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AGA Nashville Chapter

Annual History Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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ABOUT THE NASHVILLE CHAPTER

The National Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was established in 1950 and is dedicated to the enhancement of public financial management and advancing government accountability. AGA serves the professional interest of individuals in local, state and federal governments by offering programs and services to forward its commitment to education and training, professional development, networking, publications and certification that recognize the unique skills of government financial managers.

The Nashville Chapter of AGA is one of approximately 100 chapters across the country that promotes the organization's goals by providing professional support, education and training to members while serving their communities through volunteer activities.

The chapter was chartered on May 16, 1978 and serves the governmental financial community in Middle Tennessee and South-Central Kentucky. The chapter is part of National Council of Chapters Geographic Area 6 governance structure which includes Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, and North and South Carolina.

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.

Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Values

Accountability - Promoting and advancing accountability in government.

Integrity - Fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior and exemplary services to all levels of government.

Leadership - providing experience to members to advance leadership roles in government.

Service - Attending to the needs of our members, the governmental sector and the community.

AGA is *the* association for all financial management related professionals supporting government. Through training and events, professional certification, publications, and ongoing education, AGA helps members build their skills and advance their careers.

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter luncheon meetings were held at either the DoubleTree Hotel or the Tennessee Tower in downtown Nashville. The average attendance at the luncheon meetings was 61 attendees. The meeting dates, speakers, and topics were as follows:

September 9, 2019

Attendees: 80
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"The Basics of Internal Control and Why a CGFM Should Care"
Michelle Earhart Hernandez, CPA
TN Department of Finance and Administration

October 7, 2019

Attendees: 62
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"TBR and the FOCUS Act: Three Years Later"
Mike Batson
Tennessee Board of Regents
Chief Audit Executive

November 4, 2019

Attendees: 64
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"Bears Will Be Bears, Faudsters Too"
Daniel Porter, CFE
Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Investigations

December 2, 2019

Attendees: 49
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"Fuel Hedging for Budget Stabilization"
Tom Eddlemon
Treasurer
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

January 6, 2020

Attendees: 60
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"Schools…A Great Place to Steal"
Dennis Dycus, CGFM CPA, CFE

February 3, 2020

Attendees: 128 (66 AGA members)
Location: DoubleTree Hotel
Joint Meeting with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Nashville Chapter

"Genuine U.S. Currency"
Special Agent Charles Crumrine and Special Agent Anna Deramus
United States Secret Service

March 2, 2020

Attendees: 49
Location: DoubleTree Hotel

"Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance"
John Gioeli
Becker Professional Education
Director of Government Programs

EDUCATION EVENTS

Certified Professional Education was offered or sponsored by the chapter throughout the year. A total of 67 CPE credits were provided. The date, topic, and CPE credits were as follows:

September 9, 2019
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 80
Chapter Meeting
"The Basics of Internal Control"

September 11, 2019
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 54
Webinar
"Everyone Communicates, Few connect!"

October 2, 2019
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 42
Webinar
"Improving Federal Spending: Technology and Process Improvement"

October 7, 2019
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 62
Chapter Meeting
"TBR and the FOCUS Act: Three Years Later"

November 4, 2019
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 64
Chapter Meeting
"Bears Will Be Bears, Faudsters Too"

November 20, 2019
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 35
Webinar
"Building a Culture of Ethical Excellence"

December 2, 2019
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 49
Chapter Meeting
"Fuel Hedging for Budget Stabilization"

December 11, 2019
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 39
Webinar
"Controlling Your Bots"

January 6, 2020
CPE: 1 hour
Chapter Meeting
Attendees: 60
"Schools…A Great Place to Steal"

January 8, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 46
Webinar
"Uniform Guidance"

January 15, 2020
CPE: 8 hours
Attendees: 200
GASB Update; Where is the Accountability Profession Heading?; Who are you BECOMING; and Ethics

January 16, 2020
CPE: 8 hours
Attendees: 200
Internal Controls; Crafting Effective Reports; Cybersecurity; and Medicaid Fraud.

