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**The President's Message**

by Jim Arnette

**THE COST OF WAR**

I felt like I was watching a Fourth of July fireworks display. Sitting there in the comfort of my home, I watched the bombs and missiles strike Baghdad. The coalition ships and airplanes from which the attack originated were a safe distance from the anti-aircraft bursts and Scud missiles launched by the Iraqis. This war will be easy, and I'll get to watch it all right here on CNN.

Then, the ground troops started making their push towards Baghdad. It still looked like a stroll on the beach. Iraqi soldiers surrendered, and some Iraqi citizens cheered the coalition forces as they headed north. Pictures of Saddam Hussein were pulled down and run over. A reporter with one of the infantry divisions said that as the division rolled towards Baghdad, they encountered pockets of Iraqi soldiers. However, the coalition forces were in such a hurry to get to Baghdad they actually roared right past the Iraqis, not even taking the time to fight or to take the Iraqis prisoner. Liberation time was near.

But now the reality of war has set in. The once speeding convoys of armored vehicles and troops have been slowed by Iraqi resistance and sandstorms. On both sides, casu-

alties are mounting. We are even killing each other. Can you believe an American soldier throwing grenades into the tents of other American soldiers? A British helicopter downed by "friendly fire"? And now the sickening images of dead American soldiers and frightened prisoners of war. War is hell, and it is all right here on CNN.

As with so many of us, the war hits close to home. I have a brother-in-law who is an officer in a field artillery unit. His unit is waiting at Ft. Campbell for their deployment orders. He will leave behind a wife, three small children, and two busi-

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**Chapter Recognition Points YTD**  
*(through 3/31/2003)*

Leadership	3,850
Education	7,000
Certification	3,400
Communication	6,438
Membership	1,050
Community Service	1,800
Awards	<u>200</u>
Total points YTD	<b><u>23,738</u></b>

**Chapter Goal = 10,000**

*Congratulations on achieving the Platinum Chapter Designation!*

**CHAPTER MEETING**

**Thursday**  
**April 17, 2003**

**Speaker:**  
**William J. Anderson, Jr.,**  
**CGFM, Manager for Professional Programs, GAO**

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

Make your reservation with the receptionist at (615) 747-5201 by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2003

You can also make your luncheon reservation online at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>.

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nesses. He has so much to lose. And what about our children? Since 9/11, I find myself thinking often about my daughters' future. What kind of world will they grow up in?

In addition to the carnage of war, there is an economic side to all of this. And since we are the Association of Government Accountants, I should mention government and finances somewhere in this article. So here it goes. The liberation of Iraq will not come cheaply. The President has vowed to leave the Iraqis better off than they are now and to attempt to establish some form of democracy in a country that has never known one.

President Bush has asked Congress for \$74.7 billion as the first "down payment" for the war. Most of the money will go to support U.S. troops. The rest will go for humanitarian assistance in Iraq, foreign aid, and homeland security. These costs are similar to those associated with the Marshall Plan, under which the U.S. provided assistance to rebuild European countries in the 1940s and 1950s. The U.S. is counting on Iraq's lucrative oil industry to help pay for much of the postwar reconstruction.

But once the war is over, what about the leadership and services Iraqi citizens will need on a daily basis? The U.S. is recruiting Iraqi exiles with particular specialties to head the various departments of the new Iraqi government. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be an obvious successor to Saddam Hussein. While the U.S. will try to turn the leadership back to the Iraqis quickly, we

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## News from National

### Comments Requested on AGA's Long Range Strategic Plan

The AGA's National Executive Committee (NEC) has recently updated the Association's Long Range Strategic Plan. As AGA enters the final phases of its strategic planning process, we now turn to AGA's important customers for the vital support that is needed to move forward. As such, we would very much appreciate your review and comments on our proposed Strategic Framework, as well as the entire draft Long Range Strategic Plan. These documents can be viewed at [http://www.agacgfm.org/about/a\\_1rstrategicplan.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/about/a_1rstrategicplan.htm). Please submit comments by May 1, 2003. Please send your replies to [cculkin@agacgfm.org](mailto:cculkin@agacgfm.org).

### Free CPE Now Available

In partnership with IBM Business Consulting Services and Netcertification, AGA is now offering an opportunity to earn **FREE CPE!** Utilizing a recent radio broadcast from the *Business of Government Hour* program, you can access a four-part series discussing "Conversations About Management."



Additional details can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/academy/index.htm>.

### Call for Nominations - AGA National Awards

Submit photos showing members busily involved in some type of community service activity and get a chance to win a PDC registration for your chapter! Photos must be received in the National Office by May 15, 2003. Questions - Contact Idabel Daly at [idadly@agacgfm.org](mailto:idadly@agacgfm.org).

