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

Our first meeting of the new program year was a huge success. The September 7 meeting provided many members the opportunity to get others excited about AGA. The result of our members' efforts brought in over 30 guests to the meeting. With the large number of members and guests present at the first meeting, this provides us with a great chance to educate others about aspects of our Chapter's mission, vision, and values. Last month I focused on leadership. This month's message focuses on the value of **service** to our members, potential members, and mankind in general.

I cannot begin a message about service without highlighting the efforts of our Community Service committee. Their efforts have provided us with several opportunities for donating our time and money. Some of these opportunities include the Project Pencil school supplies drive, Second Harvest Food Bank's Emergency Food Box Program, Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA), National Public Television (NPT) pledge drive, Little Angels, Little Soldiers, Music City Marathon, and Prevention of Unwanted Pets (PUP). A few of these voluntary efforts are

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CHAPTER MEETING
Thursday, October , 2006
 11:30 a.m.
Kim Parham and
Diane Titus

COST: \$10.00 per member

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

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

Chapter Recognition Points YTD May 1 to August 31, 2006	Annual National Maximum Points 2006-07
Leadership 2,525	3,000
Education 450	4,000
Certification 950	4,000
Communication 1,733	3,000
Membership 25	3,000
Early Careers 350	2,000
Community Service 200	2,000
Awards 1,500	1,000
Total Points YTD 7,733	22,000
Chapter Goal	10,000

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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.

October Speakers

Kim Parham and Diane Titus



The Susan G. Komen
Breast Cancer Foundation

About Kim Parham



A native Nashvillian, Kim is a Registered Nurse. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Kim started her nursing career at West Side Hospital. In 1999, while working at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, TN, Kim became a breast health specialist. From 2002-2005, Kim was the TN Breast and Cervical Early Detection Screening Program coordinator for the South Central Region. An active Komen volunteer since 1999, Kim recently resigned her Board position to accept a staff position with the Affiliate as Community Outreach and Education Coordinator. In addition to her part-time position with the Greater Nashville Affiliate, Kim is married and the mother and taxi driver of two teenagers.



About Diane Titus

Diane Titus is also a native Nashvillian, graduating from Peabody College at Vanderbilt. After teaching children with learning disabilities and 10 years at First American Bank, Diane started a consulting business, Strategic Educational Initiatives, Inc. Diane has consulted with both individuals and management in communication and interpersonal skill enhancement, conflict management and resolution, team building, performance management and developing coaching, management and supervisory skills. Diane is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nashville Affiliate for 2006-2007, having served as Strategic Planning Chair the previous year.



President's Message continued

already underway and provide a great chance for us to support worthy causes and, most importantly, those in need.

As I have mentioned before, we have many talented members in the Nashville Chapter. I encourage each of you to use your talents to serve the membership in any way you feel comfortable. For instance, many opportunities still exist for you to serve on a Chapter committee. If you do not know which committee to serve on, visit the Nashville AGA website and review our strategic plan to get an idea of each committee's purpose and to determine which committee is the best fit for you. Becoming actively involved in Chapter activities is the best way to obtain the most benefits from AGA membership. An added bonus is getting to work or network with other talented, professional individuals within the Chapter.

Above all else, we must realize that serving others by volunteering our time and money makes us recognize that life's fulfillment goes well beyond self-indulgence or the "me-me-me attitude." Everyone at some point in life begins to understand that only focusing on ourselves misses the opportunities to serve and help others who truly are in need. We as Americans often show our many strengths as a nation when we are faced with tragedy. However, many people volunteer in numerous ways where publicity is unavailable and not sought after. What typically happens, as we saw with the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and with Hurricane Katrina, is that many individuals volunteered their time, money, and talents to help others. No one had a political agenda. It was simply the American people, as usual, showing their heartfelt compassion for fellow neighbors, friends, and countrymen. Helping others and experiencing someone else's joy typically brings more satisfaction and personal development than if we think of ourselves first. Throughout history societies have flourished when its citizens helped those in most need. This does not mean pity; it means charity, compassion, and love for one another. Thus, it is better to give than receive as the old adage goes. Often times, volunteerism or service might only require a smile, complimenting someone, helping others feel better about themselves by focusing on the good and positive, instead of tearing someone down. Smiles cost nothing but have a huge impact on someone's day. Smiling is contagious; try it every day.



