



AGA Nashville Chapter

Annual History Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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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.

Diversity- Respecting the ideas and perspectives of all members

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.**

# CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter luncheon meetings were held virtual in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting dates, speakers, and topics were as follows:

## September 14, 2020

Attendees: 89  
Location: Virtual

**"Cybersecurity"**  
**Jim Arnette, CGFM, CISA**

Director of Local Government Audit for the  
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

## October 5, 2020

Attendees: 91  
Location: Virtual

**"Leadership"**  
**Kent Oliver**

Director of the Nashville Public Library

## November 2, 2020

Attendees: 90  
Location: Virtual

**"Leading Through Troubling Times"**  
**Patrick Sheehan, CEM**

Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management

## December 7, 2020

Attendees: 94  
Location: Virtual

**"Understanding the Appraisal Process"**  
**Vivian Wilhoite**

Assessor of Property  
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and  
Davidson County

## January 11, 2021

Attendees: 85  
Location: Virtual

**"What is a Civil Society?"**  
**Andrea Blackman**

Director for the Nashville Public Library's  
Special Collections

## February 1, 2021

Attendees: 101  
Location: Virtual

Joint Meeting with the Association of Certified Fraud  
Examiners, Nashville Chapter

**"Investigative Reporting"**  
**Jeremy Finley**

Chief Investigative Reporter for the News 4 I-Team

## March 1, 2021

Attendees: 107  
Location: Virtual

**"Leadership"**  
**Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA, CGMA**

Audit Manager for the State of New Mexico

## April 5, 2021

Attendees: 90  
Location: Virtual

**"Government Audit Quality and Efforts to  
Improve Internal Controls"**

**Dr. Tammy Waymire, PH.D., CPA**  
Professor of Accounting at Middle  
Tennessee State University Tennessee,  
Member of FASB

**April Nipper**  
Comptroller of the Treasury

# EDUCATION EVENTS

Certified Professional Education was offered or sponsored by the chapter throughout the year. A total of 65 CPE credits were provided. The date, topic, and CPE credits were as follows:

<p><b>September 9, 2020</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Communications"</p>	<p><b>January 20-21, 2021</b> CPE: 16 hours Attendees: 226 Winter Seminar "GASB Update, Auditing Standards, Fluency"</p>
<p><b>September 14, 2020</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 89 Chapter Meeting "Cybersecurity"</p>	<p><b>February 1, 2021</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 101 Chapter Meeting "Investigative Reporting"</p>
<p><b>October 5, 2020</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 91 Chapter Meeting "Leadership"</p>	<p><b>February 3, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "GASB Update"</p>
<p><b>October 7, 2020</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Internal Control/Improper Payments"</p>	<p><b>March 1, 2021</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 107 Chapter Meeting "Leadership"</p>
<p><b>November 2, 2020</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 90 Chapter Meeting "Leading Through Troubling Times"</p>	<p><b>March 22-25, 2021</b> CPE: 21 hours Attendees: 26 CGFM Exam 2 Review Course</p>
<p><b>November 4, 2020</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Ethics"</p>	<p><b>March 24, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Cybersecurity/ERM"</p>
<p><b>December 7, 2020</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 94 Chapter Meeting "Understanding the Appraisal Process"</p>	<p><b>April 5, 2021</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 90 Chapter Meeting "Government Audit Quality and Efforts to Improve Internal Controls"</p>
<p><b>December 9, 2020</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Internal Controls"</p>	<p><b>April 21, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "CARES Act"</p>
<p><b>January 11, 2021</b> CPE: 1 hour Chapter Meeting Attendees: 85 "What is a Civil Society?"</p>	<p><b>May 12, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Fraud/ Data Analytics"</p>
<p><b>January 13, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Uniform Guidance"</p>	<p><b>June 9, 2021</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 30 Webinar "Leadership"</p>

# CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANGEMENT (CGFM) PROGRAM

During March 22-25, 2021, the AGA Nashville Chapter hosted a virtual CGFM review course for Exam 2. Course participants received a paper copy of the CGFM study guide (exam 2), access for one year to virtual study guides, and 21 hours of NASBA approved CPE.

A total of 28 participants spent 4 days reviewing CGFM material in preparation for the exam.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Nashville Mayor John Cooper issued proclamations to designate March 2021 as “Certified Government Financial Manager Month.”