Additional details can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/downloads/2003PhotoContest.pdf>.

### AGA's National Officer Slate for 2003-2004 Has Been Ratified

AGA's National Bylaws and Procedures Committee has ratified the National Nominating Committee slate of 2003-2004 National Officers! We are pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2003, Bobby Derrick, CGFM, a member of AGA's Indianapolis Chapter, will serve as National President-Elect and Jeanne Erwin, a member of AGA's North Carolina Triangle Chapter, will serve as National Treasurer-Elect.

The full list of officers, including Senior Vice Presidents for Regional Services for Sections I and IV and Regional Vice Presidents-Elect can be viewed online at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/downloads/Slate20032004.pdf>.

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will probably have to maintain a presence in Iraq for some time to help bring together a country divided by ethnic groups.

Maybe there will be some postwar employment opportunities for some of you in Iraq. There will be a real need for accountants, auditors, and information system staff to be sure that coalition relief dollars are properly accounted for and dispersed appropriately. Maybe someday, we will even have a Baghdad chapter of AGA.

It has become painfully obvious that the war in Iraq will be much more than a fireworks display or a stroll on the beach. So in the coming weeks and months, please support our troops. Remember the parents, husbands, wives, and children that our soldiers have left behind.

In closing, you are running out of time to sponsor a new AGA member. April 30 is the deadline. Surprise somebody with a membership. They will thank you for it and hopefully reimburse you.

See you at our April luncheon meeting!

## **Clarification Regarding New Membership Categories**

### **Membership Types, Criteria, & Dues**

Updated effective April 1, 2003

AGA members form a diverse group of individuals—from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials—working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms.

Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

#### **AGA Member Types:**

##### **Full Government Member**

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. **\$90 national+5 local/year**

##### **Private Sector Member**

This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. **\$150 + \$5 local/year**

##### **Early Career Member**

This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. **\$45 + \$5 local/year**

##### **Student Member**

Student: This class of membership is available to college/university students. **\$30 + \$5 local/year**

##### **Retired**

Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

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## **Chapter Leadership for 2003-2004**

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In accordance with AGA Nashville Chapter Bylaws, a Committee was recently formed with the responsibility of selecting candidates for officers and directors for the 2003-2004 year. The members of the Nominating Committee were Phil Carr, President-elect and Chairperson, Ann Collett, Tammy Farley, Ted Fellman, and Joe Holzmer. Once the nomination for Chapter leadership were announced, independent nominations were accepted from Chapter members until March 15, 2003. As no additional nominations were received, we are pleased to announce the Chapter leadership for 2003-2004:

#### **Officers**

Melinda Parton, President-elect  
Rachel Banks, Secretary  
Angela McElrath-Prosser, Treasurer

#### **Two Year Directors**

Gerry Boaz  
Beth Pendergrass

Tammy Thompson

Melvin Jones  
Allen Staley

## Committee News

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### **RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN REACHES FINAL MONTH!!!!!!**

Our chapter goal for the year set by National, is **100** and we've got **39** new members as of March. Just a few to go!!! We're already ahead of last year's new member total of 27 and we still have until April 30. But April 30 will be here before we know it!!!! Invite a potential member to attend the April luncheon as a guest of the chapter (they only have to pay the \$8 member price instead of the full \$14) and **hand them an application or membership packet**. And remember, people do not have to be "accountants" to be members. AGA applies to individuals working in information systems, budget, grants management, consulting, academia, and various program management fields.

*Here are the prizes and benefits you may be eligible for:*

**Grand Prize! A drawing will be held at the May luncheon to give away \$100! For every new member you sponsor your name will go into the drawing one time. So the more members you sponsor, the more chances you have! This way, even someone who just sponsors one new member has a shot at claiming \$100!**

**For every 4 members you sponsor, you will get \$50!!!!!!**

For every 2 members you sponsor you will receive a certificate for a **free** chapter luncheon.

For every new member you sponsor, you will earn **2 points** for for the Chapter Service Drawing (the National PDC give-away). In 2003 it's in Chicago!!!

You can also win prizes through the national office of AGA! The national campaign "Team REAP- Recruit and Retain Essential Accountability Professionals" will award a variety of prizes. This includes a drawing for a trip for two anywhere in the Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii or the Caribbean. Each time you recruit you increase your chance of winning.

There are membership recruitment packets available locally. If you would like some of these, need your membership number, or have questions, contact Ann at [ann.collett@state.tn.us](mailto:ann.collett@state.tn.us) or Tommy Chester at [Thomas.w.chester@state.tn.us](mailto:Thomas.w.chester@state.tn.us). The application can also be obtained through the website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>

Be sure to have the person you are sponsoring include your name and membership number, if possible, on the application, so that you will receive proper credit both at the local chapter level and at the national office level.

