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**President's Message,
Dianne McKay, CGFM, CPA**

Greetings and welcome to the new program year. I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to our meetings this year. I would like to speak about an important topic that is very relevant to us today not only in our professional life, but also in our personal life.

Volunteerism—there is not just one word to describe it, but many—generosity, nurturing, achievement, inspiration, kindness and, of course, value and purpose. Volunteering your time and effort can make a difference to your community, place of worship, or professional organization and to you. Volunteering means sharing one of the most precious gifts of all—your time. Even though you may already be volunteering, you don't have to limit your time to one organization.

The rewards of volunteering are numerous and may be beyond description or measure—for example, how you feel cuddling premature infants in the nursery at your local hospital. Volunteering offers the opportunity to meet new people, learn different ways to accomplish tasks, feel a sense of accomplishment, and sometimes turn lives around. Volunteering doesn't have to be a full-time endeavor; sometimes tasks can be accomplished in a few hours a day, a week, or a month.

Now that I have espoused the benefits of volunteering, I would like to ask whether you have some volunteer hours available for AGA—your professional organization. It doesn't matter whether you've been an AGA member for 2 months or 20 years—we need all levels of experience and ideas.

Below is a list of the committees and the work they do to ensure that AGA accomplishes its strategic goals each year. Whether you are a new member or a seasoned member, review the list. You may find an opportunity to share your talent.

- The Membership Committee works to recruit new membership and retain current members.
- The Early Careers Committee works to provide mentoring opportunities for new members and to plan events to attract college students to government careers.
- The Program Committee works to obtain informative, professional speakers for the monthly meetings who will provide information on interesting topics and draw members to the meetings.

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**Chapter Recognition Points YTD
(through August 2, 2005)**

Leadership	1,625
Education	100
Certification	300
Communication	1,075
Membership	25
Community Service	0
Awards	600
Total Points YTD	3,725
Chapter Goal	10,000

CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, September 1, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Speaker

Mayor Bill Purcell

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,**
August 29, 2005

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September Speaker Mayor Bill Purcell

Bill Purcell is the fifth mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, elected first in 1999 and reelected to a second term in 2003 with a record setting 84.8 percent of the vote. As mayor his priorities are good schools in every neighborhood, safe neighborhoods in every part of the city and a quality of life shared by all Nashvillians.

During Purcell's tenure, Nashville has also seen unprecedented economic expansion, with the location of four corporate headquarter operations in 2003 and another in early 2004. The companies range from Clarcor, a 100-year-old filtration business from Rockford, Ill, to the Taiwan-based computer manufacturer, Quanta. Caremark RX is a Fortune 300 company that left Birmingham, Ala. Louisiana-Pacific moved its headquarters from Portland, Ore. to Nashville and Asurion, an enhanced services provider for the wireless industry, left Silicon Valley for Music City. Purcell is continuing development efforts to bring more people and businesses to Nashville's downtown and to the nearby Gulch and Rolling Mill Hill areas, through infrastructure improvements and new venues like the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

His efforts on behalf of schools have drawn national attention as a model for mayors across the country. The Mayor's First Day Festival kicks off the opening of each school year and brings the attention of the whole city and region to the importance of education. In his first term Purcell increased the annual funding for schools from \$397 million to \$503 million, and provided \$165 million in capital funds for new schools, school renovations and repairs. He visited every school in the city during his first year in office and continued the practice throughout his first term visiting every school twice.

Purcell also provided increased funding for public safety. He fully staffed police positions with 1,312 officers and opened a new police precinct in Hermitage and built a new precinct in North Nashville. Prior to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he ordered the construction of a backup Emergency Communications Center. He upgraded fire and emergency services to increase the number of EMTs serving the Metro Fire Department.

As mayor, Purcell has also been focused on improving the city's infrastructure and amenities. The Shelby Street Bridge, a newly renovated walking bridge linking the downtown and East Nashville, has become an icon for the city with its brightly lit girders shining against the evening sky. Following the completion of a strategic plan for sidewalks and bikeways, the city has added 100 miles of new sidewalks and new bikeways in East Nashville and along Music Row. A new recycling program serving more than 100,000 households in the city's urban services district ranks among the most successful new voluntary programs in the country.

