

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS  
NASHVILLE CHAPTER  
ANNUAL HISTORY REPORT**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

**I. CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**a. Officers**

Penny Austin, CGFM, President	State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Government Audit
Angela McElrath-Prosser, President-Elect	Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Nashville Public Library Administrative Services
Michelle Earhart, Past President	State of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Division of Accounts
Donna Jewell, Secretary	State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of State Audit
Katie Armstrong, CGFM, Treasurer	State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Government Audit

**b. One-Year Directors**

Rachelle Cabading	State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Government Audit
Charlotte Gentry	State of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Division of Accounts
Cindy Hobbs	State of Tennessee Department of Human Resources

Pamela Marks  
Metropolitan Government of Nashville  
and Davidson County  
Depart of Finance/Operations

Alicia Reynolds  
State of Tennessee  
Department of Finance and  
Administration  
Division of Accounts

**c. Two-Year Directors**

Michael Winston, CGFM  
State of Tennessee  
Department of General Services  
Office of Financial Management

Emily Gray  
State of Tennessee  
Department of General Services  
Internal Audit

Anna Nickell  
State of Tennessee  
Comptroller of the Treasury  
Division of State Audit

Debi Moss  
State of Tennessee  
Department of General Services  
Internal Audit

Bridget Carver  
State of Tennessee  
Comptroller of the Treasury  
Division of State Audit

**II. MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Chapter luncheon meetings were held at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Nashville. The average attendance at the luncheon meetings was 93 attendees. The meeting dates and speakers were as follows:

August 31, 2015	Dr. Ernie Ricketts Director of Organizational Development Department of Human Resources State of Tennessee	Attendees: 103
October 5, 2015	Dean Kinsman Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigations	Attendees: 100
November 2, 2015	Greg Adams Chief Operating Officer State of Tennessee	Attendees: 91

December 7, 2015	John Dunn Public Information Officer Comptroller of the Treasury State of Tennessee	Attendees: 95
January 4, 2016	Ethel Detch Senior Research Consultant TN Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations	Attendees: 77
February 1, 2016	Brian Fazenbaker Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigations	Attendees: 143
March 7, 2016	Melvin Jones (Retired) Director of Internal Audit Department of Revenue State of Tennessee	Attendees: 68
April 4, 2016	John Homan National President Association of Government Accountants	Attendees: 87
May 9, 2016	Awards Luncheon	Attendees: 74

### **III. SPECIAL CHAPTER EVENT**

May 14, 2016	Spring Social at First Tennessee Park Nashville Sounds Baseball Game
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### **IV. EDUCATION OFFERED OR SPONSORED BY THE CHAPTER**

Certified Professional Education was offered or sponsored by the chapter throughout the year. A total of 59 CPE credits were provided. The date, topic, and CPE credits were as follows:

August 31, 2015	Mentoring Other (Non-Technical) Chapter Meeting	1 hour
September 2, 2015	Cybersecurity – IT or Governance Issues Computer Science Webinar	2 hours
September 23, 2015	Ensuring a High-Quality Financial Management Workforce for the Future Accounting (Governmental) Webinar	2 hours

October 5, 2015	Cybersecurity Other (Non-Technical) Chapter Meeting	1 hour
October 21, 2015	Fraud Risk Management in Government Programs Auditing (Governmental) Webinar	2 hours
November 4, 2015	OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community Governmental (Accounting, Auditing, and Monitoring) Webinar	2 hours
November 17, 2015	Investigations Other (Fraud) Fall Breakfast Seminar	1 hour
November 17, 2015	State Specific Ethics Ethics – TN State specific Fall Breakfast Seminar	1 hour
December 7, 2015	Working With the Media Other (Non-Technical) Chapter Meeting	1 hour
January 4, 2016	Healthy Workplace Act Other (Non-Technical) Chapter Meeting	1 hour
January 13, 2016	Winter Seminar Accounting and Auditing - <i>6 hours</i> Other (Non-Technical) - <i>2 hours</i> Conference	8 hours
January 14, 2016	Winter Seminar Accounting and Auditing - <i>4 hours</i> Other (Non-Technical) - <i>2 hours</i> Ethics – <i>2 hours</i> Conference	8 hours
January 27, 2016	GASB 68 – My What a Year It Was! ACCG (Governmental Accounting) Webinar	2 hours