"If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he's traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Project Pencil Supply Drive

The Community Service Committee is eager and excited to begin AGA's 2006-2007 year. We are sending out a list of items that we will be collecting this year. Along with each item you will notice a designated number; these are Project Pencil's suggested amounts to give each teacher. In the past we have given the items to the principal to hand out as needed per student. This year Project Pencil is requesting that we give them to each teacher. Our goal is to give each teacher at Alex Green Elementary the amount requested. Collection will continue until the October 2006 AGA luncheon.

Items can be dropped off at any time before the October 2006 AGA luncheon at the designated drop off sites listed below. They will also be accepted at the luncheons.

We are in need of individuals who are willing to maintain a drop box. If anyone is interested contact Tammy Fruscione, 615-747-5221 or e-mail her at tammy.fruscione@state.tn.us.

Drop off sites for Wish List:

- 1) James K. Polk Bldg, Department of State Audit 16th floor Conference Room, (Tammy Fruscione, 747-5221)
- 2) L & C Tower, 14th floor, (Ray Register, 532-0216)
- 3) Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor (Amy Sharp, 532-1622)
- 4) Parkway Towers, 15th Floor (Todd Liebergen, 532-8577)
- 5) 9th Floor Andrew Jackson Bldg. (Britt Wood, 253-2018)
- 6) 14th Floor Tennessee Tower (Ann Collett, 253-2159)

Shopping Checklist

Qty. Supply

_____	5	Bottles of Glue
_____	5	Glue Sticks
_____	5	Crayons (24 Count)
_____	5	Washable Markers
_____	5	Dry Erase Markers
_____	5	Plastic Rulers (centimeters and inches)
_____	5	Scissors with Blunt edge

Qty. Supply

_____	5	Pencil Box or Pouch
_____	5	Hand Sanitizer or Liquid Soap
_____	5	Boxes of Tissue
_____	5	Erasers
_____	10	Pocket Folders with Brads
_____	10	Notebook Paper (wide rule or primary tablet)
_____	10	Pencils (#2)

The students will also need the appropriate workbooks that can be purchased through the school; therefore, any monetary donations made will be designated for these items unless otherwise noted by the donor.

Any other item that is age appropriate will be accepted. All items don't need to be new, only in good condition.

Thank you for all your support with this project and all other community service projects.

News from National

On Tracking of Pensions, No Consensus

The disclosure that New York City uses two different methods to gauge its pension funds—one showing they are fully funded, and another showing a \$49 billion deficit—has heaped fuel on a long-running debate over how to value pensions. The debate, being waged among actuaries, accountants and economists, is more than theoretical. Last week *The New York Times* reported that while officials usually describe New York City's pension plans as close to fully funded, an alternate calculation in the back of the plans' annual reports shows a \$49 billion shortfall. If the alternate calculation has merit, the city will probably be forced to raise taxes or cut services at some point, to provide all the money promised to its retirees. The question of which method is more reliable has nationwide implications. New York City's chief actuary, Robert C. North, is thought to be the only public pension official in the country to have done the second pension calculation—which is more like the way a bank might account for its money. If actuaries for the many other towns and states with pension plans were to follow suit, big deficits would probably start popping up from coast to coast. —Mary Williams Walsh and Michael Cooper, *The New York Times*. **To read the entire story visit** <http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/agatoday/articles/090506/pensions.aspx>

