



Nashville Notes

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**President's Message,
Melinda Parton**

President – What an Honor

What a wonderful year for our chapter! I want to express my sincere appreciation to the CEC and our Chapter Committee members for their leadership, service and professionalism. It is not me that has made this year a success, but those that do all the work behind the scenes that make the chapter successful. There are so many that have contributed to the success of this year that it would take much of this newsletter to acknowledge all. I do want to take this opportunity to thank my employer, the Comptroller of the Treasury, John Morgan, for his continued support of AGA. I also want to thank my boss and mentor Charles Harrison, Assistant to the Comptroller for Management Services, for his continued support and encouragement as a member of AGA but also in my role as president this year.

What a timely speech our National President, Bobby Derrick, brought to us at our April Chapter meeting regarding leadership. So many members contributed so much of their time to AGA this year. There have also been those members that have stepped forward to help without hesitation when asked. The leadership and volunteerism of our members does not go without notice by all at the regional and national level of our organization. I hope you were as proud as I when our Regional Vice President, David Bennett, expressed that our chapter is the best in the region and others look to us for leadership and direction.

As I reflected back not only on this year, but all the years that I have been an AGA

member, I thought of all the people who have touched my life in such a positive way through AGA. I have made many friends who are colleagues and many across the country I would not have had the privilege to have known if I had not been a member of AGA. The friendships I have gained through AGA are the greatest benefit I have received as a member. I know that I can pick up the phone or email these friends for information or help and they will be there to help or provide information.

I want to encourage our new members and early career members to step up and participate on a committee or offer to be a leader in AGA this next year. I remember my first leadership opportunity came about not by being asked to serve but by stepping forward to express my desire to serve and be a leader. I became a member of the National Chapter Assistance Committee and accepted a leadership role as Chair for two years. This was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I then expressed a

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Chapter Recognition Points YTD
(through April 30, 2005)

Leadership	4,250
Education	16,600
Certification	11,800
Communication	6,525
Membership	1,550
Community Service	3,025
Awards	1,000
Total Points YTD	44,750
Chapter Goal	10,000

CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Speaker

Awards Ceremony

at the

Wildhorse Saloon

COST: \$10.00 per member

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

If necessary you may call

(615) 401-7843

**by 6:00 p.m. Monday,
May 9, 2005**

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desire to be more active in our local chapter and was provided with the opportunity to serve as a Director, Program Chair and Education Chair.

I am very proud to be an AGA member and am honored that you allowed me to be your president this year. What wonderful and fond memories I take with me.

Looking ahead, I am looking forward to supporting both Dianne McKay and Gerry Boaz as they step into their leadership roles. I know they too will have a successful year.

Hope you will attend our Chapter Awards Ceremony May 12th at the famous Wildhorse Saloon.



Time to be Awarding!

The May Luncheon Meeting is our big end of the year Awards Banquet. We have seven Chapter Awards to recognize at the meeting. We will also award and hopefully introduce our Scholarship Winners. Finally, we will acknowledge our National Awards Applicants.

Competition is always formidable with our Chapter Awards. The Member of the Year selection criteria recognizes the member(s) with the highest number of points in the Chapter participating in the widest variety of activities. Similarly, the Community Service Award recognizes the member(s) with the highest number of community service points that participates the widest variety of community service events.

There are two Membership Awards. The first recognizes the member that has sponsored the most new members during the year. Then all of the new members compete for New Member of the Year Award.

The Newsletter Award is open to anyone submitting an article. The submitted articles are judged and awarded at the end of the program year.

The final competitive award is that for the Chapter PDC Drawing. All members that have received 20 or more points during the year based on various activities such as attending the Chapter Meetings, participating the Chapter-related training, participation in recruiting activities, participating in Chapter leadership or committees, and community service, are eligible to be entered into the drawing for the PDC trip during June. The drawing selects one candidate and two alternates for the PDC trip.

So make plans now and come and join the Awards fun!



Retiring Members

The Nashville Chapter of AGA would like to offer our congratulations and say thank you to our members who have retired from government service over the past year or will be retiring in the next few months.

Bob Bumbalough
John Casey
Judy Layman
Tony Turner
Barbara White

Each of these individuals has been a member of our Chapter for over 25 years, and most are founding members. John and Barbara are both former Presidents. All of these members have served in various officer, director and committee positions, and some have been active in AGA at the regional and national level.

The contributions of **each member** have led to the current success of our Chapter. Thank you and enjoy your retirement!

Note: We apologize if we inadvertently overlooked any of our retiring members. Please let us know so we can include those names in a future publication.

