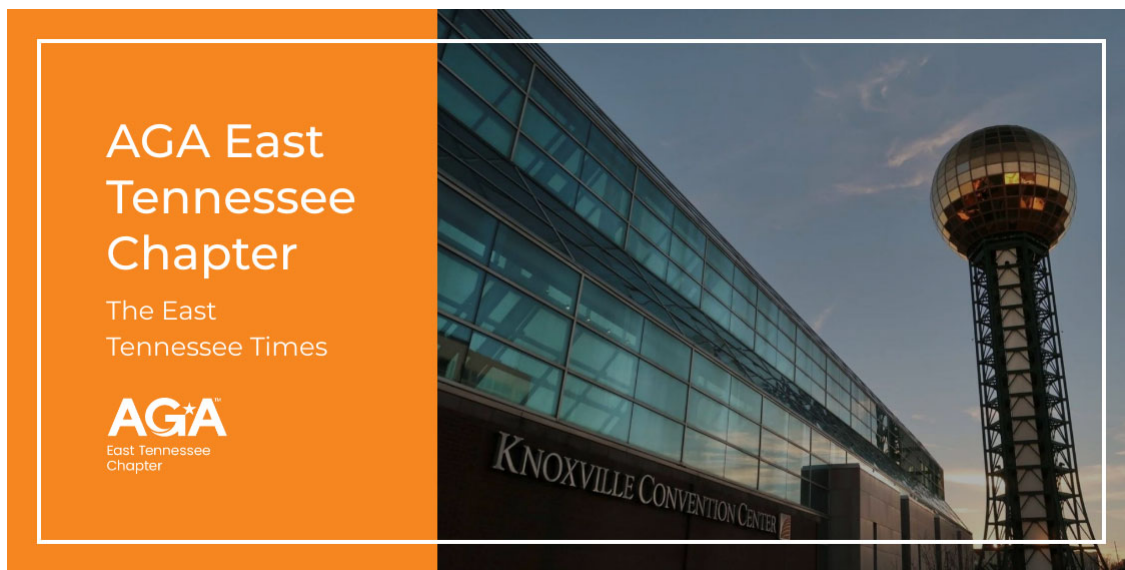


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## April 2023 Issue



### Monthly Meeting

**\*Annual Membership Meeting\***  
**Tuesday, May 9th**  
**Calhoun's on the River**

Agenda:

- 11:30 - Registration/Networking
- 11:30 - 12:10 Lunch
- 12:10 - 1:00 Awards Ceremony

RSVP: [Connie Cook](#)  
by Friday, May 5  
(no charge for this meeting)

Fellow AGA East Tennessee Chapter members,

We are fully in Spring and with that our last meeting of the year is upon us. This is our second of two free lunch meetings during the year. The May meeting will serve as our annual membership meeting and awards ceremony to celebrate the great work our volunteer leaders have accomplished for our membership this year. We know everyone already has a busy summer planned, so we will not have summer meetings.

Enjoy the great Knoxville and surrounding areas this summer and come back with tales of your adventures when we resume meetings again in September. An important benefit to our monthly meetings is the opportunity to talk to fellow government financial management professionals from the Knoxville area. The first 20 minutes of each meeting is to allow you time to network or just fellowship with your peers.

What a year, we had CPE meeting lunches September through April with the exception of October, November, and December. November was our fantastic two day PDT, 16 hours of CPE with meals in downtown Knoxville for less than \$300. We are looking to build on this year's success next year with a slightly earlier date in October 2023 (Save the Date for October 24th and 25th, Tuesday and Wednesday). December was our charity lunch meeting with Ronald McDonald's House being our charity this year. Your chapter will also donate to the AGA Community Service Fund this year during AGA's Nation PDT in Orlando FL, July 23 through 26 offering 24 CPEs with great food and networking opportunities. If you are not interested in traveling to Florida in the summer, PDT is also available virtually.

See <https://www.agacgfm.org/Events/PDT/PDT-Home.aspx> for more information.

Our monthly meeting attendance has stabilized and we have room for many more to attend. With the higher lunch prices being charged by Calhoun's on the River, we did have to increase our CPE with lunch charges to come closer to covering the cost. The Chapter still subsidized the cost of the lunch but it was just getting ridiculous for a while. We have moved our lunches to the downstairs private meeting room to better accommodate our attendance. Please let any member of the Chapter Leadership team know about topics you would be interested in next year or speakers that you know would be willing to contribute.

We have also started a new partnership with the Knoxville Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. I attended one of their training events in March and it was great! We will continue to publish their training events and they will offer us member pricing for attending their events. We have extended them the same

It has been an honor to be your President this year and I look forward to seeing you at future events as your Past President, Dennis

## Chapter News & Notes

Please welcome to our newest association members as of April

- **Rebecca G. Basalone, Financial Analyst, City of Knoxville**
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### Awards and Recognition

#### 5 Years

- Mike Conner
- Gary Mitchell
- Deliah Steele
- Nancy White
- Travis Lowe
- Jennifer Graham

#### 15 Years

- Jennifer Bogus

#### 20 Years

- Andrea Addis
- Robyn Smith

#### 25 Years

- James Hodge

#### 30 Years

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Caleb Wheeler	Josephine Quist	Andrea Stewart
Brittany Spence	Brian Burns	Taylor Owens
Eric Pearson	Robbi Stivers	Chris Phillips
Emalie Hayse	Kenneth Clark	Richard Meadows
Vonna Holbrook	Rebecca Basalone	

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## Future Events



Save the date for this exciting event:  
**2023 TASBO Conference - School Business Strikes Back**  
**November 14-17, 2023**  
**Embassy Suites Conference Center**  
**Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 37129, USA.**

Dear TASBO Jedi Members,

We are thrilled to announce the **2023 TASBO Conference - School Business Strikes Back**, and we would love to have you join us! This conference is designed to bring together school business Jedi Masters from across the galaxy to share their knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions.

You'll have the chance to learn about the latest trends, attend informative sessions and interactive workshops, and network with Jedi from across the school business universe.

We'll be sending more details about the conference program and registration process in the future, so please stay tuned.

[Click here to book your hotel stay early at Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro to take advantage of the special TASBO room rate.](#) Once the room block fills up, this rate won't be available!

Your current membership is active until October 31, 2023. Renewal options will open with conference registration.

We look forward to seeing you at the **2023 TASBO Conference - School Business**

Best regards,

[Scott Bolton](#)

TASBO

President/Jedi Grand Conference Master

## AGA National

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