

March 2008 Luncheon Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Jennifer McClendon, Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on March 6, 2008. President Ann Collett called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. by welcoming everyone and thanking Robbie Hunter and Hellens Kruszynski for organizing the chapter social event. Melvin Jones offered the invocation.

Ann announced that the draft February Luncheon minutes had been published on the website and a link included in the newsletter. Ann asked if there were any further changes. With no further changes to the minutes, the minutes will stand approved as published.

Ann introduced the head table, guests, and new members. The head table included:

- Ann Collett, Nashville Area Chapter President
- Nashville Mayor Karl Dean
- Paul Ney, New Director of the Metro Nashville Department of Economic and Community Development
- Phil Carr, past chapter president, Metro Nashville Department of Finance – Division of Accounts
- Deborah Loveless, past chapter president, National AGA Senior VP at-large
- William Aaron, Finance Manager in the Metro Nashville Department of Finance – Office of Management and Budget
- Rebekah Stephens, guest of William Aaron
- Heather Watson, guest of William Aaron
- Melvin Jones, president-elect designate
- Robbie Hunter, Program co-chair

Phil Carr, past chapter president, introduced Mayor Dean by giving us his background with metro. Mayor Dean began working for the Metro Public Defender's Office in 1983 and was elected Public Defender in 1990. In 1999, Mayor Dean became the Metro Legal Director and remained in that position until he announced his candidacy for mayor in 2007.

When Mayor Dean completed his presentation, Ann stated that a donation to Project Pencil will be made in Mayor Dean's name.

Deborah Loveless, National AGA Senior VP at-large, presented a Certificate of Achievement in Service, Efforts, and Accomplishments Reporting for Fiscal Year End 2006 to William Aaron, Finance Manager in the Metro Nashville Department of Financial, Office of Management and Budget. Deborah stated that the award was received on the division's first submission.

Ann introduced Ron Queen, CGFM Co-Chair, who reported that March is CGFM Month. For the first time this year, AGA received a proclamation by the mayor's office. The Governor and legislature also issued a proclamation for CGFM Month. Ron wanted to

extend thanks to Representative Charles Curtiss for his help in obtaining the proclamation. Ron then recognized those CGFM's present who took the exam and those who were grandfathered in. Ann announced that Terry Mason and Jim Woods recently passed exam 2 of the test. Ann thanked Ron Queen and Gerry Boaz for their hard work in promoting the exam and teaching the exam preparation classes.

Ann announced that Deborah Loveless will chair the 30th Anniversary Gala Committee and this will take the place of the May Awards Luncheon. The tentative date for the Gala is May 9th and the awards and officer inductions will take place at the Gala.

Ann reminded everyone to sign up for the Google Listserv.

Teresa Kennedy announced that the updated points spreadsheet is now on the website. Teresa also provided information in the chapter's scholarships.

Ray Register announced the chapter's participation in Habitat for Humanity April 5th and encouraged everyone to participate.

Jennifer McClendon announced that the Country Music Marathon will be held on April 26th. Elite Racing and the Nashville Sports Council need volunteers the week of the marathon. If you would like to volunteer visit www.cmmarathon.com/volunteer and then e-mail Jennifer to ensure you receive your AGA points. Also, CPE forms from previous meetings are on the registration table to be picked up on your way out.

Ann announced the National AGA Habitat for Humanity project in New Orleans in April and mentioned reduced rates for housing. Please contact Jennifer Lewis if you are interested. Ann also reminded everyone about the Brown Dog Foundation fundraiser and mentioned that Kristy Carroll is a Board Member and Vice President.

Michelle Earhart announced that the 3rd Annual Governmental Career Fair will be on April 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Nashville Library. There will also be an early careers and new member meet and greet next Thursday, March 13 at the Sports Page. Michelle mentioned an early career survey that indicated early career members wanted more networking opportunities. At the next meeting, each person will be assigned a table number to promote socializing and networking.

Ann announced that this month's community service project is at Nashville Public Television where chapter members will be taking calls for NPT's membership drive. There are a couple of space open if anyone is interested, contact Julie Rogers. Ann also stated that the chapter usually budgets money for purchasing shirts; however this year the money is being donated to NPT with a match from the National Community Service Fund. National will also match individual donations. Chapter members will receive 1 point for donating.

Ann announced that the membership drawing is being deferred to next month because National's website has been down. Ann reminded everyone to renew their dues by 3/31 to be entered into a drawing for \$50. Next month is the last regular meeting of the year.

There will be an audio conference on March 26. The door prize was drawn by the mayor and a \$25 check given to Elaine Driver. Ron Anderson offered the puzzle solution. The April speaker will be Linda Biek.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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