2020-2021:

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

Tabitha L. Pratt  
Phoebe Reilly  
Samuel T. Trout  
Jonathan Van Dyk  
Roy J. Yoquelet

# COMMUNICATIONS

**Nashville Notes** - Ten issues of the chapter newsletter were published for the 2020-2021 year

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

**Social Media** - The chapter maintained a Facebook account that was updated periodically updated <https://www.facebook.com/aganashvillechapter/>

**Email** - Regular email communication on events such as chapter luncheon and webinar meetings, community service opportunities, job postings and more.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the chapter adopted Alex Green Elementary School through the Project PENCIL Foundation and collected \$587 for Alex Green Elementary. The PENCIL Foundation is a non-profit organization that builds *strategic partnerships* between community groups and the needs of Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) to ensure equitable access to education for all students. This year the chapter participated by donating money, school supplies, and assisted in school activities.

## Hands on Nashville

On November 21, 2020 AGA Nashville members volunteered by planting trees at the Tennessee school for the Blind located in Donelson, TN. Hands on Nashville launched in 1991 and creates engaged communities where volunteers and partners collaboratively solve social issues. Their mission is to meet community needs through volunteerism.



Pictured (left to right): Angela McElrath-Prosser, Arlene Sawlani, Mary Anne Queen, Penny Austin, Rachelle Cabading, Andrew Turner, and Jai Sawlani. Not pictured: Stephanie Gravert-Spitzer

## Hats, Coats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive

For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the AGA Nashville Chapter partnered with Samaritan Ministries in the Hats, Coats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive for the month of December 2020. The Samaritan Ministries provides food, clothing items and other services free of charge to the Nashville community. In addition to the donated items from our members, the chapter also raised \$1,125 for the Samaritan Ministries. The AGA National matched up to \$406.20.

## Second Harvest Food Bank

On May 2021, AGA Nashville Chapter members partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to raise donations and volunteer their time. The Second Harvest Food Bank launched in 1978 to feed hungry people and work to solve hunger issues in Middle Tennessee.



Volunteers packed 1,620 food bags for the Child Adult Care Feeding Program

Thanks to Penny Austin, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Pam Marks, Keevia Battle, Mary Anne Queen, Christopher Prosser, Casey Queen, and Bryson Davis

# GROW Enrichment

On March 2021, AGA Nashville Chapter members partnered with GROW Enrichment and cleared non-native, invasive plants at Two Rivers Park in Nashville. GROW Enrichment is a non-profit organization based in Nashville, TN that engages in restoring an urban green space. In 2020, GROW Enrichment rescued over 500 oak trees for reforestation efforts around Tennessee after the devastating tornado that took place in March.



Thanks to Angela McElrath-Prosser, Michelle Hernandez, Macey Ray, Jackson Lanier, and Mary Anne Queen

# CHAPTER RECOGNITION, PARTICIPATION, AND AWARDS

## 2021 PDT Chapter Recognition

The chapter yet again 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 CGFM Award
- Chapter Communications Award

## National Individual Awards

Deborah Loveless, retired from the Comptroller of the Treasury, has been awarded AGA's prestigious Excellence in Government Leadership Award at AGA's National Leadership Training held in February 2021.

This award "honors state, local or tribal government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures' and "recognizes cumulative achievements of individuals who throughout their public career have served as a role model for others and have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards."

## AGA Nashville Participation by Nashville Members

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

- Gerry Boaz served as the National President- Elect and as a member of the National Governing Board
- Kathy Stickel served as the National Treasurer and as a member of the National Governing 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
- Rachele Cabading served as the Chair Higher Education Committee
- Drew Sadler served on the Professional Certification Board

## Nashville Chapter Member Awards for 2020-2021

<b>Member Recruitment</b>	Katie Armstrong - (4 recruits) January 2021 to May 2021
<b>Newsletter Articles</b>	Mary Lou Goins - wrote 2 newsletters this year
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Nathan Abbott
<b>Member of the Year</b>	Angela McElrath-Prosser
<b>President's Award</b>	Mary Anne Queen

## Retirees Honored

Deborah Loveless	Robin Roberts
Dan Willis	Leslie Holman
Scarlet Sneed	Charles DeMore
Derke Martin	Cathy West
Barbara DeHarde,	Steve Henley
Bob Lackey	

## 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 the winners were Jonathan Van Dyk and Scarlet Sneed. Congratulations to both. Terry Burr accepted the PDT award on behalf of Jonathan Van Dyk.

