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President's Message,
Dianne Mitchell McKay, CGFM, CPA

It was great to see you at our February meeting. Comptroller of the Treasury John Morgan provided a meaningful and thought-provoking presentation about the state of education in Tennessee.

In our professions, education, that is continuing education, is a topic we cannot ignore.

Once we have completed our formal education and have been on the job a few years (well, more than a few for some of us), there are few opportunities to keep up with changes in our professions. The Southeastern Region Professional Development Conference (PDC) provides one of those opportunities.

The conference held here in Nashville on March 16 and 17 not only will provide timely updates related to our professions but also will present sessions on a number of diverse subjects. In our changing environment, we cannot afford to ignore trends on the grounds that they do not affect us today—because they could very well affect us tomorrow. These changes also include our place in the environment. How many of us are still working in the fields we studied in college; how many of us have moved to positions in which any number of degrees would have served.

With the theme Open Government—Public Trust and Accountability, the PDC will offer 16 hours of continuing professional education. Our AGA President, Sam McCall, will open the conference on March 16 with the topic of government accountability. It's always useful to hear a seasoned career government employee's views on matters.

For those of us who are required to maintain knowledge of changes in accounting and auditing standards, the PDC offers several knowledgeable speakers:

- Bob Attmore, chair of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), will provide an accounting standards update.
- Michael Glynn, technical manager at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), will provide an auditing standards update.
- Karl Johnson, a project manager at the GASB, will speak to us about GASB's requirements for Other Postemployment Benefits

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CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2006

11:30 a.m.

Speaker

James Shmerling

COST: $10.00 per member

Make your luncheon reservation online at http://www.nashvilleaga.org.

If necessary you may call
(615) 401-7843
by 6:00 p.m. Monday, Feberuary 27, 2006

Chapter Recognition Points YTD
(through February 3,2006)

Leadership	4,000
Education	8,025
Certification	3,425
Communication	6,977
Membership	950
Community Service	2,600
Awards	1,200
Total Points YTD	**27,177**
Chapter Goal	10,000

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March Speaker

James E. Shmerling, DrHA, FACHE

Jim Shmerling is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. He joined Vanderbilt in June, 2002. Prior to his current position, he served as Senior Vice President of Methodist Healthcare and President of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee from 1995 to 2002, and was Le Bonheur's Chief Operating Officer from 1991-1995. He served as the Associate Director of Hospitals at Indiana University Hospitals and Administrator of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children from 1987-1991. His career in Children's Hospitals began in the Children's Hospital of Alabama where he progressed in administrative responsibilities from 1979-1987, the last of which was as its Associate Administrator.

Shmerling earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health Education from the University of Tennessee in 1976. In 1980 he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Hospital and Health Administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Samford University in Birmingham and his Doctorate of Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1999.

Dr. Shmerling is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE). He is an adjunct faculty member in the Hospital Administration programs for Washington University, the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Medical College of Virginia as well as a clinical faculty member of the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. He is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and has four children.

Announcing CGFM Cram Sessions

These dates have changed.
Please update your calendars accordingly.

The AGA - CGFM committee is very excited to announce the cram review dates for all three parts of the CGFM exam. Please mark your spring calendar for the following dates.

March 30, 2006 - Exam 2 April 27, 2006 - Exam 3 May 25, 2006 - Exam 1

You have shown an interest in passing the CGFM exam and now is your opportunity to attend a free cram review course and determine where your weakness may be prior to taking the exam. Approximately 4-6 weeks prior to each one of the review days there will be a lunch study group to go over the topics and share study techniques.

The committee recommends you study on your own or with a partner prior to the lunch study sessions. If you do not have a copy of the course material, you may check a book out from Gerry Boaz or Ron Queen at no charge. Then sign up to attend the lunch study sessions. The lunch study session will are designed to share study techniques and for each of you to ask questions about what you have been studying. As time allows the instructor will do directed study from the study manuals. You may register for the lunch sessions with Ron Queen (Chair of the CGFM committee). As a final study, sign up and attend the one day free cram review course.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the CGFM committee:

Ron Queen Gerry Boaz Mary Ann Queen
Tammy Fruscione Rebecca Barr Georganne Martin

President's Message Continued

(OPEB)—a topic that should be of interest to everyone, not just accountants and auditors.

