



Nashville Chapter



AGA Nashville Chapter

Annual History Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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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 both in person and virtual. The meeting dates, speakers, and topics were as follows:

## September 6, 2022

Attendees: 76

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“Intro to State of TN’s Office of Evidence and Impact (OEI)”**

**Kaitlin Reynolds**

TN Dept of Finance & Administration

**Jonathon Attridge**

TN Dept of Finance & Administration

## October 3, 2022

Attendees: 72

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“Traveling the Wrong Road: A Theft of Time and Travel”**

**Suzzie Singleton, CGFM, CFE**

Deputy Chief Investigator

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

## November 7, 2022

Attendees: 78

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“Panel: Decline in Accounting Enrollment”**

**Dr. Robert Wilbanks**

Tennessee Tech University

**Dr. Susan Cockrell**

Austin Peay State University

**Christy Behnke**

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

## December 5, 2022

Attendees: 74

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“REAL ID”**

**Michael Hogan**

Assistant Commissioner, Driver Services

TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security

## January 9, 2023

Attendees: 67

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“Ethics: Lessons from the Big Screen”**

**Teryn McNeal**

Manager, Division of Local Government Audit

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

## February 6, 2023

Attendees: 178

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“US Postal Inspection Service”**

**Chris Morris**

Senior Postal Inspector

United States Postal Inspection Service

## March 6, 2023

Attendees: 82

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“Cybersecurity: How secure is your password?”**

**Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE, EA**

Senior Information Systems Specialist

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

## April 3, 2023

Attendees: 109

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**“State of the State”**

**Jason Mumpower**

Tennessee Comptroller

TN Comptroller of the Treasury

## May 22, 2023

Attendees: 66

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Virtual

**Awards Luncheon**

# EDUCATION EVENTS

Certified Professional Education was offered or sponsored by the chapter throughout the year. A total of 72 CPE credits were provided. The date, topic, and CPE credits were as follows:

<b>September 6, 2022</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 76 Chapter Meeting "Intro to TN's Office of Evidence and Impact"	<b>February 1, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 24 Webinar "GASB Update"
<b>September 28, 2022</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 21 Webinar "Communications"	<b>February 6, 2023</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 178 Chapter Meeting "US Postal Inspection Service"
<b>October 3, 2022</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 72 Chapter Meeting "Traveling the Wrong Road: A Theft of Time and Travel"	<b>March 1, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 18 Webinar "RPA/AI"
<b>October 19, 2022</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 27 Webinar "Internal Control"	<b>March 6, 2023</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 82 Chapter Meeting "Cybersecurity: How secure is your password"
<b>November 2, 2022</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 27 Webinar "Ethics"	<b>March 20-22, 2023</b> CPE: 24 hours Attendees: 30 CGFM Exam 2 Review Course
<b>November 7, 2022</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 78 Chapter Meeting "Panel Discussion: Decline in Accounting Enrollment"	<b>March 22, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 22 Webinar "Cybersecurity/ERM"
<b>December 5, 2022</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 74 Chapter Meeting "REAL ID"	<b>April 3, 2023</b> CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 109 Chapter Meeting "State of the State"
<b>December 14, 2022</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 21 Webinar "Risk Management"	<b>April 11, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 29 Spring Breakfast "Cybersecurity and Data Analytics"
<b>January 9, 2023</b> CPE: 1 hour Chapter Meeting Attendees: 67 "Ethics Lessons from the Big Screen"	<b>April 26, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 21 Webinar "CARES Act/ARPA"
<b>January 11, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 24 Webinar "Uniform Guidance & Grant Accounting"	<b>May 10, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 14 Webinar "Fraud/Data Analytics"
<b>January 23-24, 2023</b> CPE: 16 hours Attendees: 184 Winter Seminar "GASB Update, Managing, Technology"	<b>May 24, 2023</b> CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 15 Webinar "Leadership"

# CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANGEMENT (CGFM) PROGRAM

During March 20-22, 2023, the AGA Nashville Chapter hosted a 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, 1 exam voucher, and 24 hours of NASBA approved CPE.

A total of 30 participants spent 3 days reviewing CGFM material in preparation for the exam.



**2022-2023:**

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

Angela Lexner  
Tyler Ensminger  
Sarah Hogue  
Grant Crosthwaite  
Cassie Wheeler  
Lauren Lewis  
Sherrie Gill  
Tonya P. Travis  
Lindsey Stadterman  
Patricia Hensley  
Sara Pope  
Jonathan McKee  
Teryn McNeal  
Megan Diday  
Amy Hewitt

# COMMUNICATIONS

**Nashville Notes** - Ten issues of the chapter newsletter were published for the 2022-2023 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 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, the chapter adopted Alex Green Elementary School for September and October 2022 through the Project PENCIL Foundation and collected \$745 for Alex Green Elementary as well as supplies. 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.



## National Community Service Fund

Annually at AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT), AGA supporters donate to the National Community Service Fund (NCSF).

The funds received during July and August of 2022 were used to benefit the community. Of the funds raised, 50% was divided amongst three charities (St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Children's Hunger Fund, and Tunnel to Towers Foundation).