## 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 2020-2021 were:

- Jada Carter - \$2,500; attending Tennessee State University majoring in accounting
- Preston Hanzley - \$2,500; attending Cornell University majoring in economics

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 child or grandchild. The recipients of the Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship for 2020-2021 were:

- Grace Maupin - \$2,500; attending Tennessee Tech University majoring in accounting
- Casey Queen - \$2,500; attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga majoring in accounting

# Chapter Members Service on Committees

## Officers

Rachelle Cabading  
Alex Warns  
Jennifer Garoutte  
Penny Austin  
Katie Armstrong  
Donna Jewell  
Jai Sawlani

## Community Service

Angela McElrath-Prosser  
Keevia Battle  
Mary Anne Queen  
Scarlet Sneed

## Nominating

Alexander Warns  
Chase Tramel  
Bridget Carver  
Jai Sawlani  
Jennifer Garoutte  
Penny Austin  
Drew Sadler

## Accountability and Outreach

Gerry Boaz

## Corporate Sponsorship

Chase Tramel

## Program

Angela McElrath-Prosser

## Awards

Kelly Armes  
Joyce Bentley  
Mary Anne Queen  
Pamela Marks  
Rimon Abdou

## Education

Leigh Burtchaell  
Melissa Lahue  
Robert Ball  
Scarlet Sneed  
Tammy Fruscione  
Terry Burr

## Web

Chase Tramel  
Daniel Willis  
Nathan Abbott

## Bylaws and Procedures

Macey Ray

## Meetings and Attendance

Bridget Carver  
John Dunne  
Melvin Jones  
Scarlet Sneed

## Young Professionals

Bethany Graves

## CGFM

Drew Sadler

## Membership

Bridget Carver

## Communications

Bethany Graves  
Tyler Ensminger

## National Committee

Gerry Boaz  
James Arnette  
Katherine Stickel  
Penny Austin  
Rachelle Cabading  
Drew Sadler

# MEMBERSHIP

The Nashville Chapter had 300 members at the end of June 30, 2021. We had 28 new members join our Chapter throughout the year and we are proud to see the Chapter continue to grow to serve our government accountability community.

# Balance Sheet



Association of Government Accountants-Nashville Chapter  
Balance Sheet  
as of 06/30/2021

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Assets</b>		
1001	Checking-Regions -2588	\$10,036.98
1004	Checking - Regions - Main - 0749	\$92,603.30
Total Assets		<hr/> \$102,640.28
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Total Liabilities		<hr/> \$0.00
<b>Equity</b>		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$102,640.28
Total Equity		<hr/> \$102,640.28
<b>Total Liabilities + Total Equity</b>		<hr/> <hr/> \$102,640.28

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Net Income



Association of Government Accountants-Nashville Chapter

Income Statement

for the period of 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Income</b>		
4000	Corporate Sponsorship	\$500.00
4010	Education - Income From Seminars	\$39,625.00
4020	National - Local Membership Dues	\$1,463.32
4060	CGFM -Workshop Fees	\$13,700.00
4100	Community Service - Member Donations	\$1,735.86
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$57,024.18</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5003	Admin - PDT Community Service Donation (National)	\$700.00
5005	Admin - Postage/Printing	\$244.80
5008	Admin - Accounting Software Subscription	\$702.00
5009	Admin - Travel-PDT Attendance (Registration & Travel)	\$500.00
5011	Admin - Insurance -Location Rental	\$409.00
5012	Admin - Subscriptions	\$250.00
7000	Awards - Member Award/Plaques	\$272.40
7001	Awards - Membership Incentive	\$500.00
7003	Awards - Scholarship Awards	\$10,000.00
7005	Awards - Retiree Gifts	\$337.40
8001	CGFM - Exam Fees Subsidy	\$250.00
8003	CGFM - Supplies	\$939.02
8004	CGFM - Paypal Fees	\$98.56
8010	CGFM - Review Course	\$9,425.00
8015	CGFM - Renewal Fee	\$135.00
9000	CS-Community Service Award	\$50.00
9007	CS - Alex Green Elementary/PENCIL Foundation	\$257.14
9008	CS - WNPT Membership Drive (T-Shirts)	\$300.00
9010	CS - Hats, Coats, Gloves, & Socks Drive	\$257.14
9014	CS - Nashville Humane Association	\$257.14
9018	CS - Mending Hearts	\$257.14
9021	CS - Second Harvest	\$257.14
9022	CS - Other Community Service	\$407.14
9023	CS - Member Donations	\$1,685.86
9024	CS - Paypal Fees	\$65.06
11010	Education - Webinars	\$2,810.00
11017	Education - Winter Seminar-Printing, Printing, Postage, Materials	\$225.00
11018	Education - Winter Seminar-Speaker Fees & Gifts	\$1,925.00
11022	Education - Paypal Fees-Education	\$138.12
12012	M&A-Luncheon Drawing Awards	\$250.00
13013	Membership-Recruitment Program	\$418.25
13014	Membership-Retention Program	\$1,760.00
14011	Newsletter - Article Awards	\$100.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$36,621.07</b>
	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$20,403.11</u></b>

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