

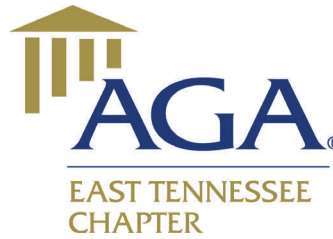
# East Tennessee Times

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## President's Message—Gail Cook, CGFM, CPA

Well, Spring has finally arrived and I know everyone is looking forward to warm weather. Spring also means – SEMINAR TIME for AGA. Our Spring Seminar is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Rothchild's. We have a really good program lined up with three excellent speakers - Betsy Cunningham, Janet Kelly, and Robert Smith (aka Smitty). Don't forget to send in your registration by April 16th.

Our community service project for April is East Tennessee Children's Hospital. We will be collecting scrapbooking supplies for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The nurses in this unit provide scrapbooking albums and supplies to each patient's family to record their precious memories. This is a special project for me, as my grandson spent his first week in this unit. Please see page 3 for details.



Also, don't forget the Southeastern Region Professional Development Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville April 2-3.

*Gail*

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## April Meeting—Spring Leadership Seminar

Detailed information can be found in the seminar brochure on pages 6—7. Below is the menu for the day.

**Continental breakfast:**

- \*Urns of coffee
- \*Platter of sliced fruit
- \*Sausage and ham butter-milk biscuits
- \*Assorted donuts, danish and pastries

**Lunch:**

- \*Caesar salad
- \*Pasta Bar with choice of 2 sauces: Creamy Alfredo Traditional red meat
- \*Grilled chicken on the side
- \*Grilled fresh vegetable medley
- \*Italian Cream Cake
- \*Iced tea and coffee

There will also be coffee and snack breaks throughout the day.

If you have not registered, you have until April 16th. Please contact Mike Blair at [tmbclair@tvaog.gov](mailto:tmbclair@tvaog.gov) for more information.

Thursday, April 23

Rothchild's Conference Center  
8807 Kingston Pike  
(865) 690-0103

See attached brochure for more details

Registration Fee \$125

Fee includes registration, lunch, breaks and all seminar materials

## AGA National News

**March 31st Radio Show Offers Financial Management Suggestions to the Obama Administration** - On March 31, we will discuss the necessary and suggested focus for the first 100 days of the Obama administration in relation to government financial management with **David M. Walker**, CEO, Peter G. Peterson Foundation; and **Richard Keevey**, director, the National Academy of Public Administration's Performance Consortium; Professor, Princeton University. Listen to the shows online and check out the upcoming show and speaker schedule. Stay tuned!

**Rooms Added at New Orleans Marriott for AGA PDC** - The New Orleans Marriott has agreed to add more rooms to accommodate PDC attendees. The room rate is \$120 (plus tax) per night for single or double occupancy, until May 29, 2009, or until the block sells out. To make a reservation, please call 800.654.3990 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.



Visit AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more

**Special Opportunity!** - Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC in New Orleans. The Intensive Review Course will take place on June 18-19, 2009. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on June 20-21, 2009. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees. Visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information.

## 2008-2009 National Events Calendar

**04/08** The Future of Government Auditing—Audio Conference

**04/08** Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM Acting Comptroller General, U.S. GAO—AGA Breakfast—Willard Hotel, Washington, DC

**04/22** GAO's Role in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009—Audio Conference

**04/23** East Tennessee's Spring Seminar—Knoxville, TN

**04/29** GASB No. 54: Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions—Audio Conference

**05/13** Ethics in the Workplace—Audio Conference

**AGA's 2009  
Professional Development Conference  
New Orleans June 21-24, 2009**

**Southeastern Regional PDC  
Nashville Doubletree Hotel  
April 2-3, 2009**

## Certified Government Financial Manager

### Attention CGFM Candidates: Sample Exam Questions Available

The AGA website now has sample CGFM Examination questions. Go to "What Do Exams Cover" and click on "View CGFM Examinations Sample Questions."

Are you looking for some guidance on the best way to prepare for the examinations? Take a look at the suggested steps below and visit [www.agacgfm.org/publications/html/](http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/html/)

[cgfm020609.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/html/cgfm020609.aspx) for more information.

