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**President's Message,
Gerry Boaz, CGFM, CPA**

Accountability is a buzz word we in government hear on a daily basis. There is good reason why accountability should be first and foremost on our minds. As AGA members we know that AGA means the Association of Government Accountants, but it also stands for Advancing Government Accountability. What does Advancing Government Accountability really mean though? The phrase sounds really good, but do all government professionals really comprehend the responsibility that accountability encompasses? Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines

accountability as "an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions." I believe that individuals sometimes tend to go with the flow, maintain the status quo, rest on their laurels, and unintentionally stifle innovation (mainly through inefficient and obsolete bureaucracy), instead of letting the creative and innovative juices flow to create increased efficiencies, better effectiveness, and streamlined processes.

Why do people tend to do this? All too often, it is simply resistance to change or the perception that government and its employees are resistant to change.

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CHAPTER MEETING
Thursday, November 2, 2006
11:30 a.m., Nashville City Club
Phil Williams
Topic:
Who's Looking Out for the Public?

COST: \$10.00 per member

Make your luncheon reservation online at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>.

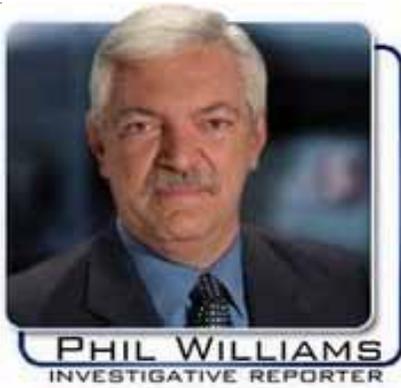
If necessary you may call
 Penny Austin
(615) 401-7838
by 6:00 p.m. Monday,
October 30, 2006

Chapter Recognition Points YTD as of September 30, 2006		Annual National Maximum Points 2006-07
Leadership	3,275	3,000
Education	950	4,000
Certification	1,000	4,000
Communication	2,483	3,000
Membership	100	3,000
Early Careers	475	2,000
Community Service	300	2,000
Awards	1,500	1,000
Total Points YTD	10,083	22,000
Chapter Goal		10,000

National recognizes up to a maximum number of points in each category for the designations earned and presented to the chapters at the annual PDC. For the 2005-2006 year, the Nashville Chapter earned 18,425 points and received the highest designation of Platinum (in 2005-2006 Bronze=10,000-12,500, Silver=12,501-15,000, Gold=15,001-17,500 and Platinum=17,501-20,000). Locally, our Chapter recognized a total of 43,065.

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October Speaker

Phil Williams

“If the press calls, call your PR person. If Phil Williams calls, call your lawyer because you’re in trouble.” That’s a how a prominent Nashville political strategist describes the impact of NewsChannel 5’s chief investigative reporter.

Business Tennessee magazine has previously listed Phil among its “Power 100” of Tennessee’s most powerful people. That’s because his stories have uncovered government waste and corruption, exposed sex offenders and other felons teaching children, sent people to prison and prompted

legislators to write new laws.

Phil’s work has also earned him numerous prestigious national awards. Those include broadcasting’s highest honors the George Foster Peabody Award and the ColumbiaduPont Award, both considered equivalents of the Pulitzer Prize for his investigation of state contracts.

He began his journalism as a newspaper reporter. As a young reporter, in 1990, Phil was a finalist for print journalism’s highest honor, the Pulitzer Prize, for an investigation that exposed corrupt state officials and gamblers who had taken over Tennessee’s charity bingo industry.

He is an honors graduate of Middle Tennessee State University.



President’s Message continued

Changing for change’s sake is no reason either; however, change can be a good thing if people take advantage of the opportunities that change can offer. Let’s face it, pros and cons exist in every potential solution to any issues. Accountability allows government professionals to minimize the cons, weaknesses, and inefficiencies and to maximize the pros and increase effectiveness and efficiencies. This results in a win-win-win situation for government, its employees, and the citizens it serves. The citizens expect no less than the best from government employees in ensuring that the federal, state, and local governments are held accountable for spending its tax dollars. Citizens want verification that government services, programs, and activities were provided most effectively at the least cost.