- Mary-Margaret Collier, director of Bond Finance, will discuss debt financing and structure—now is the time to learn more about the prime financing mechanism most governments use.

A new innovative session will be the Yellow Book Town Hall Meeting. Jeanette Franzel, a director at the Government Accountability Office (GAO) will present proposed changes to the new 2006 Yellow Book and look for audience feedback—a great opportunity to make a difference.

Other current hot topics are on the two-day agenda:

- Information system security—Mark Burnette, Director of IT Security and Compliance at Gaylord Entertainment Company.
- Ethics in different sectors—a panel of ethics experts, including Dick Williams, chair of Tennessee Common Cause.
- The connection between strategic planning and performance measurement—Dr. Janet Kelly Carr.
- Identity theft and financial institution crimes—Tim Reece, a special agent with the FBI.
- eGovernment—Bill Ezell, CIO, State of Tennessee.

There is also an opportunity to learn about the National Finance Center's approach to the post-Katrina world.

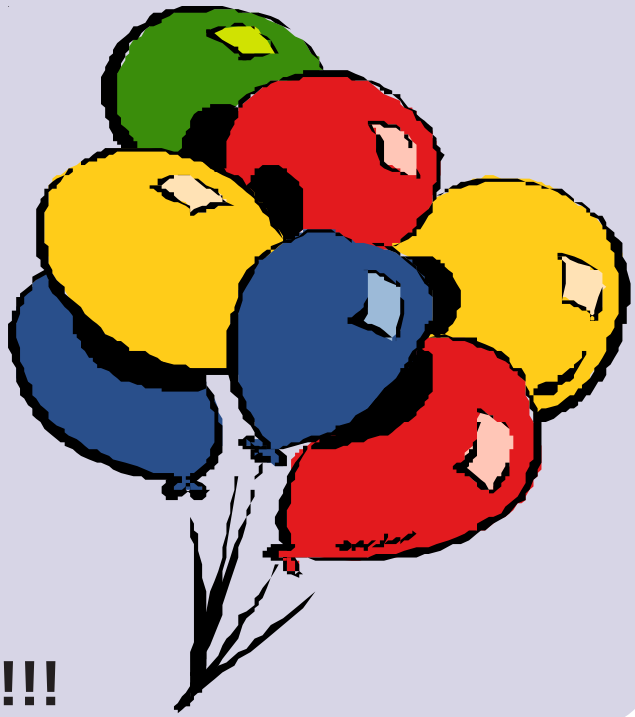
The PDC agenda has not ignored personal development subjects. A relationship management session, a leadership/motivation session, and a humorous luncheon speaker—Ms. Cheap—on the first day followed by a laugh-filled sketch by Improv Nashville complete the package.

The second day will feature Comptroller of the Treasury John Morgan as our luncheon speaker and will conclude with a media relations panel of reporters from NewsChannel5, The Tennessean, and the editor of The Nashville Scene.

I hope that I have piqued your interest in attending the PDC and look forward to seeing you there. I'll also look for you at our next meeting on March 2 when James Shmerling, CEO of the innovative Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt will be our speaker.

"There are no precedents: You are the first You that ever was"...Christopher Morley

The Nashville Chapter wants to congratulate **Karen Hale** on her recent success in attaining her **CGFM certification**.



WAY TO GO KAREN!!!!

Association of Government Accountants

Southeastern Region Professional Development Conference

Open Government — Public Trust and Accountability

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee
March 16-17, 2006

News from National

Member-Get-A-Member Recruitment Campaign

Jose Lebron, Puerto Rico Chapter, is in the running for Top Recruiter with having recruited 13 new members in this year's Member-Get-A-Member campaign—***Go For Growth!*** Not far behind is **Daniel Towle**, New York Capital Chapter, with 10 recruits.

Each year, the Top Recruiter and the next two top sponsors are awarded a complimentary national meeting registration and are honored at the Awards Ceremony at the annual AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC). This year the PDC takes place in San Diego, CA, June 18–21.

