

## **AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes December 2009**

*Submitted by Shirley Henry, Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its December meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

President Karen Hale called the meeting to order, and Joe Kimery gave the invocation. Karen introduced the individuals at the head table: Betty-Ashton Mayo, performer and speaker; Sandra Tulloss and Nichole Curtiss, Co-Chairs of the Program Committee; Jeff Hughes, Early Careers Committee Chair; and four Tennessee State University students who participated in AGA's Case Challenge - Gina Brewer, Aysel Labaut, Bradford Taylor, and Pierre Washington.

Karen welcomed everyone and asked those who had guests to introduce their guests. She announced that the chapter has twelve new members. She also asked everyone to check the back of their agendas. The two people at each table that had a "Happy Holidays" sticker on the back of their agenda each won one of the buckets and contents that were used to decorate the tables.

Sandra Tulloss introduced Betty-Ashton Mayo, harpist and Musician in Residence at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Ms. Mayo spoke to the chapter about her work at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in music therapy. She talked about the different units that she normally plays in and played some of the type of music that she would typically play in each one. Sandra Tulloss announced that in appreciation for her coming to speak and perform for us, the chapter will make a contribution to Ms. Mayo's designated charity.

Jeff Hughes introduced the four students from Tennessee State University. Each of them made some remarks about their participation in AGA's Third Governance Finance Case Challenge, which involved preparing a citizen-centric report from information provided by the national office. They were all very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in this type of project. Jeff presented each of them a certificate of recognition for their participation.

Karen then called for announcements from the various committees.

### **Announcements**

**Membership** - Jennifer Lewis announced that a new member recruiting campaign started on December 1 and will go through April. There will also be a Grand Recruiter award at the end of the chapter year.

Jennifer also announced that AGA National has requested that all members log in and update their membership record with the national office by December 31. All members who do will be entered into a prize drawing.

Jennifer also reminded everyone about the Educational Assistance Scholarship and said that anyone interested needs to apply by December 18 so the committee will have adequate time to

review the applications and determine the scholarship recipients. Eight scholarships are available.

Two recruiting prizes were awarded for the new member recruiting campaign that ended on November 30. Shirley Henry won the top prize of \$100 for recruiting the most new members; she recruited three. The names of all other members who had recruited new members during the campaign were entered into a drawing for a cash prize of \$50. Chuck Holland's name was drawn for that prize.

Jennifer said that our chapter has a new member goal of 38, and we currently have 12 new members.

**Education** - Rusty Lacy reminded everyone to pick up their CPE certificates, which were on the piano.

Rusty announced that the next audio conference will be on December 16, and Da Norm is coordinating the event.

Rusty also said that his committee has all of the speakers lined up for the Winter Seminar scheduled for January 19 and 20, and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Educational Assistance Scholarships.

**Community Service** - Julie Rogers reminded everyone of the next community service opportunity scheduled for December 9 at the Nashville Rescue Mission, where members will help serve meals from 4:30 to 7:00. She said that a few more members are needed for that project.

Karen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the November meeting, and since no corrections were noted, the minutes were considered to be approved.

Two door prizes were awarded. Richard Norment won the \$25 cash prize, and John Payne won the CD which was donated by Ms. Mayo.

There being no further business, Karen Hale declared the meeting adjourned.