

## President's Message

### AGA President Message for September 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 year for the East Tennessee Chapter of AGA! I am honored and excited to serve as this year's Chapter President. As a Chapter member, I admire with great regard the resourcefulness of our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to make last year a success during the uncertainty of pandemic life. I also want to personally thank all those volunteering to serve our Chapter for the 2021-2022 year. It is you who make our Chapter great!

It's hard to believe that September is here, and fall is just around the corner. Just this time last year our Chapter was exploring new ways to deliver quality programming. The CEC is continuing to explore innovative methods to deliver content to our broad member base by providing opportunities for both in-person and virtual events. Our first monthly meeting will be held in-person at Calhoun's on the River. Additionally, our fall seminar scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be held virtually and showcase a variety of presenters and topics.

For our September 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, we will be welcoming City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon. Mayor Kincannon will be providing information about the City of Knoxville's plans for COVID funding, recovery, and infrastructure projects. Bring your questions!

Again, thank you for the privilege to serve as your Chapter President. I look forward to seeing everyone at Calhoun's for our September meeting. Invite someone to come along and learn what AGA has to offer!

Travis Lowe

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## September 2021 Meeting

**Tuesday,  
Sept. 14, 2021  
11:30 AM**



*Mayor Indya Kincannon*  
*City of Knoxville*



### 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, Garden Salad

Bread and Rolls

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

**Please contact Patti  
Rebholz to make your  
reservation**

# 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, cost \$59.**

### Upcoming Web Conferences

<b>Sept 08</b>	<b>Communications</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Oct 06</b>	<b>Internal Control/Improper Payments</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Nov 03</b>	<b>Ethics</b>	<b>2 CPE</b>
<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Performace Management</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.

# 21-22 National Events Calendar

Sept. 14, 2021	Cloud Security and Ransomware	2 – CPE's	Virtual - Online
Sept. 21-22, 2021	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention	14 – CPE's	Virtual - Online

Check out [www.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.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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### Meeting Minutes

No minutes for our May meetings which were AGA Member Awards.

### Milestones for 2020-2021

#### 5 years

Shawn Davis  
John Sutton  
Mark Hurst  
Megan Barnard  
Deena Finley

#### 10 years

Kimberly Green  
Joey Barnard

#### 15 years

Allen Rippetoe

#### 25 years

Keith Smith

#### 30 years

Karen McGee

### New members since May 2020

Calvin Chen  
Kaleb Mullins  
Matt Dull  
Steve Witherspoon  
Jennifer Graham  
Chandni Dularam  
Susan Gennoe  
Susan Johnson

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of August 19, 2021 as \$ 13,427.43.

# **East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2021-2022**

President:	Travis Lowe
Past President:	Astra Cope
Webmaster:	Emily Strange
Treasurer:	Connie Cook
Secretary:	Karen McKee
Historian:	Amy Paganelli
Membership:	Robin Shelton
Education:	Dennis Green
CGFM:	Deb Strahler
	Mary McDonald
Awards:	Ginger Giffin
Accountability:	Gary Mitchell
Community Service:	Thaddeus Grace
Early Careers:	Nicholas Fitts
Newsletter Editor:	Deb Strahler
Research:	Larry Elmore
Chapter Recognition:	Mary McDonald
Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
Social Media:	Chandni Dularam
President - Elect:	Amelia Hart

## **EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

# September Speaker



## **CITY OF KNOXVILLE MAYOR**

On Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, Indya Kincannon was sworn in as Knoxville's 69th Mayor.

### **BIOGRAPHY OF MAYOR INDYA KINCANNON**

Mayor Kincannon campaigned on a message of creating and spreading opportunity to all parts of Knoxville. She pledged to balance smart growth with a need to protect green spaces, to promote transparent and efficient government services, and to continue Knoxville's collaborative work with partners to increase affordable housing.

At the core of her message was a commitment to strengthening neighborhoods and encouraging vibrancy.

She was elected on Nov. 5, 2019.

Mayor Kincannon lives in North Knoxville.

From 2015-18, she worked in Mayor Madeline Rogero's administration as Special Programs Manager.

She graduated Princeton School of Public and International Affairs with a Master's Degree in Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning (1999).

Prior to that, she earned her B.A. in history (1993) from Haverford College, where she captained the varsity tennis team.

She also studied Spanish colonial history (spring 1992) at the University of Barcelona, and she took teacher licensure courses at the University of Tennessee (2014).

Mayor Kincannon is the proud mom of two teenaged daughters, Dahlia and Georgia, and she's been married since 1995 to her husband, Ben Barton, a law professor at the University of Tennessee.

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

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### **CGFM Exam Preparation Courses**

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Sept .9-10, 2021	Sept 27-30, 2021	Oct. 5-7, 2021
	10:30am – 2:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day	10:30am – 3:30pm each day
Cost:	\$325 per person	\$725 per person	\$525 per person
Deadline:	9/2/21	9/20/21	9/28/21

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

Study Guides offers by AGA: Course 1 \$95, Course 2 \$115 and Course 3 \$105

Another option is online self-paced training: Course 1 - \$225

Course 2 - \$625

Course 3 - \$425