Purcell also created an Office of Affordable Housing to spur the development of 11,103 affordable housing units in his first term. He is focused on increasing the availability of downtown residential units and preserving housing stock in the city's historic neighborhoods.

Prior to being elected mayor, Purcell served as director of the Child and Family Policy Center at the Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies, a nationally recognized center building a bridge between academic research, politics and best practices to benefit children and their families.

Purcell served five terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives beginning in 1986. A former House Majority Leader and Chair of the Select Committee on Children and Youth, Purcell's work in the legislature positioned him in the forefront of education, health care, workers compensation and criminal sentencing reforms.

Purcell, his wife Debbie Miller and their daughter Jesse - a student at Hume Fogg High School - live in the historic Lockeland Springs neighborhood of East Nashville. An attorney by profession, Purcell received his law degree from Vanderbilt University and received the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Vanderbilt Law School

President's Message Continued

- The Community Service Committee provides members with opportunities to express their caring and benevolence on behalf of AGA.
- The Chapter Officers, Meetings and Attendance, Finance, Newsletter, and Webmaster Committees work to ensure that the program year meets members' expectations and that chapter business runs smoothly.

The Nashville Chapter has an incredible group of volunteers who provide their time for this committee work—many thanks to you. However, we need more volunteers to help lighten the load. If you are interested in learning more about the various committees, go to our website and click Strategic Plan. There you will find each committee's strategic plans. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or have questions, contact the committee chairs or me. If you can't commit to committee service at this time and are interested in a short-term, fast-paced volunteer opportunity, we will soon be recruiting members to help organize the Regional Professional Development Conference.

The committees and I are committed to providing members with the amenities of a professional organization and a return on your investment.

"If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always gotten."

Anonymous



CGFM Application Discount

Thinking about applying for the CGFM or know someone who is?

AGA national wants to help. From September 1 until November 30, 2005 AGA will give a discount of \$20 to CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 discount,

1. The AGA Office of Professional Certification must receive the complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of a bachelor's degree) during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2005.
2. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion – Nashville Chapter" written at the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, you must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?:".

Important notes:

- You do not have to be a Nashville Chapter or AGA member in order to receive the discount.
- You must pay the full application fee of \$85 at the time of application. You will receive the \$20 discount check by mail in January.
- You must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of the Nashville Chapter on the application form in order to receive the discount.

That is not all...

By applying during the promotional period and receiving your \$20 discount, you can help the Nashville Chapter. If the Nashville Chapter encourages the most applications submitted in the three-month period of September-November 2005, the Nashville Chapter will receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted the Chapter! PLUS on every application, listing the Nashville Chapter (in the promotional phrase as described above) the Chapter will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

You can get the CGFM application at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>. Please contact Ron Queen, CGFM Committee Chair (ron.queen@state.tn.us) if you have any questions.

News from National

FASAB Seeking Comments on Technical Agenda

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) is seeking comments on projects to add to its technical agenda. The Invitation to Comment includes descriptions of four potential projects—The Federal Entity, Leases, Conceptual Framework Acceleration and Appropriate Source for GAAP. Respondents are asked to rank the four in order of priority and add other projects they consider important. Responses are requested by Sept. 9. To comment, send an e-mail to comesw@fasab.gov, fax comments to 202.512.7366 or mail them to FASAB at 441 G St., NW, Suite 6814, Washington, D.C. 20548.

Visit <http://www.fasab.gov/exposure.html> for more information. —FASAB.

Surge in Aging Population Sparks Challenges for States

State leaders are getting gray hair worrying about the impending impact of America's aging population, but they're only slowly taking steps to meet the challenges that will arise as post-World War II baby boomers start reaching retirement age in 2011. A rising population of people over 65 will drastically affect states' tax income because the elderly are allowed more tax breaks. The impact is already apparent in Florida, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Dakota and Iowa, states with the highest percentage of people over 65. But it will soon become more widespread. By 2030, nearly one American in five will be 65 or older. Fewer than one in eight are elderly now. "Very few states have done the kind of planning that would even let them become aware of what the needs are. I don't think there's any state that has implemented a comprehensive action plan... States, even more than the federal government, are faced with a lot of challenges in the immediate future, and they tend to focus on those," said John Rother, AARP's director of legislation and public policy. The states' financial outlook is bleak. Income tax revenue will plummet because seniors' incomes usually are lower. Sales tax revenue will decline because older people buy fewer taxable goods. —Kathleen Murphy, *Stateline.org*. Visit <http://www.stateline.org/live/ViewPage.action?siteNodId=136&languageId=1&contentId=40552> for the entire article.

