

## Chattanooga Chapter

# AGA Newsletter

AGA's National Board of Directors approved the governance model below **effective July 1, 2019** to position AGA for future growth and success.

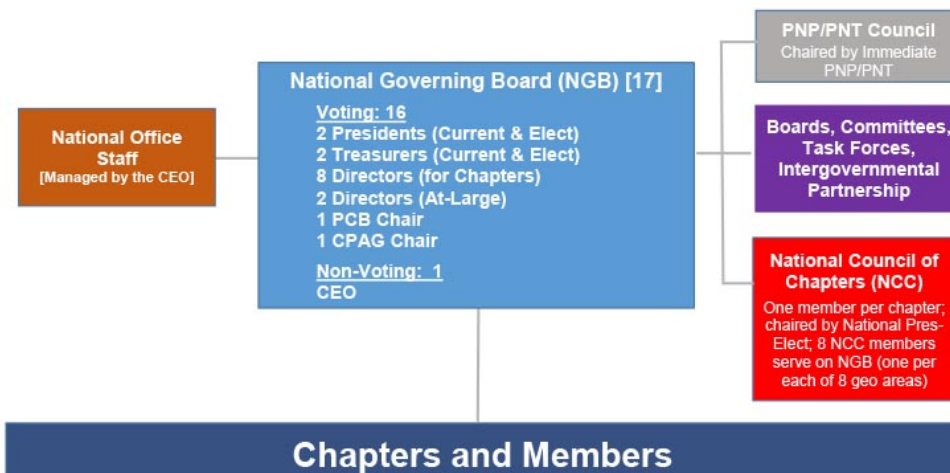
The National Executive Committee developed the model in consultation with the Governance Committee and based on extensive feedback collected from members and leaders.

The new governance structure does the following:

- consolidates the National Board of Directors and National Executive Committee into one 17-member governing board
- establishes a National Council of Chapters, made-up of one member from each chapter, to advise the board and facilitate connections among chapters
- creates a streamlined structure with fewer layers for more direct communication between members and leaders
- gives chapters a strong voice in the decision making of the national organization
- provides consistent chapter support by professional staff

### AGA Governance Structure

Effective July 1, 2019



## October 2018

### Meeting Schedule

October 18, 2018  
Chattanooga Convention Center  
45th Annual Accounting Lecture  
Series

November 27, 2018  
455 N Highland Park Ave

December - Christmas Lunch, TBA

January 29, 2019  
455 N Highland Park Ave

February 26, 2019  
455 N Highland Park Ave

March 26, 2019  
455 N Highland Park Ave

April 30, 2019  
455 N Highland Park Ave



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The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Department of Accounting  
45th Annual Accounting Lecture Series



### Topic

The Next Wave of Accounting Standards: The GASB's Pre-Agenda Research Activities.

### Speaker:

Dean Mead, GASB Senior Research Manager and Coordinator of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Chattanooga Convention Center  
1150 Carter St, Chattanooga, TN

### About the Speaker

Dean supervises the GASB's research activities, manages external research, and oversees stakeholder outreach and communication. Dean is the author of the GASB's User Guide Series and other plain-language publications. In 2015, Dean received the Award for Excellence from the National Federation of Municipal Analysts for his efforts to educate analysts about governmental accounting through writing and teaching.

Dean also is an adjunct member of the accounting faculty at Rutgers Business School, Rutgers University, where he teaches governmental accounting & auditing, governmental financial analysis, and advanced topics in governmental accounting. He currently serves on the editorial board of Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting. Prior to joining the GASB, he was assistant director of research at the Citizens Budget Commission in New York and an adjunct professor at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

### Registration

The registration (RSVP) deadline is October 12, 2018. Please register through the TSCPA at: <https://www.tscpa.com/cpe/events/0210+++18:chattanooga-chapter-october-meeting>  
If you have questions, please contact Kate Gill at [kate-gill@utc.edu](mailto:kate-gill@utc.edu) or Dan Hollingsworth at [dan-hollingsworth@utc.edu](mailto:dan-hollingsworth@utc.edu).



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**AGA-Chattanooga**



### Help AGA Grow, Recruit Members Today!

Reaching out to prospective members doesn't have to be difficult! All you need to do is determine your why and how:

**Know the benefits.** Be familiar with the wide range of benefits AGA offers to individuals that support career growth and success.

**Who benefits?** Individuals who support government financial management can benefit from AGA membership. Members include government employees and contractors from all levels of government, young professionals, sole proprietors and individuals working for private companies and college students. (Did you know that full time college students can apply for a FREE electronic membership?)

**What's in it for them?** Convey the return on their investment — a small investment in dues amounts to a large return!

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### Upcoming AGA National Webinars

Escape the BlindSpot Zone™ Ethics Webinar  
November 28 | 2-3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS:  
BETH



Kevin McCarthy  
Inspirational Speaker  
Best-Selling Author  
BlindSpots, LLC

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Behavioral Ethics (BETH)

Learning objectives:

Learners will discover how to make better decisions and enjoy richer relationships at work and home by:

- Discovering your unconscious assumptions that are impacting your decisions and behavior
- Learning how to quickly recognize your blind spots so you can avoid unnecessary hardships
- Unmasking the hidden biases that creep into every decision-making process
- Learning and applying simple but effective decision-making tools

**Important: Login to you AGA portal [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) to register. Please contact (800) AGA-7211 or [meetings@agacgfm.org](mailto:meetings@agacgfm.org) if you have questions.**



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### Community Outreach

We are very excited to share that we will be collecting Angel Tree donation and supplies for two months.

HELP US DELIVER!  
If you are interested in delivering the gifts, please reach out to Jana Jackson. We would like as many members as possible to go with us to deliver.



ANGEL TREE

Please contact Jana Jackson  
[jackson\\_jana@gocarta.org](mailto:jackson_jana@gocarta.org)  
or call 423.629.1411

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#### National/Local News:

##### CGFM—Certification

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) certification is 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. Experience the benefits of certification first hand - the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession.

The Chapter has study materials to help prepare you for the examination! Please contact me if you are interested in working on your CGFM certification.

Did you know AGA members receive \$50 off the CGFM Intensive Review Course Fee? See the National AGA website for more information.

***Need CPE credits-AGA National has monthly webinars to help you get those extra credits.***

*Also remember our other AGA Chapters offer CPE! Be sure to check out Central Kentucky, East Tennessee, and Atlanta!*



**STUDY GROUP:** Any member who is currently working on any professional certification (CPA, CGFM, CMA, etc) and would like to participate in a study group, please feel free to send an email to [HollyW@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:HollyW@hamiltontn.gov) or [RyanT@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:RyanT@hamiltontn.gov) to find out more about the group.

Also to any member who is curious about or would like help in the application process for the CPA or the CGFM, please feel free to contact Ryan Thomas at [RyanT@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:RyanT@hamiltontn.gov).



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Vernice White  
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Paula Johnston  
**Immediate Past President**  
Holly Wormsley

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