Prizes! Members who recruit at least two members start earning AGA Dollars. To see active recruiters, visit http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/020606/recruit.pdf .

For complete details, including other prize information., please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx. The 2005–2006 Recruitment Campaign runs through April 30, 2006!

Conservative Group Challenges Sarbanes-Oxley

A free-market advocacy group has filed a lawsuit that challenges the legal authority of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to police the accounting profession. The Free Enterprise Fund asserted in a press release that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002—the landmark legislation that created the PCAOB—"was rushed into law" with legitimate intentions but "ultimately has produced costly unintended consequences for publicly traded U.S. businesses, entrepreneurs, and capital markets." Joining the efforts to argue against Sarbanes-Oxley are Kenneth Starr of Pepperdine University; who presided over the Monica Lewinsky case; Viet D. Dinh of Georgetown University, a former U.S. assistant attorney general; and Hans Bader, counsel to the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a libertarian think tank. Specifically, the organization argues that the PCAOB violates the appointments clause (Article II, Section 2) of the U.S. Constitution. "PCAOB m embers wield significant regulatory powers that bring them squarely within the meaning of Article II and should be appointed by the President with the 'advice and consent' of the senate, not the SEC." —Stephen Taub, *CFO.com.* For more, visit http://www.cfo.com/article.cfm/5492263/c_5491315?f=home_todayinfinance

Intensive Review Course and CGFM Examinations a Success once again - Katya Silver

The Intensive Review Course is again a big hit! Offered now for the second time at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington DC on February 1 and 2, 2006, it was once again sold out at 50 participants.

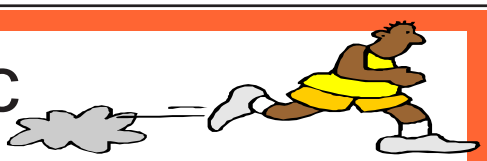
After attending the two-day review course, the candidates tackled the CGFM Examinations over the next two days (with some taking all three exams in one day!). As a result, 23 of the participants passed all three (or finished up their remaining) CGFM Examinations at this event - even more than at the similar event in July of last year! Others passed one or two examinations and are on their way to completing the CGFM process.

While this "intense" experience is not for everybody, participants were attracted to the idea of completing the CGFM process in a short period of time, having a set deadline to take the examinations and saving money (the cost of CGFM Examinations is included in the Intensive Review Course fee, which is less than the cost of the three examinations). Holding an Intensive Review Course and CGFM Examinations in conjunction with AGA National Leadership and Professional Development Conferences gives the candidates one more way to reinforce the material and take the CGFM Examinations (candidates can also take the exams at Prometric testing centers anytime).

The extra reinforcement of the material is exactly what some people wanted and needed. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the six days of regular instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, this course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations (such as attending the courses and/or using study guides). In fact, the majority of the participants have purchased the CGFM study guides before participating in the Intensive Review Course.

AGA plans to continue offering this course and CGFM Examinations at its upcoming conferences. The next Intensive Review Course is scheduled for June 15-16, 2006 (with exams on June 17-18, 2006) in conjunction with AGA's Professional Development Conference (PDC) in San Diego, CA. For more information or to register, please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/cgfm_exam.htm.

Country Music Marathon

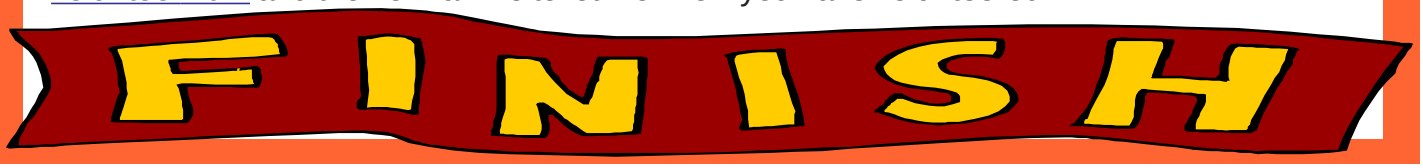


It's time to organize volunteers for the 7th Annual Country Music Marathon & ½ Marathon. This year the marathon will be held on Saturday, April 29th. The runners will begin at West End Avenue near Centennial Park and wind in and out of downtown until they finish at the Coliseum. The race route will be lined with entertainers, marching bands, and local high school cheerleading squads.