U.S. Entities Lose Estimated \$652 Billion to Fraud

According to the *2006 Report to the Nation on Occupational Fraud and Abuse*, Certified Fraud Examiners (CFEs) estimate that the typical organization loses 5 percent of its annual revenues to fraud. When applied to the estimated 2006 U.S. Gross Domestic Product, that translates to \$652 billion lost to fraud. Frauds in the study caused a median loss of \$159,000 and took 18 months to detect. Most of the frauds in the study involved either the accounting department (30 percent) or upper management (20 percent). The study also discussed the effectiveness of confidential fraud hotlines: "Occupational frauds are more likely to be detected by a tip than by other means such as internal audits, external audits or internal controls." —Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Download the 2006 Report to the Nation at <http://www.acfe.com/documents/2006-rttn.pdf>

Call for Nominations for AGA's National and Regional Leadership Team

If you're interested in the opportunity to shape the Association's programs, advance your profession and represent members' interest in the government accountability community then submit your nomination TODAY for these National Board of Directors positions:

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services - Section II
- Senior Vice President At-Large
- Regional Vice Presidents-Elect

Those elected will take office on July 1, 2007 and serve a three-year term of office. For more information on the requirements of each position visit the governance section (www.agacgfm.org/about/governance) of AGA's website. An e-submission of your completed nomination form (www.agacgfm.org/about/downloads/NominationForm.doc) is due to Rosanna Ortiz at rortiz@agacgfm.org by Friday, **October 27, 2006**.



Certification! It's Fantastic.

by Gerry Boaz, CGFM, CPA

March 2006 and March 2005. Do these dates conjure up any memories? If that memory is forgetting an anniversary or birthday, you would be incorrect. However, they have everything to do with Governor Bredesen and the state legislature proclaiming March as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. In addition, Mayor Purcell proclaimed March 2006 as CGFM month. Why is the proclamation important? Several reasons come to mind.

First, the tone at the top from the government's highest levels of management must demonstrate that a qualified, professional workforce is important to management. This message also needs to be conveyed to the employees. The proclamation process clearly lets the employees know that management takes their professional development and initiative to become certified seriously. Another positive to this process is the fact that the employees who may have no idea what AGA and the CGFM are will begin asking questions about the organization and designation. This is the beginning phase of enhancing professional development.

Second, the proclamation paves the way for a multi-faceted approach in educating the public, employers, employees, and others about the CGFM. For instance, aggressively marketing the value of the CGFM to governmental employers and the public raises awareness of the designation and drives curiosity. Furthermore, employers need to be encouraged to use the CGFM among qualifications for employment and promotion. Attaining the CGFM designation provides the recipient with AGA's Code of Ethics as both a standard of behavior to aspire to and a guide for making ethical decisions. In addition, continuing professional education (CPE) is required to ensure the competency of the certificate holder. These strategies will help promote the CGFM designation by marketing the service mark, by assisting potential candidates in attaining certification, and by supporting current CGFMs.

This certainly is not an easy task in a well-established Chapter such as ours with a majority of its membership already having obtained the designation. The CGFM committee welcomed the challenge, though, and determined that a long-term strategy was warranted. By focusing on the governmental and private sector entities not well-represented in our Chapter while continuing to serve our existing members, we can increase our AGA chapter membership and also provide potential members with the skill sets necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing workforce. Furthermore, by educating the commissioners, directors, and other leaders in state, local, and federal leadership positions about the benefits of AGA and especially the CGFM, we are able to demonstrate how the CGFM benefits the employer and the employee. This process becomes a top-down and bottom-up approach because employees will begin asking upper management why they are not encouraged and compensated for advancing their professional development through attaining the CGFM designation.

Finally, the global workforce is ever-changing in that different skill-sets are required today that were not even dreamed about 25 years ago. Therefore, one must ask the question, "If I have the same educational credentials as someone else interviewing for the same job but the other person has a designation relevant to the government environment, will I get the job?" Chances are with everything else being equal, you will not. The CGFM designation demonstrates to potential employers that you take your career and professional development seriously, as well as maintaining a high standard for government accountability and performance. Can the CGFM convey all of these characteristics or elements? In short, it can, but it does require effort. Never underestimate the power of personal and professional development and the confidence that it can produce.