February 3, 2020
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 128 (66 AGA members)
Chapter Meeting
"Genuine U.S. Currency"

February 5, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 37
Webinar
"GASB Update"

March 2, 2020
CPE: 1 hour
Attendees: 49
Chapter Meeting
"Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance"

March 9-11, 2020
CPE: 24 hours
Attendees: 35
CGFM Exam 1 and Exam 3 Review Course

March 25, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 80
Webinar
"Cybersecurity"

April 22, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 30
Webinar
"DATA Act"

May 13, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 30
Webinar
"Fraud/Data Analytics"

June 10, 2020
CPE: 2 hours
Attendees: 30
Webinar
"Leadership"

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANGEMENT (CGFM) PROGRAM

During March 9th-11th, 2020, the AGA Nashville Chapter hosted 35 participants in a CGFM Exam 1 and 3 review courses. Course participants were taught by an AGA National instructor and earned up to 24 hours of CPE in the process. AGA National, as part of the course, offered 20 exam vouchers. As an incentive to take an exam after the review course, the Nashville Chapter Executive Committee voted to offer 15 additional exam vouchers so that each participant could attempt one exam for free.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Nashville Mayor John Cooper issued proclamations to designate March 2020 as "Certified Government Financial Manager Month."

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

Office of the Mayor

A Proclamation Proclaiming March 2020 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of more than 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 375 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Tennessee, and the Nashville Chapter has over 330 active members; 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 in both 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 three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, CGFM holders must complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John Cooper, ninth Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the area of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County to recognize the work and accomplishments of the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

I have hereunto set my hand on this 2nd day of March, 2020.

John Cooper
Mayor

CGFM®

2019-2020:

Congratulations to the Nashville Chapter's five new CGFM's:

Sonja Yarbrough -	August 2019
Veronica Coleman -	August 2019
Andrew Hawkins -	August 2019
Kelly Schweitzer -	December 2019
Jeong Robinson -	December 2019

COMMUNICATIONS

Nashville Notes – Ten issues of the chapter newsletter were published for the 2019-2020 year.

Website - The chapter maintained a website https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Nashville-Chapter/Home.aspx that was updated regularly throughout the year.

Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/aganashvillechapter/

Google Groups – Much of the information communicated to members throughout the year was through the chapter's Google Groups list.

Citizen Centric Report – The chapter communicated detailed chapter information from the prior year through a "visually appealing, clear, and understandable four-page document". The full CCR can be viewed on the Nashville Chapter website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Project Pencil

For the 19th consecutive year, the chapter partnered with Alex Green Elementary School through the Project PENCIL Foundation. The PENCIL Foundation has a purpose to encourage academic achievement, provide a safety net for at-risk youth, promote career success for students and parents, and to build positive relationships between children and caring adults in the schools. Through this partnership, the chapter enriched the educational experiences of students and assisted faculty throughout the school year via school supply donations, monetary contributions, and member involvement in school activities.

Nashville Rescue Mission

AGA Nashville volunteers served dinner and collected necessity items for donation to the Nashville Rescue Mission. Their mission statement is "Providing hope for today, hope for tomorrow, and hope for eternity to the hungry, homeless, and hurting."

Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive

AGA Nashville partnered with Samaritan Ministries in the Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive to collect donations and distribute to those in the Nashville community who need them. This is the ninth year that AGA-Nashville has donated to the Samaritan Ministries. Beyond the clothing items collected, Nashville Chapter Members donated $600, which received a match of $100 from the Nashville Chapter.

Second Harvest Food Bank

For our chapter's February Community Service Activity, we sorted food items at the Second Harvest Food Bank's Warehouse on February 18, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. We had 10 great volunteers who helped sort 4,100 pounds of produce and we actually finished by 7:00 pm.

Nashville Public Television Membership Drive

For the chapter's March community service activity, we once again helped Nashville Public Television (WNPT, Channel 8) with their membership drive. We worked the phone bank on the evening of Monday, March 9 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. We had nine members from both state and local government participate in this project, as well as several members call in with pledges.

SPECIAL CHAPTER EVENTS

AGA Nashville Chapter volunteered to serve concessions at the October 6th and November 10th Tennessee Titans games as a fundraiser for the chapter. We raised approximately $1,193 for our chapter through the volunteer efforts, all while enjoying football, food, and friends.

Go Titans Go!

CHAPTER RECOGNITION, PARTICIPATION, AND AWARDS

2020 PDT Chapter Recognition

The chapter received the Platinum Chapter Designation, the highest recognition level in the Chapter Recognition Program sponsored by the National Office.

