

President's Message

I was so glad to see everyone at our January meeting. We had a great turnout and a very interesting discussion on privacy. Copper Cellar was excellent and I look forward to holding our February meeting there.

For our February continuing education, Bryan Daniels, Vice President of the Blount County Economic Development Board will be speaking. His topic will be the new Technology Park that is a joint project with Blount and Knox Counties. For our service project, please bring baby items for baskets for East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Further details are listed in this newsletter.

Throughout the year, it is imperative for us to try to grow our membership base. I encourage each of you to bring someone from your office to one of our meetings. We would love to have them join us and hopefully provide them plenty of reasons to join our chapter.

Two important dates to remember: Southeast Region PDC will be held April 2-3 in Lexington and the National PDC will be held in Nashville on June 24-27. We hope to have a good turnout from our chapter at both events. Thank you for participating in the East Tennessee Chapter of AGA! I look forward to seeing each of you at next week.

President
Mindy Stooksbury

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February Meeting

**Tuesday, February 13, 2007
11:30 AM**



Brian Daniels, VP, Blount Co. Economic Development Board



TECH Park – A Joint Project with Know & Blount Counties

Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:00 Presentation

Copper Cellar

1807 Cumberland Avenue
(865) 673-3411

Menu Choices

We will be able to order items off the menu for the February meeting

Cost

\$10.00 per person

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at
(865) 974-4300 or chartse1@tennessee.edu

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AGA National News

National Leadership Conference Brochure Now Available

The Registration Brochure for AGA's 2007 National Leadership Conference is now available online. The brochure includes a list of the featured speakers, education sessions and events. You can also get information about registration, hotel accommodations, travel discounts and more! See http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2007/downloads/NLC07RegistrationBrochure.pdf for the brochure.

Feedback Needed on AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative

AGA's Citizen Centric Government initiative encourages governments to publish an annual state of the government report to its citizens that is no more than four pages long. Such a report would provide understandable information about the financial condition of the government that would ultimately answer the question, "Are we better off today than we were last year?". You can [view the report](#) and read about the entire initiative in this article that is highlighted in the Winter issue of the AGA.

Become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

Interested in the CGFM Certification? Sign up for AGA's special *Intensive Review Course* and take the CGFM Examinations this June in Nashville, TN. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM. The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, and Friday, June 22, 2007. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on June 23 and 24, 2007.

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 http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm for more information.

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

February 12, 2007	National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
February 28, 2007	Practical Guidance for Auditors & Management in Effectively Assessing Risks & Controls	Audio Conference
April 2-3, 2007	Southeastern Region PDC (see e-mail attachment)	Lexington, KY
June 24, 2007	Professional Development Conference	Nashville, TN

Chapter News

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the March newsletter are due February 23rd.

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

2006-2007 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

February 13	11:30 am	Copper Cellar	TECH Park
March 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Knox County/Blount County
April 12	8:30 am	TBD	Leadership, Generational Differences**
May 8	11:30 am	TBD	Wellness & Awards Celebration

Service Projects

February	Children's Hospital
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Pet Food Drive**
May	Toiletries - Various Groups

** Spring Seminar

Points Update

Through October 31, 2006

Leadership	3,350
Education	550
Certification	530
Communication	2,860
Membership	225
Community Service	200
Awards	0

Total Points YTD 7,715

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for February –Children's Hospital

The Oncologist waiting area of Children's Hospital collects board games, hats, and DVD's for children of all ages so the kids will have something to do while they are waiting to see the doctor. These can be gently used or new items. Please bring one or more of these items to the February meeting.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of December 31st as \$11,924.61.

Speaker Bio

BRYAN T. DANIELS, CEcD

Born: Greeneville, Tennessee

Married Status: Married

Location: Lived in East Tennessee for 30 years. Currently Blount County

Education:

- B.S. in Computer Science and Communications
- East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee
- M.S. Manufacturing Engineering
- East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee
- Economic Development Certification (CEcD), 3 year graduate program - University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Work Experience:

- Blount County Economic Development Board, (2001- present) Executive Vice-President
- Parvin Sand Co. Chairman 1998- Present; President 1993-1998
- Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon: Economic and Urban Planner;
- State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

Memberships

- 2001 Graduate of Johnson City, Tennessee Leadership 2015 program
- 2004 Graduate of Blount County, Tennessee Leadership Program
- East Tennessee Industrial Council, President 2004
- East Tennessee Economic Development Agency, Advisory Committee Member
- Blount County Hearing and Speech Foundation, Board Member

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

President Mindy Stooksbury opened the January 9, 2007 meeting at Copper Cellar. Kristi Reynolds introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Richard Levi, TVA OIG Legal Counsel. Mr. Levi gave a very interesting presentation on The Privacy Act. He explained what the Privacy Act is, who it applies to, and the “nuts and bolts” of it. He also explained a “system of records”. Mr. Levi also informed us about the Computer Matching Act and how it affects various agencies. Even though the law only applies to Federal Government agencies, I think everyone found the information very interesting and informative.

Mindy reminded everyone that our February meeting will be at the Copper Cellar at 11:30. Rocky Goode with Willis of Knoxville will speak on health care costs. The Executive Board held a brief meeting.

Gail D. Cook, Secretary

CGFM Information

It is time to renew your CGFM designation and/or AGA membership! Below you'll find answers to frequently asked questions about CGFM renewal:

Q: How often do I have to renew my CGFM designation?

A: CGFM certification is renewed on an annual basis. A renewal invoice is sent out in February and the payment is due by March 31st. If you do not receive an invoice by mid-March, please call AGA at 1.800.AGA.7211.

If your address has recently changed, please be sure to update your contact information with AGA and pay your dues in the "Members only" section of AGA website (www.agacgfm.org).

Q: What are the requirements for maintaining the CGFM certification in an active status?

A: To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
 - Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
 - Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.
- To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

Q: How do I determine my CPE cycle?

A: Your first two-year CPE cycle starts on January 1st of the year following the one when your CGFM was awarded (for example, if your CGFM was awarded in 2001, your first CPE cycle was 1/1/02-12/31/03). The award date is listed on your CGFM certificate. Your current CPE cycle is listed on your renewal invoice. For a table of all CPE cycles visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_calendar.aspx.

Q: My two-year CPE cycle just ended on December 31, 2006, but I did not complete 80 CPEs in 2005-2006. Can I make up the deficiency?

A: Yes. CGFMs who have not completed the 80 CPE hours in 2005-2006 cycle have until March 31, 2007 to make up the deficiency. Any CPE hours completed toward a deficiency in one period must be documented in the CPE records and may not be counted toward the requirements for the next two-year period. More information on CGFM CPE requirements can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe_requirements.aspx.

Q: I just retired. Do I need to do anything to adjust my CGFM status to "retired"?

A: Yes. Individuals who are retired from AND are no longer substantially working in the government financial management community can request an adjustment of their status to "retired" by contacting AGA's Office of Professional Certification (by mail or e-mail at agacgfm@agacgfm.org <<mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org>> - please provide the date of retirement and confirm that you are no longer substantially working in the government financial management community). CGFMs in retired status are not required to remit the CGFM renewal fee or earn the 80 CPE hours.

If retired CGFMs return to work (substantial employment or contracting) in the government financial management community, they must contact AGA to change their status back to "active."

More information on CGFM renewal policies can be found on www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/.

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