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.

May Chapter Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Wildhorse Saloon on Thursday, May 12, 2005. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Ron Erickson offered the invocation. The minutes of the April Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the May newsletter. Several special guests were introduced and welcomed. These included retiree honorees and attendees of the Southeast Region Officers' Workshop. Ms. Sherri Joyner and Ms. Sandra Patterson were thanked for their contributions to the chapter through assistance to Melinda Parton and Karen Hale. New members were also welcomed.

Melinda congratulated Tammy Farley for passing the CGFM exam. She also announced that Charles Harrison will receive the Einhorn-Gary Award at this year's Professional Development Conference. Our chapter had also nominated Tony Turner for the Frank Greathouse Award and John Morgan for the Achievement of the Year Award.

Donna Duarte announced the winners of the scholarships awarded by the chapter. Tom White, son of Barbara White, was awarded the Fawn Ellis scholarship. Tom attends the University of Tennessee and is majoring in history. He plans to enter law school. The W.R. Snodgrass scholarship was awarded to Victoria Daydova who attends the University of Memphis and is majoring in international business.

Phil Carr honored Barbara White, Tony Turner, and Bob Bumbalough as retiring members with many years of service to the chapter. Each has served in various leadership roles. Retirees unable to attend the luncheon were John Casey and Judy Layman.

Tammy Farley presented community service awards to Ray Register and Tammy Thompson.

Beth Pendergrass presented Phil Carr with \$100 for sponsoring two members this year. Marcus Foster won the drawing from the pool of new members and Gerry Boaz won the drawing of new member sponsors.

Nichole Curtiss presented the newsletter awards. Kathy Anderson won the \$100 first place prize. Gerry Boaz won \$75 for second place and Georganne Martin won the \$50 third place prize.

Wilma Johnston presented the Member of Year Award to Tammy Farley. Not only had Tammy accumulated the most points, she also had participated in the widest range of activities.

Melinda Parton awarded two President's Awards this year. One award went to Kevin Huffman for all his work as the co-chair of the meetings and attendance committee. Many changes regarding our monthly meetings occurred this year. Kevin met the challenges well. Karen Hale, chair of the education committee, also received the President's Award. Through her hard work, she was able to provide our chapter with many education opportunities.

Donna Duarte drew for the trip to this year's PDC in Orlando. Ann Collett was the very excited winner. Melvin Jones was the first alternate and Phil Carr was second alternate. Robert Marshall won the \$25 door prize.

The officers for the upcoming year were installed. They are as follows:

President	Dianne McKay	One-Year Directors	Two-Year Directors
President-Elect	Gerry Boaz	Kevin Huffman	Donna Duarte
Treasurer	Chuck Holland	Susan Irby	Brian Derrick
Secretary	Nathan Abbott	Georganne Martin	Penny Austin
		Britt Wood	Kathy Anderson
		Dan Willis	Nichole Curtiss

Melinda Parton reflected on some of this year's accomplishments. A strategic plan and annual report were implemented. Tammy Farley led our chapter's participation in numerous community service projects. Kevin Huffman and Tammy Thompson successfully relocated our monthly meetings. Randy Kinnersley's early careers committee developed a mentoring program. Gerry Boaz and the CGFM committee worked to have March declared CGFM month. Nathan Abbott and Dan Willis redesigned our website. Through the education committee, Karen Hale offered over 100 CPE hours. Brian Derrick and the program committee provided us with great speakers. Melinda thanked everyone involved in these efforts. She then passed the gavel to Dianne McKay.

As her first act, Dianne presented Melinda with a plaque and thanked her for a great year of service. Dianne also expressed her desire to continue the success of the chapter. She encouraged everyone to participate by signing up to serve on a committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

June CEC Meeting

Submitted by Nathan Abbott, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, in the 14th floor conference room of the Snodgrass Building. President Dianne McKay called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Chuck Holland, Kevin Huffman, Susan Irby, Dan Willis, Georganne Martin, Kathy Anderson, Penny Austin, Brian Derrick, Donna Duarte, and Nichole Curtiss. Committee chairs present were Glen McKay, Ray Register, Ron Queen, Randy Kinnersley, and Beth Pendergrass.

