

📢 President's Message 📢

The leaves are changing, the air is crisp and turning cold, and Thanksgiving is but a few weeks away. It is truly amazing to me that it is already November. Our chapter year is off to a great start thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Board and participation by the membership. Let's keep the momentum going by attending the seminar this month. It should be an excellent event and is a great way to earn last minute CPE before year end. Another great reason to attend the seminar is that we will continue our tradition of having Angel Tree tags available in support of our December service project.

Speaking of service projects, we are again supporting Samaritan's Purse as our November service project. Please remember to bring a small toy or other item to the seminar to be included in a holiday shoe box for a needy child. The Samaritan's Purse and Angel Tree projects give us a chance to share the many blessings bestowed on our families.

Have a safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday!

Thanks!

Andrea Williams

President

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November Meeting

**Tuesday, November 8th, 2005
11:30 AM**

Steve Cook,
U.S. Attorney General's Office

Sherry S. Brewer,
UT Graduate School of Medicine

Ron Woody,
CTAS

Agenda

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch

12:00 – 12:50 *Project Safe Neighborhoods*

1:00 – 2:00 *HIPPA Compliance & Patient
Privacy*

2:15 – 4:15 *Budgeting for Governments*

Naval Reserve Center

(865) 545-4720 ext.242

2101 Alcoa Highway

Menu Choices

Meal Provided by The Lunch Box

Cost

\$50.00 per Member/Non-Member

Please fill out attached registration form and send to Mike Blair at tmlair@tva.gov with your reservation by November 3rd.

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AGA National News

AGA Executive Session White Paper Released—At the recent PDC in Orlando, AGA continued its discussion on some of the profession's most pressing issues: Human Capital, Education & Research, Performance Reporting and Citizen-Centric Government. To read the White Paper generated from this year's session, which was sponsored by AGA Professional Corporate Partner Grant Thornton, go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/downloads/AGAWhitePaper2005.pdf>.

Order Your Copy of the Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3!

It's arrived!! The Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3– Governmental Financial Management and Control is here! Go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx> to order your copy today!

Get-A-Member Campaign - Go For Growth!

AGA's National President, Sam McCall, CGFM, is challenging **EVERY** member to recruit at least 1 new member into AGA before the close of the membership year, April 30, 2006. Current members are our best source for new members who could benefit from all that AGA has to offer! Each current member who sponsors a new member is eligible for special recognition and rewards in the **Go for Growth** recruitment campaign.

Every time a new member joins AGA, we are made stronger. More members mean more visibility in the corridors of power and more opportunities for advancement through networking and exchanging best practices. Enlighten your colleagues as to what AGA can do for them!

Recruiting a new member is easy - simply call, email or drop by a potential member's office and share your AGA story. Show off your enthusiasm with firsthand accounts of how your AGA membership has been a great investment in your professional development and career!

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.

2005-2006 National Events Calendar

November 14-15, 2005	First National Performance Management Conference	Portland, OR
December 12, 2005	National Executive Committee Meeting	Alexandria, VA
February 1, 2006	National Executive Committee Meeting	Washington, DC
February 2-3, 2006	Fourth Annual National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
June 16, 2006	National Executive Committee Meeting	San Diego, CA
June 18-21, 2006	55 th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition	San Diego, CA

Chapter News

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the December Newsletter are due November 21st.

\$\$\$ Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$10,919.85 as of September 30, 2005. \$\$\$

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

2005-2006 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

December 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
January 10	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
February 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
March 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
April 15	8:00 am	TBD	Leadership Seminar
May 9	11:30 am	UT University Club	Awards Banquet

Service Projects

December	Angel Tree
January	Baby Bundles
February	American Heart Association
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Haven House
May	Linen Drive

Points Update

Through October 4, 2005

Leadership	3050
Education	1100
Certification	1350
Communication	2813
Membership	225
Community Service	0
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	8,738

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for November – Samaritan's Purse

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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.

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>

💡 CONGRATULATIONS 💡

As of September 30th, two of our members, Gail Cook, CGFM, and Amy Rush sponsored new members: Joseph Taylor and David Shields! **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

December Meeting

Our December chapter meeting will be held at the Calhoun's on the River on December 13th at 11:30 pm. The speaker has not yet been determined. Our public service project for the month of December will be the Angel Tree. Details will be published in the December newsletter.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The second meeting of the 2005-06 AGA group was held on October 11, 2005 at Calhoun's on the River.

