

## President's Message

### AGA President Message for October 2020

Thank you to all who attended the September meeting. Corinne Dougherty from KPMG provided an excellent presentation on Environmental Social and Governance Reporting For Governments and Not-For-Profits. We invite you to come each month to hear other great speakers on some interesting topics.

We hope that many of you will also be at the October meeting to hear Kristi Paczkowski from the City of Knoxville Pension Board speak on Teleworking. Please feel free to invite others from your workplaces to our meetings because we like having new member and more people getting involved in AGA.

“This is How We Telework” - The City of Knoxville Employees’ Pension System staff have been working from home since mid-March due to Covid-19. Ms. Paczkowski will share how they made the transition, provided services to the members and beneficiaries, communicated amongst themselves and other City departments, conducted virtual Board and committee meetings and the plan to transition back to the office.

In lieu of a regular meeting in November, we will be sponsoring a two-day virtual seminar on November 12th and 13th. This seminar will provide 16 hours of CPE, which includes 2 hours of TN State Specific Ethics CPE. We are confirming the last speaker and topic and hope to have the finalized brochure soon for registration. We have some good speakers lined up and hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Thanks,  
Astra Cope  
2020-2021 East TN AGA Chapter President

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## October 2020 Meeting

Tuesday,  
Oct. 13, 2020  
11:30 AM



*Kristi Paczkowskity*  
*City of Knoxville*  
*Pension Board*



### Agenda

Topic – Teleworking

More detail to follow on virtual meeting

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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.**

### Upcoming Web Conferences

Nov 04	Ethics	2 CPE
Dec 09	Internal Control	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 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

# 2020-2021 National Events Calendar

Nov. 18, 2020	Technology & Transformation Summit	8 – CPE's	Washington, DC
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Check out [www.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.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

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### September Meeting Minutes

Our first meeting of the 2020-2021 year was held on September 15, 2020. This was a new adventure for the Chapter with its first virtual meeting. The meeting was opened by Asta Cope, President with a welcome to everyone. Asta announced that the Chapter's meetings will remain virtual through December 2020 and then the meeting status will be reevaluated. Asta also informed everyone of our Fall Seminar on November 12 & 13 – this will also be virtual and additional information will be sent out soon. Asta announced several different awards – East Tennessee AGA Chapter Platinum Level, member milestones of 5,10,15,25, and even a 50 year membership. Asta asked everyone to join her in recognizing Chris Simons, East TN AGA Past President, for his leadership during the 2019-2020 year.

Asta introduced the speaker – Corrine Dougherty, Managing Director at KPMG LLP. Corrine presented a program – “An Introduction to Environmental Social and Governance Reporting for Governments and Not-for-Profits. Corrine started with a background on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and discussed the real-life impacts of it. She also spoke on the public risk factors and what can be done. And lastly, what the future holds. This was a very informative topic that everyone should pay attention to.

Asta closed the meeting by thanking Corrine for her presentation and asking all present to provide feedback on the meeting by completing a three question session evaluation. Our next virtual meeting will be on October 13, 2020.

Gail Cook  
Secretary

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Connie Cook reported the bank balance as of March 19, 2020 as \$ 16,214.88.

## **East Tennessee AGA Chapter Officers 2020-2021**

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

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### **CGFM Exam Preparation Courses – Virtual, live**

What:	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Where:	Virtual, live	Virtual, live	Virtual, live
When:	Sept .29-30, 2020	Oct. 5-8, 2020	Oct. 19-21, 2020
	10:30am – 2:15pm 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:	9/22/20	9/28/20	10/12/20

**Special bonus** – the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to courses attendees, exams can be taken using vouchers provided by AGA between TBA and TBA

### **CGFM Self-Study Alternatives**