The Nashville Chapter Received the

- Chapter Education Award;
- Chapter CGFM Award;
- Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award; and
- Chapter Communications Award.

National Individual Awards

Jim Arnette, Director of Local Government Audit for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, was awarded the AGA's 2020 Robert W. King Memorial award during the AGA National PDT. This award recognizes superior service that enhanced AGA's national prestige and stature.

AGA National Participation by Nashville Members

The Nashville Chapter also had several members serving in AGA National positions.

- Rachelle Cabading served as the Vice-Chair Higher Education Committee;
- Gerry Boaz served on the Financial Management Standards Board;
- Penny Austin served as the Nashville Chapter's representative on the National Council of Chapters;
- Jim Arnette served on the Governance Committee and Intergovernmental Partnership Committee; and
- Kathy Stickel served as the National Treasurer-Elect and as a member of the National Governing Board.

Nashville Chapter Member Awards

Member Recruitment	Melissa Lahue – May 2019 - December 2019
	Drew Sadler – January 2020 – April 2020
Newsletter Articles	Michael Winston – Technical Article
	Melissa Boaz – Non-Technical Article
Volunteer of the Year	Drew Sadler
Member of the Year	Angela McElrath-Prosser
President's Award	Katie Armstrong

Retirees Honored

Ron Boniol, retired from the State of Tennessee

Shirley Henry, retired from the State of Tennessee

Kitty Holbrook, retired from the City of Nashville

Randall Kinnersley, retired from Western Kentucky University

Britt Wood, retired from the State of Tennessee

National Professional Development Training (PDT) Drawing

Every year the Nashville Chapter holds a drawing for a National AGA PDT registration fee for members attaining a certain level of points earned by participating in AGA Nashville activities. This year 46 individuals were eligible for the drawing, with the winners being Terry Burr and Kelly Armes.

Scholarships

The William R. Snodgrass Scholarship, named for his astounding contribution to the accounting and auditing profession, is awarded to middle or west Tennessee, southern Kentucky, or northern Alabama high school seniors or college students with a business-related major such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing. The recipients of the William R. Snodgrass Business Scholarships for 2020 were:

- Alexis Smith, Dover, TN - $1,000; attending the University of Tennessee Martin majoring in Accounting.
- Faith Poenitske Brentwood, TN - $1,000; attending Samford University majoring in business and minoring in dance.

The Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship, named posthumously for a state audit employee, is awarded to an AGA Nashville chapter member, member's spouse, or member's children or grandchildren. The recipient of the Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship for 2020 was:

- Jarius Battle, Nashville, TN - $1,000; attending East Tennessee State University studying Media and Communications.
- Natalie Anderson, Murfreesboro, TN - $1,000; attending the University of Tennessee Knoxville majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Business Administration.

CHAPTER MEMBERS SERVICE ON COMMITTEES

Officers

Jennifer Garoutte
Rachelle Cabading
Michael Winston
Penny Austin
Donna Jewell
Nichole Crittenden