In the absence of President Andrea Williams, Tonya Davis opened the meeting and announced that our October public service event will be "Sleep for the Cure" (as opposed to "Race for the Cure"). You can participate by sleeping in your own bed! The entry fee is the same as for running in the race (\$22/person), and is held on October 21. She also noted that we need speakers for the November half-day seminar on November 8. The FBI has been contacted, but is unable to come on that date. The Naval Reserve Center has been reserved and the Board will meet after the meeting today to discuss.

Nancy Donahue introduced speaker John Sterling, MA, JD, who spoke on "Threat Awareness and Countermeasures." Mr. Sterling is a faculty member at Pellissippi State Technical Community College and gave an informative talk on terrorism and items for the layperson to be aware of.

Meeting adjourned 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gennoe for Julie Talbott, Secretary

November Speakers

Steve Cook – Mr. Cook currently works for the U.S. Attorney General and will be speaking about Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing these programs with additional tools necessary to be successful.

Sherry Brewer – Ms. Brewer attended Carson Newman College where she obtained a B.A and was magna cum laude in 1981. She also attended Wake Forest University School of Law where she received a J.D. in 1984. Since that time, Ms. Brewer has worked as an: instructor at Central Piedmont Community College, an Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina, and an Associate Attorney for the Law Office of O. Max Gardner III in Shelby, NC. She currently is a Director of Programs for Fort Craig School in Maryville, TN; an HIPAA Consultant, and a compliance officer at the University Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine.

Ms. Brewer has participated in a variety of community activities including having various responsibilities in the New Providence Presbyterian Church and serving on the Board of Directors at the Sexual Assault Crisis Center and the John Knox Center.

Ronald (Ron) Woody, CPA, CGFM, CSBA – Mr. Woody attended Roane State Community College where he obtained an AS in Business in 1981. He also attended Tennessee Technology University where he received a BS in Business in 1983. Since that time, Mr. Woody has worked as an Administrative Assistant to the Roane County Executive and a Purchasing Director for the Roane County Government. He has also worked in the Purchasing Department for Rust Engineering, as Director of Accounts & Budgets for Roane County, and Business Manager for Roane County School System. He currently is employed as the County Government Consultant for the Institute for Public Service of the University of Tennessee. Mr. Woody is a former beekeeper and commercial fisherman. He currently owns and operates a small farm.

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Chapter Shows Hard Work Can Result in CGFM Recognition

AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter proves that persistence pays off.

The chapter's CGFM Committee recently celebrated another success in gaining recognition for the CGFM - this time in a new accounting specialist series in the state's Uniform Classification System. This success follows the chapter's work in 2003 to obtain CGFM recognition in the auditor series.

"When the auditor series was completed, we knew it would pave the way for CGFM recognition in other classifications," said Vandee DeVore, CGFM, a past president of the chapter who was active in both efforts. The changes in the accounting specialist series became effective Oct. 1, 2005.

As is the case for the auditors, the CGFM is recognized as equal to a bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience in the new accounting specialist series.

DeVore said the effort took two full years of research and discussion. A group of government financial managers requested that the new accounting specialist series qualifications include requirements for accounting degrees and credit for various certifications, including the CGFM.

DeVore, who is central payroll manager for the Division of Accounting within the Missouri Office of Administration, said the new requirements support the state's shift in emphasis away from accountants as those who merely keep records and process transactions to those with a diverse range of responsibilities and technical skills. The shift to a more educated and experienced work force is one that's taking place throughout corporate and governmental accounting. The Sarbanes-Oxley corporate reform legislation, for example, outlined more stringent requirements for accounting professionals.

"These qualifications will allow government financial managers to be better prepared to serve the administration and promote an accountable government to the taxpayers of the state," DeVore said. "This change will move the State of Missouri forward by meeting these high standards of the profession."

For more information about Missouri's success, please contact DeVore at Vandee.Devore@oa.mo.gov or 573.522.5863.