Last year over 3,000 volunteers supported 16,000 runners. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt and ticket to the post-race concert at the GEC. This year the Nashville Sports Council is requesting volunteers during the Fitness Expo on the 26th, 27th, and 28th.

The Country Music Marathon and ½ Marathon benefits The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their Team In Training program. To date the Music City Marathon and ½ Marathon has netted millions of dollars for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

For more information on volunteering please contact Jennifer McClendon at jennifer.mcclendon@state.tn.us or register to volunteer at http://www.cmmarathon.com/volunteer.html and then e-mail me to let me know you have volunteered.



3 Ways to Make a Luncheon Reservation

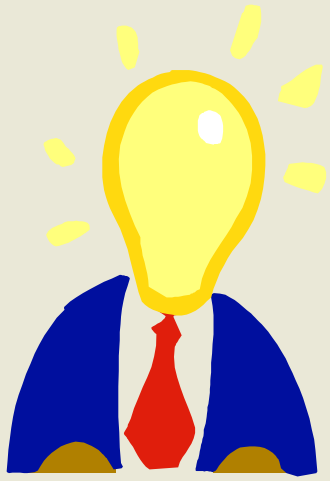
1. **Standing Reservation** (automatic reservation each month, will still need to cancel if unable to attend) To update or make a standing reservartion or to see if you have a standing reservation, go to http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html

2. For **Reservation On-line** go to the Nashville Area Chapter website at http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html.

   PLEASE NOTE: Any on-line reservation made after the deadline, 6 pm the Monday before the meeting, will NOT be accepted.

3. For **Reservations** or **Cancellations** by Phone or E-mail contact Kevin Huffman at (615) 401-7843 or Kevin.Huffman@state.tn.us.

   Cancellations – Made NO LATER than 6 pm on the Monday before the luncheon. A member may send someone in their place to the luncheon. If none of the above occurs, then the member must pay $10.



Want to Be More Involved?

Want to Showcase Your Ideas and Talents?

Join an AGA Committee TODAY!!!

Support your local AGA Chapter by volunteering to participate on one of our committees below. The purpose of each committee is presented for your information. Our committees are the backbone of our Chapter and are greatly responsible for the success we have achieved during our Chapter's history. Show your support by signing up today for the 2006-07 program year. We will be accepting volunteers throughout the year; however, please let Gerry Boaz know by the May 4, 2006, luncheon meeting which committee you would like to serve on. You are more than welcome to serve on multiple committees. We have exceptionally talented members in our Chapter. Put those skills to work for the benefit of all our members.

Program: Ensures that appropriate speakers are available at each business meeting and provides an opportunity for members to network at a social event.

Education: Provides professional training, education, and development opportunities that are relevant to the needs of the government professional community.

Meetings & Attendance: Coordinates all chapter meetings.

Awards: Acknowledges contributions made by members that enhance chapter activities and the government financial community.

CGFM: Increases the number of individuals who have successfully completed the CGFM examination.

Membership: Attracts and retains a diverse and growing membership.

Finance: Enables the chapter to meet its Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements; records its history; and provides consultation on financial issues.

Early Careers: Promotes early career membership and active participation in chapter activities.

Community Service: Promotes and conducts community service activities that enhance the Chapter and the AGA's image and reputation.

Newsletter: Communicates effectively with chapter members in an integrated and timely manner.

Internet: Communicates effectively with chapter members in an integrated and timely manner.

Sponsoring a New Member.....$0

Attending an AGA Lunch.....$10

Being a Full Member at Early Careers Rates ..... Priceless

BECOME ACTIVE – EARN POINTS
AND
QUALIFY FOR $45 INCENTIVE TOWARDS DUES RENEWAL

The association will reimburse a new or renewing (non-early career) member $45.00 of the upcoming year's annual membership dues if and when the member:

- earns at least **16** points throughout the association's operating year, and
- provides proof of payment of the upcoming year's renewal fee.