Who do they expect to carry this out? They expect that **every** government employee takes his/her responsibility seriously as a civil servant in protecting the people’s money. They expect professionalism, common courtesy, integrity, ethics, exceptional service, innovative ideas to effectively carry out services at the lowest possible costs, and 24/7 access. Now, is this too much to ask? The answer is NO, NO, NO! Government employees are taxpayers too. As government employees, should we expect any less from ourselves than what the public expects of us? If nothing else, we should expect more from ourselves in ensuring accountability. To borrow a well-known saying, the Army advertises that we should “Be All That We Can Be.”

As a member of AGA and a government employee, I am fortunate to work and be associated with many government employees who are working to promote, and by their actions carry out, the concept of accountability. We should all continue to strive toward increased government accountability and to remember that, as the great philosopher Spiderman was told by his uncle in the first Spiderman movie, “With great power comes great responsibility.”

“Accountability breeds response-ability.”
Stephen R. Covey

News from National

Employees Forsake Dreaded E-mail for the Beloved Phone

In the beginning there was spam, and the world saw that it was bad, including Stephen Jukuri. But he has changed his mind. "I love it," he gushes. "I can get rid of it. Delete. Delete. Delete." What craters Mr. Jukuri's day is deciding if, when and how to respond to his normal e-mail. "Now that anyone can e-mail me about anything, they seem to," he says. The hail of e-mail has gotten so bad that he created a folder called "Limbo" where as many as 600 stale-mails have piled up since November 2003. With an estimated 84 billion messages sent worldwide each day, according to research consultancy IDC, it's sometimes hard to put your finger on the efficiency of e-mail while digging out from a pile of it. Like bad advice, self-importance and ugly carpeting, there's just too much of it in the office. That's why the telephone is looking ever better these days. "If Bill Gates invented the telephone and Alexander Graham Bell invented e-mail," notes Dennis Fluegel, a retired senior project manager, "we would all be saying, 'You should get one of these telephones, you can actually talk to someone, hear what they are saying, and you don't have to use a keyboard!'" —Jared Sandberg, "Cubicle Culture," *The Wall Street Journal*. For the full article, visit

<http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/agatoday/articles/100206/email.aspx>

CGFM Chapter Promotion



Individuals who submit a CGFM application from Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2006 and quote the chapter promotion will receive a \$20 rebate. The complete CGFM application *must* be received at AGA by Nov. 30 and include the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" at the bottom of the form. **Bonus:** Every chapter listed on the application will receive 50 Chapter Recognition Program bonus credits per application; the chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted in this period will receive \$20 X the number of applications that listed that particular chapter.



Look!



Look for individuals wearing name badges with purple and white ribbons attached. These are visitors and Early Career Members. Please introduce yourself and help make them feel welcome in our chapter!

Jan I. Sylvis Elected 2006-07 President of NASACT

LEXINGTON, KY – August 29, 2006 – On Tuesday, August 22, members of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) elected a new slate of Executive Committee officers. Jan Sylvis, CGFM, chief of accounts in Tennessee's Department of Finance and Administration, was named 2006-07 president of NASACT. Jan has also been a member of the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants since 1980. The election took place at the NASACT business meeting at the association's ninety-first annual conference, held in Omaha, Nebraska.

The complete list of NASACT Executive Committee officers named at the meeting includes:

- President: Jan I. Sylvis, Chief of Accounts, Tennessee
- First Vice President: Vern Larson, State Treasurer, South Dakota
- Second Vice President: Thomas H. McTavish, Auditor General, Michigan
- Secretary: Glen B. Gainer, III, State Auditor, West Virginia
- Treasurer: Nancy Kopp, State Treasurer, Maryland

The new slate of NASACT Executive Committee officers will serve until next August, when at the association's annual conference a new slate of officers will be elected.

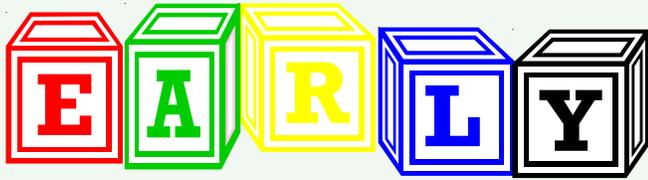
"I'm excited about my year as president of NASACT," said Sylvis. "Through cooperation and innovative thinking, NASACT can continue its mission of improving state government financial management. I expect that we'll accomplish great things this year."

The National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) is an organization for state officials who deal with the financial management of state government. NASACT's membership is comprised of officials who have been elected or appointed to the office of state auditor, comptroller or treasurer in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. For more information on NASACT or its affiliate organizations, the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) and the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC), call (859) 276-1147 or visit www.nasact.org.



