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Welcome to everyone! It's that time again to start off our East Tennessee Chapter Meetings. Amazingly enough, this is the start of our 38th year!

We have had a couple of role changes on the Board of Directors and the addition of three new members – Gail Cook, Kristi Reynolds and Kyle Cox. I know that each of them will do a great job! On Page 4, you will find a brief paragraph about each of our board members. The board has been hard at work this summer, holding two executive meetings. We have a great year planned for the chapter – new topics and new speakers.

Several changes have resulted from our board meetings that we hope everyone will approve of. We have decided to hold a full-day seminar in both November and April as well as a two-hour luncheon in October in order to provide additional CPEs to those of you needing those for certification. Another change includes the reduction in service projects that we will be trying to take on in the upcoming year. Involvement has been limited and we would like to encourage all members to participate – either physically or monetarily.

Most monthly meetings will be held at Calhoun's on the River. We are looking for a fun place to meet for our Holiday Meeting in December and our Awards Luncheon in May. Please let any board member know if you have a suggestion.

Thank you for participating in the East Tennessee Chapter of AGA! I look forward to seeing each of you at our September meeting.

Mindy Stooksbury

September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12, 2006
11:30 AM**

*Planning for & Dealing
with Catastrophic Events*

Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River

(865) 673-3355
400 Neyland Drive

Menu Choices

Calhoun's Traditional Buffet
Honey Glazed, Smoked Ham
Roasted Turkey Breast
Parslied Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine & Baby Carrots

Cost

\$10.00 per person

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at
(865) 974-3000 or chartse1@utk.edu with
your reservation by September 7th.

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AGA National News



AGA Internal Control & Fraud Conference Agenda Is Now Available

The AGA Fraud Conference agenda is now available. Take a look at our impressive line-up of speakers and education sessions. You can also get information about registration, hotel accommodations and travel discounts by visiting the http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/index.htm. View the complete agenda by clicking the links http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/monday.htm and http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/tuesday.htm.

AGA Audio Conference – September 14, 2006: Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing

The audio conference will cover a risk-based audit approach which affords a comprehensive and cost effective assessment of management's system of controls and procedures to ensure program compliance, economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The objectives of the risk-based approach are to: identify the controls and procedures that management must provide to prevent, eliminate or minimize threats of fraud, waste and abuse; determine the probability that non-compliance could occur; and assess the internal control structure in accordance with SAS 55 and 78. To obtain more information regarding the audio conference, see a risk-based audit approach affords a comprehensive and cost effective assessment of management's system of controls and procedures to ensure program compliance, economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The objectives of the risk-based approach are to: identify the controls and procedures that management must provide to prevent, eliminate or minimize threats of fraud, waste and abuse; determine the probability that non-compliance could occur; and assess the internal control structure in accordance with SAS 55 and 78. To obtain more information regarding the audio conference, see <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/riskassess091406.aspx>.

Become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and/or Earn CPEs

AGA and *Management Concepts* offer three comprehensive courses in government financial management. Each course has been designed from the content specifications for AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) examinations and can provide in-depth preparation. Courses are not just limited to potential CGFMs, however. These courses have been designed as high-quality continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management for all interest professionals. View the current courses schedule at the following: <http://www.managementconcepts.com/scripts/agabrowsebycity.asp>

AGA has recently produced two research reports: PAR (Performance and Accountability Reports) : *The Report We Hate to Love* and *Challenges in Performance Auditing: How a State Auditor with Intriguing New Performance Auditing Authority is Meeting Them*. Visit AGA's website to view more information about these reports.

Check out www.agacgfm.org for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter recognition program.

2006-2007 National Events Calendar

September 13, 2006	Performance Measurement for Government	Washington, DC
September 25, 2006	National Internal Control & Fraud Conference	Atlanta, GA
October 30, 2006	National Performance Management Conference	Schaumburg, IL
February 12, 2007	National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
June 24, 2007	Professional Development Conference	Nashville, TN

Chapter News

Monthly Meeting Cost Increase After looking at our financial situation and the loss of funds at each monthly meeting, the board of directors voted to raise monthly meeting costs to \$10 per person. The actual cost for meals at Calhoun's is over \$14 per person. The chapter has been making up the difference and providing free CPEs, so a small increase is needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact chapter President, Mindy Stooksbury.

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the September newsletter are due August 28th.

Don't forget to visit our chapter website at www.kornnet.org/etaga for all the latest news and information!

