securing a new location for our monthly chapter business luncheon meetings. The committee diligently sought out potential locations and was able to secure a meeting place that was appropriate for our membership and our budget.

In addition to providing lunches on a timely basis for each meeting, the committee also insured that all necessary reservations were made and accompaniments were available for our members, speakers, and special guests. These accompaniments included member name tags, programs for the meetings, a fishbowl for door prizes, a place for our chapter banner, and volunteers for the invocation at each meeting.

Another of our strategies for the program year was to identify and coordinate one joint meeting with another professional organization. Although we were unable to coordinate a joint meeting for 2004-2005, we plan to contact and meet with another professional organization in the future.

Membership Committee

Goal: Attract and retain a diverse and growing membership

The membership committee set a goal to retain at least 90% of our current members. Our Chapter met 97% of that goal. We ended the program year with 17 new members and total membership of 343 as of June 2005.

A survey was conducted of the membership to seek input and identify members' expertise for Chapter service and participation on committees. The survey was a success in identifying members that wanted to serve on committees or wanting to help with other activities. The result was to accomplish a strategy to increase participation by our members in chapter activities.

The membership committee provided for and promoted membership incentives to attract and retain a diverse and growing membership. The committee provided for a free lunch at a chapter meeting and a year-end cash incentive for members recruiting two or more members. The committee also provided for a cash incentive for all new members and those sponsoring a new member in a drawing at year end.

Program Committee

Goal: Ensure that appropriate speakers are available at each business meeting and provide an opportunity for members to network at a social event.

The program committee achieved its goal to ensure appropriate speakers were available at each chapter business meeting and providing members with an opportunity to network at a social event. The committee developed and achieved 100% of the development of a plan of potential speakers by September 1, 2004. The program committee provided a biography and photograph of each speaker for the newsletter and confirmed the presence of the speaker prior to the meeting and followed up with a thank you for speaking to our Chapter.

Of the respondents in the survey of social activities suggested, the highest rated activity by the most members was to see a Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) performance. A successful social event was held at TPAC. Over 80 members attended the performance of the Broadway show, Chicago, on May 5, 2005.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Committee

Goal: Increase the number of individuals who have successfully completed the CGFM examination.

The CGFM annual plan was submitted on August 12 (before the August 15 deadline) to the appropriate National AGA staff, senior vice presidents, regional vice presidents, and the Nashville AGA president and president-elect. To promote the CGFM certification, two CGFM-related articles and several notices of CGFM CPE training opportunities were included in the monthly newsletters. In addition, CGFM brochures were available on every table at the luncheon meetings.

The CGFM Committee again offered free CGFM training courses for exam 2 and a new course for exam 3. In addition to the free training, the Education Committee and the CGFM Committee co-sponsored the National AGA-led Government Financial Manager training courses in October 2004. All training sessions were a great success contributing to a 43 person increase in the total number of individuals attending CGFM-related training courses. In conjunction with the Early Careers Committee, the benefits of the CGFM designation was discussed in a presentation to area university students who attended our December 2004 luncheon meeting.

The committee continued to support current and future CGFMs by providing an exam study group and purchasing two exam 3 study guides for members to check out for exam preparation. During the program year, our chapter had one member successfully complete all three exams and received a free AGA luncheon certificate. Other individuals took one or more parts of the exams. This year CGFM ribbons were added to member luncheon name tags to recognize all current CGFMs. We also encouraged all CGFMs to wear their CGFM pins.

A major accomplishment achieved this program year was to obtain a proclamation designating March 2005 as CGFM Month. Governor Phil Bredesen signed a proclamation and Representative Charles Curtiss spearheaded a House of Representatives joint resolution (No. 292) to make this happen.

Chapter member, Tammy Farley, achieved the CGFM examination this year.

The Committee provided for three exam fee subsidies for members through a drawing held in October 2004.

Education Committee

Goal: Provide professional training, education, and development opportunities that are relevant to the needs of the government professional community.