Training opportunity

On November 8th, the Nashville Chapter of AGA and the Division of State Audit will be co-hosting an educational opportunity. An audio conference entitled "**The New Yellow Book - What You Need to Know**" will be held from 1:00 until 2:50. Two CPE credits will be awarded to each participant. This conference will be free to AGA members, but space is limited and seats will be reserved on a first-come basis. The cost to non-members will be \$20. To reserve your seat, email your name and daytime phone number to Donna Jewell at Donna.Jewell@state.tn.us.



The Early Careers Committee would like to welcome all early careers members to AGA! We are glad that you have decided to be a part of our organization. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of our committee. We are always glad to assist in whatever way possible. Also, we would love to hear any ideas you may have in how we may help or ways we have already helped in making your AGA experience more enjoyable and beneficial to you.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce each member of the committee and to give you our contact information.

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We have set a date for our 2nd Annual Student Careers in Government Day. The event will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007. Stay tuned for further details!



■ Drawing for CGFM Exam Fee Subsidies

This is the year to achieve the CGFM. At the November Chapter meeting, a drawing will be held for three CGFM Exam Subsidies (3 x \$109/exam), a value of \$327. If you are working in the field of government financial management, this is your opportunity to show your excellence at little cost to

yourself. Winners will still pay the \$85 registration fee or for any review materials they require. The drawing is open to non-members.

Please check the AGA website - [CGFM-Where Do I Start?](#) to make sure you meet the qualifications to take the exams. The **deadline for entry is Monday, October 30, 2007.**

The CGFM Committee will be offering free review opportunities and mentoring throughout this program year. Please contact Ron Queen, CGFM Chair (ron.queen@state.tn.us) to enter.

■ Nashville Chapter Classes

The CGFM is the designation for government financial professionals. This is the year you should strive to show your excellence by achieving the CGFM. In the coming program year there will be several opportunities for review classes:

Nashville AGA Continuing Education

- Governmental Environment March 29, 2007
- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting April 26, 2007
- Governmental Financial Management and Control May 31, 2007

Each of these classes serves as 8 hours of governmental CPE as well as qualifying for CGFM and CPA continuing education. These classes are offered free of charge. The texts for the classes are the three AGA CGFM Study Guides (available on line at [AGA CGFM Study Guides](#) at \$85 per copy).

■ Management Concepts

CGFM review classes will be offered in Nashville

Nashville, TN 3/21/2007 Governmental Environment 8 hrs
 3/22/2007-3/23/2007 Governmental Financial Management and Control
 3/26/2007-3/28/2007 Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

Please check the Management Concepts website for costs and CPE information.

■ National PDC

During this program year's National PDC in Nashville an intense review course will be made available for those wishing to take the exams at the PDC.

Nashville AGA Chapter CGFM Committee will offer weekly directed study if enough interest is expressed. Additionally, CGFM mentors can be requested by those wishing direction on their journey to attain the CGFM. We have also provided an exam review website at [Government Finance: CGFM Exam Review](#).

Please check the Chapter website for continuing education opportunities if you currently hold the CGFM. Remember 80 hours of CPE are required every two years. Please read the AGA National website section – [How Do I Maintain My CGFM?](#) for exact requirements.

If I or a member of the committee can help you please do not hesitate to contact us: Ron Queen, Rebecca Barr, Gerry Boaz, Mary Anne Queen, and Jim Raybeck. Our committee needs more committed members to help us in assisting government finance professionals, if you would be interested in serving please contact us.

NEW STANDING RESERVATION LIST

Please note that we are beginning a new Standing Reservation List. If you wish to be placed on this list, please contact Penny Austin at (615) 401-7838 or Penny.Austin@state.tn.us. **If you were on the list last year, your name will NOT be added unless I receive a request to be placed on the list.**



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers of any faith are invited to deliver the invocation at each monthly meeting. If you are interested in delivering the invocation, please contact Penny Austin via e-mail at penny.austin@state.tn.us

3 Ways to Make a Luncheon Reservation

1. **Standing Reservation** (automatic reservation each month, will still need to cancel if unable to attend) To update or make a standing reservation or to see if you have a standing reservation, go to <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html>
2. For **Reservation On-line** go to the Nashville Area Chapter website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html>.

PLEASE NOTE: Any on-line reservation made after the deadline, 6 pm the Monday before the meeting, will NOT be accepted.