[http://www.agacgm.org/membership/m\\_services.htm](http://www.agacgm.org/membership/m_services.htm)

This link takes you to the **Member Services** section of the National AGA website. Some of the things you can do there include: submit an address change, renew your membership on-line, sign up a new member, print applications, and find out additional information about AGA. Check out the "10 Great Reasons to Join AGA."

### *Mark Your Calendar!*

**April 14, 2003**

CEC Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
15th Floor Conf. Room  
James K. Polk Building

Deadline for making  
reservations for the April  
Luncheon Meeting

**April 17, 2003**

Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
Cumberland Club  
Speaker: William J.  
Anderson, Jr., Manager for  
Professional Programs,  
GAO

**April 26, 2003**

4th Annual Country Music  
Marathon and 1/2 Marathon

**May 7 - 8, 2003**

Governmental Accounting  
Update  
Shamblin Theatre  
Lipscomb University

**May 15, 2003**

Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
11:30 a.m.  
Chapter Awards and  
Installation of New Officers

For new members: Don't forget that as an extra incentive to attend chapter luncheon meetings, the chapter will do a cash prize drawing at year-end based on attendance. Each time a new member attends, his or her name will be put into the drawing!!

**The April meeting is the last meeting  
that can add to your chances in the  
drawing!!**

## **Committee News (Cont.)**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

#### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

##### ARE YOU NEAR THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY?

VITA will be held this year at the **Downtown Library**.

We are requesting that AGA members who are in this area volunteer.

- Ron will be there to help on and off.
- There will be someone there to provide assistance at all times.

We will need volunteers April between 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Almost all of the dates will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Here are some of the dates:

April 8, 10, and 15

If there are any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact Clare Tucker at (615) 747-5220 or e-mail at [Clare.Tucker@state.tn.us](mailto:Clare.Tucker@state.tn.us)

### **COUNTRY MUSIC MARATHON**

It's time to organize volunteers for the 4th Annual Country Music Marathon & ½ Marathon. This year the marathon will be held on Saturday, April 26th. The runners will begin at West End Avenue near Centennial Park and wind in and out of downtown until they finish at the Coliseum. The race route will be lined with 28 entertainers featuring more than 50 marching bands. Twenty-eight local high school cheerleading squads will also participate in a "Spirit on the Course" competition.

Over 4000 volunteers are needed to help on the day of the marathon and with activities leading up to the marathon. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt, goody bag, and ticket to the post-race concert. Diamond Rio headlines this year's post-race concert at Gaylord Entertainment Center with Rebecca Lynn Howard opening the show.

The Country Music Marathon and ½ Marathon benefits The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their Team In Training program. To date the Music City Marathon and ½ Marathon has netted over \$6 million for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The fundraising goal for the 2003 event is \$5 million. In the first three years, the Country Music Marathon and ½ Marathon had an economic impact on Nashville of \$15 million in direct spending associated with the participants and fans.

AGA has the opportunity to volunteer as a group. Individual volunteer opportunities are also available. Family members are welcome. Jennifer McClendon has the volunteer forms or you can volunteer online at [www.countrymusicmarathon.com](http://www.countrymusicmarathon.com).

Watch for an e-mail detailing volunteer opportunities or for more information please contact Jennifer McClendon at [jennifer.mcclendon@state.tn.us](mailto:jennifer.mcclendon@state.tn.us).

### **PROJECT PENCIL**

Alex Green Elementary School will be having their annual field day for the students on May 14, 15, and 16, 2003. They need volunteers to assist with the activities and the students. Anyone interested please contact Tammy Farley at: (615) 747-5221 or [Tammy.Farley@state.tn.us](mailto:Tammy.Farley@state.tn.us).

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The AGA Nashville Chapter is proud to announce that there will be a Governmental Accounting Update on May 7th and May 8th, 2003. The update will be held at Lipscomb University in the Shamblin Theatre located in the Student Center.

May 7 Program: Governmental Accounting presented by Smitty Smith, Professor of Accounting at Middle Tennessee State University. This will be an all day topic to help individuals interested in preparing for the CGFM test.

May 8 Program: Morning Session will cover Government Environment and Ethics. The presenter will be Ann Marie Rizzo, Director. Institute of Government.

Afternoon session will cover Auditing, The Yellow Book, and Internal Controls.

Registration will be beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the sessions will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be on your own.

Registration Fees are \$100 for AGA Members and \$125 for non-members and this will provide 16 hours of CPE.

To register contact Mason Ball at [mason.ball@state.tn.us](mailto:mason.ball@state.tn.us). Please don't register by telephone.

