

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

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on January 10, 2008. President Ann Collett called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the joint meeting with the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). Ann also welcomed AGA's National President, Rick Fair. Tammy Thompson offered the invocation.

Ann announced that the draft December 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 on the website.

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

- Dr. Melvin Johnson, President of Tennessee State University (TSU)
- Mike Batson, Director of Internal Audit at Tennessee State University
- Deborah Loveless, National Senior Vice President At-Large and Chair of the 2007 National PDC host committee
- Dimeta Smith, President of the local chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants
- Gregory Johnson, National Executive Director of the National Association of Black Accountants
- D'Andra Isabel, President of the student chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants
- John Glover, National Director of Development and Corporate Relations for the National Association of Black Accountants
- Rick Fair, AGA National President and New Jersey State Auditor
- Richard Norment, Former AGA National President, National Treasurer, Charter member of the Nashville Chapter, and a past chapter president

D'Andra Isabel introduced the National Association of Black Accountant's Student members present for today's meeting.

Gregory Johnson, NABA Executive Director, thanked AGA for the joint meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that NABA has 100,000 members nationwide. The National Convention will be June 10-14, 2008 in Atlanta.

Ann recognized the professionals from the NABA chapter and thanked them for attending the meeting. Ann acknowledged that Eugene Hampton, II is an AGA member as well as in the NABA chapter serving as vice-president.

Ann then introduced AGA's National President, Rick Fair. Mr. Fair stated that this is about his 20th chapter visit and he has been impressed with our Winter Seminar the last two days and with the turnout for our chapter meeting today. Mr. Fair provided a brief update of things going on with National AGA.

Mike Batson introduced Dr. Melvin Johnson, President of Tennessee State University. Dr. Johnson spoke to us about the 10 goals he implemented in his first 90 days as President of TSU. Dr. Johnson also told us of plans for TSU's 100th anniversary celebration in 2012. Dr. Johnson also answered questions from the audience. At the end of his presentation, Ann stated that a donation of \$35 will be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in his name.

Ron Queen and Gerry Boaz introduced this years' new CGFM's: Amy Abbott; Patrick Cooper (who still needs to meet his experience requirement); David Lannom; Suzzie Singleton; Nichole Curtiss; and Britt Wood. Ron announced that approximately 60% of our chapter are CGFM's.

Kathy Anderson announced the nominees for the 2008-2009 Program Year:

2-year Directors:

Patricia Finney

Rusty Lacy

Jennifer Lewis

Tommie Pendergrass

Suzanne Sawyers

Officers:

Secretary – Amy Czerwinski

Treasurer – Melissa Boaz

President-Elect – Melvin Jones

Ed Burr, Michelle Earhart, Teresa Kennedy, Joe Kimery, and Beth Pugh will continue as 1-year Directors.

In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, independent nominations for chapter officers and directors may be submitted to Kathy until March 15th. A petition that contains at least 50 signature of Nashville Chapter members and an indication of the candidate's willingness to serve if elected must accompany all independent nominations. In the event there are additional nominations, an election will follow. If there are no other nominations, the nominees announced today will be certified without ballot.

Announcements

Ann awarded the membership recruitment prize to Joe Holzmer who recruited 2 members in December. Joe won an AGA goody bag.

The annual social will be the Chieftains in March at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Each member is allowed one guest. The deadline to register is January 28. Reservations can be made online.

Ann thanked the Education Co-Chairs, Nathan Abbott, Nichole Curtiss, and Donna Jewell for a great Winter Seminar.

A free audio-conference will be held on February 6th.

Diana Jones won the \$25 door prize and Ron Anderson provided the puzzle solution.

Ann read a Thank You Note that the chapter received from one of the Lil' Soldier families we helped at Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. with Ann asking that the new members, new CGFMs, NABA members, nominated officers and the National President stay for photos.