Welcome

Dianne McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that each attendee introduce themselves.

Meeting Rules

Dianne discussed the meeting rules. Each member of the CEC votes on action items. A quorum of eight is needed for a vote.

Meeting Location

All CEC meetings will be held on the 14th floor of the Snodgrass Building. Luncheon meetings will be held at the Nashville City Club on the first Thursday of the month. CEC meetings will be held on the previous Monday.

Meeting Attendance

Dianne stressed the importance of attending the CEC meetings so that business could be conducted efficiently.

CEC Handbook

Dianne provided everyone with a handbook and reviewed each section. The handbook contained information such as a directory of local and national officers and staff, chapter bylaws, and the chapter recognition program. Jim Arnette will serve as the regional vice president this year and will be our first point of contact for any questions. Joe Kapelewski, senior vice president for regional services, will also be a source for information.

Committee Strategic Plans

Gerry Boaz will work with committee chairs to update each committee's strategic plan. Chairs were provided with last year's plan for their reference.

Annual Report

Melinda Parton provided everyone with the format of the annual report and asked for suggestions. She hopes to have the report available at the September luncheon meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Chuck Holland distributed draft financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2005, along with a budget statement for the chairs to use as a tool for developing the budget for their respective committee. These budgets should be submitted to Chuck prior to the next CEC meeting. Request for payment forms were also distributed.

Program

Glen McKay reported that we already have seven confirmed speakers for the luncheon meetings. Some of the scheduled speakers include Mayor Bill Purcell, Tennessee First Lady Andrea Conte, and National AGA President Sam McCall.

Possibilities for the social event were also discussed. Suggestions included a play at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, a Kats arena football game, and a dinner cruise on the General Jackson. Dianne McKay asked everyone to think about these options for discussion at an upcoming CEC meeting.

Finance

Georganne Martin reported that we are awaiting written confirmation that the IRS waived the penalty for late filing of our return this past year. Verbal confirmation has already been received. She hopes to send the history report to last year's CEC by July 20th for any comments. She then hopes to have it to Dan Willis for posting on the website by August 5th.

June CEC Meeting Minutes Continued

Education

Kathy Anderson reported that she has met with representatives from the Department of Revenue concerning business tax seminars in Memphis and Nashville. These seminars are scheduled for November. The Nashville seminar will be held at the Willis Conference Center. Based on comments from last year's seminar in Memphis, a new location is being explored. Bartlett Convention Center is being considered.

Kathy also reported that she is currently working on the education plan for the year. She asked for suggestions for topics from the attendees. Discussion regarding coordination of the education and CGFM committees was held. During this discussion the possibility of hosting another CGFM class using speakers from National was addressed. Because of the substantial costs involved and the less than stellar reviews of last year's class, it was decided not to pursue it this year.

Early Careers

Randy Kinnersley distributed plans for a government career day and a mentoring program. He plans to publicize the mentoring program through e-mails to members, the newsletter, and an announcement at the September luncheon. He also plans to work with Dan Willis to develop a web-based application form for the program.

The planned government career day would be held in February and kick off with a job fair in the late afternoon. A dinner and speaker would follow. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of restructuring the Snodgrass scholarship to attract students to this event. One possibility would be to split it into three \$500 segments that would be given as door prizes. Members expressed concerns that the scholarship should have some requirements. Dianne asked Randy to flesh out the job fair in more detail. She also asked the Awards committee to come up with some suggestions for restructuring the scholarship.

CGFM

Ron Queen reported that the committee plans to conduct directed study sessions and review classes for the exam. The committee also plans to focus on increasing awareness of the CGFM designation among government agencies.

Awards

Donna Duarte reported that she plans to schedule a committee meeting prior to the next CEC meeting. She asked everyone for suggestions on the structure for awarding member points. Dianne inquired on the best way for chairs to submit member points to the Awards committee. Donna will distribute an Excel spreadsheet to the chairs.

Membership

No report.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss reported that the deadline for submissions for the newsletter is the Friday following the luncheon meeting.

