

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes February 2, 2012

Submitted by Mary Anne Queen, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its February meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

President Shirley Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) to the joint meeting, which has become an annual tradition. Amy Czerwinski gave the invocation.

Shirley introduced the individuals at the head table: Jeremy Finley, speaker; Daniel Porter, ACFE President; Bethany Dorris, ACFE Secretary; Ellen Dunkin, Early Careers Chair; and Hank Clay, one-year director and Early Career member.

Shirley called on those who brought guests to introduce them. She also recognized six new or returning members.

Ellen Dunkin recognized all of the Early Career members who were in attendance. Shirley wished them all the best as they pursue a career in government financial accountability.

Daniel Porter introduced the speaker, Jeremy Finley, Chief Investigative Reporter for the Channel 4 I-Team, who spoke on investigations and shared some videos related to a few of the stories he has covered. In appreciation for Mr. Finley speaking to the chapter, the chapter will make a donation to The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, his charity of choice.

Minutes

Shirley Henry asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the January 5, 2012, chapter meeting, and since no corrections were noted, the minutes were considered to be approved as published on the website.

Shirley then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

ACFE

Daniel Porter made an announcement about the fraud conference, which the ACFE will be sponsoring on March 12 and 13, and encouraged members to register for the event.

Awards

Awards Chair, Jeff Hughes, announced that the deadline for scholarship applications is the end of March and encouraged everyone to review information regarding the William R. Snodgrass scholarship and the Fawn Ellis scholarship on the Nashville Chapter's website. He also announced that the committee is accepting applications for National awards. If anyone needs additional information, they should contact Jeff.

Community Service

Community Service Chair, Tammy Fruscione, announced that the chapter needs volunteers to serve at the Nashville Rescue Mission on February 29 from 4:30 to 7:00. They have five volunteers and need five more. Alla Cox is the contact person, and members may also make monetary donations.

The committee is collecting monetary donations for the Elephant Sanctuary in February, and donations may be made online. The chapter will match up to \$500, and Jennifer Whitsel is the contact person.

VITA volunteers are needed, and anyone interested should contact Jeff Hughes.

Opportunity for National Service

Shirley said that Gerry Boaz had asked her to announce that National AGA needs volunteers to serve in various capacities and anyone who is interested should contact Gerry.

Nominating Committee

President-Elect Ray Register announced the following slate of nominees for officers and directors for 2012-2013 and said that all had indicated a willingness to serve.

Two-Year Directors

Leigh Anne Hagar
Jacqueline Laws
Ron Queen
Joe Waldrum
Jennifer Whitsel

Chapter Officers

Secretary - Rhonda Williams
Treasurer - Kay Ulmer
President - Ray Register
President-elect - Amy Czerwinski

Ray said that he also contacted the current two-year directors, and they have all agreed to serve their remaining one-year term for the 2012-2013 year. They are Jerry Durham, David Lannom, Valerie Oliver, Scarlet Sneed, and Britt Wood. Ray said that the Chapter Executive Committee approved the slate of nominees at their January 30 meeting.

Ray also said that the bylaws of the chapter permit independent nominations. Independent nominations require a petition with 50 members' signatures to be submitted to the Nominating Committee by March 15, 2012.

Shirley announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on February 3, and the speaker will be Andy Valentine of Morgan Stanley.

Door Prizes

Jennifer Lewis won \$25, and Chas Taplin won a voucher for a free chapter meeting lunch.

There being no further business, Shirley declared the meeting adjourned.