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President's Message

By Karen B. Hale, MAOM, CGFM

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday!

This is the time of year when most folks think of making changes in their lives to start the New Year out on a positive note. Some people make resolutions to go back to school, lose weight, spend more time with the family, eat healthier, advance their career, etc. I like to take time and reflect on my goals to see where I am and to determine what I need to do to reach them.

Oftentimes, I find that my goals require numerous steps or tasks to accomplish the desired end result. I learned a long time ago that it is much easier to look at the overall task and break it down into small, but doable, steps. This makes the overall task less daunting and gives you a sense of accomplishment at every step achieved along the way. Yes, it takes a lot of planning, but then again, is there anything worthwhile that does not?

I remember AGA's Executive Director, Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, speaking at the Southeast Regional Professional Development Conference in Chattanooga and talking about this same principle. He said that his strategy for completing the dissertation for his doctorate degree was to write two pages each day. He knew that he could not sit down and write numerous pages at any one time, but he knew that he

could write at least two pages each day. He eventually completed his dissertation by writing it two pages at a time.

Whether you make resolutions or not, I encourage you to take a little time to reflect on what is important in your life and what you hope to achieve this coming year. Take the time to plan it out and start working toward your goals today.

Best of luck!

I would like to congratulate Richard Norment and Melinda Parton on their recent nomination. Richard Norment, CGFM, CIA, will be presented the National Excellence in Government Leadership Award at the February 2010 Leadership Conference. Melinda Parton, CGFM, has been nominated as a Senior Vice President At-Large. Both have been instrumental players in not only the Nashville Chapter, but also at the regional and national levels.

Congratulations to you, both.

Karen



February Luncheon Speaker



Scott Augenbaum

AGA's Nashville Chapter is joining forces with the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners for a joint luncheon meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010. The ACFE chapter generously identified a fantastic speaker, Agent Scott Augenbaum. He is a supervisory special agent and serves as the cyber crime supervisor in the FBI's Memphis Division. He

manages the program in both Nashville and Memphis, with a staff of seven special agents.

Agent Augenbaum started his FBI career in 1988 with the New York Field Office as a support employee in the Financial Management Section. He eventually attended the FBI's Academy (Quantico, VA) and became a special agent in 1994. His initial field office assignment was in Albany, NY working with domestic terrorism, white collar crime, and computer crime investigations. After September 11, Agent Augenbaum was appointed the Syracuse Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force coordinator. He was promoted to a supervisory special agent with the FBI's Cyber Division in December 2004.

The FBI's Cyber Program addresses computer intrusion investigations, online child exploitation, intellectual property rights, and internet fraud.



Job Opportunities

From time to time departments forward job opportunities to the Website Committee which are posted for members' convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, go to this link and click on [Career Opportunities](#) for detailed information:

<http://www.nashvilleaga.org/whatsnew.htm>

From the Editor

While we greatly enjoy the various articles submitted from our membership, we are always seeking interesting news. If you have a great idea or burning topic, please submit your article to me at Corey.Tester@tn.gov no later than February 12 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks and start writing!

Corey

January Chapter Luncheon

The January luncheon was held on January 7th at the City Club. To read the draft minutes from the Chapter Luncheon please visit the chapter website. Members will have an opportunity to approve the minutes at February Luncheon, February 4, 2010.

Minutes

http://www.nashvilleaga.org/monthly_meetings.htm

January Chapter Luncheon Pictures



Terry Clements



Terry Clements, Karen Hale



AGA Members



Shirley Henry, Tammy Fruscione, Ann Collett



AGA Members

Committee News

Education News

2010 Winter Seminar

By Rusty Lacy

The 2010 Winter Seminar convened January 19-20, in the Tennessee Room, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower as over two hundred participants gathered to hear presentations and get those so important CPE hours.

Many of the expected topics were covered during this year's seminar. Those included American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) presentations from a national, state, local, and department perspective; Ethics; Tennessee economy update; GASB

update; information on Contracting; and Risk in the governmental environment. Other topics included information on national and local Ponzi schemes presented by Ty Howard of the U. S. Attorney's office, Interviewing and Deception Detection by Dr. Bruce Gay of TSU, Higher Education financial overview by Dale Sims of TBR, Policy Development at all levels of government and how AGA fits into that by Dr. Rodney Stanley of TSU, and Forensics by Stan Mitchell of Deloitte and Touche.

In addition to those presenters mentioned above the following people made presentations: John Morgan,

Deputy to the Governor; Art Hayes, Director, State Audit; Jerry Durham, County Audit; Gerry Boaz, State Audit; Ralph Comer, TDOT; Jim White, Fiscal Review Committee; Jack Hill, F&A Division of Accounts; John Bissell, General Services Purchasing Division; and Britt Wood, Department of Treasury Internal Audit.

Members of the Education Committee responsible for the seminar are Brian Brechon, Keevia Battle, Bertha Deweese, Da Norm, Corey Tester, Patricia Wakefield, and Rusty Lacy

Below are some pictures of the speakers and crowd.