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Certification! It's Fantastic. Continued

You might be saying to yourself, "Self, I am interested in becoming certified. But, what are the requirements for becoming certified?" The pathway to certification is as simple as the three E's: E+E+E (See Exhibit 1.).

Exhibit 1: The CGFM Formula



The first step relates to **education**. A Bachelor's degree with 24 credit hours of study in accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics and related financial management courses is required. Next, obtain two years of professional-level government financial management **experience**. Finally, you must pass three **examinations** in a three-year eligibility period. You can begin taking the examinations and pass all three any time after receiving your degree, but you must meet the experience requirement before you are awarded your certification. Once you become certified you will need to maintain your certification by adhering to the AGA Code of Ethics, obtaining 80 CPE hours every two years, and paying your annual renewal fee.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Are you interested in the CGFM Certification? The National AGA office intends again to offer a special Intensive Review Course and the ability to take the CGFM examinations at the June 2007 National Professional Development Conference (PDC) here in Nashville.

[Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM!](#)



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!

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 Kevin Huffman 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.



May Awards Lunch Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Nathan Abbott, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its May monthly meeting at the Wildhorse Saloon on Thursday, May 4, 2006. President Dianne McKay called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Ray Register offered the invocation. The minutes of the April Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the May newsletter. Dianne McKay introduced the guests and new members.

The following awards and special recognitions were given at the meeting:

Dianne announced that Wilma Johnston won the PDC hotel scholarship that was given out at the May CEC meeting. She also announced that the names of all members eligible for the membership dues subsidy will be posted on the chapter website. Request for reimbursement should be made to Brian Derrick and Britt Wood so that payment can be requested no later than June 29. You must provide proof of payment in order to receive the reimbursement.

Wilma Johnston announced the scholarship recipients:

Ellis Scholarship: Ruth Kinnersley
Snodgrass Scholarship: Da Norm

Melinda Parton recognized the chapter members who were retiring this year and thanked them for their service and contributions to Nashville's AGA Chapter. Both retirees were founding members of the Nashville Chapter. Jack Henry and Charles Bridges were the two retirees recognized and each received a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice.

Ray Register gave the community service award to Ann Collett. Ann was the only member who volunteered at all of the community service activities that required a time commitment.

Dianne McKay announced the Membership Awards. Gerry Boaz and Kathy Anderson each received \$50 for sponsoring two new members this year. The winner of the new member drawing was Amy Abbott, who received a check for \$50. Another drawing was held of chapter members who had sponsored a new member; the winner of that drawing was Amy Czerwinski.

Nichole Curtiss and Jennifer McClendon presented the Newsletter Awards. Each person who submitted an article to the chapter newsletter received a certificate of appreciation. The third place award was given to Gerry Boaz. He received \$50 for his article on the CGFM certification and its importance. The second place award was given to Nathan Abbott. He received \$75 for his article on phishing. The first place award was given to Melvin Jones. He received \$100 for his article on the importance of communication skills in audit and financial reviews.

Wilma Johnston presented the Member of the Year Award to Glen McKay.

Dianne McKay presented President's Award to Kathy Anderson and Chuck Holland. She thanked them for all their hard work, endless efforts, and dedication to the chapter. Each of them received a gift from the chapter.

Nathan Abbott was the winner of the trip to the National PDC in San Diego. Phil Carr was selected as an alternate.

Two door prizes of \$25 each were given to Terry Mason and Maher Wasef.

Dianne McKay conducted the installation of the new officers.

Dianne McKay thanked everyone for their hard work this year and stated that this program year had been very successful. She started her presidency with the goal of providing quality educational opportunities and giving back to the members as much as possible to encourage active membership. She felt this year was successful in accomplishing those goals. She also thanked all those that worked on the Regional PDC and those that served on the Executive Committee and as Committee Chairs. She passed the gavel to Gerry Boaz as the Chapter President for the next program year.

