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CHAPTER

# The East Tennessee Times

## President's Message

### AGA President Message for January 2020

Happy New Year/Decade! I hope 2020 is a great year for all of us.

We are looking forward to having Travis Lowe from Pugh CPAs as our speaker this month. Travis is an audit officer with experience in various industries and also a member of our East Tennessee chapter.

If anyone is interested in getting more involved with leadership roles within AGA, please reach out to myself or any of the other officers. We would love to have your help, even if it was something on a smaller scale!

Chris Simons

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## **January 2020 Meeting**

**Tuesday,  
Jan. 14, 2020  
11:30 AM**



***Travis Lowe***  
***Audit Officer, Pugh CPA's***



### **Agenda**

11:30 Registration/Networking  
11:30 – 12:10 Lunch  
12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

### **Calhoun's on the River**

401 Neyland Drive  
865-673-3399

### **Menu**

Bourbon Glazed Pork Chop  
Grilled Lemon Chicken  
Spicy Spinach Mac 'n Cheese  
Green Beans Almondine  
Bread Basket  
Cookies  
Or  
Veggie Plate  
Baked Potato  
Spinach Maria  
Steamed Broccoli

### **Cost**

**\$10.00 (member)**  
**\$15.00 (non-member)**

Please contact Patti Rebholz  
to make your reservation by  
**Friday, Jan. 10, 2020**

# 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

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>GASB Update</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Improper Payments</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Professional Development (Members Only) (Time 1:00-2:50 EST)</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Cybersecurity</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

# 2019-2020 National Events Calendar

Feb. 12-13, 2020	National Leadership Training	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Apr. 29, 2020	Enterprise Risk Mgmt Workshop 2020	5 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Apr. 7, 2020	PIO/CFO Summit	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](http://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

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### December Minutes

Our December meeting was held on December 10, 2019 at Calhoun's on the River. The meeting was opened by Mary McDonald welcoming everyone. After a great Christmas lunch provided by the Chapter, Mary introduced the speaker; Bruce Spangler, Chief Operating Officer for Volunteer Ministry Center

Our guest speaker, Bruce W. Spangler shared with us some history of the Volunteer Ministry Center and their activities to help Knoxville homeless housing. The Chapter presented Spangler with a donation to the Volunteer Ministry Center at the close of his presentation. The meeting was adjourned with a Merry Christmas wish from Mary.

*Deb Strahler*

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of December 31, 2019 as \$ 18,049.77.

# East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers

**2019-2020**

President:	Chris Simons
Past President:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Webmaster:	Alicia Dawn Reed
Treasurer:	Connie Aytes
Secretary:	Pamela Gail Cook
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education:	Amelia Hart
CGFM:	Karen McKee
Awards:	Astra Cope
Accountability:	Mary McDonald
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Perry Benshoof
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition & Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
President - Elect:	Astra Cope

## **EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

## **BECOME A CGFM TODAY!!!**

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: January 30-31, 2020

Cost: \$375 for members

Deadline: January 21, 2020

**Special bonus** – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between February 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020

### **CGFM Self-Study Alternatives**

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options