Points awarded as follows:

Attending a September – May luncheon meeting:	**1 point each**
Bringing a guest to a September – May luncheon meeting:	**1 point (max 3 pts.)**
Attaining CGFM certification:	**8 points**
Attending an AGA sponsored training:	
2 day event	**3 points**
1 day event or 3 - 2hr events	**2 points**
Attending an AGA social event:	**1 point each**
Sponsoring a new member:	**2 points each**
Participating in an AGA committee:	**3 points each**
Service as Officer, Chair, or Co-chair: starting 06-07 year	**1 point**
Participating in a charity event (time participation required):	**1 point each**
Writing a published newsletter article:	**1 point each**

January CEC Meeting

Submitted by Nathan Abbott,Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, January 30, 2006, in the 14th floor conference room of the Snodgrass Building. President Dianne McKay called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Gerry Boaz, Chuck Holland, Kevin Huffman, Georganne Martin, Penny Austin, Nathan Abbott, Susan Irby, Britt Wood, and Nichole Curtiss. Committee chairs or their representatives present were Glen McKay, Randy Kinnersley, Teresa Kennedy, Mary Anne Queen, and Ray Register.

Welcome

Dianne McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CEC Minutes

Gerry Boaz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3 CEC meeting with an amendment to change the dates of the CGFM training classes to March 30 for Exam 2**,** April 27 for Exam 3, and May 25 for Exam 1. Melinda Parton seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Chuck Holland distributed financial statements as of January 26, 2006. Chuck mentioned a title change in the Revenues section of the financial statement. The title "Distribution from Regional PDC" will be changed to "Regional PDC".

Program

Glen McKay reported that our speaker for this month's luncheon will be John Morgan, Comptroller of the Treasury. Mr. Morgan will be speaking on education.

Glen reported that he has received the tickets for the spring social and stated that that hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies will be served from 5-7pm. The game starts at 7pm.

Finance

No Report

Education

Teresa Kennedy reported that the winter seminar was a success and we brought in around $6500. The education committee will take location suggestions for next year's winter seminar. Teresa also reported they had about 15 gifts left over from the seminar. The gifts were given back to Dianne to determine how they should be distributed.

Early Careers

Randy Kinnersley reported the job fair is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006. The downtown Public Library is reserved from 4-8pm. The following is the schedule for the career fair:

Set-up 4:00-5:00
Registration 5:00-5:30
Career Fair 5:30-7:30
Clean-up 7:30-8:00

Randy also reported that registration for the job fair will be available on the website. In addition, students who register on-line will be eligible to win a $100 scholarship. Five $100 scholarships will be awarded. The number of career booths has not yet been finalized.

Awards

Susan Irby reported that the committee is updating scholarship requirements and will update the points and website information.

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Membership
Britt Wood handed out the proposed point system for the membership dues subsidy program. A member will be reimbursed $45 for their membership dues if they earn at least 16 points during the program year. A discussion was held to change the point system for attending a two-day seminar. In the proposal members would earn 2 points for attending a two-day seminar and the discussion included increasing the number of points earned for this type of event from 2 to 3. The discussion also included increasing the number of points earned for holding a chapter office position, committee chair or co-chair position, from 3 to 4 points. The new point system for the membership dues subsidy program will be retroactive for this program year. A motion was made by Chuck Holland to amend the points system to include 3 points earned for attending a two-day seminar and 4 points earned for being an officer, chair, or co-chair. Gerry Boaz seconded; the motion passed. A second motion was made by Randy Kinnersley to postpone the awarding of 4 points to officers, chairs, and co-chairs to go into effect for the 2006-2007 program year. The motion was seconded by Melinda Parton; the motion passed.

In addition, Brit reported that we had 17 renewing members and 4 new members for the month of January.

Newsletter
Nichole Curtiss reported that the deadline for newsletter submissions is February 8. Nathan Abbott will be featured in the member profile.

Internet
Nathan Abbott emphasized how important it is for committee chairs to review the chapter website and submit changes to either himself or Dan Willis.

Community Service
Ray Register reported that Tammy Thompson has offered to be in-charge of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Ray will get more details from Tammy and make an announcement at Thursday's luncheon.