Gerry stated his priorities for the upcoming program year as expanding membership, addressing membership needs, placing more emphasis on certifications, increasing educational opportunities available to members, and involvement in community service efforts.

Ron Anderson gave the answer to the puzzle and then the meeting was adjourned.



September CEC Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tammy Fruscione, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Dianne McKay, Ann Collett, Teresa Hensley, Penny Austin, Nathan Abbott, Robbie Hunter, Tammy Fruscione, Mary Anne Queen, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Kathy Anderson, and Nichole Curtiss. Committee chairs present were Todd Liebergen, Tammy Thompson, Ray Register, Suzanne Smotherman, Britt Wood, and Dan Willis.

Welcome

Gerry Boaz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of August 14th CEC Minutes

Gerry Boaz asked for approval of the August 14, 2006, CEC minutes. A motion was made by Nathan Abbott to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ann Collett and passed.

Treasurer

Teresa Hensley distributed the current financial statements for review. Beth Pugh has received the prior year review papers and she is currently preparing the chapter evaluation. Teresa and Gerry Boaz purchased a six month CD in the amount of \$10,000. A second checking account has been setup for PayPal.

Chapter Recognition & Committee Strategic Plans

Ann Collett reported that the strategic plan has been updated and with the assistance of Sherri Joyner from the Comptroller's office, is in the print shop and will be ready for distribution at the upcoming meeting to be held on September 7, 2006.

The National Office had asked for specific committee plans to be submitted.

Plans were submitted to the National Office, the Regional Vice President, and the Senior Vice President for Regional Services on August 30, 2006, for the following committees: CGFM, Early Careers, Education, Meetings and Program, Membership, and Community Service.

A total of 5,383 points were submitted to National for the first quarter that covers May through July 2006. Committee chairs are reminded to report activity monthly that occurs outside of the newsletter, website, and chapter meetings that qualifies for points. Ann maintains a spreadsheet and wants to update it monthly. For any August activity please have the information to her by Thursday, September 7, 2006.

Annual Report

Gerry Boaz reported that the Annual Report should be ready by the October meeting.

Committee Reports

Program

Robbie Hunter reported that the speaker for the September meeting is Beth Curley, Nashville Public Television CEO and President. Robbie will introduce Ms. Curley during the September meeting. The committee has lined up someone from the Komen Center for the October meeting. They are still collecting information regarding the social event.

Finance

Suzanne Smotherman reported that she sent the history report to the prior year's officers and committee chairs for confirmation. Several of these individuals have already reviewed the final history report and the initial changes have been made. The report must be submitted to National by September 30, 2006, thus any changes need to be in to her by September 11, 2006.

Education

Mary Anne Queen reported that the committee is receiving internet registrations for the Business Tax Seminars. The first one is to be held in the Memphis area on October 18, 2006, at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center, and the next seminar is in Nashville on October 25, 2006, at the Willis Conference Center. There is an Audio Conference on Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing scheduled for September 14, 2006. It is being sponsored by State Audit. The newly created 2006-2007

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Continuing Professional Education Program has been submitted to National. The Winter Seminar will be held on January 10, 2006 and January 11, 2006, at Nashville State Community College. The committee is currently working on a Breakfast CPE opportunity to be held in November. Mary Anne will be making an announcement at the September meeting.