News From National

Take the CGFM Examinations at the PDC

New this year—AGA is offering a unique opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM right at the PDC in July. To help you reach that goal, we are offering a special two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on July 9 – 10. More good news: the Intensive Review Course is only \$175 for qualified participants and the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity!

Pre-registration is required. This is a special limited enrollment offer for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Exams and need extra reinforcement of the material. Participants must attend the Intensive Review Course to take the CGFM Exams at no cost. Participants must have satisfied the education and experience requirements for the CGFM prior to registering for this event. For more information please contact Katya Silver at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313.



Eight States Designate March “CGFM Month”

by Chris Camara

Thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, eight states have declared March as Certified Government Financial Manager month. Governors signed proclamations in Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. In addition, Indiana declared March as “Indiana Government Accountants Month”.

David Mellem, CGFM, an AGA regional CGFM coordinator for North Central region, started the initiative last year when he received support from Governor James Doyle and Secretary of State Douglas La Follette, who declared April of 2004 as CGFM Month in Wisconsin.

“When I called the governor’s office there was no hesitation,” Mellem recalled. “They responded the following day.”

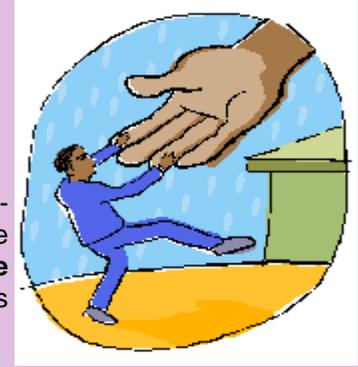
Mellem wrote the proclamation, which briefly describes AGA, the Southern Wisconsin chapter, its commitment to government accountability, and the rigorous testing and education requirements to earn and maintain the CGFM designation. The proclamation, which was again approved this year, reads in part that the CGFM “provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency” and that chapter members are “making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Wisconsin by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements . . .”

Mellem said other chapter leaders and regional coordinators discussed the idea of seeking similar proclamations from governors around the country during a monthly teleconference meeting. Other AGA chapters used Mellem’s proclamation as a model, and seven additional governors proclaimed March of 2005 as CGFM month.

Mellem said chapters can build on their success. “There’s more we can do. I would think it would help because there’s some degree of backing from the governor in promoting the program,” he said. The next step for the Southern Wisconsin Chapter is to meet with one of the state employees unions to raise the idea of gaining recognition for the CGFM in hiring and promotions in state government.

To read the proclamation, please visit AGA’s website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations.aspx

Mentoring Program Approved



The membership committee and the early careers committee are in the process of identifying mentors and mentees for the September 2005-May 2006 AGA year. The objective of the program is: **To help early career and new members feel a part of AGA and receive a tangible benefit from their membership.** The target group for the mentoring program is AGA members with three years or less of government experience or AGA membership.

Interested members should complete the application in this newsletter or a similar application on the Nashville AGA Chapter website. Both potential mentors and mentees can complete the same application. The membership and early careers committees will then match a mentor with a mentee over the summer for the 2005-2006 AGA year, based on the applications. Tentatively, an orientation to introduce the mentor and mentee to each other and to discuss the expectations of both participants is planned for September. Your participation is needed to make this program a success!

The requirements of a mentor are to: 1) contact the mentee at least once a month (October – May), 2) attend an AGA noon luncheon with your mentee, 3) buy one lunch away from AGA and work for your mentee, and 4) respond to questions from the mentee. Suggested activities for the mentor are: 1) have the mentee visit your work site (office) and 2) visit the mentee at his or her work site (office).

This a great new opportunity for AGA members to get involved! ***Please see page 5 for an application***

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 **Reservations** or **Cancellations** by Phone or E-mail contact Kevin Huffman at (615) 401-7843 or Kevin.Huffman@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.

Mentoring Program Application

Program Objective: To help early career and new members feel a part of AGA and receive a tangible benefit from their membership.

A mentor is:

- 1) a friend
- 2) a person to ask questions
- 3) a person with whom to discuss potential career options
- 4) a starting point for networking in AGA

I want to participate in the mentoring program as a:

- Mentee (3 years or less of government experience)
- Mentor Mentor Qualifications: AGA member with 5 or more years of government experience, preferably hold a professional designation (CGFM, CPA, CIA, CFE, CISA or others), and some supervisory experience)

Please complete the following information to assist us in matching mentors with mentees.

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Department: _____

Position: _____

Gender: Female Male

E-mail address: _____

Work phone: _____

Current primary job responsibilities (auditing, budgeting, systems, financial reporting, other) :

Mentees only:

What areas of responsibility are you interested in for your future?