3. For **Reservation** or **Cancellations** by Phone or E-mail, contact Penny Austin at (615) 401-7838 or Penny.Austin@state.tn.us

Cancellations – Made NO LATER than 6 pm on the Monday before the luncheon. A member may send someone in their place to the luncheon. If none of the above occurs, then the member must pay \$10.



October CEC Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tammy Fruscione, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, October 2, 2006, in the 15th floor conference room of the James K. Polk Building. President Gerry Boaz called the meeting to order.

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Gerry Boaz, Dianne McKay, Ann Collett, Teresa Hensley, Penny Austin, Hellens Kruszynski, Donna Duarte, Brian Derrick, Nathan Abbott, Mary Anne Queen, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Kathy Anderson, and Nichole Curtiss. Committee chairs present were Ron Queen, Teresa Kennedy, Todd Liebergen, and Suzanne Smotherman.

Welcome

Gerry Boaz welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of the September 5, 2006, CEC minutes. A motion was made by Kathy Anderson to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna Duarte; the motion passed.

Treasurer

Teresa Hensley distributed the current financial statements for review. Gerry announced that the Chapter Evaluation was submitted on September 29, 2006. He wanted to thank Suzanne Sawyers for completing the evaluation by providing her a free lunch at the October meeting.

Chapter Recognition & Committee Strategic Plans

Ann Collett reported that the newsletter has the most current points total. The strategic plan is on the website, including the brochure and the individual plans. She also will email each committee's annual plan to the CEC members. These are different from the strategic plans, and include detailed plans for the year. These plans will also be posted to the chapter's website.

Annual Report

Dianne McKay reported that the annual report will be on the table for the October Luncheon. Dianne reported to the CEC members that the cost of printing the annual report had increased significantly from last year and that an amendment to the president's budget may be needed in order to cover the printing costs.

Committee Reports:

Program

Teresa Kennedy reported that the committee was in need of speakers for the February and March 2007 meetings. We have contacted the Downtown Development Group; however, they have not yet responded. The other options being considered are the Civic Design Center (as a back-up if we can't get someone from the Downtown Development Group); the head of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; or Angie Blackshears Dalton, the first African American female judge elected in Davidson County. The committee was also presented with two other ideas such as considering presentations on citizen-centric government by Relmond Van Danicker, AGA National Executive Director, or the AICPA's 360 degrees of financial literacy program.

The committee also developed a listing of ideas for the annual social (most likely April or May of 2007) is as follows: Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Miss Marple's Dinner Theater, Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, and the Nashville Zoo.

Finance

Suzanne Smotherman reported that the history report was completed and submitted to the national office by September 30.

Education

Mary Anne Queen reported that 31 attendees participated in our audio conference on Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing on September 14. Our next audio conference will be on November 8. The subject is the New Yellow Book. As with the September 14 audio conference, this audio conference is also sponsored by State Audit. Registrations for the Business Tax Seminars have been less than expected. The deadline for early registration for the Memphis area event is October 6, and for Nashville is October 13. The committee has diligently worked on ideas to help increase attendance.

We are continuing to work on a Breakfast CPE event to be held in November at the Nashville City Club. We have been informed about a free training that will be held on January 12 by the Middle Tennessee Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Also in January is the Winter Seminar at Nashville State. It will be held on January 10- 11. A discussion was held on the possibility of changing the date and venue for the Winter Seminar so that we do not compete with the Middle Tennessee Association of Certified Fraud Examiners free CPE event.

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Early Careers

Todd Leiberger reported that President Gerry Boaz announced Michelle Earhart as committee co-chair. Charles Harrison has provided information about employer contacts and other committee business from last year. Preparations are continuing for the student careers in government day, scheduled for February 22, 2007. Jeff Hughes has joined the committee.

Awards

Donna Duarte reported on the points structure and awards that needed to be submitted to National such as for Louis Wright (Local) and Rebecca Paul (State). Ron Queen made a suggestion to contact Marlin Mosby to see if he is interested in being submitted for a private sector award. Donna had a question about the point structure and possibly giving members who provide CPE to the membership more recognition. A discussion was held to have the education committee have an Education award or just give those instructors an extra point per class taught. Dianne McKay made a motion to give AGA members who teach or participate in teaching classes for members 1 point per class. The motion was seconded by Kathy Anderson. The motion passed with Donna Duarte abstaining from the vote.

