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**President's Message**

It seems that every year when December rolls around, I realize that I need CPE hours. And with every January, I resolve that I will get my hours earlier in the year. It's a vicious cycle.

But it's more than just the hours; I also have the need for education. We work in an environment that is continually changing with new pronouncements and regulations. The seminars and conferences provided by AGA have always kept me up to date and have helped me to be better in my job.

I want to thank Mason Ball and the Education Committee for the Business Tax Seminars that they have organized this fall. While these are not directly targeted to many of our AGA members, they generate funds that allow our Chapter to keep our luncheons at a reasonable price, subsidize our community service events, provide our other educational events at a low cost, and hold our annual social event. And I'm looking forward to the CPE events that are planned for the coming year. They will be great opportunities for all of us to learn and grow in our professions.

On another note, I want to congratulate Jim Arnette who will be serving as the Regional Vice President-Elect of the Southeastern Region of AGA next year. It's an honor for Jim as well as our Chapter to have him in this position, and I know that every-

one will support him as he accepts this responsibility.

Wow, a new year is already here. Whether we admit it or not, I think most of us make some resolutions. I resolve to get my CPE hours earlier in the year. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming educational events. Have a great new year!

| <b>Chapter Recognition Points YTD</b><br>(through December 12, 2003) |               |
|--|---------------|
| Leadership   | 2,525         |
| Education  | 3,150         |
| Certification  | 2,075         |
| Communication  | 3,450         |
| Membership   | 150           |
| Community Service  | 2,800         |
| Awards   | <u>1,200</u>  |
| Total Points YTD   | <b>15,350</b> |
| <b>Chapter Goal</b>  | <b>10,000</b> |



**CHAPTER MEETING**

**Thursday**  
**January 15, 2004**

**Speaker:**  
**David Manning**

11:30 a.m. - Cumberland Club  
**COST: \$8.00 per member**

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

If necessary you may call  
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by 4:30 p.m. Monday,  
January 12, 2004

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## News from National

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### KPMG Survey Shows Companies Finding More Fraud

A new survey by accounting firm and AGA Corporate Partner KPMG reveals that more companies are uncovering fraud and taking action against those who commit it. The survey showed that 75 percent of respondents report they have uncovered fraud in their organizations in the last year, compared with 62 percent of executives responding to a similar survey in 1998. Employee fraud occurred the most frequently, although financial reporting and medical/insurance fraud were much more costly. “Companies and their boards are more intent on uncovering fraud and misconduct as a direct result of corporate governance legislation and other mandates, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, put in place over the past two years,” said Richard H. Girgenti, partner in charge of KPMG’s forensic practice. KPMG’s 2003 report surveyed executives at 459 U.S. public companies, with revenues of more than \$250 million, and at state and federal government agencies. —*AccountingWeb*. Read more at [www.accountingweb.com/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=98402](http://www.accountingweb.com/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=98402).

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### 2004 Call for Awards - AGA Continues Its Proud Tradition of Showcasing the Best and Brightest!

AGA’s National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for 10 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence:

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| -Robert W. King Memorial Award                   | -Einhorn-Gary Award                                |
| -Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award | -Educator Award                                    |
| -Achievement of the Year Award                   | -Chapter Service Award                             |
| -Special Achievement Award                       | -Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award |
| -Chapter Education Award                         | -Community Service Award                           |

These awards will be presented during AGA’s Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Washington, D.C. June 27-30, 2004. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due Friday, March 5, 2004. Please visit <http://24.104.71.15/membership/awards/>, for a MicrosoftWord version of the forms and more information or contact Sebrina Bridgers at [sbridgers@agacgm.org](mailto:sbridgers@agacgm.org) or 800.AGA.7211, ext. 131.

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### Social Programs Suffer as States Weather Fiscal Crises

According to the Urban Institute, low-income families with children have become increasingly dependent on the fiscal health of the state they live in, as responsibility for many social programs moves from the federal government to the states. The report says virtually every state has had trouble raising enough revenue to cover expenditures, a sharp contrast to the prosperity of the late 1990s. “The new state fiscal crisis has forced states to make choices they were previously able to avoid,” the report says. —*The Urban Institute*. Read more at [www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=310888](http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=310888).

