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AGA President Message for April 2020

Hello everyone –

I hope you all are staying safe amid the COVID-19 crisis. As a result of this disease, we (as a board) have decided to cancel the April 2020 meeting. We may or may not end up having our awards luncheon in May, depending on the circumstances closer to that time. I will inform you all of our decision either way.

As a final reminder, March 31st is the AGA renewal deadline before your account will be suspended. I encourage each of you to renew as soon as possible if you have not done so already. You can find more details out at www.agacgfm.org or feel free to reach out to any of the board members.

I look forward to this time passing and being able to meet with you all again. I hope you all have a great Easter holiday!

Chris Simons

April 2020 Meeting

Tuesday,
Apr. 14, 2020
11:30 AM



Cancelled



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Coronavirus

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AGA National News

AGA Web Conferences: CPE Simplified

Looking for a way to stretch your training budget? AGA Web Conferences make earning CPE hours easy and affordable. Web conferences feature experts on a variety of government financial management and performance topics. Each event includes time for participants to ask questions and receive answers from the presenters. The web conferences are held on **Wednesdays from 2–3:50 p.m. ET.**

Upcoming Web Conferences

Mar 25	Cybersecurity	2 CPE
Apr 08	Ethics	2 CPE
Apr 22	DATA Act	2 CPE

Recruit a Member

Did you know that a large percentage of new members join AGA simply because someone invited them?

As a valued member, you can impact the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better than a current AGA member how beneficial membership is to advancing government accountability.

There are recognition and rewards for recruiting such as sponsor lapel pin for one or more new members, special recognition in AGA publications and at AGA events. You could even become the next recruiter of the year by recruiting the most new members from April 1st thru March 31st of any given year.

2019-2020 National Events Calendar

Apr. 29, 2020	Enterprise Risk Mgmt Workshop 2020	5 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Jun. 11, 2019	PIO/CFO Summit 2020	4 - CPE's	Washington, DC
July 19-22, 2020	PDT 2020	25 – CPE's	Dallas, TX
Sept. 23-24. 2020	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC

Check out www.agacgfm.org for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter

Chapter News

March Minutes

Our March meeting of the 2019-2020 year was held on March 10, 2020 at Calhoun's on the River. President Chris Simons opened the meeting and introduced the speaker, Dr. Marianne Wanamaker, University of Tennessee Department of Economics.

Dr. Wanamaker's presentation on "U.S. Economic Update" was very interesting, particularly due to the unsettling times we are in. Having spent a year in Washington D.C. serving as Chief Domestic Economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors provided unique perspectives on many of the economic issues of today.

Dr. Wanamaker discussed where we have been in recent years and highlighted such things as the 2017 tax reform, global trade wars and tariff rates. Her discussion on where we are headed included topics of the federal interest rate and how low it is, the price of oil and how it impacts the U.S. and of course COVID-19 and the uncertainties it brings.

Dr. Wanamaker's presentation was very informative and left everyone with a lot to think about.

Gail Cook Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of March 19, 2020 as \$ 16,214.88.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers

2019-2020

President:	Chris Simons
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EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

There is always an opportunity for anyone of you to take a position as a board member.

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The Certified Government Financial Manager - The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals. More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers

Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – Updated Content Outlines

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: Alexandria, VA

When: TBA

Cost: \$375 for members

Deadline: TBA

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between TBA and TBA

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options