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## 🗣️ President's Message 🗣️

### AGA President Message for September 2018

Hello and Welcome to another year of AGA.

I'm excited to be President again and hope that we will have another great year of meetings, fellowship, and CPEs (of course).

We are trying to get our speakers nailed down for the 2 day seminar, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, that will be held at the UT Conference Center. Please save the date and we will get the brochure out as soon as we can.

Hope to see you there!

Alicia

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## September 2018 Meeting

**Tuesday,  
Sept. 11, 2018  
11:30 AM**



*Speaker, Travis Lowe  
Audit Office, Pugh CPAs*



### **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 Teriyaki over Rice  
Prosperity Pork Loin  
Neva's Potato Casserole  
Country Style Green Beans  
Fresh Baked Breads  
or Vegetarian Plate\*\*  
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Spinach Maria

Please contact Patti Rebholz at  
[prebholz@utmck.edu](mailto:prebholz@utmck.edu) to make your  
reservation by **Friday, Sept. 7, 2018**  
\*\*Vegetarian Plate needs to be noted on  
reservation email to Patti\*\*

## 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

Sept. 12, 2018	Communications	2 CPE's
Oct. 10, 2018	Internal Controls	2 CPE's
Nov. 28, 2018	Ethics	2 CPE's
Dec. 20, 2018	Social Media	1 CPE
Jan. 9, 2019	Grants Management	2 CPE's
Feb. 6, 2019	GASB Update	2 CPE's

## 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.

## 2018-2019 National Events Calendar

Sept. 20-21, 2018 – Internal Controls & Fraud Prevention	Washington D.C.	14 CPE's
Nov. 1, 2018 – Shared Services Summit	Washington D.C.	0 CPE's
July 21-24, 2019 – Prof. Development Trng	New Orleans or virtual	24 CPE's

Check out [www.agacgfm.org](http://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 recognition program.

## Chapter News

### May Meeting Minutes

No minutes for May, it was the awards banquet.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Aytes reported the bank balance as of March 31, 2018 as \$ 15,664.28

Beginning Balance June 1, 2017 - \$ 15,069.05

Receipts	-	Monthly Meeting	1,881.50
		Dues	108.75
		Nov. Seminar Revenue	16,500.00

Disbursements	-	Meeting Expense	(1,212.66)
		National Meeting	(5,710.65)
		East TN Chapter Sponsored PDC Exp	(11,445.91)

Ending Balance April 30, 2018 - \$ 15,190.08

## 2017-2018 Chapter Events Calendar

### Meetings

<b>Oct. 9, 2018</b>	<b>Michael Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Calhoun's on the River</b>
<b>Nov. 14-15, 2018</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>UT Conference Center</b>
<b>Dec. 11, 2018</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Calhoun's on the River</b>

# East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2018-2019

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## **EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES:**

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

# BECOME A CGFM TODAY!!!

**The Certified Government Financial Manager - 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. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals. More than 14,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers

Learn more about how to become a CGFM at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/default.aspx>.

## **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