2006-2007 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

September 12	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Catastrophic Events
October 10	10:30 am	Calhoun's	AGA SEA Program
November 14	8:30 am	TBD	Fraud & Internal Controls*
December 10	11:30 am	Naple's	Time/Stress Management
January 9	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Privacy Issues
February 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Costs of Healthcare
March 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Knox County/Blount County
April 12	8:30 am	TBD	OPEB/Payroll, Leadership, Generational Differences**

Service Projects

September/October	Samaritan's Purse
November	Toiletries - Various Groups*
December	Angel Tree
January	Make-a-Wish Foundation
February	Haven House
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Pet Food Drive**
May	Toiletries - Various Groups

* Fall Seminar

** Spring Seminar

Points Update

Through August 31, 2006

Leadership	1,350
Education	0
Certification	50
Communication	765
Membership	75
Community Service	0
Awards	0

Total Points YTD 2,240

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for September/October

In the months of September and October, we will be accepting small toys, children's socks, underwear, school supplies, and hygiene items for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes – Operation Christmas Child. McDonald's Happy Meal toys work great for the small toy items. We will also accept monetary donations and will purchase items for boxes. If you would like more information on the charity, please visit www.samaritan.org or contact Public Service Chair, Dana West at dwest@blounttn.org or 273-5717. Also see the attachment to the newsletter.

JULY FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of July 29th as \$12,124.22.

AGA Board Member Biographies

President Mindy Stooksbury: Mindy has been the Director of Fiscal Services for Maryville City Schools since 1998. She currently oversees accounting, budgeting, payroll and human resources. Mindy is active in the Association of School Business Officials International and is preparing to start on her Doctor of Education degree in the fall. She holds several certifications, including Registered School Business Administrator and Professional in Human Resources. Mindy lives in Maryville with her husband of 13 years, Joel, and their three dogs.

President-Elect Julie Talbott: Julie is currently the Budget Manager for Blount County Government. She is responsible for preparing the annual county budget, published budget and PAFR. She was previously a corporate payroll/benefits manager and a mortgage loan officer. Julie has a 10-year-old daughter, Lauren, and enjoys singing.

Treasurer Mike Blair: Mike has worked in the Financial and Operational Audit section in the Office of the Inspector General at TVA since 1986 and previously worked for Internal Audit from 1980 to 1986. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and holds the CPA certification. Mike has been a member of AGA since 1982, Past president of the chapter from 1995-1996 and Treasurer since who knows how long. Mike lives in Seymour and has two daughters. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, traveling and cooking.

Secretary Gail Cook: Gail has been the Director of Accounts & Budgets for Anderson County since 1999. She holds both the CPA and CGFM designations. Prior to coming to Anderson County, she worked in the private sector and still maintains a CPA firm in Oak Ridge. Gail is married to Kenny Cook who is the President of the labor council for the Oak Ridge DOE facilities (Yes, labor and management can live together!). Gail has two children, a daughter who is also an accountant and a son who is a photographer. Her main hobby now is being “Nana” to her granddaughter Amber.

Newsletter Editor Amy Rush: Amy began working as an auditor in TVA’s Office of the Inspector General after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1999. She currently works in the Financial & Operational Audits department and holds the CIA designation. Amy lives in Corryton with her husband David and their two dogs, Frankie and Riley. She enjoys reading, writing, bowling, and spending time with her family.

Historian Amy Paganelli: Amy currently works for the University of Tennessee Hospital as the Director of the Business Office for the Graduate School of Medicine. This is the area of UT that trains the doctors. She has been in this position since 1999. Amy is married to Mark Paganelli and they have two children, Sam in 5th grade and Rachel in 3rd grade. She received her MBA from MTSU and enjoys playing tennis, running (completed several mini-triathlons last year), reading and traveling.

Membership Chair Tonya Davis: Tonya has been employed by the Internal Revenue Service, Tax-Exempt and Governmental Entities, Exempt Organization Examination Compliances Strategies and Data Analysis section as a Program Analyst since June 2004. She monitors numerous projects and programs for this division and makes recommendations to various steering committees as to whether law changes, education for the public or employees is warranted. The majority of these projects are on a national level and as such they attract the attention of Congress and also occasionally the news media. From August 1991 to June 2004 she was employed by IRS as a Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation section. From June 1984 to August 1991 she was employed by the Tennessee Department of Revenue first as a Sales Tax Auditor and then later as a Special Agent with their Special Investigations Unit. She has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Tennessee since 1987.