#### **NOTE TO MEMBERS**

*In an effort to reduce printing costs, we are encouraging all members able to do so to accept the newsletter electronically. The newsletter is made available on the Chapter web site every month in PDF format, and e-mail notification of the release is sent to each member we currently have an e-mail address for.*

*If you are willing to be removed from the printed newsletter distribution list, please contact Will Hancock at (615) 747-5293 or via e-mail at [Will.Hancock@state.tn.us](mailto:Will.Hancock@state.tn.us).*

## Committee News (Cont.)

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

#### POINTS FOR THE CHAPTER SERVICE DRAWING

Time will soon be up. However, there are still opportunities to earn points to be included in the May drawing for the trip to the **52nd Annual Professional Development Conference**, held in **Chicago, Illinois**, June 29 - July 2, 2003.

To be eligible for the Chapter Service Drawing, you'll need **12 points**. For each point you earn, you'll receive an chance in the year-end drawing. Everyone is eligible!

#### Points:

Luncheon attendance	1 point
Attending chapter sponsored training	2 points
Sponsor new member	2 points
Service on a chapter committee	2 points each
AGA community service projects (Including VITA)	1 point per hour served
Newsletter article (Financial topic)	8 points each
(Nonfinancial topic)	4 points each
Obtaining CGFM certification	8 points upon completion
Attending chapter sponsored social event	2 points
Sponsoring a Luncheon Guest	1 point for each guest (10 point max.)

Members can check their accumulation of points at the chapter's website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>. Inquiries concerning your accumulation of points can be made to Rachel Banks at (615) 253-3817 or through e-mail at [rachel.e.banks@state.tn.us](mailto:rachel.e.banks@state.tn.us).

### CGFM COMMITTEE

The committee plans to continue offering a 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's near-term plan for this year will be to expand last year's brainstorming session into formal training for individuals who plan to take the CGFM exams. The purpose of these sessions will be to assist the AGA members who plan to sit for the CGFM exams by discussing the various topical areas of the three exams. The formal training is tentatively scheduled for **May 7—8, 2003**. The tentative costs to AGA and non-AGA members could be \$100 and \$125, respectively. A location for the training was not known as of this writing. All members interested in participating in this training 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)).

#### **Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM Exam**

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. If you passed the CGFM exams during September 2002 – March 2003 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact 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)).

**Congratulations** to Jennifer McClendon, TN Division of State Audit (Performance Audit), for passing the CGFM exam.

For all individuals interested in taking the CGFM exams, please review eligibility requirements for sitting for the exam on the AGA website ([http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm\\_profexp.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm_profexp.htm)).

The Department of Personnel includes the CGFM certification in the list of certifications eligible for a one-step salary increase. A salary increase **may** be granted to employees of the State of Tennessee if the certification is obtained by passing the exams. To be certain that you qualify for the salary increase, obtain approval from your supervisor and the Department of Personnel **before** sitting for the exams. For specific details see the Department of Personnel Policy #90-031 (10/10/90) amended March 23, 1999.

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners of the Fawn W. Ellis and William R. Snodgrass Scholarships will be awarded at the April luncheon meeting.

#### Help wanted!! No experience required!!

How can you get more out of your AGA membership? Participation on a chapter committee is a great way to get to know other members while demonstrating your organizational or leadership skills. Have no talents? That's not possible - join a committee and discover how talented you really are. Participation on a committee does not require an extensive time commitment. The committees currently established are Awards, CGFM, Community Service, Early Careers, Education, Finance and Administration, Internet, Meetings and Attendance, Membership, Newsletter, and Program. Contact the current committee chair or any CEC member for more information on how you can become more active in your chapter.

**April Speaker**  
**William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM, Manager for Professional Programs, GAO**



Bill Anderson is the Manager for Professional Programs, Office of External Liaison, at the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) in Washington, D.C. Since joining GAO in 1974, his duties and responsibilities have included financial and performance auditing, audit policy and standards matters, continuing education and training, and liaison with governmental entities and professional organizations to promote the improvement of governmental financial management at all levels of government. Bill graduated from Widener University with a B.S. degree in accounting in 1974, and is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). Prior to college he served 3 years in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and has served in numerous leadership positions at the National, Regional and Chapter levels. Bill serves as National President and has served as President-Elect and Senior Vice President At-Large on the National Executive Committee, Capital Region Vice President, and as a member of the 50th Anniversary Committee and Chair of the 50th Anniversary Gala. He has been involved in all phases of the CGFM program, and served as Chair of the 1999-2000 Bylaws and Procedures Committee, and the 1998 Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Exhibition Host Committee. Bill served as Capital Region Vice President-Elect in 1999-2000, and was a member of 1999 and 2000 PDC Technical Committee, the Federal Leadership Conference Planning Committee from 2000-2002, the Membership Committee from 1995-2000, and has worked with the Emerging Issues and Long Range Strategic Planning Committees. At the Chapter level, he has served the Washington DC Chapter as Immediate Past President (1998-99), President (1997-98), President-Elect (1996-97), CGFM Coordinator (1994-99), Director for Communications (1994-96), Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee (1995-97), Chair of the Nominating Committee (1997 & 1999), and as a member of the Awards Committee (1998-99) and Community Service Committee (1994-99).