Through our Education Committee’s efforts they provided the membership with a total of 100 CPE credits and 13.5 CLE credits. The committee far exceeded its strategy of offering at least 40 CPE credits. The following are the educational events sponsored by the Education Committee:

Date of Event	Event Name	CPE Credits Offered
October 12 – 14, 2004	Government Financial Manager Training Program	24
October 26 – 28, 2004	Government Financial Manager Training Program	24
November 30, 2004	Business Tax Seminar in Nashville	8 CPE, 6.75 CLE
December 2, 2004	Business Tax Seminar in Memphis	8 CPE, 6.75 CLE
February 16-17, 2005	AGA Winter Seminar	16
March 2, 2005	AGA Teleconference	2
April 21-22, 2005	Spring Workshop	16
May 11, 2005	AGA Teleconference	2
	Total Number of CPE Credits Offered	100

The Education Committee maintained a satisfaction level that was above average for training content. The majority of evaluations indicated the training content and speakers were very good or excellent. The winter seminar included the following timely government financial management topics: The meaning of Accountability; Understanding Performance Measures and Enterprise Resource Planning from a Business Perspective.

Early Careers Committee

Goal: Promote early career membership and active participation in Chapter activities.

Strategies to accomplish the Early Careers Committee goal are: (1) prepare and implement an annual plan, (2) promote educational activities targeted towards early career members and potential members, (3) foster mentoring and networking opportunities to involve and develop early careers members, and (4) encourage supervisors and co-workers to personally engage early careers members and potential early career members to participate in Chapter Activities.

Two indicators were established for 2004-2005 to assess the progress on achieving the goal. First, host a student career day. The first Nashville AGA Chapter career day was held in December. The participation was much lower than desired, but it served as a learning experience as we plan for the second career day in 2005-2006. The second indicator was the development of a mentoring program. The mentoring program was approved by the CEC in March and the program was announced to the Chapter. A primary indicator for next year is the launching of the mentoring program.

Several activities of other committees also were directed at early careers members. The CGFM committee sponsored free training that was, in part, directed towards early career members. Also, the education committee sponsored a free program that was specifically directed to early career members.

Plans to enhance the Nashville AGA Chapter services to early career members are in process for 2005-2006. The implementation of the mentoring program and an improved careers day are two main activities by which we will measure our success for 2005-2006.

Finance Committee

Goal: Enable the Chapter to meet its Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements and record its history; and provide consultation on financial issues..

The Finance Committee has two major responsibilities. They are to complete the annual Internal Revenue Service tax return for the chapter and prepare the annual chapter history report. In addition, the committee members may also assist the President and the Treasurer, as needed, in making financial/budgetary decisions.

The Finance committee timely submitted both the Chapter History Report by September 30th and the Chapter's Federal Tax Return to the Internal Revenue Service by November 30th. The history report for the program year ended 2003-2004 was submitted to AGA National Office; the Regional Vice President (RVP); Senior Vice President for Regional Services (SVPRS) and the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). The last four years of history reports are maintained on the Chapter's website for the membership.

Awards Committee

Goal: Acknowledge contributions made by members that enhance Chapter activities and the Government financial community.

The Awards Committee achieved its strategy to submit four nominees for National awards this program year. John G. Morgan, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury was nominated for the Achievement of the Year Award; Charles L. Harrison was nominated for the Einhorn-Gary Award; Tony Turner was nominated for the Frank Greathouse Award; and Bill Anderson was nominated for the Robert W. King award. National Award nominations were also submitted for the following Committees: Education, Website and Newsletter.

The awards committee provided the coordination of the membership points spreadsheet that provides for points toward the drawing for a trip to the National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Orlando. Members obtain points based on participation in Chapter activities. There were a total of 24 members that achieved the 20 point accumulation to be eligible for the PDC drawing.

The Awards Committee coordinated the selection of nominees for the established Chapter awards and provided for the selection and presentation of the Scholarship awards.

National Awards

Einhorn-Gary Award

This award formally recognizes major contributions to advancing government accountability and contributions that have significantly enhanced AGA's prestige and stature.

Award Recipient: Charles L. Harrison

Charles L. Harrison, CGFM, CPA, Assistant to the comptroller for Management services, Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee.

Award Citation

In recognition of Mr. Harrison's passionate, never-ending drive for excellence and futuristic vision, which has enabled AGA and government as a whole to achieve far beyond established standards. Oftentimes, he has had the foresight to create, design and implement new policies and programs where none existed before. The enthusiasm he has shown throughout his more than 25 years of service is infectious and palpable, inspiring others to rise above average and to think outside the box.

Chapter Recognition Award

Platinum Award Recipient

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Chapter Awards

Member of the Year Award

Award Citation:

Recognizes the member who contributed to the success of the Chapter for the program year through their participation in Chapter activities and attaining the highest point accumulation.