Community Service

Ray Register reported that he plans to continue with the projects in which we have participated in the past. He also asked the attendees to share other ideas they may have.

Meetings and Attendance

Kevin Huffman reported that a contract is in place with the Nashville City Club for our monthly luncheon meetings. He also welcomed any suggestions for improvement of our meetings.

Internet

Dan Willis reported that Nathan Abbott has agreed to serve on the committee again this year. He also asked that all the committee chairs provide him with any updated information that they wish to place on the website.

Chapter Recognition

Dianne McKay reported for Gerry Boaz. Committee plans should be given to Gerry so that he can submit them to National by August 30th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes cont'd.

August CEC Meeting

Submitted by Nathan Abbott, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in the 14th floor conference room of the Snodgrass Building. President Dianne McKay called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Chuck Holland, Gerry Boaz, Susan Irby, Nathan Abbott, Dan Willis, Kathy Anderson, Penny Austin, Brian Derrick, Donna Duarte, and Nichole Curtiss. Committee chairs or their representatives present were Glen McKay, Ray Register, Ron Queen, Suzanne Smotherman, and Beth Pendergrass.

Welcome

Dianne McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

July CEC Minutes

The July CEC minutes were previously e-mailed to the CEC for their review. There were no changes. A motion was made by Brian Derrick to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Anderson and passed.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Chuck Holland distributed the proposed budget for the 2005-2006 year. No action was taken on the budget at this time. Chuck stated that the audited financial statements should be completed in September in time for the IRS report due in October.

Program

The CEC voted on going to a Nashville Kats football game in February 2006. The total price for the game will be \$43 per ticket, which includes hamburgers and hot dogs before the game. Members will be charged \$20 per ticket and the chapter will pay the remaining \$23.

Bill Purcell, Nashville Mayor, will be the speaker at the first luncheon in September

Finance

Suzanne Smotherman reported that the history report has been sent to the national office. She also reported that we have received the written waiver regarding the IRS penalty.

Education

Kathy Anderson reported that she has met with representatives from the Department of Revenue concerning business tax seminars in Memphis and Nashville. These seminars are scheduled for November. The Nashville seminar will be held at the Willis Conference Center and the Memphis seminar will be held at the Bartlett Convention Center. Information about these events is posted on our website as well as the Department of Revenue's website. Kathy stated that e-mail was sent out to all who attended last year's seminars. She is looking for more ways to promote participation at these seminars.

Kathy also reported that the chapter plans on sponsoring the remaining audio conferences hosted by AGA beginning in September. In addition, Kathy suggested that we host a breakfast meeting that includes a speaker. This could provide 2 to 3 hours of CPE. Further discussion will be held at the next CEC meeting on the cost, date and location.

Early Careers

Beth Pendergrass reported that the mentoring program is ready for implementation. The committee has received some volunteers to be mentors however they still need volunteers for mentees.

There was some discussion concerning the \$500 incentive give away at the government career day. Melinda Parton suggested that the committee have written guidelines on who would be eligible for the incentive.

CGFM

Ron Queen distributed the committee's strategic plan for the CGFM committee. This plan outlined their goals to increase awareness of the CGFM among government agencies.

Ron reported that the committee plans on offering study sessions for all three parts of the CGFM exam. This would provide 24-32 hours of free CPE to all who attend. Ron stated that he has developed a website that can be used as a directed study for the exam. Any one can take this directed study however no CPE hours can be earned. Dianne suggested that Ron provide a link for the CEC

August CEC Meeting Minutes Continued

members to review the website.

Awards

Donna Duarte reported that she would like the point sheets submitted to her no later than the Friday following the AGA luncheon.

Membership

Brian Derrick distributed a suspended members list. Brian stated that he has e-mailed everyone on the list encouraging them to reinstate their membership. He asked that everyone review the list and contact anyone they may know personally. He also announced that the committee plans to continue the incentives of providing a free lunch to new members as well as to anyone who sponsors two new members.

Brian reported that membership currently stands at 347. Brian suggested that new members should receive a welcome letter from the President of AGA thanking them for their participation. In addition, Brian suggested that we have a membership drive. As an incentive to join, Brian suggested that the chapter pay for all or part of the dues for new members. Brian asked for volunteers to go and talk to their Alma Mater to discuss government work and to promote AGA.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss reported that submissions for the newsletter must be turned in no later than the Friday following the chapter luncheon.