Mr. Anderson has received numerous professional awards, including the: AGA National President's Award in 2001, 2000, and 1996; 2001 Regional Vice President Gold Level Award; 2001 Washington DC Chapter Einhorn/Gary Award; 1999 National Chapter Service Award; Washington DC Chapter President's Award in 1999 and 1996; 1998 National All Star Chapter Gold Level Award; 1996 National Recognition by the CGFM Program; Washington DC Chapter Community Service Awards from 1994 – 2002; and National Award of Appreciation in 1994. In 2001, Bill was selected for inclusion in the International Who's Who of Public Service.

Mr. Anderson is also a member of the Accountants Roundtable, the American Legion, and has volunteered at the American Heart Association (AHA) National Capital Council since 1995, and was selected as a Council Delegate to the 2000 AHA Leadership and Delegate Assembly. Bill has served in the top leadership position of his Church and a Homeowners Association. He served as President of his Church's Council for 5 years, was Chairman of the Finance Committee for 12 years, and Chaired the Building Review and Renovation Committee from the initial project planning phase through financing and construction for a major project. He also has served as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee, Treasurer and President of a Homeowners Association.

## Member News

### Welcome New Members

The following is a list of new members who have recently joined. The Nashville Chapter offers them a warm welcome:

Douglas Bodary, State of Tennessee  
 Terry Buckner, State of Tennessee  
 Brian Derrick, State of Tennessee  
 James Gray, Metro Nashville  
 Jerry Kirk, State of Tennessee  
 LaTonya Bush, State of Tennessee  
 Angela Stanley, State of Tennessee  
 Valerie English, State of Tennessee  
 Melinda Crutchfield, State of Tennessee  
 David Case, State of Tennessee  
 Rosalyn Pope, State of Tennessee

### New Member Sponsors

Thanks to the following members who have sponsored new members and are on their way to earning prizes!

Nancy Bernstein  
 Ferman Pride  
 Charles Harrison  
 Melinda Parton  
 Sandra Ray  
 Suzanne Smotherman  
 Alla Baranova  
 Ann Collett

### New Member Sponsors

Here's the current tally on numbers of members sponsored:

Georganne Martin – 4 –  
 Pat Wright – 3  
 Alla Baranova – 3  
 Nancy Bernstein – 3  
 Charles Harrison – 3  
 Leigh Scheuerman – 2  
 Kathy Anderson – 1  
 Ferman Pride – 1  
 Melinda Parton – 1  
 Susan Irby – 1  
 Sandra Ray – 1  
 Suzanne Smotherman – 1  
 Carrie Cook – 1  
 Kim Dorsey – 1  
 Elaine Anderson – 1  
 Ann Collett – 1  
 Melissa Wright – 1  
 Amy Czerwinski – 1  
 Deborah Loveless – 1  
 Robyn Probus – 1  
 Penny Austin – 1  
 Connie Edde – 1

Please contact Ann Collett at [Ann.Collett@state.tn.us](mailto:Ann.Collett@state.tn.us) if you feel there are any errors in this listing.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **March CEC Meeting**

*Submitted by Elaine Anderson, Chapter Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, March 17, 2003, in the 15<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the James K. Polk Building. President Jim Arnette called the meeting to order. Committee members present were: Jim Arnette, Penny Austin, David Sturtevant, Ann Collett, Elaine Anderson, Julie Rogers, Phil Carr, Ted Fellman, Jennifer McClendon, Tom Chester, Tammy Farley, Leigh Anne Scheuerman, Mason Ball, Dan Willis, and Gerry Boaz. Art Alexander was also in attendance, reporting for the Program Committee.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ann Collett that the February 2003 CEC minutes be approved as published in the March 2003 newsletter. David Sturtevant seconded the motion and it passed.

### **Chapter Bylaws Update**

Jim Arnette reported that we are still waiting to hear from the National Bylaws Committee concerning the new member categories resulting from the recent National dues increase.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance** – Ted Fellman reported that he has been updating the Nashville Chapter AGA History Report on a monthly basis. For suggestions of additions to the history report, contact Ted Fellman.