Please send completed application to either our current Membership Chair or to Nashville AGA at P.O. Box 198025, Nashville, TN 37219-9998.

April CEC Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, April 4, 2005, in the 11th floor conference room of the Andrew Jackson Building. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Amy Czerwinski, Penny Austin, Phil Carr, Gerry Boaz, Tammy Thompson, Kevin Huffman, Susan Irby, and Dan Willis. Committee chairs present were Brian Derrick, Tammy Farley, Donna Duarte, and Karen Hale.

Welcome

Melinda Parton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

March CEC Minutes

The March CEC minutes were published in the April newsletter. Gerry Boaz made the motion to approve these minutes. It was seconded by Dan Willis and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance

Melinda Parton reported that the IRS has removed the penalty from our return.

Treasurer

Amy Czerwinski distributed financial statements for the prior period. Total net assets at March 31, 2005, were \$39,504.05. Amy noted that our net profit from the education program had increased over the prior year. Karen Hale was recognized for her hard work in this area. Amy also reported that she had purchased a six-month certificate of deposit with the idle funds in the checking account.

Program

Brian Derrick reported that Bobby Derrick, National AGA President, will speak at the luncheon on Thursday. David Bennett, Southeastern Regional Vice-President, will also be in attendance. Brian also reported that he will be purchasing the tickets for the spring social following today's meeting. He will distribute the tickets at the luncheon meeting. Anyone not in attendance can either pick up the tickets at the event or at Brian's office.

Education

Karen Hale reported that all the speakers have been confirmed for the Spring Workshop. A brochure is available on the website. While additional seating may be added to the workshop location, preference will be given to early careers members. Karen is still waiting on information about the May teleconference.

Karen also provided the attendees with a listing of past chapter presidents.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss was unable to attend but asked Melinda Parton to report that the deadline for submissions for the newsletter is April 15.

Membership

No report.

CGFM

Gerry Boaz reported that the study session for Exam 2 was a success. The Exam 3 study session will be held April 28. Gerry also presented a proclamation from Governor Phil Bredesen declaring March as CGFM month. We are one of eight states that have made this declaration.

Community Service

Tammy Farley reported that an announcement concerning the upcoming County Music Marathon will be made at the luncheon meeting. She also asked for a volunteer to serve on the Community Service Award Committee. This committee is comprised of the Awards Committee Chair, the Community Service Committee Chair, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past-President, and one member of the CEC. Susan Irby volunteered to fill the CEC member position.

Website

Dan Willis asked for any updates that need to be made to the site. The site will be judged for a national award April 25 – May 2.

Meeting Minutes

Early Careers

Melinda Parton reported for Randy Kinnersley. She provided the attendees with an example of the mentoring program application that will be available at Thursday's luncheon meeting and on the website. Melinda suggested that the requirement for certification and supervisory experience be listed as a preference and not a requirement. The members agreed with this change. Phil Carr made the motion that the application with the noted changes be accepted. Gerry Boaz seconded the motion and it passed.

Awards

Donna Duarte informed everyone that the national award nominations discussed at last month's meeting have been submitted to National AGA. Mr. William J. Anderson, Jr. was nominated for the Robert W. King Memorial Award. Tony Turner was nominated for the Frank Greathouse Award. Charles Harrison was nominated for the Einhorn-Gary Award. John Morgan was nominated for the Achievement of the Year Award for his work in the area of strategic planning and performance-based budgeting.

She also provided a list of all chapter awards that will be presented at the May luncheon. A discussion was held regarding the date for finalizing member points to determine the Member of the Year. Because of the time needed to engrave the award, April 25 was selected. Members who are signed up for events such as the Music City Marathon and spring social will receive points for these events if they are signed up to participate prior to the April 25 deadline.

Donna reported that the process of awarding scholarships is winding down. Melinda Parton discussed the two hotel scholarships that National AGA gives to each chapter for the National Professional Development Conference (PDC.) Because Phil Carr was unable to attend the PDC last year, Melinda suggested that one be given to him in hopes that his employer will provide funds for the remainder of the trip. As President-Elect, Dianne McKay could use the other scholarship unless her employer would agree to send her to the conference. If her employer pays her expenses, it could be used by the individual who wins the PDC chapter drawing.

Meetings and Attendance

Tammy Thompson announced that there will be two door prizes given away at the luncheon. Because a prize was not given at the March luncheon, one name will be drawn from the March luncheon attendees. Aaron Jewell will give the invocation at the luncheon.

May 9 will be the appreciation luncheon for all committee members. Melinda Parton asked that the committee chairs provide her with a list of their members so she could personally invite them to the luncheon.