The other 50% was used for a collegiate scholarship and to match funds raised by chapters. This way, the NCSF helps AGA support the communities in which our members live and serve.

## Nashville Rescue Mission

In November 2022, the chapter collected \$1,056 in donations to the Nashville Rescue Mission. The Nashville Rescue Mission served over 6,000 traditional Thanksgiving meals to men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and hunger over this Thanksgiving holiday.

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

For the 12th consecutive year, the AGA Nashville Chapter partnered with Samaritan Ministries in the Hats, Coats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Drive for the month of December 2022. 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 monetary donations for the Samaritan Ministries.

## Nashville Humane Association

In January 2023, we collected donations of supplies and \$541 for the Nashville Humane Association and volunteered for a day at the shelter.

Nashville Humane is committed to promoting humane education, controlling pet overpopulation, and finding responsible homes for homeless and adoptable pet communities in Nashville and throughout Tennessee.

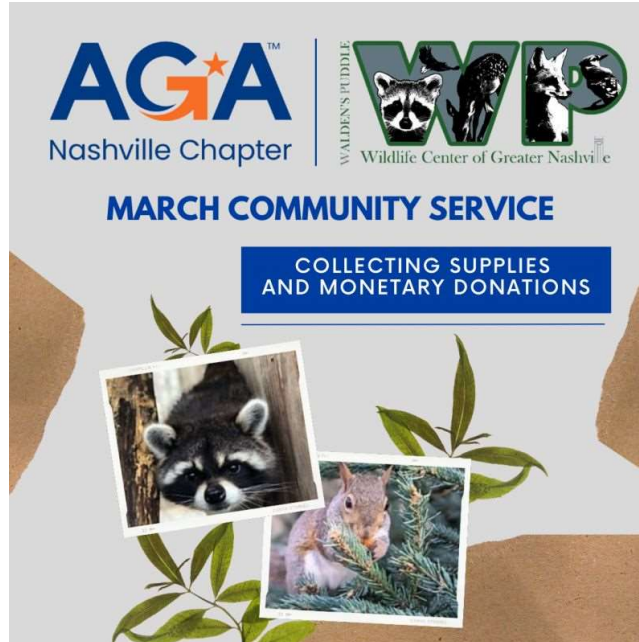


## Second Harvest Food Bank

In February 2023, the Nashville Chapter AGA had 12 volunteers sort 11,500 pounds of produce and donated \$765.

## Walden's Puddle

In March 2023, a monetary donation of \$949 and several supplies were delivered to Walden's Puddle, a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation center for wildlife.



## Hands on Nashville

Several volunteers from the Nashville Chapter AGA gathered together during April 2023 to clean up the Nashville Cemetery through Hands on Nashville. They picked up trash, gathered fallen branches, and swept headstones.

# CHAPTER RECOGNITION, PARTICIPATION, AND AWARDS

## 2023 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 recognition for the following:

- Highest Overall Growth Nationally
- Chapter Communications Award
- Volunteer of the Year - Bridget Carver

## AGA National Participation by Nashville Members

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

- Gerry Boaz served on the Financial Management Standards Board
- David Cook served on the Financial Management Standards Board
- Katie Armstrong served on the Audit Committee
- Dr. Tammy Waymire served on the Leadership Development Committee
- Angela McElrath-Prosser served as the NCC Representative
- Rachelle Cabading served as Director (At-Large) on the National Governing Board
- Drew Sadler served on the Professional Certification Board

## AGA Nashville CGFM Month

The Nashville Chapter successfully requested March be designated as CGFM month with a proclamation from the Nashville Mayor and a resolution from the Tennessee General Assembly.

## Nashville Chapter Member Awards for 2022-2023

<b>Community Service</b>	Angela McElrath-Prosser, Bethany Graves, Rachelle Cabading, Terry Burr, and Scarlet Sneed
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Bridget Carver
<b>Member of the Year</b>	Tyler Ensminger
<b>President's Award</b>	Bethany Graves

## Retirees Honored

Mary Lou Goins

## 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 Scarlet Sneed and Donna Jewell. Congratulations to both.

## 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 2022-2023 were:

- Carson Fisher - \$2,500; attending University of Pennsylvania
- Kayla Potete - \$2,500; attending University of Tennessee, Martin

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 2022-2023 were:

- Katie Hale- \$2,500; attending Tennessee Tech
- Niya Angelova - \$2,500; attending University of Tennessee, Knoxville

# Chapter Members Service on Committees

## Officers

Katie Armstrong  
Terry Burr  
Jessica Cox  
Nichole Crittenden  
Angela McElrath  
Allen Bradley  
Alex Warns

## Community Service

Kelly Armes  
Angela McElrath-Prosser  
Mary Anne Queen  
Scarlet Sneed  
Keevia Battle

## Nominating

Terry Burr  
Penny Austin  
Alexander Warns  
Jai Sawlani  
Elisha Crowell  
Bridget Carver  
Donna Jewell