**Treasurer's Report** - Penny Austin presented an Operating Statement for the period ended February 28, 2003 and reported a balance in the operating account of \$18,952.99. Penny also reported that the SunTrust Bank account has been closed and the funds invested in a 13-month certificate of deposit for \$22,634.87 at Regions Bank.

**Chapter Recognition** – Phil Carr did not have a current update of the chapter points but reported that we are setting records with the points earned.

**Meetings and Attendance** - Julie Rogers reported 57 persons have signed up to attend Thursday's meeting. Chris Gingles will give the invocation. Julie also reported the next joint meeting with ASPA will be next fall.

**Education** – Mason Ball reported four individual's fees for the winter seminar have not been paid. He also reported the Governmental Accounting Update Seminar is scheduled for May 7 and 8. MTSU accounting professor, Dr. G. Robert "Smitty" Smith will instruct one day of the seminar for \$1,200 plus printing costs. Presenters are still being secured for the second day. The fee for this seminar will be \$100 for AGA members and \$125 for non-members. Gerry Boaz will announce this seminar at the chapter meeting on Thursday, March 20. The CPE certificates for February and March should be available at the chapter meeting. Dan Willis also reported that the evaluations for the SAS 99 Conference were very favorable.

**Programs** – Art Alexander announced our speaker this month, Robert M. Wormsley, will discuss the relationship of local government to state government. The speaker for April will be William J. Anderson, Jr., National AGA President. It is still possible that Governor Bredesen will be our speaker for May. One hundred and one persons have signed up for the April 5<sup>th</sup> spring social on the General Jackson. Tickets must be picked up between 5:30 and 6:00 at the boat landing. There are still 49 spots available for this social. As long as the General Jackson has space, AGA will honor the discounted price of \$20 per ticket. Seating for the additional spots will not be with the original group. Art reported the program committee's recommendation, due to lack of interest, that the spring picnic be cancelled. Jim Arnette entered a motion to cancel the picnic. Ted Fellman seconded the motion and it passed. Art will make an announcement about the General Jackson social and the picnic cancellation at the Chapter Meeting on Thursday, March 20.

**Awards** - David Sturtevant reported the committee received seven scholarship applications. One application was post-marked after the due date and a second application was not complete. Of the five good applications received, four are applying for the W. R. Snodgrass Scholarship and two for the Fawn Ellis Scholarship. (One applicant qualifies for both scholarships.) David also announced the deadline for placing nominations for National Awards has been extended to April 4, 2003. The Awards committee does not currently have anyone they wish to nominate.

**Newsletter** – No report. Julie Rogers noted that the date for the April Chapter Meeting in the March Newsletter is incorrect. The date should be April 17, 2003. The member profile for the April Newsletter will be David Sturtevant.

**Membership** - Ann Collett reported the local chapter currently has a total of 478 members. Thirty-four new members have been added this year. April 30 is the last day to sign up new members for this year. An AGA member will receive \$50 at the Chapter meeting on Thursday for recruiting four new members. In an effort to recruit new members, Ann Collett sent 42 letters to State fiscal officers who are not currently members of AGA and Jim Arnette sent approximately 40 letters to local government offices in middle Tennessee. Ann reported receiving responses from persons interested in learning more about AGA as a result of this mailing.

**CGFM** – Gerry Boaz will recognize Jennifer McClendon for passing the CGFM exam. Jim Arnette asked Gerry Boaz to recognize Mary Anne and Ron Queen for their article in the February issue of "Topics".

**Community Service** – Tammy Farley reported that Tammy Thompson would be collecting items and money for PUP (Prevention of Unwanted Pets) at the Chapter meeting on Thursday, March 20. Jen-

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nifer McClendon will be organizing the April project, the Country Music Marathon that will be held on April 26. Jennifer will make an announcement regarding the marathon at the chapter meeting on Thursday. Tammy reported VITA is still in operation. She also reported that the committee plans to submit an entry to Nationals for the Community Service Photo Contest.

Internet – Dan Willis reported that he is serving on the National Website Committee.

Early Careers – Jennifer McClendon reported the Early Careers Committee will meet on April first to begin planning for next year.

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14 in the 15<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the James K. Polk Building. The meeting was adjourned.

### February Chapter Meeting

*Submitted by Elaine Anderson, Chapter Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Cumberland Club on Thursday, March 20, 2003. President Jim Arnette called the meeting to order.

Chris Gingles offered the invocation. The minutes of the February Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter. Jim Arnette introduced persons at the head table. Eight member guests and eight new members were introduced.

Art Alexander introduced the guest speaker, Robert M. Wormsley, Executive Director, Tennessee County Services Association. Mr. Wormsley discussed the governor's proposal to reduce state shared revenues and the impact such reductions will have on the counties in Tennessee. He also discussed the need

for tax reform and reform in the structure of county government.