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### Register Now for National Leadership Conference

AGA is proud to present the Second Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC), Feb. 19-20, 2004, in Washington, D.C. “First Responders: Financial Leadership in an Era of Crisis” will bring together federal, state and local government leaders to discuss common challenges. In an age of heightened security and increased demand for services, the three levels of government are working together to do more with less. Hear from top-ranking government leaders who are facing these challenges head on. In addition to an outstanding technical program, the NLC offers excellent networking opportunities, an Exhibit Hall showcasing the latest innovations in financial management and accountability, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours. Early registration fees (by Jan. 16) are \$500 for AGA members and \$675 for nonmembers. Register online and save \$25! For more information, please visit [www.agacgm.org/nlc](http://www.agacgm.org/nlc).

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### This Month’s Featured AGA CPE Subscription

AGA has teamed with SmartPros to develop an online library that features hundreds of course titles and more than 1,000 credit hours of NASBA-certified content. This month’s featured subscription is “The Government/Not-for-profit CPA Report (CPAR) Online.” All-you-can-learn member pricing is just \$119 (regular price \$169). This annual CPE subscription program is designed specifically for practitioners in the fields of governmental and nonprofit accounting. Each quarter four programs covering the newest topics in the field are added. An offline video series for the corporate training environment is also available. View the catalog, demo a course and get more details on this program at <http://education.smartpros.com/aga>.

## Meeting Minutes

### December CEC Meeting

*Submitted by Beth Pendergrass*

The Nashville Area Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, December 15, 2003, at 505 Deaderick Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, from 11:30 until 1:45. In attendance were Phil Carr, CGFM, Melinda Parton, CGFM, Jim Arnette, CGFM, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Melvin Jones, Jr., CGFM, Beth Pendergrass, CGFM, Tammy Thompson, Tammy Farley, Jennifer, McClendon, CGFM, Mary Anne Queen, CGFM, Donna Duarte, Mason Ball, CGFM, Dan Willis, CGFM, Kim Dorsey, Rebecca Barr, and Nichole Curtiss.

### Welcome

Phil Carr welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

### Approval of CEC Minutes

Phil Carr asked if there were corrections to the minutes published in the December newsletter. He noted that Alan Staley's e-mail address was incorrect in the minutes, and that was the only correction noted. Melinda Parton made a motion that the minutes be approved with that correction. Jennifer McClendon seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### By Laws

Mr. Carr stated that the revised Chapter Bylaws are ready for approval by the membership. Jim Arnette stated that the monthly meeting should be opened for voting on the acceptance of the bylaws. Mr. Arnette stated he would make a motion at the monthly meeting to approve the bylaws and would ask Art Alexander to second the motion. A voice vote of the membership can then be taken.

### Committee Reports

#### Treasurer

Angela McElrath-Prosser reported that the bank balance is \$8,708.59 and there is a CD of \$22,634.87. Additionally, she received some revenue in November that will not show up on the deposits until December.

#### Finance

Melvin Jones asked members to forward information for the history report to him.

#### Chapter Recognition

Melinda Parton stated the chapter has accumulated 15,350 recognition points as of December 12, 2003. Ms. Parton also mentioned we could receive additional points by including the CGFM designation beside member's names in the newsletter as well as reminding members of AGA training as well as the training of other organizations.

#### Early Careers

Jennifer McClendon reported that at the January meeting, the committee would award some Early Career members with seats in the Tax Seminar. An announcement will be placed in the newsletter.

#### Membership

Phil Carr reminded members of the CEC about the national membership campaign. All information is available on the National AGA website. Mr. Carr passed around a listing of members who have not renewed their membership and asked all present to review the listing. He also reported that the chapter has signed eleven new members this year. Mr. Carr also provided a listing of Early Career members to Tammy Farley and Jennifer McClendon for selecting their January winners.