Accountability and Outreach

Gerry Boaz

Awards

Mary Anne Queen
Kelly Armes

Bylaws/Procedures

Melissa Boaz

CGFM

Drew Sadler

Communications

Britt Wood

Community Service

Angela McElrath-Prosser
Keevia Battle

Corporate Sponsorship

Chase Tramel

Early Careers

LoriAnn Davis

Education

Melissa Lahue
Terry Burr
Mason Ball
Leigh Burtchaell
Tammy Fruscione

Finance

Alexander Warns

Meetings and Attendance

Scarlet Sneed

Membership

Bridget Carver

Program

Pamela Marks

Webmaster

Nathan Abbott
Chase Tramel
Dan Willis

MEMBERSHIP

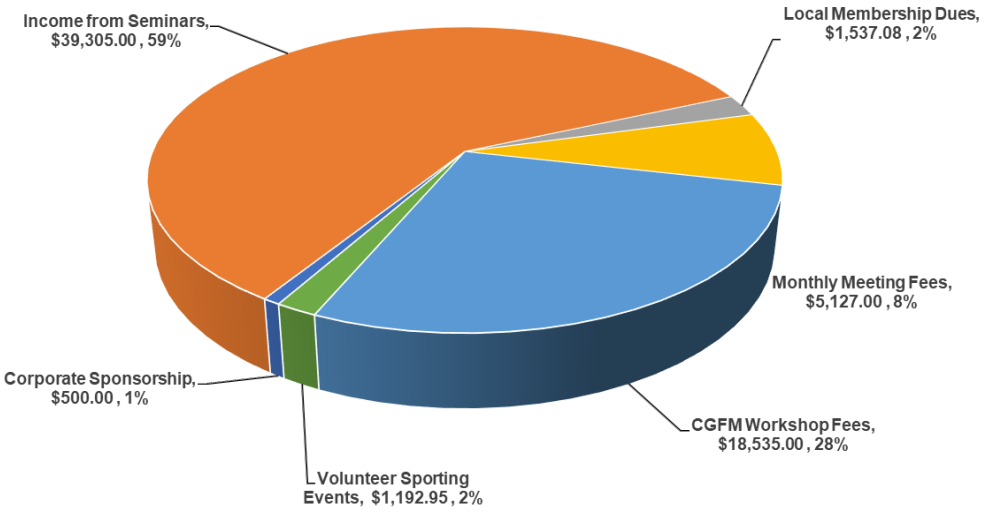
The chapter had ***313*** members at the end of the membership year, June 30, 2020.
Members joining in 2019-2020:

Mary Agib
Meredith Albright
Milagros Bernardo
Natasha Blackshear
Allen Bradley
Christopher Bradshaw
Trina Clancy
Mary Collins
Elisha Crowell
Tyler Ensminger
Laura Foster
Taylor Fritts
Sam Ghobrial
Ereny Girgis
Kathy Grant
Mary Hagan
Armond Harris
Emalie Hayse
Sarah Hogue
Monica Ivanovici
Jacob Kennedy
Stephen Kirby
Jackson Lanier
Gray Lee
Tina Manning
Ron Maupin
Baley Miles
Arlen Munden
Heather Murray
Ryan Murrell
Le Nguyen
Angela Pacifico
Lisanne Palacios
Christy Payne
Jeong Robinson
Lindsey Stadterman
Zahra Sultan
Tracy Terczynski
Andrew Turner
Ajoi Wallace-McFarland
Tammy Waymire, CPA
Youstina Zakhary