Early Careers

Todd Leiberger reported that a meeting was held on August 28, 2006 with Michelle Earhart, Randy Kinnersley, Todd Leiberger, Mary McCalip, Robyn Probus, and Clare Tucker present in person or via telephone. Georgia Varble provided information and paperwork for the library. A facility reservation for Thursday, February 22, 2007, has been submitted. Additional work that was dependent on a date can now proceed. The list of higher learning faculty and staff will be verified. A list of employer contacts will be compiled. Dan Willis will be contacted about the online reservation form. The September newsletter had an early careers article and the committee is helping to draft a newsletter article for inclusion in the October Newsletter. There is a career fair at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on February 13, 2007. Clare believed that AGA would be welcome and passed along the name of Elaine Driver as a contact for that project. In addition to the response from the September newsletter article, Michelle will work with Ann Taylor-Tharpe, Elaine Driver, Phil Carr, and others to compile a list of early careers members based on the AGA list and lists of new hires within Metro and the State of Tennessee. There was a preliminary discussion of a social event for early careers members. Additional discussion and planning may occur in the future.

Awards

Gerry Boaz reported that Donna Duarte met with Ann Collett, Ron Queen and himself on September 9, 2006. They looked at the points structure used by Awards for the PDC Drawing and Membership for the renewal incentives. A proposed universal structure was discussed. Nominees are still needed for the Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award and the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award. A spreadsheet for each committee and procedures will be submitted monthly.

Membership

Britt Wood handed out a list of members and a copy of the tentative membership survey was handed out for review. The survey was shortened in order to help receive more responses. It was felt that a longer survey may cause a disinterest in the completion. The surveys will be sent out via email. Any corrections or suggestions on revising the survey need to be brought to Britt Wood or Brian Derrick. Each month the member who sponsors the most new members will receive a goodie bag. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held. The committee is currently working on giving away a larger prize at the end of the year. Once the prize(s) are confirmed, more details will be given. Members are encouraged to review the suspended list. Brian Derrick will be making an announcement at the September meeting.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss reported that newsletter submissions must be in no later than Wednesday, September 13, 2006. Ann Collett will be the member profile for the October newsletter and Tammy Thompson will be the member profile for the November newsletter.

Community Service

Tammy Fruscione reported that the Project Pencil school supply drive was going well. The committee has completed five boxes so far. The most needed items are school pencil boxes, rulers, wide rule paper, and folders. Tammy Fruscione will make an announcement during the September meeting. Ray Register reported the collection drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank's Emergency Food Box Program will run through October. An announcement and list of requested items will be prepared for the October Newsletter, and Ray will make an announcement at the October meeting. Tammy Thompson reported that the committee is currently reviewing VITA and will continue to gather information in hopes of maintaining a site in Columbia, TN.

CGFM

Rebecca Barr reported that a meeting between Early Careers, Membership, and Education needs to be held in order to coordinate the activities throughout the year. A part of the meeting is to design a survey instrument to find out why there is a lack of interest in the CGFM.

Meetings and Attendance

Penny Austin reported that the confirmed number of meeting attendees for the September luncheon was 116; of this number 28 are guests. Melvin Jones will be giving the invocation.

September CEC Meeting minutes continued

Internet

Dan Willis reported that all submitted updates have been posted. In conjunction with the education committee, registrations are being processed via the web site. Credit card payments for all major educational events are being accepted via PayPal. Please email Nathan Abbott or Dan Willis with any updates, including items to be posted to the Nashville AGA calendar.

Policies and Procedures

Gerry Boaz reported that a meeting will be held to discuss PDC point structures and to clarify the meaning of “participating in a community service event.”

Gerry Boaz announced that Melvin Jones, Brian Derrick, Robbie Hunter and Mary Anne Queen will sit at the head table at the September meeting.

The next CEC meeting is set for October 2, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned.



September Chapter Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tammy Fruscione, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its September monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, September 7, 2006. President Gerry Boaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Todd Liebergen offered the invocation. Gerry Boaz introduced the head table, guests, and new members.

Robbie Hunter introduced guest speaker, Beth Curley, President and CEO of Nashville Public Television. Ms. Curley spoke on what Nashville Public Television’s role for middle Tennessee, especially Nashville, the state as a whole, and all across the country offers the. The chapter donated \$35 to the charity of Ms. Curley’s choice, Family and Children’s Services.

