

# East Tennessee Times

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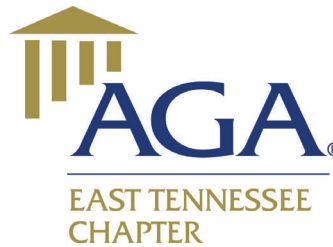
We started our new year with a great program and speaker – our very own Mindy Stooksbury. Mindy's program on generational differences was excellent – both informative and entertaining.

For our February meeting Greg Stinson, Senior Auditor with TVA Office of Inspector General, will be speaking. His topic will be teleworking and how it has benefited TVA. Our service project for the month is the Smoky Mountain Animal Care Center. We will be collecting cat and dog food

or donations for them.

An area we need to work on is our attendance and growing our membership base. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on how to get our members to the meetings. As well, I want to encourage everyone to make a special effort to invite someone to attend the February meeting.

I also want to remind everyone of some important upcoming dates. The Southeast Regional PDC is in Nashville April 2-3,



our Spring Seminar is at Rothchild's on April 23, and the 2009 AGA PDC is in New Orleans on June 21-24.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

*Gail*

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## February Meeting—Greg Stinson

Greg Stinson is a Senior Auditor with the Tennessee Valley Authority Office of Inspector General.

Greg is assigned to the Watts Bar Unit 2 construction project where he provides oversight of TVA and

contractor activities. He was recently assigned to a review of the fly ash spill at the Kingston Fossil Plant.

Greg holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Finance from the University of Tennessee.

His topic will focus on telework. In 2007 he was part of a team that researched, developed, and implemented an extended telework program for the Inspector General's Office.

Tuesday, February 10

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 Buffet**

Cost \$10 per member

**RSVP: Kristi Reynolds**

kureynolds@tvaog.gov by 02/06/09

## AGA National News...

**Don't Delay! Early Registration Extended to Jan. 30—Register Today and Save \$100** — Learn from top government financial management leaders at the 2009 National Leadership Conference (NLC), Feb. 19-20, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

**House Passes Obama Stimulus Package; Bill Gets No GOP Votes, Senate Will Now Debate Its Version** (*The Washington Post*)

**Troubled Times Bring Mini-Madoffs to Light** (*The New York Times*)

**Listen to Archived AGA Radio Shows Any Time!**— 'Your Money, Your Government', hosted by the Association of Government Accountants' (AGA) Executive Director, Relmond Van Daniker, features discussions about government performance, accountability and management with a variety of government executives who are working to advance government accountability. The government leaders discuss their experiences, the management challenges facing their organizations and their successful practices. Listen to the shows online and check out the upcoming show and speaker schedule. Stay tuned!

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## 2008-2009 National Events Calendar

**02/11** Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning—Audio Conference

**02/16-02/19** AGA Intensive Review Course/ CGFM Exams—Washington, DC

**02/19-02/20** National Leadership Conference—Washington, DC

**02/25** Cost Recovery Auditing with High Payback—Audio Conference

**03/09-03/12** Strategic Human Capital Management—Washington, DC

**03/11** Using Internal Controls to Better Manage & Monitor Programs—Audio Conference

**03/23-03/26** Social Media for Government—Washington, DC

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

### AGA's 2009

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

**04/02-04/03 Southeastern Regional  
PDC—Nashville Doubletree Hotel**

## Certified Government Financial Manager—How to Keep It!

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

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to AGA's Code of Ethics and

\*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.

### 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 adjust 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.

Visit [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/) for more information.



Need direct assistance?  
Contact Katya Silver at [ksilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org).

## Chapter Meeting Calendar...

**02/10/2009 Greg Stinson, Teleworking, at Calhoun's on the River**

03/10/2009 Shannon McCloud, Safe Haven Law, at Calhoun's on the River

04/23/2009 Spring Seminar with Robert Smith 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!

### Spring Seminar Update

ETAGA's Spring Seminar will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, at Rothchild's. For the morning sessions, speakers will include Dr. Janet Kelly on Best Practices and Betsy Cunningham on Time Management. Our afternoon speaker will be Dr. Robert Smith, better known as Smitty, with a session on GASB updates. Watch your email for updates and registration information.

### 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).

## Service Projects Calendar...Dana West, Chairperson

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 February, our charity is Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation. We will accept dog/cat toys, food and monetary donations.**

Mar: A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of East Tennessee

Apr: East TN Children's Hospital Encology Clinic

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 12/31/08 as **\$18,358.14.**

## Chapter Recognition Program Points Update

Leadership: 1725

Education: 2075

Certification: 1025

Communication: 3050

Membership: 125

Early Careers: 0

Community Service: 750

Awards: 0

**Total YTD: 8750**

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

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### East Tennessee AGA

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

### January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting began with President Gail Cook introducing our speaker, Mindy Stooksbury, Director of Fiscal Services, Maryville City Schools. Ms. Stooksbury discussed the various generations in the workforce today and ways to reduce generational turbulence. She informed everyone about the four generations in the workforce today.

\*Veterans (born between 1900 and 1945) - 5% of the workforce

\*Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) - 45% of the workforce

\*Generation Xers (born between 1965 and 1980) - 40% of the workforce

\*Nexters (born between 1981 and 1999) - 10% of the workforce.

Ms. Stooksbury discussed the various attributes, defining events, personality traits and communication turnoffs for each generation. She then provided tips about the work culture, including communication methods that help to bridge the generation gaps.

In addition, she provided steps for mixing the generations which included having discussions about the generations and their differences, understanding and recognizing other generation's preferences and needs,

and offering different choices to suit the various preferences and needs of all generations.

After the meeting adjourned, an officer's meeting was held. Discussions centered on the service project for next month which is Smoky Mountain Animal Care Center. We also discussed the speakers, cost, and information needed for the brochures for the Spring Seminar.

### Chapter Officers

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# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

## AUDITOR – 09-26

### Tennessee Valley Authority – Office of the Inspector General

<b>Opening Date:</b>	January 8, 2009
<b>Closing Date:</b>	February 13, 2009
<b>Salary Range:</b>	\$48,000 to \$90,000
<b>Position Location:</b>	Knoxville, Tennessee
<b>Number of Available Positions:</b>	One

#### FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The Office of the Inspector General at the Tennessee Valley Authority has a vacancy in Knoxville, Tennessee, for an experienced auditor to conduct financial or operational audits which are designed to promote the economy and efficiency of TVA operations and prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

At least three years of financial or operational related audit experience  
Proficient with spreadsheet, data base and presentation software  
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing  
Ability to manage and direct the work of team members  
Excellent analytical and organizational skills

#### DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university in Accounting or other business field supplemented by courses in this area.

#### DESIRED SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

Familiarity with computer-assisted audit and sampling techniques  
Demonstrated leadership abilities  
Experience applying generally accepted Government Auditing Standards  
Experience developing complex audit programs  
Professional certifications, i.e. CPA/CIA

#### **How to Apply:**

Please submit cover letter and resume electronically to: [oigcareers@tvaig.gov](mailto:oigcareers@tvaig.gov)

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