

President's Message

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AGA President Message for November 2021

Happy Thanksgiving East TN AGA! As our neighbors will begin to put away fall decorations and bring out Christmas, let's not forget to be thankful at Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for family to love and work to do. What are you thankful for?

Our November 15th and 16th virtual fall conference will be standing in for this month's regular meeting. This year's conference will include a variety of speakers and topics. Haven't registered yet? Why wait? Registration details and the conference agenda are included in the Fall Training Event brochure. Once registered, you will receive a link via email for the event. I would like to express thanks to everyone helping put this together. Thank you! We could never offer such great content without great help.

Even though November's programming is virtual, we hope to see everyone in person at Calhoun's on the River in December. In our December time together, we will have an opportunity to learn more about the programs that KARM has to offer and how they serve our communities. Friends are always welcome. Invite someone to come along! It's always a great time of fellowship and networking!

Travis Lowe
AGA East Tennessee President

**November
2021 PDT**

**Mon. & Tues
Nov. 15 & 16, 2021**



Brochure Attached



Agenda
CPE 16

Virtual
Registration Required

Schedule see page 3

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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

Dec 15	Performace 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

Nov. 18, 2021	Technology & Transformation Summit (Free for Members)	0 – CPE's Virtual – Online
Feb. 23-24, 2022	National Leadership Training	14 – CPE Hybrid Wash DC

No CPE – Talks

Oct. 14, 2021	Tech Thursday Presentation: Making the Right Decisions the First Time
Nov. 10, 2021	Book Talk – AGA's Council for the Advancement of Women

National Promotions

“TOGO” – take one CGFM exam between Sept 1 and Nov 30 get one exam fee

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

Fall PDT November 15th & 16th Virtual

Time	11/15/2021 (PDT)	CPE Hrs	Time	11/16/2021 (PDT)	CPE Hrs
8:00 - 8:10	Randy Boyd - Conference Welcome (Pre-recorded)		8:00 - 9:40	Gary Mitchell - Single Audit Update	2
8:10 - 9:50	Gerry Boaz - AGA Update and GASB 84/97	2	9:40 - 10:00	Break	
9:50 - 10:10	Break		10:00 - 10:50	Brad Harris - Utilities Compliance	1
10:10 - 11:00	Jerry Durham / Teryn McNeal	1	10:50 - 11:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
11:00 - 11:10	Speaker Rotation		11:00 - 11:50	Chris Shuster - Facing a New Normal	1
11:10 - 12:00	John Sutton - Budget & Debt Manuals	1	11:50 - 1:00	Lunch	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break		1:00 - 1:50	Marianne Wannamaker - U.S. Economic Update	1
1:00 - 2:40	Deborah Beams - GASB Update	2	1:50 - 2:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
2:40 - 3:00	Break		2:00 - 2:50	Marcus Kennedy - Human Resources	1
3:00 - 3:50	Ron Woody - Grants Management	1	2:50 - 3:00	Break / Speaker Rotation	
3:50 - 4:00	Break / Speaker Rotation		3:00 - 4:40	Perry Moore - TN State Ethics	2
4:00 - 4:50	Lauren Hock - ESG: Trends to Watch for and Emerging Regs.	1			
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October's Secretary Report

Our October meeting of the East TN AGA Chapter was held on October 12, 2021, at Calhoun's on the River. President Travis Lowe opened the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy their delicious lunch. He then introduced the speaker, Ryan Garner from Ernst & Young Atlanta office.

Mr. Garner discussed his work in assisting the UT Controller's Office in the automation of processes during and as a result of the merger of Martin Methodist College (MMC) into the UT System as UT Southern, UT's newest campus. Mr. Garner shared about a program he created which reduced the bank reconciliation process from almost a week to just a few minutes.

Travis thanked Mr. Garner for his insightful presentation.

Karen McKee
Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of November 3, 2021 as \$ 14,030.60.

East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2021-2022

President:	Travis Lowe
Past President:	Astra Cope
Webmaster:	Emily Strange
Treasurer:	Connie Cook
Secretary:	Karen McKee
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	Mary McDonald
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Meetings:	Patti Rebholz
Social Media:	Chandni Dularam
President - Elect:	

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

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

A Big High Five



The East TN AGA Chapter would like to give a big high five to Amelia Hart's hard work on the CCR report for our chapter. Amelia's work is greatly appreciated by all and we are saddened that she had to step down as President-Elect. We look forward to having her back on the chapter board in the future.

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

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CGFM Exam Preparation Courses

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Nov. 1-2, 2021	Nov. 15-18, 2021	Dec. 7-9, 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:	10/25/21	11/8/21	11/30/21
CPE	8	21	16

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