Gerry Boaz recognized Jennifer McClendon for passing the CGFM exam and Mary Anne and Ron Queen for their article published in the February issue of "Topics". Gerry announced the Governmental Accounting Update Seminar scheduled for May 7 and 8. MTSU accounting professor, Dr. G. Robert "Smitty" Smith will instruct day one of the seminar, which will cover Governmental Accounting. Topics on day two will include the Yellow Book and Internal Control.

Art Alexander announced the spring picnic has been cancelled but there are still tickets available for the Spring Social on the General Jackson, April 5, 2003. As long as the General Jackson has space available, AGA will honor the discounted price of \$20 per ticket, however, seating for the additional spots will not be with the original group. Boarding passes must be picked up between 5:30 and 6:00 at the General Jackson Landing. Anyone interested in attending this event may contact Karen Hale, Michael Timme, or Art Alexander for tickets.

Ann Collett announced March 31, 2003 is the deadline for renewing membership dues. Persons paying their dues by the due date will have their names placed in a drawing for \$25 cash. At the next AGA Chapter meeting, two names will be drawn and both will receive \$25. Ann encouraged the membership to continue recruiting new members. The cut off date for recruiting new members is April 30. There are currently 37 new members for this fiscal year. Ann presented a \$50 check to Georganne Martin for recruiting four new AGA members. The National dues increase goes into effect April 1, 2003. The new member categories and dues by category are available on the AGA National web page. Ann will put an update in the next AGA newsletter about the new category and dues structure.

Jennifer McClendon announced that Tammy Thompson would be collecting items for P.U.P on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the

Polk Building through March 28 for those who would still like to give. She also reported that VITA is still in operation and that 95 to 100 returns have been completed so far. The community service project for April will be the Music City Marathon where AGA will be manning a water station. Proceeds from this event go to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Anyone wishing to volunteer may contact Jennifer McClendon.

Joe Holzmer won the \$25 fishbowl drawing.

Ron Anderson provided the solution to the March AGA puzzle.

Jim Arnette announced that the CPE certificates for February and March are ready and should be picked up at the registration table. In keeping with the emphasis to recruit new members, Jim suggested that we "give a friend an AGA membership for Easter."

The meeting was adjourned until April 17, 2003.

**"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."**

-Rogers Hornsby

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS?

Please call the Newsletter Chair, Will Hancock, at (615) 747-5293 or FAX at (615) 532-2765, with any member news or other items for the newsletter. You may also e-mail newsletter items to:

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**Please have information and articles for the newsletter turned in by the third Friday of each month.**

Additionally, any newsletter corrections should be brought to the attention of the Newsletter Chair at the e-mail address above.

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# Membership Application

## I. Name & Mailing Address

New Member  Check here if renewing

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.

male /  female

### Preferred Address

Name FIRST	LAST	MIDDLE
Address		Apt/Suite#
City		State/Province
Zip/Mail Code		Country
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Business Phone		Business Fax
Home Phone		
E-mail		

### Second Address

Address		Apt/Suite#
City		State/Province
Zip/Mail Code		Country

## II. Business Information

Job Title	Dept.
Organization	

### Employer: (Government):

- Federal  State  County  City  International  
 Private  Academia  Student  Retired  Private International

### Responsibility Area:

- Accounting  Budgeting  Financial Management  Management  Academia  
 Contract Management  Grants Management  Program Management  Administration  Consulting  
 Information Systems  Retired  Auditing  Finance  Legal  
 Student  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### How did you hear about AGA?

- Friend/Co-Worker  AGA/Chapter  AGA Conference  Employer  AGA Website  
 CGFM Program  Internet Search  Chapter Meeting  AGA Publication  Direct Mail

### Age:

- Below 20  21 – 30  31 – 40  41 – 50  51 – 60  61 and above

Please list any other financial management or accounting associations you are a member of:

Education:	Highest degree attained:	Accreditation and Certificates:
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## III. Sponsor's Name

(if applicable)	Member ID #
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## IV. Membership Data/Dues

Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

- Full Government**—\$90/year—This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management.  
 **Private Sector**—\$150/year—This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.  
 **Early Career**—\$45/year—This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience.  
 **Student**—\$30/year—This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Primary Chapter	Dues
Additional Chapter Membership(s) Optional	Dues
	Dues

(please refer to list on the reverse side)

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- Check enclosed (make checks payable to AGA)  
 Charge to my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

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 E = Early Career Member  
 S = Student Member

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Montgomery	10.00	10.00	5.00
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### ALASKA

Alaska Capital	10.00	10.00	-0-
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### ARIZONA

Phoenix	5.00	5.00	3.00
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### ARKANSAS