John Morgan, Deputy to the Governor



Art Hayes, Director of the Division of State Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury



Jerry Durham, Division of County Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury



Attendees: Kandi Thomas and Gregg Hawkins



Ty Howard, U.S. Attorney's Office



Jim White, Fiscal Review Committee



Gerry Boaz, Division of State Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury



Jack Hill, Division of Accounts, Department of F & A



John Bissell, Purchasing Division, Department of General Services



Dr. Rodney Stanley, Tennessee State University



Dr. Bruce Gray, Tennessee State University



Attendees: Dianne McKay, Chas Taplin, and Glen McKay



Dale Sims, Tennessee Board of Regents

Committee News

Membership News

Nashville Chapter Educational Assistance Scholarship Program Recipients Announced!

Due to the tough economic times, the membership committee partnered with the early career committee to award nine scholarships to qualifying members in order to subsidize their attendance at the 2010 AGA Winter Seminar being held January 19th-20th. The scholarships were open to any member in good standing, who exhibited a genuine need for assistance in the payment of the cost of the Winter Seminar. The following were awarded scholarships:

- Clare Tucker
- Tammy Thompson
- Gail Best
- Lisa Salvador
- Jacqueline Laws
- Adam Gamble
- Reynolds Worthington
- Bertha DeWeese

Congratulations!

Renewal time is here!!!!

On January 14, all AGA members will receive an electronic invoice from National. We encourage all members to use this quick and easy online renewal method.

Renewal time means more incentives!!

There are two incentives to renew by **March 31, 2010:**

1. For all members who renew on or before March 31, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four \$25 cash prizes. Who couldn't use the extra cash?
2. For all members who renew on or before March 31 **AND** earn a minimum of 30 points, will qualify for a \$45 reimbursement. That is half of your dues amount!!! It's not too late to get involved and start earning those points!

How to Renew Online: Access the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org. Click on 'Members Login' on the right top corner of the screen. Login using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name—no spaces), click on the gray 'billing' button above your name. All you have to do is input your credit card information and hit 'Submit.' The transaction will automatically process via our secure server and the renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in-house membership system. While you are logged into the Members Only section, be sure to take a look at your contact information and make any updates as necessary (especially your e-mail address). If you have difficulties with or have forgotten your password you may [reset it online](#). Also, if you do not know your membership number, contact Jennifer Lewis or Ann Collett.

On-going Recruitment Campaign

The second recruitment campaign will run from December 2009 to April 2010. The member who has recruited the most new members from December through April will receive \$100 cash!!! There will then be a drawing of all other sponsors that recruited at least one new member for a \$50 cash prize. A GRAND Prize will be awarded at year end as well. The more new members you recruit, the better chance you have to win!

Prize to be given to a new member!

All new members will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize. So when recruiting, be sure to tell people they have a chance to win a prize at year end.

All prizes will be given away at the May awards luncheon just in time for summer vacation!!!

The link to the on-line application is: <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/joinnow.aspx>.

As a reminder, if you sponsor a new member, make sure he or she lists your membership number on the application. You will NOT receive credit if this information is not provided on the application. If you do not know your membership number, contact Ann Collett or Jennifer Lewis.

Committee News

Membership Continued...

Remember, AGA is about all fields of government accountability! Go beyond the accounting field and include fields, such as computer information systems, budget analyst and auditors when thinking of potential guests. The hardest part is asking.....most people will not turn down a FREE meal to attend a meeting! National's recruitment goal for our chapter is 38 new members, so get recruiting!

Please feel free to contact the membership committee with any questions:

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Ann Collett (Ann.Collett@tn.gov)

Terry Mason (Terry.Mason@tn.gov)

Keevia Battle (Keevia.Battle@tn.gov)

Community Service

The annual hats, coats, and gloves drive is now underway. We are accepting warm coats, sweaters, scarves, knitted hats, and gloves of all sizes. Your donation will benefit Nashville's Community Cares Fellowship. The drive will run from January through the first week of February. There are seven collection sites listed below:

- 9th & 10th floor, Andrew Jackson Building
- Suite 1400 & 16th floor, James K. Polk Building
- 14th floor, Tennessee Towers
- 7th floor, Cordell Hull Building

- 2nd floor, 1700 3rd Ave. North, Metro Water Services CSC
- 7th floor lobby, 222 Third Avenue North
- 11th floor, 414 Union Street, Bank of America Building

Members are also encouraged to bring their donations to the February luncheon.

Other News



AGA's National Nominating Committee has selected its slate of officers to serve on the National Board of Directors for 2010-2013, and **Melinda K. Parton, CGFM**, has been nominated as a Senior Vice President At-Large.

Congratulations, Melinda!



In recognition of Richard Norment's distinguished record of service to the Comptroller of the Treasury's office, Richard has been awarded the Excellence in Government Leadership Award. Richard is responsible for the annual audits of all 95 Tennessee county governments, which are now in total compliance with the financial reporting standards outlined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board in Statement 34. Richard managed the successful implementation of this milestone achievement, and has lent his leadership skills to AGA as Past National President and to several other professional organizations.

