



ANNUAL HISTORY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

ABOUT THE NASHVILLE CHAPTER

AGA is the premier association for government financial management, offering training, certification and networking to strengthen accountability and performance in public service. Founded in 1950, AGA is the trusted association for professionals in government financial management. With a diverse membership that includes accountants, auditors, analysts, finance officers, and consultants, AGA remains dedicated to advancing accountability, transparency, and integrity in government through education, certification, advocacy, and leadership development.

The Nashville Chapter of AGA is one of more than 90 local chapters who provide members with valuable opportunities for connection and service. Chapters host educational programs, offer CGFM study groups, engage in community service, and promote networking among peers. This grassroots structure allows AGA to maintain a strong local presence while advancing its national goals.

The chapter was chartered on May 16, 1978, and serves the governmental financial community in Middle Tennessee. During 2025-2026, the chapter also served West Tennessee with satellite activities to expand access to government-finance education outside Nashville.

Mission

AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and with stakeholders.

Vision

AGA endeavors to be the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Values

AGA's core values are: Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership.

Membership

During the year, the Nashville Chapter reported 485 members, including 62 new members.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Leadership

Officers

Teryn McNeal
President

TN Finance and Administration
Division of Accounts

Donna Jewell
President-Elect

TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of State Audit

Drew Sadler
Immediate Past-President

TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of State Audit

Chase Tramel
NCC Representative
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of State Audit

Jessica Cox
Secretary
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit

Nichole Crittenden
Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of State Audit

Two-Year Directors

Bethany Graves
Communications Co-Chair
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit

Bridget Carver
Membership Chair
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of State Audit

Scarlet Sneed
Meetings and Attendance Chair
State of Tennessee
Retired

Tyler Ensminger
Webmaster
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit

Kelley McNeal
Education Co-Chair
University of Tennessee
Institute for Public Service CTAS

One-Year Directors

Ayodeji Folayan
Bylaws & Procedures Chair
TN Finance and Administration
Division of Accounts

Katie Armstrong
Programs Co-Chair
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit

Kelly Armes
Community Service Co-Chair
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Office of Management Services

Elisha Crowell
West TN Satellite Chapter Co-Chair
TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Division of Local Government Audit

Jacob Yoquelet
Fundraising/Sponsorship Chair
TN Alcoholic Beverage Commission

	Committees	
Officers Teryn McNeal - President Drew Sadler - Past-President Donna Jewell - President-Elect Jessica Cox - Secretary Nicole Crittenden - Treasurer Chase Tramel - NCC Rep		National Committees Katie Armstrong Jim Arnette Rachelle Cabading David Cook Donna Jewell Matthew Keylon Drew Sadler Chase Tramel
Programs Katie Armstrong, Co-Chair Lela Shadrick, Co-Chair	Education Kelley McNeal, Co-Chair Justin Neal, Co-Chair Mary Cole	Fundraising / Sponsorships Jacob Yoquelet, Chair
Awards Mark White, Chair	Community Service Kelly Armes, Co-Chair Mary Anne Queen, Co-Chair	Early Career Matthew Keylon, Chair
Membership Bridget Carver, Chair Scarlet Sneed	Professional Certification / CGFM Rachelle Cabading, Co-Chair RaKeba Doss, Co-Chair	Finance Meredith Albright, Chair
Meetings and Attendance Scarlet Sneed, Chair Bridget Carver Kenneth Poole	Communications Bethany Graves, Co-Chairs Sara Pope, Co-Chairs	Web Tyler Ensminger, Chair
Bylaws & Procedures Ayodeji Folayan, Chair	West Tennessee Satellite Elisha Crowell, Chair Twyla Pratt Kelsey Schweitzer Sara Pope	Nominating Committee Donna Jewell Katie Armstrong Rachelle Cabading Jessica Cox Drew Sadler

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter luncheon meetings were held in person and virtually.

The meeting dates, speakers, and topics were as follows:

September 8, 2025

Attendees: 144 (94 In-Person 50 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"An Update on Tennessee"
Jason Mumpower

January 5, 2026

Attendees: 113 (56 In-Person 57 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"Leading Without Authority"
Steve Reeder

October 6, 2025

Attendees: 121 (79 In-Person 42 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"Lights, Camera, Action: How Will You
Respond When You Are Caught on Camera"
Elisha Hodge

February 2, 2026

Attendees: 215 (83 In-Person 132 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"What the Minnesota Fraud Scandal
Teaches Us"
Linda Miller

November 3, 2025

Attendees: 115 (71 In-Person 44 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"The Power of Failure"
Dr. Triba Gary

March 2, 2026

Attendees: 130 (75 In-Person 55 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"Leveraging Internal Controls to Achieve
Agency Objectives"
Mark Mitchell

December 1, 2025

Attendees: 99 (60 In-Person 39 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"Good Morning, Sunshine: The Tennessee
Public Records Act"
Toni Chadwick

April 6, 2026

Attendees: 122 (68 In-Person 54 Virtual)
Location: Doubletree Hotel and Virtual
"Influence That Drives Results"
Dr. Macel Ely

May 18, 2026

Attendees: 57 (In-Person Only)
Location: Doubletree Hotel
Year-End Awards Luncheon
Officer Installation and Year-End Recognition

EDUCATION EVENTS

Certified Professional Education was offered or sponsored by the chapter throughout the year. A total of 51 CPE hours were reported. Known event details from the source records are shown below.