February 2, 2016	General Motors Investigation AUDG (Governmental Auditing) Chapter Meeting	1 hour
February 17, 2016	Data Analytics and Fraud Detection AUDG (Governmental Auditing) Webinar	2 hours
March 7, 2016	The Importance of Auditors and Government Financial Managers Accounting and Auditing Chapter Meeting	1 hour
March 9, 2016	FISMA Introduction AUDG (Governmental Auditing) Webinar	2 hours
March 29, 2016	Southeast Regional PDT Accounting and Auditing – 7 hours Other (Non-Technical) – 1 hour Spring Conference	8 hours
March 30, 2016	Southeast Regional PDT Ethics – 2 hours Accounting and Auditing – 5 hours Other (Non-Technical) – 1 hour Spring Conference	8 hours
April 4, 2016	Ethics Ethics Chapter Meeting	1 hour
April 13, 2016	DATA Act Overview ACCG (Governmental Accounting) Webinar	2 hours
May 11, 2016	Ethics Webinar BETH (Behavioral Ethics) Webinar	2 hours

**V. CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) PROGRAM**

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and Nashville Mayor Megan Barry issued proclamations to designate March 2016 as “Certified Government Financial Manager Month.”

Subsidies are issued every year to assist interested chapter members in achieving their CGFM certification.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

*Nashville Notes* Ten issues of the chapter newsletter were published for the 2015-2016 chapter year.

Website The chapter maintained a website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) that was updated regularly throughout the year.

Listserv Much of the information communicated to members throughout the year was through the chapter’s listserv.

**VII. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

2015 - 2016 school year	For the 15 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the chapter partnered with Alex Green Elementary School through the Project PENCIL Foundation. The PENCIL Foundation has a purpose to encourage academic achievement, provide a safety net for at-risk youth, promote career success for students and parents, and to build positive relationships between children and caring adults in the schools. Through this partnership, the chapter enriched the educational experiences of students and assisted faculty throughout the school year via school supply donations, monetary contributions, and member involvement in school activities.
September 2015	The chapter partnered with Hands on Nashville to assist with landscaping and other painting projects at Una Elementary School.
October 2015	Chapter members donated items and monetary donations to the Jean Crowe Advocacy Center. The Center strives to provide safety, support, and advocacy for victims of domestic violence who are engaging in either the criminal or civil court process.  Nashville AGA also partnered with Habitat for Humanity in the Hallmark subdivision of Antioch, TN to assist in the build of a home.

November 2015	<p>The chapter partnered with Samaritan Ministries in the annual Hats, Coats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive. This is the fifth year the chapter has donated to this service provider, which provides food, clothing items, and other services free of charge to the Nashville community.</p> <p>Additionally, Nashville AGA invited Thistle Farms to attend the chapter's monthly luncheon meeting to speak, and sell their items, to support their cause. Thistle Farms helps women who are survivors of addiction, trafficking, violence, and extreme poverty. This organization includes a two-year residential program and advocacy services for up to 700 women yearly, while providing education and training.</p>
December 2015	<p>Nashville AGA members participated in providing a variety of books for the Lil' Soldiers charity.</p>
January 2016	<p>The Nashville chapter supported End Slavery TN. The goal of this organization is to promote healing of human trafficking survivors and end human trafficking within Tennessee. The chapter helped provide requested items and monetary donations.</p> <p>Additionally, AGA members volunteered their service to help feed the homeless at the Nashville Rescue Mission on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>.</p>
February 2016	<p>The chapter supported the Nashville Humane Association by donating toys, treats, food, and monetary amounts totaling \$50.00.</p>
March 2016	<p>Chapter members assisted WNPT, Channel 8 during its pledge drive on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers answered phones and took pledges during the evening.</p> <p>The chapter also collected donations of canned goods for the Second Harvest Food Bank.</p>
April 2016	<p>Members volunteered to assist with the St. Jude Rock 'N' Roll Nashville Marathon, popularly known as the Music City Marathon. The marathon benefits the St. Jude Children's Hospital. The chapter also held a silent auction raising \$2,164. The National Community Service Fund agreed to match 50% or \$1,084. The total amount donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital was \$3,246.</p> <p>The chapter supported the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, TN with monetary donations. The sanctuary is the nation's largest natural habitat refuge developed specifically for African and Asian elephants.</p>

## **VIII. CHAPTER RECOGNITION, PARTICIPATION, AND AWARDS**

### **a. Chapter Recognition**

The chapter received the Platinum Chapter Designation, which is the highest recognition level in the Chapter Recognition Program sponsored by the National Office.

The chapter received the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting for 2015 by the National Office.

The chapter received the National Chapter CGFM Award.

The chapter received the National Chapter Education Award.

