

President's Message

AGA President Message for December 2021

It's hard to believe that our program year is almost half over! Thank you to everyone who attended our 2-day fall training event. Because of you, our event was a great success. My sincerest thanks to all the volunteers and the work you put into the conference. Well done!

This month we will be hosting Burt Rosen, President and CEO of KARM. This will be a great opportunity to learn about KARM's programs and all the ways they serve the community. The need is great! Our Chapter will be making a one-time gift to KARM of \$1,000 and will pledge to match up to \$1,500 in member donations. We hope that you will join us in-person at Calhoun's on the River to learn more about KARM. If you can't join us in-person, we hope you will join virtually. Help us reach our matching goal to support KARM!

As always, friends are welcome! Invite someone to come along and join in a great time of networking and fellowship.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I wish each of you and your family a blessed holiday season and prosperous new year.

Travis Lowe
AGA East Tennessee President

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December 2021 Meeting

Tuesday,
Dec. 14, 2021
11:30 AM



Burt Rosen, CEO
KARM



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

Ham
Smoked Turkey Breast
Spinach Maria
Neva's Potatoes
House Salad
Bread Basket
Double Chocolate Cake

Cost

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

Please contact Patti Rebholz
to make your reservation by
Friday, Dec. 10, 2021

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

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| Dec 15 | Performance Management | 2 CPE |
| Jan 12 | Uniform Guidance | 2 CPE |
| Feb 2 | GASB Update | 2 CPE |
| Mar 2 | Improper Payments | 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.

21-22 National Events Calendar

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| Feb. 23-24, 2022 | National Leadership Training | 14-CPE Hybrid Wash DC |
| Jul. 17-20, 2022 | PDT-Professional Development Training | 24-CPE Anaheim or Virtual |
| Sep. 20-21, 2022 | Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | 14-CPE Washington DC |

Chapter News

November's Secretary Report

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, the East Tennessee AGA Chapter held its annual Fall Seminar November 15th and 16th, 2021. The event was virtual and offered 16 hours of CPE. We had some really great speakers, we learned a lot, and were challenged to apply this information to our daily jobs and tasks. Many thanks to our president, Travis Lowe, and many others who contributed to such a successful event.

Karen McKee
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of December 1, 2021 as \$ 18,388.75.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2021-2022

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| 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.

Chapter Member Promotions

- \$250 to Member passing the CGFM
- Bring a first time guest to a Chapter Meeting and both member and guest eat free

December Speaker

Burt Rosen



PRESIDENT AND CEO OF KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Burt joined KARM in May 2003 after spending 17 years with Chuck Colson and Prison Fellowship Ministries (PFM)—an international prison ministry with active work throughout the U.S. and in 65 countries around the world. During his time at PFM, Burt served as a field director, director of program research and development, and regional vice president. In 1998 he was awarded the National Leadership Award.

Prior to Prison Fellowship, Burt directed programs and operations for Riverside House, a Christ-centered residential program for adult male offenders in Miami, Florida. During his 10 years there, Riverside grew from a small single-focused agency to an American Correctional Association accredited multi-service ministry providing programs to county, state, and federal prisoners and correctional systems.

Burt and Carolyn—both born Jewish—met when they were 16, became high school sweethearts, and came to know Christ shortly before marrying in 1973. They have four grown children—Matthew, Jeremy, Ana, and Rebekah.

While having a long history of working with diverse groups and cultures, Burt never saw himself, or Carolyn, working with the homeless. But when their oldest son withdrew from college, became homeless, and disappeared, their hearts were broken and their eyes opened. A year after Matthew's disappearance Burt was asked to consider the CEO position at KARM.

Today, Burt and Carolyn are proud to call Knoxville home, and believe that God has called them to this important work.

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CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

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| What: | Course 1 | Course 2 | Course 3 |
| Where: | Virtual, live | Virtual, live | Virtual, live |
| When: | Jan. 13-14, 2022 | Jan. 25-28, 2022 | Feb. 8-10, 2022 |
| | 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: | 1/6/22 | 1/18/22 | 2/1/22 |

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