September 3, 2025 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 49 Opioid Abatement Seminar	January 13-14, 2026 CPE: 16 hours Attendees: 240 Winter Seminar - 11 presentations
September 8, 2025 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 144 Chapter Meeting - An Update on Tennessee	January 21, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 17 Webinar - AI
October 6, 2025 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 121 Chapter Meeting - Lights, Camera, Action	February 2, 2026 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 215 Chapter Meeting - Minnesota Fraud Scandal
October 23, 2025 CPE: 8 hours Attendees: 32 2nd Annual Government Growth Summit	February 4, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 14 Webinar – GASB Update
November 3, 2025 No CPE Attendees: 115 Chapter Meeting – The Power of Failure	March 2, 2026 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 130 Chapter Meeting – Leveraging Internal Controls To Achieve Agency Objectives
November 19, 2025 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 17 Webinar- Ethics	March 4, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 29 Webinar – Cybersecurity
December 1, 2025 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 99 Chapter Meeting - Tennessee Public Records Act	April 6, 2026 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 122 Chapter Meeting - Influence That Drives Results
December 10, 2025 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 20 Webinar – Internal Control	April 15, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 16 Webinar – Ethics
January 5, 2026 CPE: 1 hour Attendees: 113 Chapter Meeting - Leading Without Authority	April 20, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 14 Spring Breakfast Metro Transit/Grace Under Pressure
January 7, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 11 Webinar – Uniform Guidance & Grants Accounting	April 22, 2026 CPE: 2 hours Attendees: 24 Webinar – Fraud/Data Analytics

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (CGFM) PROGRAM



The Nashville Chapter reported 20 new CGFMs for the program year and 170 total CGFMs, representing 41% of chapter membership at year end.

Yared Kumssa
Erica Durm
Breanna Jordan
Donoavan Patterson
Natalie Massengale
Sharon Shaneyfelt
Matt Allan
Taylor Fritts
Ben Ferrell
Brandon Fillers

Ryne Herbek
Terry Burr
Jake Blakely
Amy Deaton
Chris Bradshaw
Sean Durm
Meagan Hinton
De'Aundrea Pointer
Joshua Thomas
Mark White

During the May Awards Luncheon, the Chapter also recognized Terry Burr as the 2026 CGFM of the Year.



The chapter obtained new study guides, promoted certification opportunities, and received official recognition of March as CGFM Month from the TN General Assembly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Year-End Community Service Summary

During the 2025-2026 program year, the Nashville Chapter members donated around \$5,000 to eight community organizations and held five in-person volunteer events.

AGA National Community Service Fund

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

The funds received during July and August 2025 were used to benefit the community. Of the funds raised, 50% was divided amongst three charities (Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Alzheimer's Association, and Wounded Warriors Project). The other 50% is used to match funds raised by the chapters. Through the NCSF, AGA is helping support the communities in which our members live and serve.

Alex Green Elementary School/Project PENCIL



For the 25th consecutive year, the chapter adopted Alex Green Elementary School for September 2025 through the Project PENCIL Foundation and collected monetary donations for Alex Green Elementary as well as school supplies. The PENCIL Foundation is a non-profit organization that builds strategic partnerships between community groups and the needs of Metro Nashville Public Schools to ensure equitable access to education for all students.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Cheekwood Harvest Fall Festival

On October 4, 2025, chapter members participated in an in-person volunteer event at Cheekwood's Harvest Fall Festival. Volunteers helped as greeters, way finders, and in the pumpkin patch.



Nashville Rescue Mission

In November 2025, the Nashville Chapter collected monetary donations for the Nashville Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving campaign which serves over 4,000 traditional Thanksgiving meals to men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and hunger over the Thanksgiving holiday. On November 8, 2025, members also served meals at the women and children's campus.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Samaritan Ministries

For the 15th consecutive year, the AGA Nashville Chapter partnered with Samaritan Ministries in a Hats, Gloves, Socks, Underwear & Rainwear/Ponchos Drive for the month of December 2025. Samaritan Ministries provide 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 2026, we collected monetary donations as well as supplies for the Nashville Humane Association. On January 19, 2026, the chapter held an in-person volunteer event at the shelter restocking shelves in their donation room with gallon bags filled with cat litter and cat and dog food. These bags are distributed throughout the community via the mobile food bank truck.