- (1) Review the examination content online.
- (2) Customize your preparation process.
- (3) Consider using the CGFM Study Guides along with other resources.
- (4) Go through the sample questions available online.
- (5) Use the score report as your guide if you don't pass the exam.



Contact Katya Silver at [ksilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org) for more information.

## Chapter Meeting Calendar

### Chapter Meeting Schedule

04/23/2009 Spring Seminar at Rothchild's

05/12/2009 Awards Ceremony and Final Meeting at Calhoun's on the River

Remember that all regular monthly meetings start at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm. Most meetings are offering at least 1 CPE for those needing continuing education. This is a great deal...lunch and 1 CPE for only \$10!

### Southeastern Regional PDC

The Southeastern Regional PDC will be held on April 2—3 at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville. Speakers will include Sam Mok (AGA National President), Gene Dodaro (Acting Comptroller General of the U.S.), Bob Atmore, Mark Paganelli, Dennis Dycus, John Morgan and many others. 16 CPE hours will be available. Registration and full details can be found at <http://agaservp.tripod.com> or [www.nashvilleaga.org/pdc\\_2009/2009pdc.htm](http://www.nashvilleaga.org/pdc_2009/2009pdc.htm).

### Renewal Time is Here

Renewals are streaming into the National Office, but don't forget to recommit yourself to AGA for 2009-2010 by renewing today. Visit the AGA website to renew.

If you have any problems renewing or any questions concerning your invoice, please contact the Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211. They are ready to provide assistance and help out!

## Service Projects Calendar

The East TN Chapter prides itself on our commitment to local charities and we encourage each of you to join in the service projects held throughout the year. More information will be available at the monthly meetings on the specifics of each project. **For April, our charity is East Tennessee Children's Hospital. They have requested scrapbooking supplies. Items needed include photo**

**stickers, paper, tape and any other supplies you can think of. Also, cash donations will be accepted.**

May: American Cancer Society

If you have questions about any of the charities or projects, contact Dana West at [dwest@blounttn.org](mailto:dwest@blounttn.org).

### Financial Information

Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of **02/28/09** as **\$18,040.71.**

## Chapter Recognition Program Points Update

Leadership: 1,950

Education: 2,550

Certification: 1,375

Communication: 4,670

Membership: 200

Early Careers: 0

Community Service: 1,275

Awards: 0

**Total YTD: 12,020**

The Chapter Recognition Program provides incentives and awards to participating chapters. It provides a framework for chapters that allows for a well-rounded chapter pro-

gram each year. The non-competitive program consists of the eight areas listed above and chapters receive credit for meeting goals and activities as designated by AGA. Want to know more? Just ask one of your board members for more details.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



**East Tennessee AGA wants YOU to be an active member of our chapter.**

**To encourage membership and participation we are going to offer the following rewards:**

<b>Sponsorship of new member</b>	<b>\$20 Incentive voucher</b>
<b>New members</b>	<b>\$20 Incentive voucher</b>
<b>For every 3 meetings attended</b>	<b>\$10 Incentive voucher</b>
<b>Active committee member</b>	<b>\$15 Incentive voucher</b>
<b>Service project participation</b>	<b>Incentive vouchers (amount varies by project)</b>

**These vouchers can be used within the chapter to pay for AGA dues, meals, or seminars!!**

## Advancing Government Accountability

East Tennessee Chapter, AGA  
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Finance & Accounting Consultant  
UT—MTAS  
120 Conference Center Building  
Knoxville TN 37996

Phone: 865-974-9825  
Fax: 865-974-0423  
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### East Tennessee AGA

We're on the web!  
[www.discoveret.org/  
etaga](http://www.discoveret.org/etaga)

### March Meeting Minutes

President Gail Cook began the meeting by reminding everyone of the spring seminar which will take place at Rothchild's on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also mentioned the AGA National Professional Development Conference that will take place at the end of June in New Orleans.