The chapter received the National Chapter Newsletter Award.

The chapter received the National Chapter Website Award.

### **b. Chapter Members' AGA National Participation**

Jim Arnette, CGFM, President-Elect Designate

Gerry Boaz, CGFM, Governance Committee

Connor Courtemanche, By-Laws and Procedures Committee

Michelle Earhart, By-Laws and Procedures Committee

Karen B. Hale, CGFM, National Board of Directors, and National Executive Committee

Talia Lomax-O'dneal, CGFM, Awards Committee

Kathy Stickel, CGFM, Finance and Budget Committee

### **c. Chapter Members' AGA Regional Participation**

Chas Taplin, Regional Coordinator for Education

### **d. Chapter Members Who Won National Awards**

Deborah Loveless, CGFM, AGA's William Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

Gerry Boaz, CGFM, Platinum Regional Vice President Award

### **e. Member Awards**

Member of the Year Award – Emily Gray

President's Awards – Rachelle Cabading



**f. Retirees Honored**

At the May Awards Luncheon, the chapter honored two members who retired during the year: Melvin Jones Jr. and Melinda Parton.

**g. Scholarships**

The chapter awarded the William R. Snodgrass Scholarships to Angele Latham and Wade Matney (\$1,000 each).

**IX. CHAPTER MEMBERS THAT SERVED ON COMMITTEES**

**Accountability**

Gerry Boaz, Chair  
Melissa Boaz  
Jerry Durham

**CGFM**

Michael Winston, Chair

**Community Service**

Emily Gray, Chair  
Pamela Marks, Co-Chair  
L. Joyce Bentley  
Kilolo Dunmore  
Tammy Fruscione  
Lou Goins  
Melvin Jones  
David Lannom  
Scarlet Sneed

**Corporate Sponsorship**

Jennifer Whitsel, Chair

**Early Career**

Alicia Reynolds, Chair

**Education**

Rachelle Cabading, Co-Chair  
Anna Nickell, Co-Chair  
Tammy Fruscione  
Drew Sadler  
Susan Slaton  
Chas Taplin  
Michael Winston

**Finance**

Eddie D'Ovidio, Co-Chair  
Alexander Warns, Co-Chair  
Loriann Davis  
Lou Goins  
Jessica Judkins  
John Lee  
Brittany Pressley  
Kathy Richardson  
Jai Sawlani

**Meetings and Attendance**

John Dunne, Co-Chair  
Scarlet Sneed, Co-Chair

**Membership**

Bridget Carver, Co-Chair  
Charlotte Gentry, Co-Chair  
Keevia Battle  
Melissa Lahue  
Janice Moore

**Newsletter**

Karen Hale, Chair

**Program**

Cindy Hobbs, Co-Chair  
Debi Moss, Co-Chair

**Public Relations**

Maya Angelova  
Karen Hale  
Clare Tucker

**Webmaster**

Nathan Abbott, Co-Chair  
Dan Willis, Co-Chair

The committee appreciation lunch was held on April 28, 2016 at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

## X. MEMBERSHIP

The chapter had 364 members at the beginning of the membership year, July 1, 2015, and 352 members at the end of the membership year, June 30, 2016.

New and returning members for the year were:

Rimon Abdou	Sam Osborn
Connie Calloway	Linda Periut
Jennifer Combs	Amanda Prichard
Laura Cowan	Jeong Robinson
David Dearman	Benny Romero
Diana Duran	Valydou Sangare
Brittany Evans	Alicia Scott
Linda Frazier	Laura Seaman
Laurel Gruber	David Shipley
Seyoum Hailemariam	Kimberly Smith
Anita Hays	Nathan Spiess
Bernadette Hugan	Blair Stephens
Lin Johnson III	Chase Tramel
Jeffery Kelly	Christine Tyus
Tricia Kitchens	Jafar Ware
David Lawing	Lauren Watson
Christine Malone	Gean White
Jordan Maloney	Ashley Williams
Terrance McClain	Frazier Williams
Alex Mussleman	Benjamin Wright
Shoney Naquin	Jacob Yoquelet
Ange Nyirahirwa	Mena Youssef

## XI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### a. Statement of Net Assets

The chapter had total net assets at June 30, 2015 of \$34,799.90. The total amount of net assets was \$47,795.78 at June 30, 2016.

### b. Revenues and Expenses

The chapter had revenues of \$108,713.20 and expenses of \$95,672.32 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

## XII. RELATIONS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The chapter held a joint meeting with the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (MTCFE) on February 1, 2016.