Central Arkansas	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### CALIFORNIA

Central Coast	5.00	5.00	5.00
Inland Empire of CA	7.00	7.00	7.00
Los Angeles	5.00	5.00	5.00
Los Angeles Civic Center	5.00	5.00	5.00
Orange County	5.00	5.00	1.00
Pasadena	-0-	-0-	-0-
Silicon Valley	5.00	5.00	5.00
Sacramento	3.50	3.50	3.50
San Diego	7.50	5.00	2.50
San Francisco	6.00	6.00	6.00

### COLORADO

Denver	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport	3.00	2.50	1.00
Hartford	5.00	5.00	5.00

### DELAWARE

Dover Capital	10.00	10.00	5.00
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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D.C.	10.00	10.00	10.00
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### FLORIDA

Space Coast	4.50	4.50	2.25
Tallahassee	5.00	5.00	5.00

### GEORGIA

Atlanta	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### GUAM

Guam	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### HAWAII

Hawaii	5.00	5.00	-0-
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### IDAHO

Idaho Centennial	-0-	-0-	-0-
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### ILLINOIS

Chicago	7.00	7.00	7.00
Springfield	7.50	7.50	7.50
Quad Cities	-0-	-0-	-0-

### INDIANA

Central Indiana	5.00	5.00	5.00
Indianapolis	5.00	5.00	5.00

# Annual Chapter Dues Table

### IOWA

Des Moines	5.00	5.00	5.00
Quad Cities	-0-	-0-	-0-

### KANSAS

Topeka	-0-	-0-	-0-
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### KENTUCKY

Central Kentucky	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### JAPAN

Japan	-0-	-0-	-0-
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### LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge	5.00	5.00	5.00
New Orleans	5.00	5.00	5.00

### MAINE

Maine	10.00	5.00	5.00
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### MARYLAND

Baltimore	5.00	5.00	5.00
Montgomery/ Prince Georges	8.00	6.00	-0-

### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston	7.50	7.50	7.50
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### MICHIGAN

Detroit	5.00	5.00	5.00
Greater Lansing	7.50	5.00	5.00

### MINNESOTA

Minneapolis/St. Paul	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### MISSISSIPPI

Jackson	5.00	5.00	5.00
West Central Mississippi	-0-	-0-	-0-

### MISSOURI

Kansas City	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mid-Missouri	10.00	10.00	10.00
St. Louis	-0-	-0-	-0-
The Ozarks	5.00	5.00	5.00

### MONTANA

Lake Missoula	10.00	10.00	10.00
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### NEBRASKA

Lincoln	7.50	7.50	7.50
Omaha Metro Area	10.00	10.00	10.00

### NEW JERSEY

Northern New Jersey	7.50	7.50	7.50
Trenton	5.00	5.00	2.00

### NEW MEXICO

New Mexico	10.00	10.00	10.00
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### NEW YORK

New York City	5.00	5.00	5.00
New York Capital	-0-	-0-	-0-

### NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Triangle	7.50	7.50	7.50
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### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Northern Mariana Islands	-0-	-0-	-0-
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### OHIO

Cincinnati	5.00	5.00	5.00
Cleveland	5.00	5.00	5.00
Central Ohio	5.00	5.00	5.00
Dayton	5.00	5.00	5.00

### OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City	7.50	7.50	5.00
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### OREGON

Portland	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### PENNSYLVANIA

Central Pennsylvania	5.00	5.00	5.00
Philadelphia	5.00	5.00	-0-

### PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico	10.50	10.50	7.50
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### TENNESSEE

Chattanooga	10.00	10.00	-0-
East Tennessee	7.50	7.50	7.50
Nashville	5.00	5.00	5.00

### TEXAS

Austin	5.00	5.00	5.00
Dallas	5.00	5.00	2.50
Fort Worth	5.00	2.50	2.50
Houston	5.00	5.00	5.00
San Antonio	5.00	5.00	5.00

### UTAH

Northern Utah	5.00	5.00	5.00
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### VIRGINIA

Northern Virginia	10.00	10.00	10.00
Richmond	5.00	5.00	5.00
Roanoke	5.00	5.00	5.00
Virginia Peninsula	6.00	6.00	6.00

### WASHINGTON

Central Washington	5.00	5.00	5.00
Mid-Columbia Basin	7.50	7.50	7.50
Northwest Inland Empire	5.00	5.00	5.00
Olympia	-0-	-0-	-0-
Seattle	5.00	5.00	1.25

### WISCONSIN

Southern Wisconsin	-0-	-0-	-0-
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### STUDENT AFFILIATE CHAPTERS

Old Dominion University	N/A	N/A	6.00
Norfolk State University	N/A	N/A	-0-

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