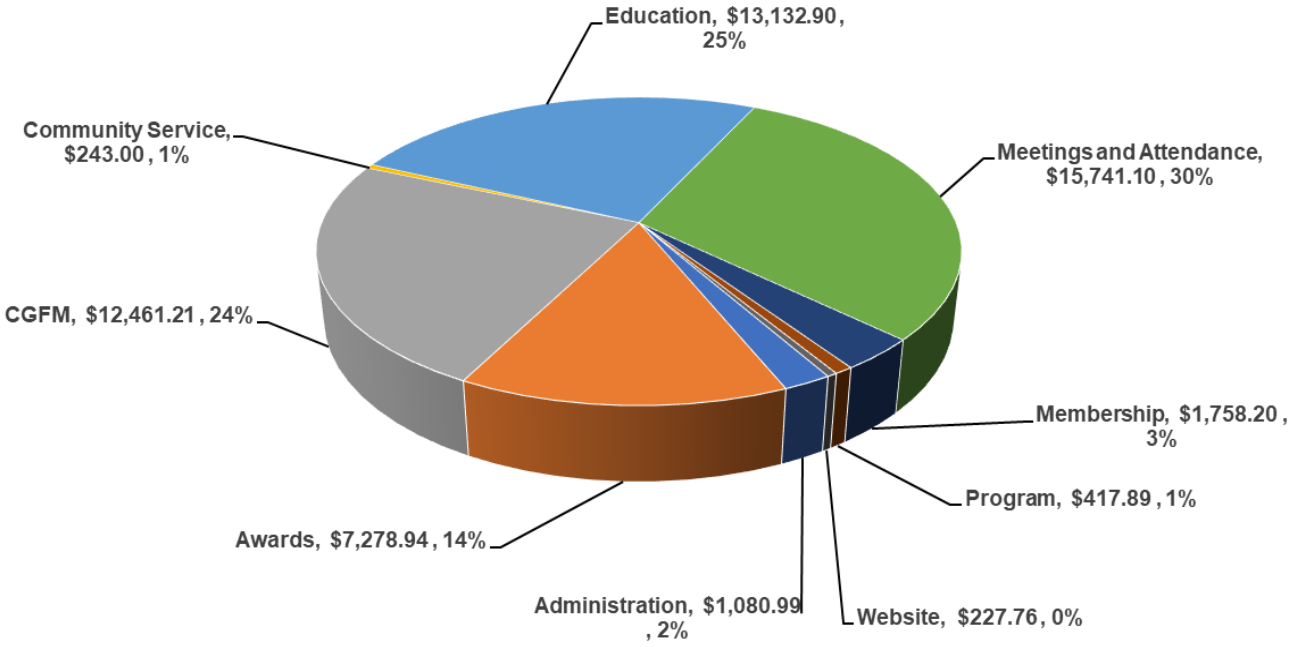
Student Member:
Yvonne Latour

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Chapter Income - Chart



Chapter Expenses - Chart



Balance Sheet as of 6/30/2020

AGA NASHVILLE CHAPTER

Association of Government Accountants-Nashville Chapter
Balance Sheet
as of 06/30/2020

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Assets		
1001	Checking-Regions -2588	$1,000.00
1003	Accounts Receivable	$3,500.00
1004	Checking - Regions - Main - 0749	$77,637.17
Total Assets		$82,137.17
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		$0.00
Equity		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	$82,137.17
Total Equity		$82,137.17
Total Liabilities + Total Equity		$82,137.17

Income Statement as of 6/30/2020

AGA NASHVILLE CHAPTER

Association of Government Accountants-Nashville Chapter
Income Statement
for the period of 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Income		
4000	Corporate Sponsorship	$500.00
4010	Education - Income From Seminars	$39,305.00
4020	National - Local Membership Dues	$1,537.08
4030	M&A - Monthly Meeting Fees	$5,127.00
4060	CGFM -Workshop Fees	$18,535.00
4080	Volunteer Sporting Events	$1,192.95
Total Income		$66,197.03
Expense		
5005	Admin - Postage/Printing	$124.99
5008	Admin - Accounting Software Subscription	$594.00
5011	Admin - Insurance -Location Rental	$362.00
7000	Awards - Member Award/Plaques	$351.54
7001	Awards - Membership Incentive	$1,875.00
7003	Awards - Scholarship Awards	$5,052.40
8002	CGFM - Study Books Awards	$760.39
8004	CGFM - Paypal Fees	$203.70
8010	CGFM - Review Course	$11,467.12
8015	CGFM - Renewal Fee	$30.00
9008	CS - WNPT Membership Drive (T-Shirts)	$143.00
9010	CS - Hats, Coats, Gloves, & Socks Drive	$100.00
11010	Education - Webinars	$2,596.00
11011	Education - Webinars - Printing, Postage, Materials	$26.76
11013	Education - Fall Breakfast Seminar-Facility Rental	$65.00
11015	Education - Winter Seminar-Facility Rental	$260.00
11016	Education - Winter Seminar -Food	$5,070.00
11017	Education - Winter Seminar-Printing, Printing, Postage, Materials	$540.00
11018	Education - Winter Seminar-Speaker Fees & Gifts	$3,258.00
11019	Education - Winter Seminar- Speaker Travel	$1,098.13
11022	Education - Paypal Fees-Education	$199.25
11023	Education - Fall Breakfast - Printing, postage, materials	$19.76
12010	M&A-CEC Meeting Lunches	$994.22
12012	M&A-Luncheon Drawing Awards	$200.00
12013	M&A-Monthly Meeting Expense	$13,016.50
12014	M&A-First Time Guest	$1,428.52
12015	M&A-Monthly Meeting-Paypal Fees	$101.86
13013	Membership-Recruitment Program	$543.20
13014	Membership-Retention Program	$1,215.00
15010	Program - Speaker Lunches	$223.73
15011	Program - Speaker Parking	$30.00
15012	Program - Speaker Gifts (Charitable Donations)	$150.00
15014	Program - Social Events	$14.16
16010	Website - Hosting & Domain Name Registration	$227.76
Total Expense		$52,341.99
Net Income (Loss)		$13,855.04