CGFM
Mary Anne Queen reported that the committee is still working on the 2 proclamations for proclaiming March as CGFM month.

Meetings and Attendance
Kevin Huffman reported that there are 75 people signed up for the February luncheon. Penny Austin will be giving the invocation. Kevin also reported that due to an increase luncheon participation and guests receiving free meals at the luncheons, the budget will be really tight for the rest of the year.

Chapter Recognition
Gerry Boaz reported that the chapter is well over the 20,000 point mark for the program year. Third Quarter points for the chapter will be due to the National office in February.

Regional PDC
Dianne McKay gave an update on the planning process for the Regional PDC. The planning is going well and the next meeting is scheduled for February 16.

Dianne also announced several deadlines:

- April 10 – Newsletter Award
- April 17 – Final Chapter points
- May 1 – Community Service photo contest
- June 1 – Chapter Officer Directory for the 2006/2007 year is due to national

The meeting was adjourned.

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865), *Lincoln's Own Stories*

February Chapter Meeting

Submitted by Nathan Abbott,Chapter Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its February monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, February 2, 2006. President Dianne McKay called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Penny Austin offered the invocation. The minutes of the January Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the February newsletter. Dianne McKay introduced the head table, guests, and new members.

Glen McKay introduced the guest speaker, John Morgan, Comptroller of the Treasury for the state of Tennessee. Mr. Morgan spoke about the state education system and shared his thoughts on an alternative approach to funding education in Tennessee. The chapter donated $35 to the charity of Mr. Morgan's choice, Austin Peay State University Foundation.

Teresa Kennedy announced an audio conference for March 1, 2006. The audio conference will discuss implications of Sarbanes-Oxley and will be held from 1:00-2:50. The conference is free for AGA members.

Glen McKay reminded everyone of the upcoming spring social. The social will be a Nashville Kats game on February 18, 2006. Food will be served from 5:30-7:00 and the game will start at 7:00.

Brian Derrick announced the new membership dues subsidy program. He discussed the point system that has been established for this program that will allow a non-early career member to receive a $45 refund on paid membership dues by earning at least 16 points during the program year.

Beth Pendergrass announced that the chapter will be holding a Job Fair on April 3, 2006, at the Nashville Public Library. Students in attendance will be eligible to win one of five $100 scholarships as well as apply for the Snodgrass Scholarship. Anyone interested in having their organization represented at the job fair should contact Randy Kinnersley or Clare Tucker.

Dianne McKay reminded everyone to register for the Southeastern Regional PDC, which is being held March 16-17, 2006, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. She also recognized Karen Hale for completing the CGFM certification. Dianne announced that the speaker for the March luncheon will be Jim Schmerling, CEO of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

One door prize of $25 was awarded to Tommy Pendergrass and Ron Anderson provided the answer to the monthly puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Interested in the CGFM certification?

Sign up for AGA's special Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations this February in Washington, D.C. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on February 1-2, 2006. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on February 3-4, 2006.

The cost of the course is only $195 for qualified participants, and it offers 16 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations taken during this event are free of charge!

This is a special limited enrollment offer for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Examinations and need extra reinforcement of the material. Only the individuals who register and attend the Intensive Review Course will have the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on February 3-4, 2006.

The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, it is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations. Attending previous courses or studying using CGFM Study Guides before participating in this event is strongly encouraged.

For registration, eligibility and examination information please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2006/cgfm_exam.htm.

NOTICE

State of Tennessee CGFM Optional Salary Incentive

The Department of Personnel includes the CGFM certification in the list of certifications eligible for a one-step salary increase. A salary increase ***may*** be granted to employees of the State of Tennessee if the certification is obtained by passing the exams. To be certain that you qualify for the salary increase, obtain approval from your supervisor and the Department of Personnel ***before*** sitting for the exams. For specific details see the Department of Personnel Policy #90-031 (10/10/90) amended March 23, 1999.

