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President's Message

AGA President Message for December 2019

Thanks to everyone who attended the two-day training at the UT Conference Center. Based on the comments and the evaluations, it seems to have been a success. Thanks also to everyone who helped by getting the training together and making sure that everything came together on the two days.

Our December meeting will be on December 10th at Calhoun's on the River. We will have Bruce Spangler from the Volunteer Ministry Center as the speaker.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it due to an event in Nashville on the same day. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris

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December 2019 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Dec. 10, 2019
11:30 AM**



Bruce Spangler
Volunteer Ministry Center



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

Smoked Sirloin of Beef, carved on buffet
Smoked Turkey Breast, carved on buffet
Fresh Green Beans with lemon & thyme
Calhoun's Signature Spinach Maria
Salad on the Buffet
Apple Crisp Pie

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Dec. 6, 2019

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

Dec 11	Internal Controls	2 CPE
Jan 08	Uniform Guidance	2 CPE
Feb 05	GASB Update	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

Jan. 9, 2020	Financial Systems Summit 2020	6 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Feb. 12-13, 2020	National Leadership Training	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

November Minutes

Our Fall Professional Development Training Event was held on November 13th & 14th at the UT Conference Center. East Tennessee Chapter President Chris Simons welcomed everyone. We had a great number of participants and everyone enjoyed our blanket give away. Our speakers presented a wide variety of topics and great information. We appreciate all the speakers' presentations which ranged from GASB to Cybersecurity. We were also fortunate to have our AGA National President, Ernest Almonte speak on Technology in Government and Leadership.

Gail Cook
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of November 30, 2019 as \$ 30,361.75



Speaker Bio



Bruce W. Spangler Volunteer Ministry Center

Dr. Bruce W. Spangler was assigned as the Chief Executive Officer for the Volunteer Ministry Center (Knoxville Tennessee) in June of 2015, previously serving as Chief Operating Officer since 2006. He holds degrees from the University of Tennessee (BA), Emory University (Master of Divinity) and Wesley Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry).

Bruce is a self-described writer because he is willing to admit that no one has attested to his ability to write. He has self-published five books. Four of those books are Smoky Mountain Versions of the Hebraic Books of *Ruth*, *Ecclesiastes*, *Job*, and the Christian book of *The Gospel of Mark*. In addition, he has published a Smoky Mountain Version of Book One of the *On the Nature of Things* by the Roman poet/philosopher Lucretius.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers

2019-2020

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EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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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: 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