Membership

Brain Derrick reported that the membership committee discussed a new point total given the tentative point listings will be 40 points to receive a \$45 reimbursement of dues paid. A survey will be issued within the month of October utilizing the listserv email group. Bags and gifts will be given at each meeting for the member who sponsors the most new members. A member can only win once, until the final drawing. A joint committee discussed the mailing of letters to the Department Heads extolling the benefits of AGA and the CGFM.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss reported that all articles and committee information for the newsletter is due no later than Wednesday, October 11. Hellens Kruszynski will be the member profile for November and Angela McElrath-Prosser will be the member profile for December.

Community Service

Gerry Boaz reported that the Project Pencil Supply Drive has been a huge success. Tammy Fruscione and Tammy Thompson delivered a total of 27 boxes of supplies to Alex Green Elementary. The committee also presented the PE department, Music department and the Computer departments each with a \$25.00 check. There are pictures on the website regarding the donation drop. We will continue to collect donations through the October meeting at which point we will gather the items and deliver them to the school the following week. We will make an announcement regarding the collection during the November meeting.

Furthermore, the community service committee will begin the Second Harvest Food Bank Collection during the months of October and November. We are in need of individuals to volunteer to sponsor a box. Please contact Ray Register if you are interested. Ray will be making an announcement regarding the Second Harvest Food Bank at the October meeting.

CGFM

Ron Queen reported that a joint meeting was conducted on September 28 with the Membership, Early Careers, and Education Committees to coordinate cross-cutting efforts. The Membership and CGFM committee are going to produce a letter to send to the Commissioners and other Department heads to promote membership in AGA and the CGFM. The CGFM committee will produce letters for area CPA and local governments promoting the CGFM, our continuing education program, and membership. Separate surveys will be prepared by the four committees and sent out to the membership using the on-line Survey Monkey service to obtain results. The CGFM committee will meet this month to design its survey. The CGFM committee will promote the CGFM at early career functions and promote early career membership in our activities. The Education and CGFM committees have coordinated their activities between the planned CGFM training and Education offerings that also help to provide the necessary hours of CPE for CGFMs. This month the CGFM committee will promote the three CGFM subsidy drawings in November. These drawings are open to both members and nonmembers. To date, six people have signed up for the drawings.

Meetings and Attendance

Penny Austin reported that the reservation number for the October meeting is currently 81. Randy Kinnersley will give the invocation at this month's meeting. The committee met with Fred Pasteur, ACFE president, to discuss our joint meeting in November. The ACFE will handle its own reservations and will provide the chapter with a final number to confirm with the City Club. They will reimburse the chapter for our cost of \$16.80 per person.

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October CEC Meeting minutes continued

Internet

Nathan Abbott reported that one item currently was outstanding that needs to be posted. Everything else should be updated. Please submit any changes or updates to Dan Willis or Nathan Abbott

Other Business

A discussion was held on the invocation being offered at the monthly meetings. It was determined that this issue was discussed several years ago and a vote was held by the entire membership to keep the invocation. After further discussion, Brian Derrick made a motion that no further action on the invocation issue was necessary beyond continuing to promote diversity in giving the invocation and asking for volunteers to give the invocation. The motion was seconded by Kathy Anderson; the motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.



October Chapter Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tammy Fruscione, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, October 5, 2006. President Gerry Boaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Randy Kinnersly offered the invocation. The minutes of the May & September Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter. Gerry Boaz introduced the head table, guests, and new members.

Teresa Kennedy introduced the guest speaker, Kim Parham. Ms. Parham spoke about the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and its efforts in finding a cure for breast cancer. She also spoke about volunteer opportunities for the foundation. The chapter donated \$35 to the charity of Ms. Parham's choice, Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Mary Anne Queen announced the two upcoming business tax seminars. The seminar in Memphis will be held on October 18, 2006, and the seminar in Nashville will be held on October 25, 2006. She also announced an audio conference on the new Yellow Book for November 8, 2006.

Brian Derrick announced that the member retention program has consolidated the point structure to make it easier to track points. It now requires 40 points to be eligible for membership reimbursement. He also announced the drive for membership program. Each month, the member who sponsors the most new members will win a prize. This month's winner was Sandy Strickland; she sponsored three new members.

Ron Queen announced that the CGFM Exam subsidy drawing will be held in November. The chapter has three subsidies available and the drawing is open to anyone who meets the eligibility requirements to become a CGFM. Each winner will be reimbursed for taking all three parts of the exam. The subsidies have a value of \$327 each. Contact Ron or another member of the CGFM committee if you are interested in entering in the drawing.