CGFM Committee News

Committee Report
CGFM Committee Members: Rebecca Barr (Co Chair), Gerry Boaz, CGFM, Tammy Fruscione, CGFM, Georganne Martin, CGFM, Mary Ann Queen, CGFM, Ron Queen, CGFM (Chair)

Congratulations to winners of the exam subsidy: KaKhada (Da) Norm, Department of Finance and Administration; Nichole Curtiss, Comptroller of the Treasury; and Paul Fimano, Office of Inspector General.

We are planning **FREE** CGFM review classes in the spring for those interested in taking the exams. (See page 15)

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Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM

The CGFM Committee is continuing its program to congratulate those individuals passing the CGFM exams by offering lunch certificates that are good for a free lunch at any AGA luncheon meeting. If you passed the CGFM exams between September 2005 and February 2006 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

Ron Queen at Ron.Queen@state.tn.us

or

Rebecca Barr (Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us)

Save the date! March 15-17, 2006

Association of Government Accountants
Southeastern Region
Professional Development Conference

"Open Government- Public Trust and Accountability"

16 CPE Hours
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee

More information on registration
and speakers will be forthcoming!

Check back to our website soon for details.

Meet Your Chapter Leadership
Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE

Chapter Secretary
Co-Chair Internet Committee

I was once in the audience of *The Price is Right* where I saw Bob Barker. Bob Barker was in *Happy Gilmore* with Adam Sandler. Adam Sandler was in *50 First Dates* with Drew Barrymore. Drew Barrymore was in *Charlie's Angels* with Demi Moore. And Demi Moore was in *A Few Good Men* with Kevin Bacon.

For those of you who don't know me very well, I have a highly developed skill of playing the "Six Degrees of Separation" game with Kevin Bacon (one of the many generally useless but entertaining talents I have for trivia).

As for the rest of my story, I grew up in Maryland on the Patuxent River 63 miles south of Washington, DC. I moved to Tennessee in 1992 when I decided to enroll at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson. After completing my education at Freed-Hardeman (and quickly approaching graduation with no job prospects), I contemplated joining the Air Force. However, my plans changed when I interviewed for a position with the Financial and Compliance Division of State Audit. In 1996, I began my work with State Audit out of the Nashville office, burning up I-40 and eating at way too many hotel buffets while on travel status. One year and 30 pounds later, I transferred to the Division of County Audit as an IS Auditor based out of Jackson.

My wife Amy and I moved to Nashville in 2004 for me to continue my career with County Audit. We are very happy to be in Nashville and have recently purchased a home in Franklin (anyone with a passion for packing and moving, please feel free to give us a call). Amy and I have been spotted walking the streets of Cool Springs as we frequently do when the weather is permissive. Aside from long-distance walking, I also enjoy basketball, golf, and running.

I joined AGA soon after coming to Nashville and it has been a rewarding experience. Amy and I have taken advantage of the opportunities for social activities by attending Chicago last year and going to the Nashville Kats game this year. I am glad to be Co-Chair of the Internet Committee with Dan Willis and look forward to more opportunities to become involved in chapter activities.

Promoting Awareness of CGFM CPE Requirements

Chapter members who hold professional certification must comply with CPE requirements. Your chapter can serve these members by providing quality education. Typically a CPE hour may be granted for each 50 minutes of participation in programs and activities that qualify. At conferences and conventions where individual presentations are less than and/or more than 50 minutes, the sum of the presentations should be considered as one total program.

The chapter's CPE records should include the following information for each CPE program or activity.

1. Sponsoring organization (your AGA chapter)
2. Name(s) of the instructor(s)
3. List of attendees
4. The location at which the program was given
5. The title of the program and a brief description of its contents (i.e., subject/topics covered)
6. The dates and length of the program
7. The number of CPE hours granted
8. Retain all CPE records for a minimum of three years
9. Evaluations of the program from instructor(s) and participants
10. The program's learning objectives and any prerequisites

Typically these requirements can be met with a signed CPE form that delineates the topics and times, and a sign-in list for attendees. Additional information regarding CPE requirements for the CGFM is available on the website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/.