A suggestion was made that the newsletter contain a profile of a CEC member and Gerry Boaz volunteered to be the first profile in the September newsletter.

Gerry Boaz discussed the possibility of having corporate sponsors to display ads in the newsletter to increase revenue for the chapter.

Community Service

Ray Register reported that he plans to continue with the projects in which we have participated in the past. A discussion was held to change the community service award from cash to a plaque and a gift card.

Meetings and Attendance

Penny Austin reported that the meeting dates have been confirmed. A discussion was held on holding a joint meeting with the ACFE chapter in November. There was discussion about charging ACFE members \$8 for lunch and the chapter paying the remaining portion.

Dianne McKay offered a suggestion for a new way to account for parking reimbursements. Those who receive reimbursement for parking will pay a reduced lunch fee and sign a receipt showing the difference was for parking.

Internet

Dan Willis reported that the website has been updated. Dan asked that the committee chairs view the newly added calendar and inform him of any additions or corrections that need to be made.

Chapter Recognition

Gerry Boaz provided everyone with a copy of the 2005-2006 Chapter Recognition Program. He reported that the point structure had very few changes. He asked that the committee chairs inform him of any activities not included in the newsletter that could earn chapter points. Gerry has spoken to most committee chairs and co-chairs regarding their annual plans and strategic plans.

Annual Report

Melinda Parton reported that a draft for the annual report has been developed. She and Dianne McKay will work with the former committee chairs to finalize the report. Printed copies of the plan will be available at the September luncheon as well as on the website.

Regional PDC

Dianne McKay reported that a planning meeting for the upcoming Regional PDC will be held Thursday, August 25, 2005. A host committee will be formed. Jim Arnette, Regional Vice President, asked Dianne to encourage all CEC members to become involved in the planning process.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mentoring Program Launch

The launch of the mentoring program approved by the CEC last spring is set for September. 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.**

A mentor is: 1) a friend, 2) a person to ask questions, 3) a person with whom to discuss potential career options, and 4) a starting point for networking in AGA. To serve as a mentor a person 1) must be an AGA member with five years or more in government, 2) preferably hold a professional designation (such as CGFM, CPA, CIA, CFE, CISA, or other), and 3) hold a position above entry level with some supervisory experience.

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 for your mentee away from AGA and work, 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).

The target group for the mentoring program is AGA members with three years or less of government experience. An orientation to introduce the mentor and mentee to each other and to discuss the expectations of both participants is planned. **Your participation is needed to make this program a success.**

An application form is available at the chapter web site (www.nashvilleaga.org/mentorapp.htm). The purpose of the application is to identify individuals interested in participating in the program and to help the membership and early careers committees match a mentor with a mentee for the 2005-2006 AGA year.

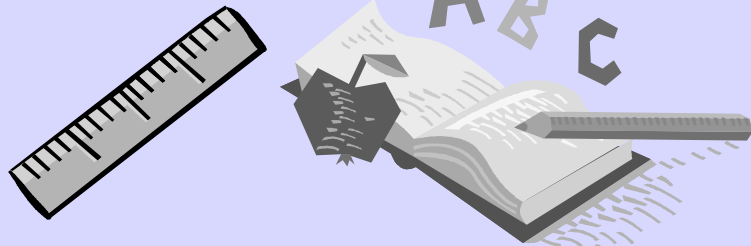
Contact Randy Kinnersley (889-3720 or randall.kinnersley@wku.edu) or Beth Pendergrass (747-5294 or beth.pendergrass@state.tn.us) if you have questions.

August 4, 2005

To: AGA Members

From: Community Service Committee

Re: Project Pencil Supply Drive

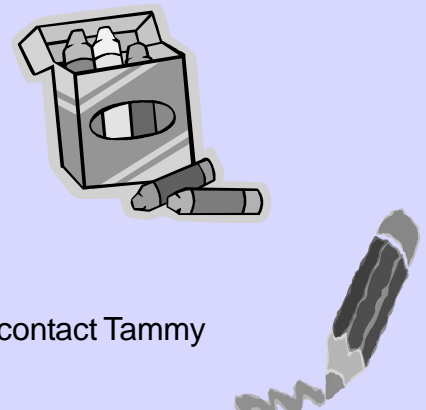


The Community Service Committee is eager and excited to begin AGA's 2005-2006 year. Our first project is collecting supplies for our PENCIL Partner, Alex Green Elementary School. The committee is sending out a short wish list. Once these items are collected the committee hopes to have individual boxed supplies designated for each teacher. These supplies will be collected until the October 2005 AGA luncheon.