### Education

Mason Ball reported that the chapter finished up the last of the three Business Tax seminars, each offering 8 hours of CPE, last Thursday and that we fell substantially short on projected revenues. We received \$19,310 in revenue and currently have \$9,528 in expenditures. We have not yet received expenditures for the speaker's travel. Mr. Ball felt that mailing the brochures in October contributed to the low turnout in Jackson. He recommends that if the chapter does hold these seminars next year that they have the brochures mailed no later than August. Mr. Ball also reported that the Department of Revenue mentioned that Chattanooga may need someone to hold a seminar due to a disagreement between UT-Chattanooga and the Department of Revenue. The department mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce may be interested in helping to sponsor such an event. It was also noted that there is an AGA chapter in Chattanooga, and it would be advisable to coordinate with them regarding a tax seminar in that vicinity. Mr. Ball stated he will make an announcement at Thursday's meeting regarding the January and February seminars.

### Internet

Dan Willis asked members to notify him if they knew of any changes he needs to make to the website.

### Awards

Donna Duarte is getting the letters to schools for scholarships to mail in January.

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## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **Meetings and Attendance**

Tammy Thompson reported the committee thought only twelve people had made reservations, but felt that number could be incorrect. Ms. Thompson suggested that some people would like to hear the speaker, but do not want lunch because of State Audit's open house and Christmas party. Phil Carr suggested that Ms. Thompson contact the Cumberland Club to see if they could accommodate the situation. Ms. Thompson also reported that Melvin Jones will lead the prayer at the luncheon meeting.

### **Program**

Phil Carr reported that Steve Adams will be speaking at the meeting on Thursday and that Sharon Wahlstrom is attempting to schedule speakers for both January and February. Mr. Carr noted that any speaker suggestions should be sent to Ms. Wahlstrom.

### **Newsletter**

Nichole Curtiss reported that all articles for the January newsletter are due on Friday and that because of the Christmas holiday, she would not have the newsletter printed until December 29, 2003.

### **CGFM**

Rebecca Barr reported the committee held an e-mail meeting. The committee is trying to determine how much interest there is in the Exam 2 Training Study Session so they can decide where to hold the Session. This session is tentatively scheduled for February 2004.

### **Community Service**

Tammy Farley reported that AGA sponsored more than 40 Salvation

Army Angels and Little Soldiers. The committee was invited to tour the Salvation Army warehouse and Ms. Farley stated the committee would see if members could be involved sorting toys in the warehouse next year. She also stated that the Little Soldiers recipients were very appreciative. Ms. Farley stated that the Channel 8 fundraiser held on December 4, 2003, went very well. The committee will be selling Citipass books though the end of December.

### **Budget Review**

Mr. Carr asked the committees to review their budget situations to see if there is some money that could be reallocated. The next step would be to determine if we need a formal Budget Revision.

### **Strategic Plan**

Phil Carr reported the committee had not met due to illness, but they would reschedule the meeting. Mr. Carr noted that the problem encountered with the Business Tax Seminars is a good example of why we need a long range plan.

### **E-mail Addresses**

Phil Carr believes he is not receiving e-mail, which is probably due to the Metro Nashville e-mail system address change reaching its grace-period limit. Dan Willis has updated the e-mails and feels everything should now work properly. Mr. Willis also noted that if someone is not receiving e-mails, they can visit the chapter's web site and sign up, even if they have signed up in the past. Signing up again would make their record current.

### **RVP Elect**

Phil Carr reported that Jim Arnette

was appointed RVP Elect-Designate and that in two years would be the RVP. Mr. Carr commended him for stepping up to fill this position.

### **Office/CEC Nominations**

Mr. Carr noted that the nominating committee should begin working on nominations because we need to confirm nominations by the third week of February. The nominating committee used for filling the empty Director position will carry forward with CEC nominations.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Carr noted that the next CEC meeting is scheduled for January 12 and adjourned the meeting.

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### **December Chapter Meeting**

*Submitted by Suzanne Smotherman,  
Chapter Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Cumberland Club on Thursday, December 18, 2003. President Phil Carr called the meeting to order.

Melvin Jones offered the invocation. The minutes of the November Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the December newsletter. Phil Carr introduced individuals at the head table and recognized new members.

Allen Staley announced that the chapter has enlisted eleven new members so far this program year. Mr. Staley also informed the membership that the AGA National organization has a new membership drive incentive. Each member who sponsors two new members will receive ten AGA dollars. For each additional new member, five AGA dollars will be awarded. These dollars can be used for national membership dues, na-

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Steve Adams spoke to the membership about the Tennessee Lottery Corporation.  
*photo submitted by Beth Pendergrass, CGFM*

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tional conference registration, and CGFM fees. Additionally, the top three sponsors will win a trip to either the 2004 PDC or the 2005 NLC.