Gerry Boaz announced that the 2006-2007 Strategic Plans are available in hard copy and will be available on the website. Paul Fimano passed the CGFM. He also announced that the internet committee would like for everyone to remember to check their Groupwise quarantine notifications in their email accounts for AGA’s monthly emails.

Mary Anne Queen announced there are two upcoming Business Tax Seminars. One seminar will be held in Nashville on October 25, 2006 and the second being held in Memphis on October 18, 2006. Anyone interested can register and pay online. A Risk Assessment on Performance Audits audio seminar being held on September 14, 2006. She also announced that this year, for the first time, there is an online education program. CPE Certificates for today’s meeting were available at the registration desk.

Tammy Fruscione announced that the Project Pencil supply drive was going well. The committee has been able to compile five boxes so far. There is a need for school pencil boxes, rulers, folders with 3 prongs, and wide rule paper. Anyone interested in donating items can do so at the drop sites listed on the website or in this month’s newsletter. She also reminded everyone that we will be helping with NPT’s phone pledge drive.

Two door prizes were given away. A PDC bag was awarded to Robin Probus and a door prize of \$50 was awarded to Louis Ashby. Ron Anderson provided the answers 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 27, 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

**Tennessee Department of Economic
and Community Development**
Staff Auditor

Contact:
Mollie Mennell
Internal Audit Director
615-253-1760
Mollie.Mennell@state.tn.us

Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Audit Director 1

Contact:
Debra Valentine
Inspector General
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**Tennessee Department of Commerce and
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Department of the Treasury
Auditor 1 (minimum salary \$31,536)

Contact:
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Finance and Administration
ERP Consultant 1 (beginning salary \$34,000)

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615-253-2980 F
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Meet Your Chapter Leadership

Ann Collett, CGFM, CPA President -Elect



Ann is currently serving the Chapter as President-elect . She has lived in Nashville most of her life. Ann has been a member of AGA for 21 years, joining the month after she started work at State Audit. She has also been the Director of Internal Audit at Nashville State Tech. She now works as a Financial Oversight Coordinator in the Department of Finance and Administration- Division of Accounts where she has been for six years. She is one of the preparers of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ann has her BBA in Accounting from Lambuth College and her MBA from Tennessee State University.

Ann has served two different terms on the Chapter's Executive Committee as a two-year director. Over the years she has been on the Program, Education, Awards, Membership and Regional PDC committees. She won the Community Service Award last year for her participation in the various Chapter activities. One of her favorites is working the phone banks at Channel 8. She is on the host committees for both the National AGA PDC that will be in Nashville in June 2007 and for the National NASACT conference to be held in Nashville in August 2007.

Ann is currently a member of the improvisational comedy troupe, Improv Nashville(IN). IN performs at various venues in town and you can check out their website at www.improvnashville.com. If you went to the Regional PDC in March, IN was the group that performed at lunch one day. In addition to improvised shows, the troupe is starting work on a Christmas sketch comedy show. For exercise and stress relief Ann is an avid Jazzerciser. Ann and her husband, Jim Haney, are Titans season ticket holders and can be found screaming "defense!!" in the north end zone at home games.



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 CEC Meeting 11:00-1:00	3	4	5 AGA Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Business Tax Seminar - Bartlett	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Business Tax Seminar - Nashville	26	27	28
29	30 CEC Meeting 11:00-1:00	31				

November 2006



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 AGA Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8 Audio Conf. - James K. Polk Bldg	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2006



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4 CEC Meeting 11:00-1:00	5	6	7 AGA Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m.	8	9
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24/ 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Looking Ahead:

November 2006: Breakfast CPE (2 CPEs), TBA

***January 2007 4th: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
10th-11th: Winter Seminar (16 CPEs)
Nashville State Community College***

***February 2007 1st: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
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 5th: AGA Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

May 2007 9th: Audio Conference, Ethics (2 CPEs), TBA

Spring 2007 Breakfast CPE (2 CPEs), TBA

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