## Accountability and Outreach

Kelsey Schweitzer

## Awards

Donna Jewell  
Katie Armstrong  
Penny Austin  
Angela McElrath-Prosser  
Scarlet Sneed

## Education

Nathan Abbott  
Teryn McNeal  
Tyler Ensminger  
Scarlet Sneed  
Chase Tramel  
Terry Burr

## Web

Nathan Abbott  
Tyler Ensminger  
Bethany Graves  
Chase Tramel  
Daniel Willis

## Bylaws and Procedures

Rachelle Cabading

## CGFM

Drew Sadler  
Diane Wheeler

## Meetings and Attendance

Bridget Carver  
Melvin Jones  
Macey Ray  
Scarlet Sneed

## Young Professionals

Kevin Lorenzana-Rodriguez

## Communications

Tyler Ensminger  
Sara Pope

## National Committee

Katie Armstrong  
Gerry Boaz  
Rachelle Cabading  
Angela McElrath-Prosser  
Drew Sadler  
Dr. Tammy Waymire  
David Cook

## Finance

Meredith Albright

## Membership

Bridget Carver

## Program

Bethany Graves  
Andrew Turner

# MEMBERSHIP

The Nashville Chapter had 397 members at the end of June 30, 2023. We had 62 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.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Balance Sheet



AGA-Nashville Chapter  
Balance Sheet  
as of 06/30/2023

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Assets</b>		
1001	Checking - Regions - 2588	\$1,000.00
1003	Accounts Receivable	\$35.00
1004	Checking - Regions - Main - 0749	\$94,818.46
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$95,853.46</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2100	Accounts Payable	\$2,500.00
2510	PayPal Transfer Holding	\$100.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$2,600.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$93,253.46
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$93,253.46</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Total Equity</b>		<b>\$95,853.46</b>

Net Income

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



AGA-Nashville Chapter  
Income Statement  
for the period of 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Income</b>		
4000	Corporate Sponsorship	\$232.40
4010	Education - Income From Seminars	\$40,345.00
4020	National - Local Membership Dues	\$682.06
4030	M&A - Monthly Meeting Fees	\$315.00
4050	Program - Social Meeting Income	\$825.00
4060	CGFM -Workshop Fees	\$16,555.00
4100	CS - Member Donations	\$3,910.91
4110	Satellite Chapter	\$2,720.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$65,585.37</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5003	Admin - PDT Community Service Donation (National)	\$600.00
5005	Admin - Postage/Printing	\$428.34
5008	Admin - Accounting Software Subscription	\$1,285.20
5009	Admin - Travel-PDT Attendance (Registration & Travel)	\$5,494.93
5011	Admin - Insurance -Location Rental	\$452.00
5012	Admin - Subscriptions	\$275.00
5013	Admin-Equipment	\$1,137.34
7000	Awards - Member Award/Plaques	\$280.50
7001	Awards - Membership Incentive	\$1,562.56
7002	Awards - Scholarship Lunches	\$189.00
7003	Awards - Scholarship Awards	\$10,000.00
7004	Awards - President's Award	\$69.00
8001	CGFM - Exam Fees Subsidy	\$2,700.00
8002	CGFM - Study Books Awards	\$750.00
8004	CGFM - Paypal Fees	\$51.55
8010	CGFM - Review Course	\$10,893.88
9000	CS-Community Service Award	\$250.00
9007	CS - Alex Green Elementary/PENCIL Foundation	\$100.00
9010	CS - Hats, Coats, Gloves, & Socks Drive	\$100.00
9014	CS - Nashville Humane Association	\$100.00
9021	CS - Second Harvest	\$100.00
9022	CS - Other Community Service	\$300.00
9023	CS - Member Donations	\$3,910.91
9024	CS - Paypal Fees	\$115.09
10017	EC - Social Events	\$467.00
11010	Education - Webinars	\$2,810.00
11012	Education - Breakfast Event - Food	\$456.00
11013	Education - Breakfast Event - Facility Rental	\$65.00
11018	Education - Winter Seminar-Speaker Fees & Gifts	\$5,750.00
11022	Education - Paypal Fees-Education	\$692.46
12010	M&A-CEC Meeting Lunches	\$866.47

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
12012	M&A-Luncheon Drawing Awards	\$475.00
12013	M&A-Monthly Meeting Expense	\$15,427.44
12014	M&A-First Time Guest	\$1,025.64
12015	M&A-Monthly Meeting-Paypal Fees	\$10.26
13013	Membership-Recruitment Program	\$1,060.00
13014	Membership-Retention Program	\$1,865.00
14012	Communications - Subscriptions	\$294.47
15010	Program - Speaker Lunches	\$398.16
15012	Program - Speaker Gifts (Charitable Donations)	\$240.00
15014	Program - Social Events	\$2,667.01
15017	Program - PayPal Fees	\$52.26
16010	Website - Hosting & Domain Name Registration	\$1,364.23
19000	Satellite Chapter - Other Charges	\$794.98
19002	Satellite Chapter - PayPal Fees	\$88.30
Total Expense		<hr/> \$78,014.98
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<hr/> <hr/> \$-12,429.61

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