Richard Norment, CGFM introduced the December speaker, Steve Adams, Chief Administrative Officer of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. Mr. Adams has served the state as State Treasurer, Director of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System and various other jobs over the last 30 years. Mr. Adams discussed various issues related to the lottery, and then answered related questions. Phil Carr presented Mr. Adams with a token of our appreciation for speaking to the chapter.

Phil Carr opened the floor for new business. Jim Arnette made a motion that the chapter approves the re-

vised by-laws as they are found on the chapter's web page. Margaret Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carr thanked those members involved in updating the by-laws.

Mason Ball announced the Federal Tax Update to be held at the Shamblin Theater on the David Lipscomb campus on January 8, 2004. This event will be free to AGA members and cost \$75 to non-members. The Winter Seminar will be held on February 12, 2004.

Phil Carr made the following announcements on behalf of various committees:

The Early Career's committee is sponsoring six registrations for the Winter Seminar. A drawing based on the number of meetings attended by

early career members will be held in January.

Members interested in a review session for the CGFM exam should contact Gerry Boaz or Rebecca Barr.

Appreciation was given to those members participating in the recent chapter community service projects (Channel 8 telethon and the Angel tree).

Mr. Carr congratulated Jim Arnette for being the 2005-2006 Regional Vice President for the Southeastern region of AGA.

Mr. Adams drew Ferman Pride's name for the monthly door prize.

Ron Anderson provided the solution to the December puzzle.

Phil Carr adjourned the meeting until January 2004.

## Committee News

### CGFM Committee

The committee plans to continue with the exam fee subsidy drawing, free lunch for those passing the exams, disbursing brochures at meetings to extol the virtues of becoming a CGFM certificate holder, and providing notice of training relevant to CGFM exam content. The committee plans to host a brainstorming study session for the CGFM Exam 2 based on AGA's development of an Exam 2 study book. This study session is planned for **February 2004** and will be **FREE** to all participants. The Committee will seek authority to offer this session as CPE, if possible. The Committee also plans to work with the Education Committee to offer formal training that will include topics helpful for individuals who plan to take the CGFM exams. The training is tentatively scheduled for May or June 2004. All members interested in participating in these training opportunities should contact the committee co-chairs, Gerry Boaz ([Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us](mailto:Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us)) or Rebecca Barr ([Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us](mailto:Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us)).

### Community Service Committee



#### Angel Tree/Lil' Soldier Drive

The community service committee would like to thank everyone who participated in adopting an Angel from the Angel/Lil' Soldier Tree. AGA was able to adopt 20 Angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and 20 Lil' Soldiers. Roma Land Florist would like to thank all the participants in the Lil' Soldier program. They were very excited by all the gifts that were given to the children of the deployed troops. Thanks again for making 40 individuals Christmas a happier one.

#### WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO **SAVE MONEY** AND SUPPORT **ALEX GREEN?**



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#### Attention Early Career Members:

**You Could WIN!!**



This year the Early Careers Committee will give away admittance for the February 12<sup>th</sup> AGA Winter Seminar to six (6) lucky early career members. Every time an early career member attends an AGA meeting their name goes in the drawing. The drawing will be held at the January AGA meeting. The drawing will be based on attendance from the September meeting through the January meeting. Any early career member that has not attended this year still has a chance to get in the drawing by attending the January meeting.

#### **Attention all authors**

**Rewards!!** — Anyone writing an article for the newsletter will receive a free lunch at the Chapter Meeting of your choice. That's *ANY* article that would be interesting to the chapter members—it does *NOT* have to be technical!! All *financial management articles* of at least 300 words will be judged for prizes of \$100 and \$75 at the Awards Luncheon in April or May. Please submit articles to Nichole Curtiss at [Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us](mailto:Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us) by the Friday immediately following any chapter meeting.



### A Chapter-sponsored CGFM Study Group

Preparing to take the CGFM examinations can be a little intimidating. Have I studied the right material? Have I studied enough? Sometimes it can be helpful to share this experience with others. Chapters can sponsor study groups to lessen the apprehension of the future CGFMs.