Recipient: Tammy Farley

President's Awards

Award Citation:

Each year, the Chapter President presents special awards to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the success of the Chapter's programs during the president's term.

Recipient: Kevin Huffman

In recognition of Mr. Huffman's excellent leadership as Co-Chair of the Meetings and Attendance Committee and contributions and efforts in finding us a new meeting location and achieving the committee's goals and strategies for the year.

Recipient: Karen Hale

In recognition of Ms. Hale's excellent leadership as Chair of the Education Committee and contributions toward exceeding the committee's goals and strategies for the year.

Community Service Awards

Award Citation:

This award recognizes members that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and participation in community service activities for the year.

Recipient: Ray Register

Recipient: Tammy Thompson

Chapter Awards

Newsletter Awards

Award Citation:

This award recognizes member contributions made to the newsletter in providing technical articles of interest.

Recipient: Kathy Anderson, First Place

Recipient: Gerry Boaz, Second Place

Recipient: Georganne Martin, Third Place

New Member Sponsor Award

Award Citation:

This award recognizes with the member that has recruited the most new members during the year.

Recipient: Phil Carr

Member Professional Development Conference (PDC) Award

Award Citation:

Each year, members that participate in Chapter activities for which points are provided that exceed a designated minimum number of points is eligible to be included in a drawing in May for an all expense paid trip to the National Professional Development Conference (PDC).

Recipient: Ann Collett

Scholarships and Special Recognition

Scholarship Recipients

William R. Snodgrass Scholarship One \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a Middle or West Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, or Northern Alabama college student with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing.

Scholarship Recipient - Victoria Daydova

Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship: One \$1,500 scholarship awarded to an AGA Nashville area chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild (any college or university and any major may apply).

Scholarship Recipient – Tommy White

Retirees Recognized

Award Citation:

Recognizes members retiring from government financial management positions who have made significant contributions to the organization and to the Nashville Chapter.

Recipient: Barbara White

Recipient: Tony Turner

Recipient: Robert Bumbalough

Contributions

The Nashville Chapter contributed \$500 to Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB).

Chapter Awards

May Chapter Awards Meeting

President's Award
Kevin Huffman, Co-Chair
Meeting & Attendance
Committee, receives award
from Chapter President.
(right)



President's Award
Karen Hale, Chair
Education Committee,
receives award from
Chapter President.
(left)

Past and Present AGA Leadership



April Chapter Meeting - Nashville City Club

Shown left to right, Jim Arnette, Regional Vice-President Elect; Barbara White, Past Chapter President; David Bennett, Regional Vice-President; Richard Norment, Past National President; Charles Harrison, Past National President; Bobby Derrick, National President; Deborah Loveless, Past Chapter President; Melinda Parton, Chapter President; Art Alexander, Past Chapter President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 2005
(UNAUDITED)

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
NASHVILLE AREA CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2005

Assets:	
Cash	\$ 18,930.28
Certificate of Deposit	10,000.00
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,656.65</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 30,586.93</u></u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,131.00
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>29,455.93</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 30,586.93</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 2005

(UNAUDITED)

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS NASHVILLE AREA CHAPTER STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Revenues:	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Income from Seminars	\$ 55,879.50		\$ 55,879.50
Monthly Meeting Fees	6,447.39		6,447.39
Local Membership Dues	1,847.50		1,847.50
Social Meeting Income	1,825.00		1,825.00
Regional PDC distribution	1,703.39		1,703.39
Interest on Investments	73.90		73.90
Contributions		866.00	866.00
Net Assists Released from Restriction	866.00	(866.00)	-
Total Revenues	68,642.68	-	68,642.68
Expenses:			
Education	33,291.69		33,291.69
Meetings and Attendance	12,541.22		12,541.22
Awards	4,361.41		4,361.41
Program	4,565.64		4,565.64
Chapter Administration	4,198.33		4,198.33
Newsletter	241.80		241.80
CGFM Program	840.80		840.80
Community Services	2,244.09		2,244.09
Membership	357.60		357.60
Early Careers	141.20		141.20
Internet	126.40		126.40
Total Expenses	62,910.18	-	62,910.18
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	5,732.50		5,732.50
Net Assets, June 30, 2004	<u>23,722.93</u>		<u>23,722.93</u>
Net Assets, June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 29,455.43</u>		<u>\$ 29,455.43</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 2005