Education/CGFM Chair Aldena Phillips: Aldena is a CPA and was “grandfathered” in to the CGFM program. She has been the Accounting Manager for the University of Tennessee for over ten years. She is responsible for general ledger, financial statements, banking, financial records management, unclaimed property reporting and payroll tax payment and reporting. Prior to UT, Aldena worked for 15 years at the State Department of Audit. She has been active with our chapter for many years in various board roles.

Awards Chair Nancy Donahue: Nancy has been employed at Pellissippi State Technical Community College for 20 years as Director of Budget & Payroll. She is married to David Donahue and has one son, Clay, a daughter-in-law, Leah, and one Grandchild, Katie, who is two. She is a proud Army Brat, originally from West Tennessee and has lived in Knoxville since 1982. She graduated from The University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1984 with a BS in Business Administration and a major in Accounting. In her spare time, she likes to read, take long walks, and soak up the sun.

Programs Chair Kristi Reynolds: Kristi is an auditor in the Financial and Operational Audit department with the TVA Office of the Inspector General. She has been with TVA-OIG for 7 years during which time she also worked in the IT and Contract Audit departments. Prior to TVA-OIG, Kristi worked in Human Resources at a local manufacturing plant. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is married and has a 17 month old daughter. Kristi enjoys swimming, dancing, and most of all spending time with her family.

Public Service Chair Dana West: Dana is the Deputy Finance Director for Blount County Government and has held the position since 1997. She is the 2004-2005 Past President of our chapter and a member of TGFOA. She is active with East Maryville Baptist Church and the Blount County Republican Party. Dana is also active in the Maryville Rotary Club, where she currently serves as the Secretary. In 2004, she was the Tennessee representative for the Advanced Government Finance Institute. In her spare time, she likes to read, hike, camp, travel and spend time with her children, Jesse and Lindsey.

Meetings Chair Cindy Hartsell: Cindy has been employed at the University of Tennessee as Business Manager in the Controller's Office for three years. She lives in Maryville with her husband, Andy, her three kids, Ben (12), Dylan (10) and Sarah (5) and their dog, Fritz. In her spare time, she runs kids to soccer (or whatever sport is in season), gymnastics and dance. When not running crazy, Cindy enjoys listening to music and playing tennis.

Webmaster Kyle Cox: Kyle is an IT Auditor with the Tennessee Valley Authority Office of the Inspector General. He has a bachelor's degree in Network Security and Forensics from Fountainhead College of Technology in Knoxville. Kyle has been working for the OIG for a little over a year, participating in IT Audits for SOX compliance as well as systems security reviews. He is married, has a one-month old baby boy and enjoys fishing, spending time with his family, and computers.

Past President Andrea Williams: Andrea is an auditor in the Financial/Operational Audit department in the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at TVA. She joined the OIG in November 2001 after completing the Masters of Accountancy Program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is certified as a Certified Internal Auditor and is currently studying to obtain her Certified Public Accountant license. She has served as an officer for the local chapters of AGA and the Institute of Internal Auditors. Andrea lives with her husband Brad, daughters Ashleigh (5) and Avery (11 months), 4 dogs and 1 cat in the Holston Hills area of Knoxville. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, gardening, reading, cooking/baking,

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JULY MEETING MINUTES

The East Tennessee Chapter held a board meeting at The Courtyard in Alcoa on Wednesday, July 19, 2006.

Mindy Stooksbury, President, opened the meeting with a discussion of speakers for the upcoming year. It was decided to have a full day seminar for both the Fall and the Spring. It was also decided to have a two hour meeting for October. The following topics were tentatively set:

September 2006	Handling Catastrophic Events (Bird Flu)
October 2006	SEA Program & Regional VP (2 hour meeting)
November 2006	Internal Controls & Fraud (Fall Seminar – full day)
December 2006	Time Management – Stress
January 2007	Privacy Issues
February 2007	Health Insurance Costs & Public TV
March 2007	Knox County/Blount County Joint Economic Development Project
April 2007	GASB Statement 45 & Payroll Issues (Spring Seminar – full day)
May 2007	Health & Fitness – Awards Ceremony

Service projects for the upcoming year were then discussed. Involvement has been decreasing, therefore; we discussed limiting the number of service projects in order to get better participation. The following projects were set:

Sept. /Oct. 2006	Samaritan's Purse
December 2006	Angel Tree
January 2007	Make-a-Wish Foundation
February 2007	Haven House
March 2007	Public TV
April 2007	Animal Shelter Project

Cost of the meals was discussed. It is currently costing \$13 or more for each meal. The board agreed to raise the meal charge at the regular meetings to \$10 per person.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2006 at 11:00 at The Courtyard in Alcoa.