

President's Message

This year has certainly flown by! I would like to thank everyone in the chapter and especially the board of directors for making my year as President a great one! I have had a lot of fun and hope that you have enjoyed our meetings, seminars and networking.

The Spring Leadership Seminar was a great success...we had almost 40 participants! Both Art Hayes and Bob Lash did a tremendous job with their presentations on Anticipatory Ethics and Temperament. Bearden Banquet Hall provided us with good meals and wonderful service.

For our May meetings, we will have lunch and networking at Calhoun's. This will be our final meeting of the year and will service as our Awards Presentation. Awards will be presented to excelling members – attendance, years of service, participation, and any others I can think of! Please join us for the last meeting of the year. It's been a wonderful year and I hope to see everyone there to welcome Julie Talbott as our incoming President.

Mindy Stooksbury
President

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May Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
11:30 AM

   
AWARDS CEREMONY
   

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

*Smoked Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Tenders with
Honey Mustard
Spiced Apples, Twice Baked Potato Casserole
Peas and Mushrooms
Bread
Tea and Coffee*

Cost
\$10.00 per person

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at
(865) 974-4300 or chartse1@tennessee.edu
with your reservation by May 3rd.

AGA National News

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>

Tell Us What You're Interested In!

AGA is running a brief survey to gauge member buying patterns, so we can improve our efforts to get you the information you want to have. The survey will take just a few minutes and will ask your preferences about things such as which hotels and rental car companies you prefer. If you wish to give us your e-mail address at the end, we'll enter you into a drawing for a \$50 American Express Gift Card to thank you for taking the time to reply. *Take the survey!*

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

June 24, 2007

Professional Development Conference

Nashville, TN

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

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

2006-2007 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

May 8 11:30 am Awards Celebration

Service Projects

May Toiletries - Various Groups

Points Update

Through March 31, 2007

Leadership	4,150
Education	3,550
Certification	2,300
Communication	7,085
Membership	400
Community Service	900
Awards	200

Total Points YTD 18,585

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for May – Toiletries for Various Groups

Please bring toiletries to the May meeting. The toiletries will be distributed to needy organizations.

MARCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of March 31st as \$14,310.35.

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.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

President Mindy Stooksbury opened the April 10, 2007 Spring seminar at the Bearden Banquet Hall. She welcomed all the attendees and encouraged anyone that was not a member of AGA to join. Mindy then turned the meeting over to Aldena Phillips.

Aldena introduced the first presenter, Mr. Art Hayes, Jr. Art is Director of the Division of State Audit in the Tennessee Comptroller's Office. Art gave a very thought provoking presentation on "Anticipatory Ethics". This session encouraged us to evaluate what we consider to be an ethical issue and provided us with ideas on how to avoid ethical problems.

After lunch, Mindy introduced the second presenter, Mr. Bob Lash, Jr. Bob is founder and president of STRATEGIC RESOURCES™ and is an organizational consultant and trainer. Bob's session was entitled "Introduction to Temperament – Our Hard Wired Personality". Everyone enjoyed participating in several individual and group exercises.

Mindy closed the seminar and reminded everyone of our final meeting for the year on May 8th at Calhoun's.

Gail D. Cook, Secretary

CGFM Information

Below you'll find a CGFM article for this month. We hope that you can publish it in your chapter newsletter. This information has also been sent to the CGFM Chapter Chairs.

What is the best way to study for the CGFM Examinations?

The best way to study depends on your knowledge, experience, time and location constraints and individual preferences. Start by reviewing the contents of each CGFM Examination in the "What Do Exams Cover?" section of AGA website (<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/default.aspx>).

"How Do I Prepare?" section of AGA website (www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare) offers a couple of ways to prepare for the CGFM Examinations, including:

-- instructor-led courses (<<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/instructorcourses.aspx>>) - six days of comprehensive courses in government financial management offered in conjunction with Management Concepts.

-- self-study guides (<<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx>>) - the guides used in the instructor-led courses can also be used for individual self-study.

-- a list of resource materials (<<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studymaterials.aspx>>) - these resources can help you find information on specific topics.

Review each choice to determine what would work best for you. Your local AGA chapter may provide additional support (study groups, etc.) to help you prepare for the examinations. In addition, AGA is once again offering an Intensive Review Course and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations at its Professional Development Conference in Nashville in June. Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm> to learn more.

If you have any questions, call the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 306.

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