

## President's Message

### AGA President Message for September 2019

Hello and welcome to another year of AGA.

I am excited to be President, and I hope that we will have another year of success as a chapter.

We are trying to get our speakers locked down for the two-day seminar (16 CPE hours), November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, that will be held at the UT Conference Center. Please save the date, and we will get the brochure out as soon as we can.

Hope to see you there!

Chris

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## September 2019 Meeting

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



**John Gabriel**  
*State of Tennessee  
Dir. of Unclaimed Property  
Division*



### 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**

Chicken Almond Soup  
Sandwich Meats & Cheeses  
Spinach Artichoke Dip w/Tortilla Chips  
Garden Tray, 7 Layer Salad  
Pasta and Potato Salads  
Bread and Rolls

### **Cost**

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz  
to make your reservation by  
**Friday, Sept. 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

Sept 11	Communication	2 CPE
Oct 2	Finance	2 CPE
Oct 23	Internal Control	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 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

## 2018-2019 National Events Calendar

Sept. 18-19, 2019	Internal Control and Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual
Oct. 29-30, 2019	AFERM ERM Summit – Next Generation Enterprise Risk Management	10 – 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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### May Minutes

The AGA Board met on July 9, 2019 to work on planning the 2019-2020. Discussion was led by Chris Simons, President. Chris and Astra Cope reviewed the AGA Lead Takeways and what the Chapter could do to implement some of the suggestions. Speakers for monthly meetings and for our Fall Conference on November 13 & 14 were discussed. Mary McDonald discussed setting up a scholarship in memory of Aldena Phillips. It was discussed to possibly target the scholarship to Walters State College. A Scholarship Subcommittee was established – Amy Paganelli, Mary McDonald, and Amelia Hart.

*Gail Cook*  
Secretary

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Aug. 31, 2019 as \$ 13,930.16

## **Speaker Bio**

**John Gabriel**  
**Director of Unclaimed Property Division**  
**State of Tennessee**

John Anthony Gabriel Jr. Graduated from the University of North Alabama and received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a double major in both accounting and finance. John started his career with the State of Tennessee as Legislative Auditor with the Comptroller of the Treasury. He then came to the Treasury Department as the Operations Manager in the Unclaimed Property Division for 7 years. In 2005 John was promoted to the Director of Unclaimed Property Division.

John is a subject-matter expert on the administration of unclaimed property. In addition to speaking to Tennessee companies and organizations about reporting and claiming unclaimed property, John's responsibilities include planning, budgeting, and oversight of the daily operations.

John was the President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) in 2010, currently the chair of the Uniform and Standardization Committee, and serves on the Executive Committee.

John is married and has three girls ages 22, 19, & 17.

# **2018-2019 AWARDS**

## **5-year milestone:**

Mary McDonald (joined September 2013)  
Claudia Featherstone (joined October 2013)  
Andrea Addis (joined December 2013)  
Cheryl Davis (joined January 2014)  
Robin Shelton (joined February 2014)  
Kaley Walker (joined February 2014)  
Patti Rebholz (joined March 2014)

## **10-year milestone:**

Connie Aytes (joined June 2008)  
Thaddeus Grace (joined August 2008)  
Anne Bryant-Hurst (joined April 2009)

## **20-year milestone:**

Gail Cook (joined January 1999)  
Joe Brown (joined January 1999)  
Frank McDaniel (joined January 1999)  
Tammy Wilson (joined March 1999)  
Kristi Reynolds (joined April 1999)

## **25-year milestone:**

Kenny Baird (joined June 1993)  
Amy Paganelli (joined July 1993)



## **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!!!**

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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.

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### **CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – Updated Content Outlines**

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: TBA

When: TBA

Cost: \$350 for members (discount in celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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

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

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options