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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS NASHVILLE AREA CHAPTER STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash received from members and customers	\$ 69,330.97
Cash paid for services	(60,212.16)
Cash paid for scholarships	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>6,118.81</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Certificate of Deposit	(10,000.00)
Interest Received (checking account)	<u>73.90</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>(9,926.10)</u>
Net Increase in Cash	(3,807.29)
Cash, July 1, 2004	<u>22,737.57</u>
Cash, June 30, 2005	<u><u>\$ 18,930.28</u></u>
Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 5,732.50
Adjustments to reconcile Change in Net Assets to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Interest on Investments	(73.90)
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	762.19
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	300.00
Decrease in Accounts Payable	<u>(601.98)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 6,118.81</u></u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT JUNE 30, 2005

(UNAUDITED)

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – General

The Association of Government Accountants is an international, professional, not-for profit organization, most of whose members are primarily engaged in governmental auditing, accounting, budgeting, and related management activities. Its objectives include education in government related fields, the advancement of financial management principles and standards, and the promotion of professional and ethical standards. The Nashville Area Chapter includes members from Nashville, Tennessee and surrounding communities.

NOTE 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Association of Government Accountants, Nashville Area Chapter, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The operations are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and liabilities are included on the statement of financial position. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

NOTE 3 – Cash

This classification includes demand deposits. At June 30, 2004, the carrying amount of the chapter's deposits was \$18,930.28, and the bank balance was \$20,430.28. This bank balance was insured.

2004 - 2005 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

National Leadership Positions:

National Executive Committee (NEC) At-large Member, - Deborah Loveless, CGFM
Regional Vice-President RVP Elect - Jim Arnette
Certification Regional Coordinator - Gerry Boaz, CGFM

Officers

Melinda Parton, President
Dianne McKay, President-elect
Phil Carr, Immediate Past President
Amy Czerwinski, Treasurer
Penny Austin, Secretary

One-Year Directors

Beth Pendergrass, Membership Chair
Tammy Thompson, Meetings and Attendance Chair, Director
Melvin Jones, Jr., Finance Chair, Director

2004 - 2005 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Two-Year Directors

Dan Willis, Website Chair, Director
Kevin Huffman, Meetings and Attendance Co-Chair, Director
Mike Wall, Membership Co-Chair, Director
Susan Irby, Program Co-Chair, Director
Gerry Boaz, CGFM Chair, Director
Georgeanne Martin, Finance Co-Chair, Director
Allen Staley, Director

Committee Chairs

Nichole Curtiss, Newsletter Chair
Tammy Farley, Community Service Chair
Brian Derrick, Program Chair
Karen Hale, Education Chair
Randy Kinnersley, Early Careers Chair
Donna Duarte, Awards Chair

May Awards Ceremony



Melinda Parton, Chapter President, passing Chapter gavel to Dianne McKay, Chapter President-elect.

Dianne McKay, Chapter President-elect, gives acceptance speech and reports on year ahead.



The Chapter expects to enjoy the same dedication from its volunteers and participation from its members as it has in past years. The committees serving the Chapter have been established and, in some instances, have already worked toward accomplishing their goals in the new program year. President Dianne McKay hopes to focus on matters important to the continuing success of the Chapter such as encouraging members to recruit new members, expressing the importance of professional and personal development, and providing an atmosphere in which members will want to attend meetings and participate in Chapter activities.



Dianne McKay
2005-2006 AGA Nashville
Chapter President-Elect

New members are the lifeblood of any organization, therefore, the Membership Committee will work to encourage new membership and retain current members. Similarly, the Early Careers Committee will work to provide mentoring opportunities for new members and to devise events to attract college students to government. Informative professional speakers at the meetings are important to provide knowledge and maintain interest in meeting attendance and the Program Committee has already booked several excellent speakers for the next program year. Training and educational opportunities are equally important to the health of a professional organization and the Education Committee and the CGFM Committee will work to provide those opportunities for members. And, last but not least, the Committees and individuals that make the Chapter business run smoothly and are responsible for conducting Chapter business—Chapter Officers, Meetings and Attendance, Finance, Newsletter, Webmaster, Awards, and Community Service—all provide valuable time and effort to ensure that the program year meets members' expectations.

Dianne Mitchell McKay



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