Mark Your Calendars

Meeting Dates

AGA Nashville Chapter

(All Chapter meetings will be held the First Thursday of the Month, except as noted below)

April 6, 2006

May 4, 2006

Chapter Executive Committee

All CEC meetings will be held on the Monday before the chapter meeting, except as noted below)

April 3, 2006

May 1, 2006

The History Report

is available on our

Chapter Website at

www.nashvilleaga.org

EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAN

January 2006 through May 2006
Nashville Area Chapter
Association of Governmental Accountants

T.B.A.
Breakfast CPE at the Hard Rock (2 CPEs)
Speaker to be announced
100 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

March 1, 2006
Audio Conference (2 CPEs)
Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley
Suite 1500 James K. Polk Building
Nashville, Tennessee

March 16-17, 2006
Southeastern Professional Development Conference (16 CPEs)
Speakers and topics coordinated by Jim Arnette, Regional Vice President
Nashville, Tennessee

For a listing of all CGFM related training see page 13.

10th Annual Fraud Conference

16 hours CPE
March 20-21, 2006
Willis Conference Center
Please visit the following for more information

http://www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/CFE_Brochure_2006.pdf

Training Opportunities Relevant to the CGFM

1. **CGFM Exam 1 Study Course** – online at http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx ; anytime
2. **AGA Fourth Annual National Leadership Conference:** February 2-3, 2006; Washington, D.C.; 14.0 CPE hours
3. **Tennessee Department of Audit – GASB Overview:** March 10, 2006; 16th Floor Training Room, James K. Polk Building; 8.0 CPE hours
4. **AGA CGFM Committee Exam 2 Training:** March 30, 2006; 16th Floor Training Room, James K. Polk Building; 8.0 CPE hours
5. **Tennessee Department of Audit – Internal Control:** April 7, 2006; 16th Floor Training Room, James K. Polk Building; 8.0 CPE hours
6. **Tennessee Department of Audit – Fund Accounting:** June 12, 2006; 16th Floor Training Room, James K. Polk Building; 8.0 CPE hours
7. **Tennessee Department of Audit – Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS):** June 19, 2006; 16th Floor Training Room, James K. Polk Building; 8.0 CPE hours
8. **GFOA Annual Conference:** May 7-10, 2006; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; 20.0 CPE hours
9. **AICPA Self Study Courses:** anytime
   a. **Internal Control Reporting: A Practical Guide to the PCAOB Standard:** 11.0 – 14.0 CPE hours
   b. **Internal Control Reporting: A Manager's Guide to Surviving the Audit:** 10.0 – 12.- CPE hours
   c. **Internal Controls: Design and Documentation:** 16.0 CPE hours

www.cpa2biz.com or call to order study materials at 1-888-777-7077

CGFM candidates, plan to attend one of our free CGFM exam review classes and the related Directed Study Sessions prior to the class.

Exam Review Class		Date	Time	Location
CGFM Exam 1	Governmental Environment	Thursday, May 25, 2005	8am-4:30pm	TBA
CGFM Exam 2	Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting	Thursday, March 30, 2005	8am-4:30pm	TBA
CGFM Exam 3	Governmental Financial Management and Control	Thursday, April 27, 2005	8am-4:30pm	TBA

Directed Study Sessions		Date	Time	Location
CGFM Exam 1	Governmental Environment	Thursdays in May (5, 12, 19)	12-1pm	TBA
CGFM Exam 2	Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting	Thursdays in March (10, 17, 24)	12-1pm	TBA
CGFM Exam 3	Governmental Financial Management and Control	Thursdays in April (7, 14, 21)	12-1pm	TBA

These classes are ***free***. The texts for the classes are the three AGA CGFM Study Guides (available on line at http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx for $85 per copy). The Nashville Chapter has a limited number of Study Guides for short period check out.

Please contact a member of the committee for further assistance or to sign up for any of the review activites.

CGFM Exam Candidates

Please let us know if you pass any one of the three CGFM exams. If you need any assistance, please contact a member of our committee.

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Southeastern Region Site	agaservp.tripod.com
Atlanta Chapter	www.aga-atlanta.org
Central Kentucky Chapter	www.ckyaga.com
Chattanooga Chapter	www.aga.taxpro.net
Columbia Chapter	www.columbiaaga.com
East Tennessee Chapter	www.korrnet.org/etaga/
Tallahassee Chapter	www.tallahasseeaga.org