Public Service Chair, Dana West, introduced Shannon McCloud, spokesperson for A Secret Safe Place for Newborns. Ms. McCloud informed the group that the organization was formed in conjunction with the establishment of the Safe Haven Law. The Law allows any mother to anonymously surrender a newborn up to 3 days old without the threat of prosecution. She mentioned that all 50 states now have a Safe Haven law. The law

was enacted in Tennessee in July 2001. Ms. McCloud mentioned that she was hired to help move the organization to a state-wide organization. Donations are used for promoting education, including implementation of a 24-hour hotline, posting of information on billboards, speaking engagements to civil clubs, high school students and medical professionals, as well as creation of packets of information to be distributed to the public. According to Ms. McCloud, at least 21 babies have been saved in Tennessee since 2001; over 1,000 have been saved nationwide.

Programs Chair, Joe Taylor, introduced Kevin Sparks, Vice President for Business Affairs at South College in Knox-

ville. Mr. Sparks discussed the various sources of funding for higher education, including student federal loans, grant programs, and scholarships. He also discussed the various effects of the current Administration's stimulus package for higher education, such as the increase to the Federal loan limit to allow students to borrow more money as well as the increase in Pell grants. In addition, Mr. Sparks discussed how the changes would affect companies which service the student loans. The meeting adjourned on that note.

There was no officer's meeting for this month.

### Chapter Officers

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# SPRING SEMINAR—APRIL 23, 2009

## **PROGRAM SPEAKERS**

### **Janet Kelly — The Seven Deadly Sins of Performance Budgeting**

Dr. Janet Kelly, CGFM, CIA, CPFO, has taught financial management in the MPA program at UT and accounting in the MBA program. A Certified Internal Auditor specializing in performance auditing, she is an AGA member and a private consultant to state and local governments and nonprofit organizations. Janet holds a Bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston, an MPA from the University of South Carolina, and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She's authored over forty articles in scholarly and professional journals.

### **Betsy Cunningham — Time Management**

Betsy Cunningham is currently the director of Human Resources for Blount County Government. Betsy graduated from UT with a degree in communications. She conducted training throughout the US on topics such as Supervisory Skills, Customer Service, and Sexual Harassment. She is a Dale Carnegie Course instructor where she teaches the class on Effective Speaking and Human Relations Skills.

### **G. Robert Smith — GASB and Accounting Update**

Dr. G. Robert Smith, Jr., PhD, CPA, and assistant professor with MTSU, received his Bachelor's degree from UT Martin, his Master of Accountancy from UT Knoxville, and his Ph.D. from Texas Tech. Prior to 1988, Dr. Smith (Smitty) served in the United States Army. Smitty was stationed in both the USA and Europe. He has written for many professional accounting publications and for AICPA's Implementation Guide for GASB Statement 34.

## **Program Agenda**

8:15-8:25am	Registration
8:25-8:30am	Welcome
8:30-10:10am	Janet Kelly
10:10-10:20am	Coffee Break
10:20-12:00pm	Betsy Cunningham
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-2:45pm	Robert Smith
2:45-3:00pm	Snack Break
3:00-4:30pm	Robert Smith
4:30-4:45pm	Closing Remarks

## **Directions**

Rothchild's Catering & Conference Ctr.  
8807 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37923  
865-690-0103

### **From I-40 W to exit 379**

- \*Take exit 379 toward Walker Springs Rd/  
Bridgewater Rd (.2 m)
- \*Merge onto Walbrook Dr (.2 m)
- \*Turn left at Walker Springs Rd (.2 m)
- \*Turn right at Kingston Pike (.6 m)
- \*Turn right into Ten Mile Center  
Rothchild's is on the right

## **Registration Information**

### **Registration Fee: \$125**

The \$125 registration fee covers lunch, registration, breaks and all seminar materials. Dress is business casual.

## **Registration Form**

The 2009 Spring Seminar sponsored by the East Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed registration form by April 16, 2009. Limited registration may be available on site at 8:15am. The seminar begins promptly at 8:25am.

### **Make Check Payable to:**

**East TN Chapter of AGA**

### **Mail Completed Form & Payment to:**

Mike Blair  
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400 W. Summitt Hill Dr.  
ET 3C-K  
Knoxville, TN 37902

For refund information, contact Mike Blair at [tmbair@tvaog.gov](mailto:tmbair@tvaog.gov).

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