The Nashville Chapter of the AGA needs your donations for this year's

Hats, Coats, and Gloves Drive



We are accepting warm coats, sweaters, scarves, knitted hats, and gloves of all sizes.

Your gift of warmth will benefit Nashville's Community Cares Fellowship, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the homeless men, women and children in the Nashville Area.

Drop-Off Locations:

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Suite 1400 & 16th floor, James K. Polk Building
14th floor, Tennessee Towers
7th floor, Cordell Hull Building
2nd floor, 1700 3rd Ave. North, Metro Water Services CSC
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**Donations will be accepted through the 4th of February.
Members are also encouraged to bring their donations at the
February chapter luncheon.**

News from National

2010 National Leadership Award Recipients

Federal Leadership Awards

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award To formally recognize elected or presidentially appointed federal officials who exemplify and promote excellence in government management and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

Danny Werfel, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

In recognition of Mr. Werfel's promotion of governmental financial management excellence and for improving operational efficiencies across the federal government. He has led work to reduce improper payments, reform management of government property, and improve reliability and timeliness of financial reporting. He has led OMB's efforts to implement the transparency and accountability requirements of the American Accountability and Recovery Act. Mr. Werfel's leadership has produced measurable improvements in the way the U.S. government operates.

Elmer Staats Award To formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.

Alan "Keith" Bentley, SES, Director, Program Analysis and Financial Management, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Department of Defense

In recognition of Mr. Bentley's transformation of financial management across the Department of Defense by fielding a successful technology demonstration of the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System; for coaching his people to personal excellence; and for championing innovative management techniques that have resulted in the transformation of the nation's premier transportation and distribution organization.

William H. Campbell, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Chief Operating Officer, Atlantic Financial Navigation

In recognition of Mr. Campbell's work over three decades at the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and National Railroad Passenger Corporation to strengthen financial stewardship in the federal government. At the Coast Guard, he put improvements in place that led to the first-ever unqualified audit opinion, and he has developed the next generation of financial leaders through training and mentoring. His sustained commitment to improving financial performance as a senior federal official and as a successful financial practitioner is a powerful example that excellence in financial management can significantly improve service to the nation.

Andy Barr Award To formally recognize the financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative techniques.

Ronald Longo, CGFM, CPA, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Managing Director, KPMG LLP

In recognition of Mr. Longo's numerous leadership roles in the federal government over 35 years and his devotion to improving federal financial management by helping agencies address complex accounting and auditing issues. Mr. Longo played a major role in implementing the major financial management legislation of the 1990s, including the CFO Act, while at the Office of Management and Budget, and he later served as KPMG's technical specialist on preparing and auditing federal financial statements, working with the inspector general and CFO community to reach consensus. Mr. Longo's efforts have resulted in better financial reporting and improved information and processes, which are useful to decision-makers and stakeholders in managing the business of government.

State & Local Leadership Awards

Excellence in Government Leadership Award To formally recognize government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.

Richard V. Norment, CGFM, CIA, Nashville Chapter, Assistant to the Comptroller, Comptroller of Treasury, State of Tennessee

In recognition of Mr. Norment's distinguished record of service to the Comptroller of the Treasury's office, where he is responsible for the annual audits of all 95 Tennessee county governments, which are now in total compliance with the financial reporting standards outlined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board in Statement 34. Norment managed the successful implementation of this milestone achievement, and has lent his leadership skills to AGA as Past National President and to several other professional organizations.

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award To formally recognize state government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

Robert L. Childree, CGFM, Montgomery Chapter, Former Controller (Retired), State of Alabama

In recognition of Mr. Childree's leadership in improving state financial management, not just in Alabama, but throughout the nation. He led the development and implementation of a new financial management system in Alabama, wrote new fiscal and accounting policies and received 13 consecutive unqualified audit opinions on the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He has also been actively involved in several national professional associations and chairs AGA's Financial Management Standards Board.

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award To formally recognize local government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

William J. DiVello, CFE, CIG, Northern Virginia Chapter, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, District of Columbia Government

In recognition of Mr. DiVello's exceptional leadership in implementing a strong financial management infrastructure and audit program, which have produced potentially \$50 million in savings for the District of Columbia in fiscal year 2009 while improving essential services and helping vulnerable populations.

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award To formally recognize financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in state or local government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management techniques.

Paul M. Geraty, CGFM, CPA, Baltimore Chapter, Partner, Public Services Practice, KPMG LLP

In recognition of Mr. Geraty's work assisting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the state of Maryland and local governments in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area with improving financial management processes while providing governmental accounting training to hundreds of state and local government accounting professionals.

Keith F. Novak, CPA, Partner, State and Local Government Services, Clifton Gunderson LLP

In recognition of Mr. Novak's leadership in helping states, counties, local governments, school districts and other governmental entities strengthen controls and improve operational efficiencies while training government finance professionals on applicable accounting rules. His extensive knowledge in Governmental Accounting Standards Board issues has established him as an expert on best practices.



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