All it takes is a person willing to be a facilitator. It is necessary for someone to be the point person and take the lead in scheduling a meeting place and time. The study group can be created in several ways:

- A group can meet regularly for several weeks and have outside leaders or different individuals within the group assigned to lead the discussion over the main points in the technical requirements (found on the CGFM section of AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/)) for one or more of the examinations. *Please see the CGFM Committee News on page 5 for information regarding the Nashville Chapter's free Brainstorming Session for Exam 2!*

- Individuals can purchase the self-study guide for examination 2 ([www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx)) and then meet together to go over the sections of the book. A self-study guide will soon be published for examination 3. The AGA chapter may provide participants with a refund of all or part of the cost for the books. Self-study guides are \$85 each; there are discounts for multiple book purchases - please contact the AGA national office for more information.

- Individuals can purchase Course 1 presented on the internet ([www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx)). Participants could review the material presented in the online course for each of the main points in the technical requirements for examination 1 and then convene to discuss any issues. The cost of the online course is \$195 per individual. The chapter might offer a refund or a scholarship for the course.

- The chapter can put on a one- or two-day course for each of the examinations. The facilitator, in this case, needs to have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter in order to lead the group through the material. Several chapters have prepared their own courses. The chapter can contact the national office for additional information.

- The chapter can arrange for Management Concepts to put on in-depth courses on the material covered by all three examinations. The national office can provide more information on this alternative.

If you are interested in learning more about these options, please contact Katya Silver at the AGA national office at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313 or [ksilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org).

The chosen method must fit the needs of the individuals and the resources of the chapter. While this discussion has been about preparing for the examinations, the study groups for the books, internet course, and classroom courses also provide valuable CPE for the participants. Putting together study groups does take some time and effort by the chapter, but the chapter provides an extraordinary service to members and the government financial management community.

### Employment Opportunity: Association Technical Manager

The Association of Government Accountants is seeking an enthusiastic self-starter to fill its new Technical Manager position.

Responsibilities include monitoring, researching and analyzing government financial management issues and developing strategies and position papers for committee review. Works with the team of staff to keep the membership informed on legislative and regulatory developments. This manager works with the Executive Director in identifying topics and issues for research projects and educational programs. Excellent opportunity to help transform the Association into a thought leader for advancing government accountability!

Requirements: A Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management and 3 years of experience in government financial management, CGFM designation preferred. Applicants must also have excellent writing and oral communications skills, interpersonal skills and computer proficiency. We offer a competitive salary/benefits package and a team environment. Send resume and salary requirements to [sfritzen@agacgfm.org](mailto:sfritzen@agacgfm.org) or fax to 703.548.9367.



## Training News and Opportunities



The AGA Nashville Chapter will be sponsoring the annual Tax Update on January 8, 2004. The seminar will be at the Shamblin Theatre in the Lipscomb University Student Center. The seminar is **free to AGA members** and \$75 for individuals who are not members of AGA and is worth 8 CPE credits. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the seminar will end at 5:00 p.m. To register, please contact Mason Ball at [mason.ball@state.tn.us](mailto:mason.ball@state.tn.us).

Specific topics for the Seminar have not been selected. If you have a topic you are interested in, please forward any suggestions to Mason Ball at the address above.



### Winter Seminar Planned

The AGA Nashville Chapter will be holding a **Winter Seminar** on February 12, 2004. The seminar will be held at the Shamblin Theatre in the Lipscomb University Student Center. The seminar is \$50 for **AGA members** and \$75 for individuals who are not members of AGA and is worth 8 CPE credits. To register, please contact Mason Ball at [mason.ball@state.tn.us](mailto:mason.ball@state.tn.us).

Specific topics for the Seminar have not been selected. If you have a topic you are interested in, please forward any suggestions to Mason Ball at the address above.



### Business Tax Seminar Results

The AGA Nashville Chapter provided three Business Tax Seminars during November and December one each in Jackson, Memphis, and Nashville. The Tennessee Department of Revenue, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Internal Revenue Service provided the speakers. Topics included Franchise and Excise Tax, Sales and Use Tax, Business Tax Law, Unemployment Compensation Tax, Tax Enforcement Procedures, Local Taxes, and Tangible Property Tax. Overall, there were 120 attendants. Each seminar was worth 8 hours of CPE and 6.75 hours of CLE.

