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AGA President Message for October 2018

It was nice seeing everyone who was able to come to the September meeting in which Travis Lowe gave us a GASB update.

Please see the brochure for the two-day training, November 14 and 15, at the UT Conference Center. We are confirming the last speaker and topic and hope to have the finalized brochure soon, but wanted to go ahead and get this out for those who are ready to register. The cost is \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members. Also, please mark if you need credit for the TN State Specific Ethics. The price includes the CPE, two lunches, two breakfasts, snacks for breaks, and parking. We have some good speakers lined up and hope that many of you will be able to attend.

We hope that many of you will also be at the October meeting to hear Michael Fitzgerald speak on Business Law. Please feel free to invite others from your workplaces to our meetings because we like seeing new members and more people getting involved in leadership.

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October 2018 Meeting

**Tuesday,
Oct. 9, 2018
11:30 AM**



*Speaker, Michael Fitzgerald
Associate General Counsel at UT*



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

Build Your Own Sandwich Board,
Soup of the Day
Choice of Salads
or Vegetarian Plate**
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Spinach Maria

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz at
prebholz@utmck.edu to make your
reservation by **Friday, Oct. 5, 2018**
**Vegetarian Plate needs to be noted on
reservation email to Patti**

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

Nov. 28	Ethics	2 CPE
Dec. 20	Social Media	2 CPE
Jan. 09	Grants Management	2 CPE
Feb. 06	GASB Update	2 CPE
Mar. 06	Finance	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.

2018-2019 National Events Calendar

Nov. 1, 2018	Shared Services Summit	0 – CPE's	Washington, DC
Feb. 27-28, 2019	National Leadership Training (NLT)	14 – CPE's	Washington, DC or virtual
July 21-24, 2019	Professional Development Training	24 – CPE's	New Orleans or virtual

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

September Minutes

Minutes by Connie Aytes

This month's speaker was Travis Lowe, CPA from Pugh and Company. Travis spoke on the GASB Statements that were focused in 2018. Those statements are 75 – OPEB; 81 – Irrevocable Split Interests; 85 – Omnibus and 86 – Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues along with other Implementation Guides.

Statements that will be address in 2019 will be Statements 83 – Certain Asset Retirement Obligations; 85 – Omnibus; and 88 – Certain Disclosures Related to Debt.

In the fiscal years 2020 and 2021, Statements 84 – Fiduciary Activities and Statement 87 – Leases respectfully will be required for reporting purposes.

Down the road GASB is discussing changes to the Financial reporting model, Revenue and expense recognition, note disclosure reexamination, IT arrangements – including cloud computing, going concern disclosure reexamination, equity interest ownership issues and public – private partnerships.

At the close of the meeting the Board met for a few minutes to discuss the November Fall PDT. The board needed clarification on how we should handle attendees that request only one day. Should we allow or disallow? The majority voted to allow the one day but only on request only. We were not going to advertise on the form. Final preparations were still needed to get all the hours filled and once that was completed Alicia would then send out the PDT Pamphlet with the registration form.

2018-2019 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

October 10, 2017

November 14th & 15th

Michael Fitzgerald

Professional Development Training

Calhoun's on the River

UT Conference Center

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of Sept. 30, 2018 as \$ 13,936.98

Beginning Balance June 1, 2018	-		\$ 14,670.35
Receipts	-	Dues	180.00
		Monthly Meeting	190.00
		Nov PDT Seminar	0.00
Disbursements	-	Community Svc Proj	0.00
		Monthly Meeting	(953.37)
		Nov PDT Seminar	0.00
		Misc Tax Filings	0.00
		National PDT	(150.00)
Ending Balance Sept. 30, 2018	-		\$ 13,936.98

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President: Alicia Dawn Reed	974-3467
Past President: Karen McKee	974-2463
Webmaster: Alicia Dawn Reed	974-3467
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Accountability: Astra Cope	
Community Service: Thaddeus Grace	974-6198
Early Careers: Perry Benshoof	215-3118
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Chapter Recognition & Meetings: Patti Rebholz	305-6953
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CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What: Intensive Review course (IRC)

Where: Alexandria, VA

When: October 8 – 9, 2018

Cost: \$375 for members

Deadline: September 28, 2018

Special bonus – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between October 10, 2018 – January 31, 2019

CGFM Self-Study Alternatives

Study Guides offers by AGA for online and in print options