Chapter Recognition

No report.

Annual Report

Melinda Parton reported that she and Dianne McKay have developed a framework for the chapter's annual report. A copy of this framework was provided to the attendees. Gerry Boaz made a motion to accept the framework. It was seconded by Phil Carr and the motion passed. Melinda hopes to have the annual report available at the September luncheon. It will also be available on the website. Melinda asked that the committee chairs provide her with service efforts and accomplishments that will be included in this report. Submissions should be one or two paragraphs in length.

Recognition of Retirees

Phil Carr discussed the recognition of retirees at the May luncheon. He is aware of possibly six individuals who will be recognized based on the retiree recognition policy recently adopted.

Melinda Parton thanked everyone for their service on the CEC this year. The meeting was then adjourned.



"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date."
William Shakespeare, Sonnet XVIII

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."
James Dent

Meeting Minutes cont'd.

April Chapter Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, April 7, 2005. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Aaron Jewell offered the invocation. The minutes of the March Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the April newsletter. Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.

Melinda recognized David Bennett, Regional Vice-President. David thanked the chapter for its participation in the Regional Professional Development Conference that he hosted in March. He also praised the chapter for its hard work especially in the area of community service.

Charles Harrison introduced the guest speaker, Bobby Derrick, National AGA President. Mr. Derrick spoke about the importance of leadership within the organization.

Beth Pugh announced that the awards luncheon will be held next month. Committee chairs should provide Donna Duarte with all member points by April 25. Donna will then have the points available for review by the members on April 27.

Ron Queen read the proclamation made by the governor to declare March as CGFM month. Comptroller Morgan and Representative Curtiss led this effort. Ron also reminded everyone of the review session for Exam 3 that will be held April 28.

Randy Kinnersley spoke about the mentoring program for new members. Applications for mentors and mentees were available on the tables and will be posted to the website. Randy encouraged everyone to participate and hopes to have the program in place by September.

Brian Derrick announced that he had purchased the tickets for the spring social and that they could be picked up at the end of the luncheon. Brian will e-mail ticket purchasers who were not in attendance to make arrangements to give out the tickets. The show begins at 7:30 P.M.; however, Brian asked that everyone arrive around 7:00 P.M.

Jennifer McClendon asked for volunteers to help at this year's County Music Marathon on April 30.

Todd Liebergen and Beth Pendergrass won the door prizes. Ron Anderson gave the solutions to the puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations!



Todd Liebergen

The Nashville Chapter of AGA would like to congratulate Todd Liebergen for being nominated by the Ronald McDonald House and St. Luke's Community House for a Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the Year Award. Every year nearly 200 Middle Tennessee Volunteers are honored for their community service efforts. This year's ceremony is scheduled for April 28, 2005 at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.



Melinda Parton, Nashville Chapter President; David Bennett, South Eastern Regional Vice President, and Charles Harrison at the Podium.

Bobby Derrick, National AGA President, spoke on leadership in AGA.



Ron Queen presented the CGFM Proclamation signed by the Governor of the State of Tennessee.



Past and Present AGA Leadership: (Pictured left to right) Jim Arnette; Barbara White; David Bennett, East Tennessee Chapter; Richard Norment, Charles Harrison; Bobby Derrick, current National AGA President; Deborah Loveless; Melinda Parton, current Nashville Chapter President; and Art Alexander.



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) which has a network of 15,000 members in 89 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 373 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, AGA Nashville Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Tennessee by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim the month of March 2005 as

**CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
MANAGER MONTH**

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 10th day of March, 2005.



Phil Bredesen
Governor

Riley O'Donnell
Secretary of State

Committee News

Awards Committee

Points for the Chapter Service Drawing

The drawing for the 54th Annual Professional Development Conference in Orlando, FL, July 10 – 13, 2005, will be held at the May luncheon meeting. To be eligible for the Chapter Service Drawing, you'll need 20 points. For each point you have earned, you'll receive one chance in the year-end drawing. Good luck!!

This is how to earn points:

Luncheon attendance	2 points
Attending chapter sponsored training	1 point
Sponsor a new member	2 points
Service on a chapter committee	2 points each
AGA community service projects	1 point per hour served (10 pt. max.)
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 pt. max.)

Education Committee

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Education Committee for their work and dedication to making this year's program a great success. I also want to extend a special thanks to Sandra Patterson for her hard work on all meetings, seminars, and workshops.