## Annual Auditors and Accountants Seminar

The Government Affairs Committee of the Nashville Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors presents the Annual Auditors and Accountants Seminar. The Seminar, worth 8 hours of CPE, is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2004 at the Willis Conference Center with registration beginning at 7:15 A.M. and the seminar ending at 4:30 P.M.

### Speakers

**Dr. Kevin L. James** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting at Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. James will discuss SAS 99: Consideration of Fraud in the Financial Statement Audit.

**Beth Pendergrass** is an Information Systems Audit Manager with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit. Ms. Pendergrass will discuss using ACL in governmental audits.

**Ron Hickman**, who is the Director of Internal Audit for the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, will discuss Benford's Law.

**James G. Neeley** is the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and will discuss business in Tennessee.

**Dennis Dycus**, who serves as the Director of the Division of Municipal Audit for the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, will discuss Walkin', Talkin', Lookin', and Listenin' or Things that most auditors don't do well.

### How to Register:

Contact Robbie Hunter, via phone @ 615-741-6537, fax @ 615-741-3203 or e-mail her at [Robbie.Hunter@state.tn.us](mailto:Robbie.Hunter@state.tn.us).

### Cost

- \$100 per person – Government Employees
- \$115 per person – Three or more from the same organization
- \$130 per person – One or two from the same organization
- \$150 per person – LATE REGISTRATION AFTER JANUARY 5, 2004.

Registration fees must be received prior to attending the conference. Also, early registration is encouraged.

Cancellations will be accepted prior to Friday, January 23, 2004 ONLY. A \$25 cancellation fee applies. Final registrations must be paid regardless of attendance. Substitutions are acceptable.

**January Speaker**  
**David Manning**



David Manning began his career in state government in June of 1974 as a budget analyst in the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. During his five years in the Budget Office, he had responsibility for many of the major budgets within the government including higher education, mental health and correction.

In May of 1979, Mr. Manning joined the staff of State Treasurer Harlan Mathews, becoming Mr. Mathews' top assistant in 1980. In that capacity, he worked closely with the state's legislative leadership, including then Speaker of the House Ned McWherter. In January of 1987 when McWherter became Governor, Manning was appointed Commissioner of Finance and Administration, a post he held during both of Governor McWherter's terms.

After leaving state government in 1995, Mr. Manning served as a Senior Vice President of Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation and as a healthcare consultant.

In September 1999, Mayor Bill Purcell appointed Mr. Manning as Director of Finance for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

Mr. Manning holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Alabama and a Masters in Public Administration awarded jointly by the Universities of Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee.

**Attention Printed Newsletter Recipients**

The Newsletter Committee, in the spirit of saving money and to enhance our Chapter's newsletter, would like to forego the printing and mailing of newsletters. We have several constraints associated with the printed newsletter, such as number of pages and postage weight, which can dramatically affect the contents of the newsletter. We would like to ask everyone currently receiving a printed newsletter to please contact us with a current e-mail address. You may e-mail Nichole Curtiss at [Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us](mailto:Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us) or visit the Nashville Chapter Website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) and click on [Contact the Newsletter Committee](#) to contact us. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Nichole Curtiss at (615) 747-5329.



**Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM**

The CGFM Committee is continuing its program to congratulate those individuals passing the CGFM exams by offering lunch certificates that are good for a free lunch at any AGA luncheon meeting. **Now** is the time to purchase your CGFM exams for less. From now until December 31, 2003 purchase two exams for \$196, three exams for \$294, or purchase any exam for \$109, take it before December 31, 2003, and receive a \$20 rebate. For more information visit the website at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/flyer](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/flyer) or call AGA at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313. If you passed the CGFM exams during September 2002 – September 2003 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

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Rebecca Barr  
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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**January 12, 2004**  
CEC Meeting

**January 15, 2004**

Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
Cumberland Club  
Speaker: David Manning

**February 19, 2004**

Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
Cumberland Club  
Speaker: T.B.A.

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