

## President's Message

I cannot believe that spring is right around the corner. As our chapter year is winding down, some great AGA events are gearing up. Our full day seminar (which Mindy Stooksbury has done a fabulous job planning) is coming up next month. Bob Lash will be presenting a half day workshop on leadership and we are planning on having AGA National Officers speak the other half of the day. The Nashville Chapter is hosting the Southeast Region Professional Development Conference in March at the Opryland Hotel. The conference program is full of interesting topics and speakers. I encourage you to check out this CPE opportunity. The National PDC will be held this year in San Diego, California. I have had great experiences at the last two National conferences and have no doubts this one will be just as interesting and fun.

Mindy Stooksbury will soon be taking over as President and I know that she will do an amazing job in that position. Each year we look for new board members to bring fresh ideas and experiences to our chapter's leadership. If you are interested in being a part of the chapter leadership, please contact Mindy to learn about the opportunities available. Being a member of the board, while more time consuming than regular chapter membership, is very rewarding.

*Andrea Williams*  
**President**

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# March Meeting

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006**  
**11:30 AM**

**Fred Forster**

**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  
**Executive "Build Your Own" Sandwich Board**  
Homemade Soup of the Day  
Smoked Breast of Turkey, Baked Tennessee Ham & Roast Beef  
American, Swiss, & Provolone Cheese  
Tortilla Chips & Salsa  
Homemade Sour Cream & Dill Potato Salad  
Seven Layer Salad & Vegetable Pasta Salad

**Cost**  
**\$5.00 per Member**  
**\$10.00 Non-Members**

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at (865) 974-4300 or [chartse1@utk.edu](mailto:chartse1@utk.edu) with your reservation by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## AGA National News

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### Interested in the CGFM Certification?

Sign up for AGA's special Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations in June in San Diego. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM! See [http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/cgfm\\_exam.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/cgfm_exam.htm) for more information.

### **Southeastern Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC)** *Open Government —Public Trust and Accountability*

Obtain 16 hours of continuing professional education on the public trust and accountability issues that face today's government accountants and auditors. The conference will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center on March 16-17, 2006. For more details, visit the Nashville chapter's website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/>.

### AGA's 2006 Professional Development Conference

#### **PDC Registration Brochure Is Now Available—**

The Registration Brochure for AGA's 2006 Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) is now available online. The brochure includes a list of all education sessions and events taking place at this year's conference. You can also get information about registration, hotel accommodations, travel discounts, the golf tournament and more! To access the brochure, go to

<http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/downloads/PDC06RegBroc.pdf>

Check out [www.agacgfm.org](http://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

### **AGA's NEW Group Membership Can Lead to Significant Cost Savings on Staff Training and Development!**

AGA has a new Organization Members Program where you can join other government accountability agencies that value their staff and are willing to invest in their professional development and continuing education. In addition to offering group members opportunities to network with peers, exchange ideas, build leadership skills, make friends and professional contacts, and keep up with the latest developments, your government agency will receive cost saving benefits. For more information, see

<http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/downloads/AGAGroupMembership04.pdf>

## 2005-2006 National Events Calendar

March 16-17, 2006	Southern Regional Professional Development Conference	Nashville, TN
June 16, 2006	National Executive Committee Meeting	San Diego, CA
June 18-21, 2006	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition	San Diego, CA

# Chapter News

📄 Member and officer newsletter submissions for the April Newsletter are due March 27<sup>th</sup>. 📄

\$\$\$ Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$ \$10,930.78 as of January 31, 2006. \$\$\$

🖥 Don't forget to visit our chapter website at [www.korrnet.org/etaga](http://www.korrnet.org/etaga) for all the latest news and information! 🖥



## Points Update

Through February 2005

Leadership	3,375
Education	1,925
Certification	2,500
Communication	5,573
Membership	375
Community Service	1,100
Awards	1,600
Total Points YTD	16,448

**Chapter Goal = 10,000**

## 2005-2006 Chapter Events Calendar

### Meetings

March 21	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
April 21	8:00 am	Naval Reserve Base	Leadership Seminar
May 9	11:30 am	UT University Club	Awards Banquet

### Service Projects

March	Public Television Telethon
April	Haven House
May	Linen Drive

### Public Service Project for March – Public Television

Our public service project for March is Public Television. AGA members are meeting on Tuesday night March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The address is 1611 E. Magnolia Avenue. If you have any questions or comments, please call Amy Paganelli at 254-7482.

### OPENING ON THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is an opening for CEC Program Chair. If interested, please contact Andrea Williams at (865) 632-2612 or [awilliams@tva.gov](mailto:awilliams@tva.gov).

# LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?



## ENTRY LEVEL & EXPERIENCED AUDITORS

The Tennessee Valley Authority Office of the Inspector General is currently hiring entry level and experienced auditors. Entry level applicants should have a BS or MS in accounting, finance or related field with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Experienced applicants should have a business related 4 year degree and 3+ years experience. For more information on these positions, go to <http://oig.tva.gov/vacancy.htm>.



AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.comwww.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx>

## April Meeting

In April, we have our Leadership seminar at the Naval Reserve Base. Speakers will be announced in the April newsletter. Our public service project for the month of April will be Haven House. Haven House is a temporary home for women of domestic violence and their children. Haven House is in need of diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 & 6), children's pajamas, boys and girls underclothing and socks - all sizes, toys for children ages 8-13, books for all ages, and craft items. Haven House would also appreciate gift cards for McDonalds, ThunderWorld, movies, etc. Please bring one (or more) new or slightly used item(s) mentioned in the list above to the April meeting.



## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The East Tennessee chapter held their monthly meeting at Calhoun's in Knoxville on February 14, 2006. In lieu of a speaker for the day, we had a wonderful Valentine's Day lunch and utilized our meeting time to network.

Mindy Stooksbury, President-elect called a brief board meeting to discuss future upcoming plans for our Chapter. Topics of discussion were finding a speaker for the March meeting and changing the date of the meeting to March 21<sup>st</sup> due to spring break and Regional PDC conflicts.

Also, Mindy addressed the planning of the Spring Seminar. The board worked to finalize the speakers, meeting place and the lunch arrangements.

Meeting adjourned.

*Julie Talbott*  
Secretary

## March Speaker - Fred Forster

The General entered the Air Force in September 1968 after receiving his commission through ROTC at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. He served eight years on extended active duty in the U. S. Air Force where he was a T-38 instructor pilot, served on a joint staff as an operations plans officer at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, and as a KC-135 pilot and instructor pilot. He joined the Tennessee Air National Guard in October 1976. Following assignments as group plans officer and aircraft maintenance officer, General Forster was assigned command of the 134th Air Refueling Group in December 1987, the Group later became a Wing. General Forster was promoted to Brigadier General in December 1998 and served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Tennessee Air National Guard until July 2002, when he assumed duties as Assistant Adjutant General, Air. He retired from the Tennessee Air National Guard in May 2003.

General Forster has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Tennessee Distinguished Service Ribbon; Tennessee Commendation Medal; Tennessee War Service Ribbon; Tennessee Volunteer Ribbon; and the Tennessee Distinguished Unit Commendation. General Forster has also held a variety of civic duties, including Technology 2020, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Nine Counties One Vision Co-Chairperson; East Tennessee Economic Development Agency (ETEDA), Board of Directors; and Maryville College, TN, National Advisory Committee.

He currently serves as the President/CEO of the Blount Partnership, consisting of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Board, Smoky Mountain Convention & Visitors Bureau and Blount County Chamber Foundation. General Forster lives in Maryville, TN, with his wife, Carolyn, and two daughters, Joy and Rebecca.

## 2005-2006 Chapter Leadership

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### Choosing the CGFM designation

This month, I decided to feature some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the CGFM certification. To see more FAQs or to learn more about the CGFM designation, visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm>.

#### **What are the benefits of having the CGFM certification?**

**A:** CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government, provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers, support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies, provide increased employee value, increase confidence on the job, and encourage employer incentives - raises, promotions and bonuses.

#### **How do I apply for the CGFM program?**

**A:** You can apply at <https://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/Registration.aspx>, via [fax](#) at (703) 548-9367 or [mail](#) application to . Association of Government Accountants, 2208 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301-1314

#### **What is the education requirement for the CGFM?**

**A:** In order to take part in the Certified Government Financial Manager examinations, you must have already earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and have completed at least 24 credit hours of study composed of courses in: accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, electronic data processing, finance, information resources management, public administration or other financial management topics.

#### **What is the experience requirement for the CGFM?**

**A:** Certification candidates must have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management prior to designation as a CGFM. The experience requirement is not necessary to sit for the examinations; however, documentation of professional experience must be filed before the designation can be granted and the certificate is issued.

#### **Do I have to apply for the CGFM Program before taking the courses?**

**A:** No, you can take instructor-led courses at any time.

#### **What is the cost of CGFM examinations and how do I purchase them?**

**A:** The cost is \$109 per examination. There are three examinations: Governmental Environment Examination; Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting Examination; and Governmental Financial Management and Control Examination. You can purchase the examinations on AGA website.

#### **How often are the examinations offered?**

**A:** They are offered six days a week all year round. Some centers may even offer evening hours for testing. You will schedule your own examination testing appointment after purchasing the CGFM examinations on the website.

#### **I just retired. What do I have to do to retain the CGFM?**

**A:** Individuals who are retired from and are no longer substantially working in the government financial management community can continue to use their CGFM designation, but are not required to remit the CGFM renewal fee or earn the 80 CPE hours. Newly retired individuals need to contact the Office of Professional Certification to notify AGA of their new status – please email [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org)

If a retired individual returns to work (full-time employment or contracting) in the government financial management community, he or she must contact AGA to change the status back to "active".

*Amy Rush*  
*Newsletter Editor*