

## **AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**August 31, 2015**

*Submitted by Donna Jewell*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its first meeting for 2015-16 at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, August 31, 2015.

President Penny Austin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Melvin Jones gave the invocation.

Penny announced that the minutes from the last luncheon, May 2015 are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Penny introduced the individuals at the head table: Human Resources Commissioner Rebecca Hunter; Dr. Ernie Ricketts, speaker; Melvin Jones; Angela McElrath-Prosser, President-Elect; Nathan Abbott, Web Co-Chair.

Penny recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests. She also welcomed new members who were present.

Commissioner Rebecca Hunter introduced the speaker, Dr. Ernie Ricketts, Director of Organizational Development, Tennessee Department of Human Resources. Dr. Ricketts delivered a presentation on Human Capital Management and specifically addressed the benefits of a mentoring program. He also discussed the State's mentoring program, called Mentor Tennessee, which is currently being piloted in three state agencies (the Department of Human Resources, Environment and Conservation, HCFA (formerly TennCare).

Penny then called for announcements from the various committees.

### **Announcements**

#### **CGFM**

Michael Winston announced that the chapter may help those who want to take the CGFM exam in several ways: the chapter has copies of the study guides; the chapter plans on setting up study groups; and the chapter will offer financial assistance for the exams at a later date. For questions about the exam or chapter assistance, members should contact Michael (Michael.Winston@tn.gov).

#### **Membership/Awards**

Jeff Hughes announced various membership incentives. Any member who sponsors a new member will receive a \$10 gift card. Also, the member who sponsors the most new members between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> will receive \$100. Any member receiving 30 points AND who renews his or her membership by March 31, 2016 will receive a \$45 subsidy. Finally, members who accumulate more than 25 points will be put in a drawing for a trip to the 2016 PDT in Anaheim, California.

**Education**

Rachelle Cabading announced that a “Save the Date” flyer was on the tables. The flyers contain the dates and topics of all webinars that the chapter will sponsor this year. She also stated that details for both the Fall Breakfast and the Winter Seminar would be forthcoming. The next two webinars are on Cybersecurity (September 2) and Human Capital (September 23) and will be offered at two locations (the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the Polk Building and the Howard Office Building).

**Door Prize**

Kay Ulmer won the \$25 door prize.

There was no further business and Penny declared the meeting adjourned.