Thanks!
Karen B. Hale
AGA Education Chair

CGFM Committee

The CGFM Committee is excited to announce that the CGFM Exam 3 Training session will be held on April 28, 2005, from 8:00-4:30 in the 16th Floor Training Room of the James K. Polk Building. The objective of the training is to provide essential training for those individuals who plan to sit for the CGFM exams with the goal of becoming certified. Please email me regarding your interest in this FREE training. Eight hours of CPE will be awarded. The training session will be based on AGA's Exam 3 study guide.

The CGFM Committee would like to thank the follow individuals for attending the CGFM Exam 2 training session on March 31, 2005: Carrie Blair, Hanaa Armany, Bob Dudney, Michelene McKinney, Hellens Kruszynski, Karen Hale, Tammy Farley, and LaTonya Bush.

Also, as indicated several months ago, the CGFM Committee purchased two CGFM Exam 2 and Exam 3 Study guides developed by the National AGA office. These study guides are available for checkout after each training session on a first come first serve basis. **However**, we may give preference to individuals who have already registered to take the exams by September 2005 versus someone who is interested but has not yet registered. If you have any questions, please notify any of the Committee members: Gerry Boaz, Chair; Rebecca Barr, co-chair; Georganne Martin; and Ron and Mary Anne Queen.

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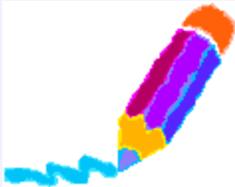


Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM

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. If you passed the CGFM exams during January 2004 – April 2005 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact Gerry Boaz (Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us)

Thank You

The Community Service Committee would like to send a special thanks to each of the members who helped out by supporting the different projects.



This year for Project Pencil we raised over 367 separate supplies during the supply drive; sold 22 Citi Pass Books allowing AGA to donate \$154.00 to Alex Green; monetary donations were made that helped support special projects throughout the school year; and members volunteered to serve as proctors during the TCAP testing.

The organization raised 534 pounds of food during the Second Harvest Food Bank Drive.



We had 15 volunteers who answered the phones during the Channel 8 membership drive.

AGA sponsored 20 Forgotten Angels and 20 Lil' Soldiers this year.



For Prevention of Unwanted Pets, the membership donated \$175.00 to help spay or neuter cats or dogs for qualifying homes.

We also had a special project this year to aid Tsunami disaster relief efforts for which we were able to collect \$85.00 to donate to AmeriCares.



For the committee's final project, volunteers helped with the Country Music Marathon.



Members were very receptive to our newest addition, the Coats/Hats and Gloves drive by donating 106 individual items this year.

Wow, I did not realize how much the organization was able to accomplish this year. I'd personally like to give a big thanks to those of you who donated your time, money and/or ideas.

If anyone would like to serve on the committee next year or just has an idea you would like the committee to look into for the next year, please contact Tammy Farley, by phone 615-747-5221 or e-mail Tammy.Farley@state.tn.us, or Ray Register by e-mail Ray.Register@state.tn.us. The committee looks forward to next year and all of your continued support.

Mark Your Calendars

Meeting Dates

AGA Nashville Chapter

(All Chapter meetings will be held the First Thursday of the Month, except as noted below)

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Wildhorse Saloon

Chapter Executive Committee

All CEC meetings will be held on the Monday before the chapter meeting, except as noted below)

Monday, May 9, 2005

AGA Nashville Chapter Training Information

Audio Conference

“Yellow Book Update - What you need to know”

May 11, 2005

http://www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/Audio%20Conference_5_11.pdf

National PDC

AGA's 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition
July 10-13, 2005

Leadership: Preparing Tomorrow's Accountability Professionals

<http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2005/index.aspx>

Visit www.nashvilleaga.org/training_opportunities.htm for additional information.

Other Professional Organization Training Opportunities

IIA Spring Seminar

Best Practices in Value Added Auditing

April 29, 2005

Lipscomb University Shamblin Theater

8 hours CPE

http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?fuseaction=view.public_file&fileid=4271

NASACT Tennessee Training Sessions (in conjunction with the Tennessee Comptroller Division of Audit)

Program Objective: To update participants on new developments in the area of governmental accounting and auditing.

Two day sessions held during April and May 2005 in Chattanooga, Nashville, Morristown, and Jackson, Tennessee. For additional information and registration, please visit

http://www.nasact.org/conferences/conferenceinfo/2005_TN_Training_Seminars.pdf

For additional training opportunities visit
www.agacgfm.org/Events/CalendarListing.aspx



Training Opportunities Relevant to the CGFM

CGFM Exam 1 Study Course – online

AGA website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/>

[prepare/onlinecourses.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx)

anytime

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.

2004-2005 Nashville Chapter Leadership

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