Second Harvest Food Bank

In February 2026, the chapter collected monetary donations for Second Harvest Food Bank. Also, on February 10, 2026, the chapter participated in an in-person food-sorting event.

Walden's Puddle

In March 2026, the chapter collected supplies and monetary donations for Walden's Puddle, a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation center for wildlife.

Isaiah 117 House

In April 2026, the chapter collected monetary donations for Isaiah 117 house. Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where children can be brought to wait while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement. They provide a place that is safe with clean clothes, toys, and snuggly blankets. Also, on April 10, 2026, the chapter held an in-person volunteer event in Robertson County.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Nashville Chapter held a social event for members and guests at PopStroke on April 19, 2026. Over 40 members, family and friends spent the afternoon enjoying fun, refreshments, and networking at Nashville's newest indoor putt-putt golf.



During the AGA program year, the Nashville Chapter partnered with Middle Tennessee State University's (MTSU) Beta Alpha Psi chapter to increase awareness of career opportunities in government financial management. In addition to speaking at a Beta Alpha Psi meeting, the Chapter invited participating students and early career professionals to attend the Chapter social event, providing an additional opportunity to network with government financial professionals and learn more about careers in the public sector.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Chapter Scholarships Fundraiser

The Nashville Chapter collected monetary donations during October 2025 for student scholarships to be awarded at the May 2026 Awards Luncheon. Each year, our chapter awards scholarships to deserving students who show excellence, dedication, and promise in their studies.

Chapter Fundraiser

On April 11, 2026, the Nashville Chapter participated in a fundraising event at Nissan Stadium. Five chapter members worked at concession stands during the 2026 Monster Energy AMA Supercross Round 13 event to raise money for general chapter expenses.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

2025-2026 National Awards and Chapter Recognition

At the 2026 National Leadership Training, Kathy Stickel was honored as the winner of the Excellence in Government Leadership Award which recognizes a state/local government professional's cumulative career achievement.

At the 2026 Professional Leadership Training, Jim Arnette and Michelle Wilson were honored for their dedication to the government financial profession.



The Chapter achieved Platinum Chapter designation for the program year as awarded by AGA National Office. Platinum is the highest recognition level for the Achievements in Chapter Excellence awards.



The Chapter was awarded the Chapter Communications Award for Group A by the AGA National Office.

This recognition was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and innovation that our chapter consistently demonstrates in the realm of communications.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS (cont.)

The Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report also earned recognition of excellence for the 2025 CCR.



Nashville Chapter Member Awards for 2025-2026

President's Award - Nicole Curtiss Crittenden

Member of the Year - Bridget Carver

Community Service – Angela McElrath-Prosser, Kenneth Poole, Scarlet Sneed, Bethany Graves, and Maya Angelova

CGFM of the Year – Terry Burr

2025-2026 Volunteer of the Year ----- Angela McElrath-Prosser Nashville Chapter 	Congratulations to Angela McElrath-Prosser, AGA - Nashville Chapter Volunteer of the Year! Angela's dedication to community service and outreach has strengthened the chapter's volunteer efforts and made a meaningful impact. Thank you for your service.
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National Professional Development Training (PDT) Drawing

Every year, the Nashville Chapter provides support for two members to attend the National AGA Professional Development Training (PDT). Members attaining a certain level of points earned by participating in AGA Nashville activities were eligible for the drawing. This year, the winners were Kelly Armes and Christopher Bradshaw.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS (cont.)

Retirees Honored

The following were honored as Nashville Chapter members who retired during the year:

Jim Arnette (pictured)
Kathy Stickel
Leigh Ann Burtchaell



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 recipient of the William R. Snodgrass scholarship was **Kathryn Morphy** - \$2,500.



The Fawn W. Ellis scholarship, named posthumously for a TN Comptroller of the Treasury, State Audit employee, is awarded to an AGA Nashville Chapter member, member's spouse, or member's child or grandchild. The recipient of the Fawn W. Ellis Scholarship was **Caden Abbott** - \$2,500.

WEST TENNESSEE SATELLITE CHAPTER

About

The West Tennessee Satellite Chapter, an affiliate of the Nashville Chapter, was launched in August 2021. During 2025-2026, they continued to provide professional training, education, and development opportunities that are relevant to the needs of the government professional community to the West Tennessee population. In addition, the West Tennessee Satellite Chapter generates awareness of the advantages and benefits of AGA membership to the West Tennessee population.

Committee Members

Elisha Crowell, Chair

Twyla Pratt

Kelsey Schweitzer

Sara Pope

Education Events

October 23, 2025

CPE: 8 hours

Attendees: 32

2nd Annual Government Growth Summit



NASHVILLE CHAPTER CONTACT INFORMATION

The chapter maintains a website that is updated throughout the year.

www.nashvilleaga.org

Emails are also used for regular communications on events such as chapter luncheons, education events, community service opportunities, job postings, and more.

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