Items can be dropped off at any time before the October 2005 AGA luncheon at the designated drop off sites listed below. They will also be accepted at the luncheon.

Drop off sites for Wish List:

- 1) James K. Polk Building, Department of State Audit
16th floor Conference Room, (Contact: Tammy Fruscione, 747-5221)
- 2) Tennessee Tower, 14th floor, (Contact: Margaret Walker, 741-9803)
- 3) L & C Tower, 19th floor, (Contact: Ray Register, 532-0216)



If anyone is interested in volunteering to maintain a drop box please contact Tammy Fruscione, 615-747-5221 or tammy.fruscione@state.tn.us.

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.

Educational Opportunities

The Nashville Chapter is proud to be sponsoring an upcoming Audio Conference

Title: Ethics – How It Impacts an Organization
Date: September 21, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. CST
Location: James K. Polk Building

Learning Objective – To better understand the role and impact ethics has on individuals and organizations.

CPE – Two hours

Cost – Free to AGA members

\$20 to Non-AGA members (if seating becomes limited, members will be accommodated first)

Registration information – Please contact Kathy Anderson to reserve your seat.

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Ethics is an individual and leadership issue. Ethics can affect a career, create obstacles and help determine one's success in an organization. It can also impact entire organizations and surrounding communities. What is intriguing about ethics is that people seem to get into difficulty when the rules are not specifically spelled out or they are not aware of their own organization's code of ethics. A recent major study on corporate ethics by the firm KPMG LLP underscores this reality.

To discuss the increased emphasis on ethics, the reasons why technology may be contributing to ethical issues, how some situations can be legal but unethical, how ethics can be a positive challenge for practical people and what the recent study on corporate ethics involving thousands of employees tells us, are Leon Young, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, and Scott Avelino, Director of Forensic Services, KPMG LLP.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' presentations, there will be 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

Tennessee Business Tax Seminar 2005

Objective: Participants will receive information about tax requirements, including recent amendments to tax law and recent court cases. Covered information includes unclaimed property issues and sessions on the various tax types listed on the agenda below.

Thursday, November 17, 2005, Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center
Bartlett, Tennessee

Tuesday, November 29, 2005, Willis Conference Center
Nashville, Tennessee

Continuing Education Units:

8.0 Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEs) will be available to participants who complete the program requirements. Continuing Legal Education and Specialization Units (CLEs) have been applied for and, if approved, will be available to participants who complete the program requirements. All CPE forms will be available at the registration desk at the seminar.

Fee:

The cost of the seminar is \$190 per person. This includes program materials, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and parking. The program is subject to change without notice.

For additional information call Kathy Anderson at 615-747-5241 or email at Kathy.Anderson@state.tn.us.

CGFM Committee News

New CGFMs

Congratulations to Tammy Fruscione of the Medicaid Section of the Division of State Audit in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury for achieving the CGFM.

Committee

The Committee encourages you to achieve the CGFM. We will be providing notice of training relevant to CGFM exam review and CGFM continuing education. The committee will recognize new CGFMs at our lunch meetings, in our newsletter and presenting them with lunch certificates.

The committee's plan for this year is to continue the formal training sessions for individuals who plan to take the CGFM exams 2 and 3. The committee also plans to develop a formal training class for Exam 1. We will continue CGFM exam directed study program. The purpose of these sessions will be to assist the AGA members who plan to sit for the CGFM exams through instructor led discussions of the various topical areas of the three exams. We will start with Exam 3 in September for eight one-hour long weekly sessions. We will follow up with participants exam progress from last year's Exam 2 & 3 training class. An exam support website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/localgovernmentfinance/> is available for those studying for the exam and participating in the Chapter's CGFM exam training.

