

## **AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes September 2009**

*Submitted by Shirley Henry, Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its September meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, September 3, 2009.

President Karen Hale called the meeting to order, and Chas Taplin gave the invocation. Karen introduced the individuals at the head table: David Stacey, speaker; Sandra Tulloss, Co-Chair of the Program Committee; Ray Register, member of the Community Service committee; and Karen's guest, Melanie Buchanan, Assistant Director with the Department of Finance and Administration.

Karen welcomed everyone and asked those who had guests to introduce their guests. She also announced that the chapter has eight new members, two of whom were at the meeting.

Sandra Tulloss introduced the speaker, David Stacey, CPA, CFA. Mr. Stacey is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., and he addressed the chapter on the benefits of various professional certifications, including CPA, CGFM, CFE, and CFA (Certified Financial Analyst), with particular emphasis on the CPA and CGFM certifications. He also said that he had some handouts on the Becker CPA Review Course. In appreciation for Mr. Stacey speaking to us, the chapter made a donation to his charity of choice, which was a memorial scholarship fund established for a friend of his.

Karen then called for announcements from the various committees.

### **Announcements**

**Community Service** - Ray Register announced that the chapter is participating in a Habitat for Humanity Build Day on September 19 (flyers were on the tables), and he encouraged members to participate. He also announced that the Community Service committee will provide a box at each chapter meeting for contributions to the Second Harvest Food Bank, and there was a list of the most needed items on the tables. Unlike previous years, boxes will not be available in various office buildings.

**Program** - Sandra Tulloss announced the formation of a social networking subcommittee and asked those that were interested in participating to contact her or Nichole Curtiss, Program Committee Co-Chair. She also announced that Melvin Jones, President Elect, will be our speaker in October, and in November we will have a joint meeting with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners where an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation will speak.

**Education** - Da Norm, a member of the Education Committee, announced that the chapter is sponsoring two upcoming audio conferences, one on October 7 entitled Internal Controls for Auditors, Management, and Staff and one on December 16 entitled Latest Trends in

Occupational Fraud. He also announced that the Winter Seminar is scheduled for January 19 and 20, 2010.

**Membership** - Ann Collett, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, announced that we have eight new members and that the committee has a new member incentive from now through the end of November with the member who sponsors the most new members receiving \$100, and the other sponsors being put in for a drawing. She also announced that the committee will continue the membership incentives from last year, and she solicited additional members to serve on the membership committee. Details of the membership incentives will be in the newsletter.

**Meetings and Attendance** - Sharon Barnard, Meetings and Attendance Committee Co-Chair, discussed the new online meeting reservations system which Dan Willis has set up. If a member is bringing a guest, the member should enter two reservations, one for the member and one for the guest. Members who have a standing reservation only need to enter a reservation for the guest. She also emphasized that once the reservations are closed and she provides the total number of attendees to the Nashville City Club, the chapter is obligated to pay for that number so there is no need to e-mail her about cancelations because reservations cannot be canceled; however, someone else can take the member's place. However, if people want to check on making reservations after the cutoff, they can e-mail her to determine if that is possible.

After the announcements were completed, Karen Hale declared the meeting adjourned.