

## President's Message

I would like to thank all of you who attended the February meeting at Copper Cellar! We had a great turnout, learned much information and had great food. Our speaker, Brian Daniels, did an exceptional job.

I will be our March speaker and will do a presentation on Generational Differences. I presented this in October at the Association of School Business Officials International Annual Conference and had a good turnout for the session. It gives an overview of each generation and how to work together.

Remember that the March meeting will be back at Calhoun's on the River. I hope to see everyone there. Please start planning on attending the Southeastern Regional PDC in Lexington April 2 – 3 and our Spring Seminar on April 10.

*Mindy Stooksbury*  
*President*

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## March Meeting

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



**Mindy Stooksbury**  
*Generational Differences*



### **Agenda**

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

**Calhoun's on the River**  
(865) 673-3355  
400 Neyland Drive

### **Menu Choices**

Barbecue Lunch Buffet

### **Cost**

**\$10.00 per person**

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at  
(865) 974-4300 or [chartse1@tennessee.edu](mailto:chartse1@tennessee.edu)  
with your reservation by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## AGA National News

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### AGA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Join us in Music City, USA for AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition– *the* government financial management education and networking event of the year! Offering 24 CPE hours, the PDC is a valuable event for all government finance professionals, whether you are handling the detail work on the front lines, or managing a team amid difficult political and financial realities. To obtain more information, see <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/index.htm>

### AGA SEEKS ACCOUNTING MANAGER FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

Responsible for managing all accounting functions, including monthly-closings, general ledger, A/P, A/R, financial reporting, account reconciliations, and oversight of the financial aspects of the membership database. This position reports to the Director of Finance and Administration and as such serves as operational backup in her absence, supports her in the annual external audit, ensures that policies and procedures are properly followed and provides ad-hoc analysis and reports as required. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and salary history to [cbarbudo@agacgfm.org](mailto:cbarbudo@agacgfm.org).

### 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](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm) for more information.

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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 view how we are doing on points in the chapter recognition program.

## 2006-2007 National Events Calendar

April 2-3, 2007  
June 24, 2007

Southeastern Region PDC (see e-mail attachment)  
Professional Development Conference

Lexington, KY  
Nashville, TN

## Chapter News

### SPRING LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

East TN Chapter of AGA is having their Spring Seminar April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M at the Bearden Banquet Hall. The topics are Ethics and Managing Temperaments. If you are interested in attending the seminar, please fill out the attached document (e-mail attachment) by April 3<sup>rd</sup> and return to Mike Blair, TVA, 400 W. Summit Hill Drive, ET 3C-K, Knoxville, TN 37902.

📄 Member and officer newsletter submissions for the April newsletter are due March 28<sup>th</sup>. 📄

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

## 2006-2007 Chapter Events Calendar

### Meetings

|                 |                |            |  |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--|
| March 13        | 11:30 am       | Calhoun's  | Generational Differences   |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>8:30 am</b> | <b>TBD</b> | <b>Anticipatory Ethics &amp; Temperament: Our Hard Wired Personality**</b> |
| May 8           | 11:30 am       | TBD        | Wellness & Awards Celebration  |

### Service Projects

|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| March | Ronald McDonald House       |
| April | Pet Food Drive**            |
| May   | Toiletries - Various Groups |

\*\* Spring Seminar

## Points Update

Through January 31, 2007

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Leadership        | 3,675 |
| Education         | 2,100 |
| Certification     | 1,285 |
| Communication     | 4,868 |
| Membership        | 300   |
| Community Service | 600   |
| Awards            | 0     |

**Total Points YTD 12,828**

**Chapter Goal = 10,000**

### Public Service Project for March – Ronald McDonald House

AGA will be taking a meal to the Ronald McDonald House on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. A sign up sheet will be sent out at the March meeting. We would appreciate your participation.

### JANUARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of January 31<sup>st</sup> as \$12,301.81.

## Speaker Bio

Mindy Stooksbury 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.

Do you want to be more involved with the chapter? Try being on a committee or becoming a board member. It's a great way to network and see the inner workings of the chapter. We will be looking for several new members to take on leadership roles in the next few weeks. Contact Mindy Stooksbury or any board member to let them know of your interest.

## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Dana West opened the February 13, 2007 meeting at Copper Cellar. She thanked everyone for bringing the games, etc. for Children's Hospital. Informed the members that the service project for March would need to be changed. Public TV no longer uses volunteers. The new service project will be to provide a meal for the Ronald McDonald House at 5:00 on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting. Aldena handed out brochures for the April seminar and encouraged everyone to attend.

Dana introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Bryan Daniels, Executive Vice-President of the Blount County Economic Development Board. Mr. Daniels gave a very informative presentation on the Technology Park joint venture project with Blount County, Knox County, City of Maryville, and City of Alcoa. This fifty year project was started with a \$5 million commitment from each of the partners. The first technology tenant, Molecular Pathology is expected to break ground in the Spring of 2008.

Dana reminded everyone that March's meeting will be at Calhouns.

*Gail D. Cook, Secretary*

# CGFM Information

Intensive Review Course - don't miss this opportunity to take the CGFM exams

Have you applied for the CGFM Program, but are having difficulty committing time to study and take the exams? Would you like to save on exam fees?

Then consider AGA's Intensive Review Course! Already a staple at two of AGA's conferences, it was just offered before the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington DC and once again was sold out.

After attending the two-day review course on February 9-10, the candidates tackled the CGFM Examinations over the next two days (with some taking all three exams in one day!). As a result, 19 of the participants passed all three (or finished up their remaining) CGFM Examinations at this event. Several others passed one or two examinations and are on their way to completing the CGFM process.

While this "intense" experience is not for everybody, participants were attracted to the idea of completing the CGFM process in a short period of time, having a set deadline to take the examinations and saving money (the cost of CGFM Examinations is included in the Intensive Review Course fee and this fee is less than the cost of the three examinations). Holding an Intensive Review Course and CGFM Examinations in conjunction with AGA National Leadership and Professional Development Conferences gives the candidates one more way to reinforce the material and take the CGFM Examinations (candidates can also take the exams at Prometric testing centers anytime).

The extra reinforcement of the material is exactly what some people wanted and needed. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the six days of regular instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, this course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations. In fact, the majority of the participants have either attended the CGFM training courses or purchased the CGFM study guides before participating in the Intensive Review Course.

AGA plans to continue offering this course and CGFM Examinations at its upcoming conferences. The next Intensive Review Course is scheduled for June 21-22, 2007 (with exams on June 23-24, 2007) in conjunction with AGA's Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Nashville, TN.

For more information or to register, visit [http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm\\_exam.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm). Space is limited - if you are interested in participating, sign up now!

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2006-2007**

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