We will market the CGFM certification to the public and employers. We will educate Department heads and personnel directors on the CGFM and its benefits for promoting a professional workforce. We will promote the CGFM to local governments, the legislators and governor. We will continue putting the CGFM designation on our AGA luncheon meeting nametags. We will continue to recognize in the newsletter and at meetings successful candidates passing the CGFM exams and current CGFMs.

The committee also discussed its long-term goal for increasing the number of individuals sitting for and passing the CGFM exams. One idea was to expand the base of individuals beyond that of the AGA membership who might be interested in a CGFM certification. This expansion will include CPA firms across the State who audit local governments. This idea could meet a dual purpose of also increasing the AGA membership. We plan to also distribute brochures to local colleges and universities via the Early Careers Committee's attendance at career fairs. We also plan to distribute a letter, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, lauding the benefits of becoming a CGFM to department and agency personnel directors and to area local governments to help educate State and local government employees of the benefits of the CGFM certification.

CGFM Committee Members: Ron Queen, CGFM (Chair), Rebecca Barr (Co Chair), Gerry Boaz, CGFM, Tammy Fruscione, CGFM, Georganne Martin, CGFM, Mary Ann Queen, CGFM

Training Opportunities Relevant to the CGFM

CGFM Exam 1 Study Course – online
<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx>
 anytime

TGFOA Fall Conference 2005 (12 hrs CPE)
 Cool Springs Marriott, Franklin, TN
<http://www.tngfoa.org/meetings.html>
 October 20-21, 2005

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.



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 September 2004 and August 2005 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

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Meet Your Chapter Executive Committee

Gerry Boaz, CPA, CGFM

President-Elect



Gerry has been with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit since January 1995. He is a 1994 graduate of Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting with a minor in German. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He was a financial and compliance auditor with the Division of State Audit for five years before becoming State Audit's Technical Analyst. As the Technical Analyst, he is primarily responsible for monitoring GASB, FASB, AICPA, OMB, and GAO professional and compliance standards relating to financial statement and financial-related audits. He reviews financial statement audits for adherence to the above principles and standards. He serves as a representative of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT) by observing and writing an account of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) meetings. He also serves

as a member of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Committee on Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting (CAAFR) and Special Review Committee for its certificate of achievement program and represents State Audit on various committees of the National State Auditors Association.

He is currently the president-elect of the Chapter. He is in his third year as the Southeast Regional CGFM Coordinator. He served as the Chapter's chair of the CGFM committee for the last three program years.

He is married to Melissa Boaz, also with State Audit. He enjoys playing softball and golf.

September tries its best to have us forget summer.

Bern Williams

Stupid is forever, ignorance can be fixed.

Don Wood

The History Report

is available on our

Chapter Website at

www.nashvilleaga.org

Mark Your Calendars

Meeting Dates

AGA Nashville Chapter

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

September 1, 2005

October 6, 2005

November 3, 2005

December 1, 2005

January 5, 2006

February 2, 2006

March 2, 2006

April 6, 2006

May 4, 2006

Chapter Executive Committee

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

August 29, 2005

October 3, 2005

October 31, 2005

November 28, 2005

January 2, 2006

January 30, 2006

February 27, 2006

April 3, 2006

May 1, 2006

AGA Nashville Chapter Training Information

Ethics Audio Conference

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

1:00-3:00 pm,

For more information, visit

www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/Ethicsinformation.pdf

Tennessee Business Tax Seminars 2005

Memphis Thursday, November 17, 2005

For more information, visit

www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/Memphis%20Tax%20Seminar.pdf

Nashville, Tuesday, November 29, 2005

For more information, visit

www.nashvilleaga.org/Documnets/Nashville%20Tax%20Seminar.pdf

Introducing...

Breakfast CPE

Featuring William F. Fox



Objective: Participants will obtain an understanding of the role the Center for Business & Economic Research plays in Tennessee financial decisions. Dr. Fox is one of the state's economists and is involved with revenue projections each year. Dr. Fox will discuss economic issues of interest to governmental accountants.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Nashville City Club

2 Hours of CPE

For more information, visit

www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/breakfastcpe.pdf

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Atlanta Chapter	www.mindspring.com/~agaatl/agaga.htm
Central Kentucky Chapter	www.ckyaga.com
Chattanooga Chapter	www.aga.taxpro.net
Columbia Chapter	www.columbiaaga.com
East Tennessee Chapter	www.kornet.org/etaga/