

East Tennessee Times

President's Message — Julie Talbott

Hello everyone!

I want to begin by thanking everyone who attended our chapter meeting in January. I hope you enjoyed the legislative update by Mr. Bob Griffiths. It was so great to see everyone at the beginning of a new year!

Our February speaker is Mr. Bryan Burklin. Bryan is a Legislative Auditor IV for the State of Tennessee. He will be discussing "Relative Issues in County, Municipal and State Audit." He

assured me he had some interesting case studies to share. You will learn much more about Bryan at the meeting. Bryan also mentioned some of those case studies might allow us a few laughs at Dave Bennett's expense so be sure to show up for that! I hope each of you will make a special effort to attend the February meeting and make Bryan feel welcome.

I would like to challenge every member to bring a potential mem-



ber to the luncheon with you. As well, keep in mind that the Southeastern Regional PDC is coming up in March.

See you soon!

Warmest Regards,
Julie

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Tuesday, February 12th

Calhoun's on the River
400 Neyland Drive
(865) 673-3399

11:30-12:10 Registration and Lunch

12:10-1:00 Presentation

Menu: BBQ Lunch Buffet

Cost \$ 10 per member

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AGA National PDC—Atlanta July 27-30

AGA's PDC is the place where it all comes together: the profession's top leaders, the latest technological advancements, more than 1,700 practitioners from around the country and daily networking events.

With dozens of educational sessions, social events and exhibitors available, the PDC is an authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts

you need to succeed in today's constantly changing environment.

Built on the theme "Building on the Dream: Creating a Culture of Accountability," educational sessions at the PDC cover all three levels of government. From the practical to the theoretical, these sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effec-

tiveness to government operations. Exhibitors can help demonstrate the newest techniques and tools to help your agency achieve its mission, and the networking events should not be missed.

Make the PDC part of your training program for the year. Further information can be found at http://www.agacgfm.org/conferences/conference_pdc.aspx.

AGA National News...

Now Accepting 2008 Scholarship Applications—Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today! Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- One \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **March 31, 2008.**

2008 Call for AGA National Awards Nominations—AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Atlanta, GA July 27-30, 2008. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due no later than Friday, April 4, 2008. *Learn more at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/default.aspx>.*



Visit AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org for more information on news and events. You can also visit the Members Only section and update your personal information and renew your membership.

2007-2008 National Events Calendar—<http://www.agacgfm.org/events/calendarlisting.aspx>

February:

02/04-02/05 Conducting Internal Investigations Seminar in Louisville, KY

02/06 Internal Controls-Audio Conf.

02/18-02/19 CGFM Intensive Review Course in Washington, DC

02/21-02/22 National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC

March:

03/05 Environmental Fraud-Audio Conf.

03/06-03/07 Interviewing Techniques for Auditors Seminar in Washington, DC (hosted by Assoc. of CFE)

03/24-03/25 Healthcare Fraud Seminar in Orlando

03/26 GASB Update-Audio Conference

Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability
AGA's 2008 Professional Development Conference—Atlanta—July 27-30, 2008

03/27-03/28 Southeastern Regional PDC in Chattanooga

Certified Government Financial Manager...

Once I receive the CGFM designation, how do I keep it??

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the [AGA's Code of Ethics](#). In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active or retired status.

Active status:

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.

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.

Annual Renewal Requirement

All active CGFMs must renew their certification annually. At the beginning of each year, invoices will be sent to all active CGFMs. Annual CGFM renewal payments are due by **March 31**. AGA reserves the right to periodically ad-

just the renewal rates. CGFMs must promptly notify AGA of any change of mailing address. It is the responsibility of each CGFM to pay the annual CGFM renewal fee, even if that individual did not receive an invoice from AGA. Go to http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cgfm_renewal.aspx page to renew your CGFM.



Need direct assistance?
 Contact **Katya Silver** at ksilver@agacgfm.org.

Chapter Meetings Calendar and Other Tidbits

02/12/2008 Bryan Burklin, Tennessee Comptroller's Office, at Calhoun's on the River

03/11/2008 Relmond Van Daniker, AGA National Executive Director, at Calhoun's on the River

04/08/2008 Spring Seminar with Evie Barry and others at Buddy's Banquet Hall

05/13/2008 Awards Ceremony and Final Meeting at Calhoun's on the River

Remember that all meetings start at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm. All meetings this year, except for the May Awards Ceremony, are offering at least 1 CPE for those needing continuing education. This is a great deal...lunch and 1 CPE for only \$ 10!

**Please come out and support the Southeastern Regional PDC in Chattanooga! This is a great opportunity for you to meet members from other chapters in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

**Are you interested in becoming more involved with East TN AGA? If you would like to serve as an officer, contact one of the officers listed on page 4. Your leadership, skills and knowledge are needed!

**Looking for a job? Visit AGA's Career Center at <http://aga.careerbank.com>.

**Need additional CPEs? Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx> for online learning opportunities.

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.

February: American Heart Association

March: New Hope Children's Advocacy Center (toiletries)

April: East TN Children's Hospital Encology Clinic (hats, kids magazines and board games)

May: American Cancer Society

If you have questions about any of the charities or projects, contact Dana West at dwest@blounttn.org.

American Heart Association

In honor of member David Bennett, the chapter will make a donation to AHA. Mike Blair and Dana West will be accepting donations if you would like to contribute. More information about the American Heart Association can be found at www.americanheart.org.

Southeastern Regional PDC in March—Chattanooga Marriott

The Southeastern Regional Professional Development Conference will be held March 27–28 at the Chattanooga Marriott and Conference Center. 16 hours of continuing education will be available at the conference. **Registration materials are available at <http://agaservp.tripod.com> or from Mindy Stooksbury.** Early registration ends on March 5. Hotel reservations can be made at the Marriott at the Convention Center in Chattanooga.

Concurrent sessions will be held for a full day each day. On Thursday evening, a social event is being held on the Southern Belle riverboat with a private cruise and dinner. Sessions will begin at 8am daily. The schedule is as follows.

Thursday, March 27th
 Concurrent Sessions—All Day
 (1) GASB—David Bean
 (2) Single Audits (A-133) - Sefton Boyars

Financial Information
Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of 12/31/07 as \$12,786.62.

Friday, March 28th
 Concurrent Sessions—All Day
 (1) Financial Leadership—Dr. Janet Kelly
 (2) Internal Controls and Understanding A-123 - Dave Hancox

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January Meeting Minutes

Dave Bennett, ETAGA Programs Chair, introduced Bob Griffiths, Congressman John Duncan Jr.'s Knoxville Chief of Staff. Mr. Griffiths began his presentation by informing the audience of the Congressional committees for which the Congressman serves. He stated the Congressman also serves on three full committees: Committee on Natural Resources, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Mr. Griffiths discussed some of the Congressman's main concerns, such as security of the country, the fiscal condition of the country, healthcare, and the cost of medical care and insurance premiums.

Mr. Griffiths also discussed various legislations that had been passed and some that are still up for discussion. Some of the topics included illegal immigration and the spending in Iraq. He stated that

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we may hear more Congressional discussions in the future with regard to troop withdrawal time tables and the state children's health insurance program. After this discussion ended, President Julie Talbott thanked Mr. Griffiths for the discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Board met briefly after the meeting. There were no new items discussed at the meeting.

Amy Rush, Secretary

Chapter Recognition Program Points Update as of 01/31/08

1150 Leadership
 200 Education
 160 Certification
 675 Communication
 0 Membership
 50 Early Careers
 200 Community Service
 500 Awards
 2935 Total YTD (GOAL 10,000)