Tammy Thompson announced that the Second Harvest Food Bank drive is underway. If you would like to sponsor a food box, please contact one of the community service committee members. More information about the food drive can be found on the chapter's website.

One door prize of \$25 was awarded to Joe Holzmer and Kathy Anderson won a book that was donated by Vanderbilt hospital. Ron Anderson provided the answer to the monthly puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Read All About It!

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Volume 1

AGA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SPONSORS MONTHLY GIVEAWAY

- WHO?** The person who sponsors the most new members for the month
- WHAT?** Goody Bags
- WHEN?** October Thru April
- WHERE?** Luncheon Meeting

Fine Print: In the event of a tie a drawing will be held; an individual can win only once per year; sponsor information will be obtained from National Reports so be sure the new member puts correct sponsor information on the application.



DON'T FORGET

THE ACTIVE MEMBER INCENTIVE!

One point system is being developed to help avoid confusion with the PDC drawing.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

CGFM Exam Fee Subsidy Drawing



If you are an AGA Nashville Chapter member and interested in taking the CGFM Exams, be sure to submit your name to the drawing for a chance at taking all three exams for FREE!! Please submit your name to Ron Queen by October 30, 2006. Ron is available by e-mail at Ron.Queen@state.tn.us or by telephone at (615) 401-7862.

Career Opportunities

For more detailed information, please visit www.nashville.aga.org/career_opportunities.htm

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Audit Director 1

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Meet Your Chapter Leadership

Hellens Kruszynski, CGFM, CPA

CEC 2-Year Director



Hellens was born in Panama City, Republic of Panama, in February of 1972. She is one girl in a family of eleven brothers and sisters – four boys and seven girls. She graduated Valedictorian from Bolivar Commercial Institute high school, located in Panama City, Republic of Panama.

She and her family moved to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky in April of 1993 where in the fall of 1995 she started college at a branch of the University of Kentucky located at Ft. Campbell. In December of 2001 she graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Austin Peay State University.

She is currently employed by the Comptroller of the Treasury's Office of State Assessed Properties and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Short term goal includes attend the Nashville School of Law. Long term goals include travel to Europe.

Her most memorable moments include becoming a mother; meeting Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul; graduating high school as "Valedictorian;" graduating Cum Laude from Austin Peay University and becoming a Naturalized Citizen of the United States of America.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

*Fighting Hunger
Feeding Hope
Feeding the hungry in
Middle Tennessee
since 1978*

Please help AGA and Second Harvest Food Bank fight hunger in Middle Tennessee. Second Harvest Food Bank manages an Emergency Food Box program to feed hungry individuals and families on an urgent-need basis. In conjunction with partner agencies throughout Nashville, Second Harvest distributes emergency food items at 14 locations throughout Davidson County. An emergency food box provides two to three-days' worth of staple food items for each member of the household. AGA is sponsoring a food drive through October.

Collection Locations

16th Floor, James K. Polk Building, contact:

14th Floor, L & C Tower contact:

If you would like to sponsor a box location, please Contact Ray Register at Ray.T.Register@state.tn.us or by

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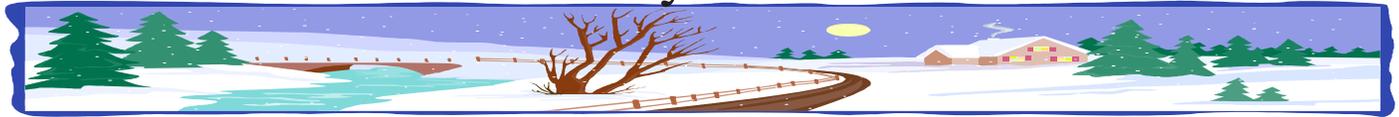
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28	29 CEC Meeting 11:00-1:00	30	31			

Looking Ahead:

February 2007 *1st: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.*
26th: CEC Meeting, 11:00-1:00
28th: Audio Conference, Internal Control (2 CPEs), TBA

March 2007 *1st: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.*
28th: Audio Conference, Procurement Fraud (2 CPEs), TBA

April 2007 *2nd: CEC Meeting, 11:00-1:00*
5th: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
30th: CEC Meeting, 11:00-1:00

May 2007 *3rd: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.*
9th: Audio Conference, Ethics (2 CPEs), TBA

Spring 2007 *Breakfast CPE (2 CPEs), TBA*

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