

# East Tennessee Times

## President's Message—Julie Talbott

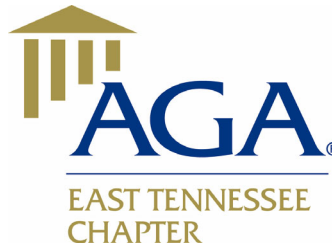
Hi everyone! Fall is upon us finally and if you haven't done so yet...take a breath and take in the beautiful fall foliage surrounding us!

I want to start by saying a big thank you to all who attended last month's meeting with AGA National President Rick Fair. He did a great job and we had a great meeting! If you couldn't make it, we missed you! ☺

November is going to be a great month for

us! I am so excited to announce Mr. Frank Crawford will be coming to speak to us for a full day seminar. If you haven't had the opportunity to hear Frank before, you are in for a treat. He is entertaining as well as enlightening! If you haven't registered yet, please do so today! We want to see you there!

I would like to ask everyone to keep thinking about new members and invite someone to join you at our monthly



meetings. Also, I would like to thank the board for all of their hard work on putting the Fall Seminar together!

See you November 16<sup>th</sup>!

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### Friday, November 16

Rothchild's  
8807 Kingston Pike  
(865) 690-0103  
8:15am—4:45pm  
8 hours CPE

Cost \$125 per member

Registration Brochure on Page 5 — Please register by November 9th

## Fall Seminar — Frank Crawford, CPA

Frank Crawford, CPA, will present real-life fraud cases and will administer the 'Crawford Fraud Quiz!' The Ethics Session features ethical decision-making and a new concept called *The Circle of Morality™*. For SAS 112, Mr. Crawford covers the changes, definitions and ex-

pectations associated with auditors' responsibilities for communicating identified internal control deficiencies to auditees.

Mr. Crawford is President of Crawford & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, an accounting firm located in Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma. The firm specializes in providing auditing, consulting, and accounting services to governmental entities. Visit [http://www.crawfordcpas.com/html/frank\\_crawford.html](http://www.crawfordcpas.com/html/frank_crawford.html) for more detailed information on Frank.

## AGA National News...

**Hotel Now Accepting Reservations for PDC 2008**—Why wait? Reserve your room today for AGA's 57th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Atlanta, GA. The conference takes place July 27-30, 2008 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Room rate is \$129 (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. We encourage you to make your reservations early, for the best price and availability. To make a reservation, please call the hotel at 888.829.1396 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to ensure you receive the discounted rate. A credit card is required to guarantee the reservation. Or, for your convenience, you may also reserve at

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlmq-atlanta-marriott-marquis/?groupCode=agaagaa&app=resvlink>.

**AGA Receives Sloan Foundation Support to Expand SEA Program**—The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has agreed to fund two new components to AGA's Service Efforts and Accomplishments Program in the amount of \$260,000 over two years. The funding award will be used to conduct two training programs and to produce a *How-to Tool Kit*, which will offer a step-by-step guide for government officials on preparing performance reports. The tool kit will be updated frequently to include suggested practices, practical applications and case

studies. For more information about AGA's SEA Program contact Eveanna Barry, Director of Performance Reporting, at 800.AGA.2711, ext. 32.



Visit AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information on news and events. You can also visit the **Members Only** section and update your personal information and renew your membership.

## 2007-2008 National Events Calendar

November:

11/14 Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency—Audio Conference

December:

12/12 Anatomy of Fraud—Audio Conf.

February:

02/06 Internal Controls-Audio Conf.

02/21-02/22 National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC

March:

03/05 Environmental Fraud-Audio Conf.

03/26 GASB Update-Audio Conference

June:

06/06-06/07 Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore

**Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability**

**AGA's 2008 Professional Development Conference—Atlanta—July 27-30, 2008**

**03/13-03/14 Southeastern Regional PDC in Chattanooga**

## Certified Government Financial Manager...What Is Covered in Exams?

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- **Examination 1: Governmental Environment**
- **Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting**
- **Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control**

Each of the three separate examinations is structured to require a candidate to demonstrate primarily a general familiarity, understanding and appreciation of the subject area. However, portions of each examination, particularly Examination 2, requires a more detailed knowledge of specific techniques, standards, procedures and practices unique to either the federal government or state and local governments.

The three CGFM Examinations are administered year-round in a multiple-choice,

computerized format on behalf of AGA by NetCertification, Inc. via the Prometric Technology Centers.

**Join the leaders by applying now. Your professional career depends on it!**

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



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

## Chapter Meeting Calendar

11/16/2007 Fall Seminar with Frank Crawford at Rothchild's Catering

12/11/2007 Dave Bennett, AGA National Treasurer and Blount County Assistant Mayor at Calhoun's on the River

01/08/2008 Congressman Jimmy Duncan, Jr. at Calhoun's on the River

02/12/2008 Bryan Burklin, Blount County Government, at Calhoun's on the River

03/11/2008 Relmond Van Daniker, AGA National Executive Director, at Calhoun's

on the River

04/08/2008 Spring Seminar with Evie Barry and others at Buddy's Banquet Hall

05/13/2008 Awards Ceremony and Final Meeting at Calhoun's on the River

Remember that all meetings start at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm. All meetings this year, except for the May Awards Ceremony, are offering at least 1 CPE for those needing continuing education. This is a great deal...lunch and 1 CPE for only \$ 10.

### Member Get-A-Member Campaign

Bring a perspective member or a friend to a meeting. We think there are a lot of folks out there that would benefit from our meetings and membership in AGA. We encourage you to spread the word about our chapter and help us grow our membership! Every member who sponsors new members is eligible for prizes and recognition in AGA's We Have A Dream campaign. Prizes include lapel pins, AGA dollars, paid membership dues and a BOSE Wave Music System.

## Service Projects Calendar

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. Items will still be accepted at the November meeting for Samaritan's Purse. As well, names will be distributed for the Angel Tree. Our chapter excels at providing Christmas gifts for those chil-

dren in need. Every year, over 40 names and distributed.

November: Second Harvest Food Bank, Angel Tree

December: Angel Tree

January: American Cancer Society

February: American Heart Association

March:: New Hope Children's Advocacy Center

April: East TN Children's Hospital Encology Clinic

May: Humane Society

If you have questions about any of the charities or projects, contact Dana West at [dwest@blounttn.org](mailto:dwest@blounttn.org).

## Miscellaneous Tidbits...

### SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

As one of our November service projects, the chapter is collecting cans of food for Second Harvest Food Bank. **BRING 5 CANS OF FOOD TO THE NOVEMBER SEMINAR AND RECEIVE A VOUCHER FOR A FREE MEETING MEAL IN DECEMBER!**

### LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER SEMINAR - ROTHCHILD'S CATERING

Italian style mixed green salad

Baked traditional lasagna

Grilled chicken breast strips with basil cream sauce

Steamed green beans with roasted red peppers

Sautéed zucchini and yellow squash

Lemon cake

### Financial Information

**Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of Sept. 30th as \$13,048.48.**

## Advancing Government Accountability

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### East Tennessee AGA

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

## October Meeting Minutes

President Julie Talbott opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. After a great BBQ buffet, Julie discussed our upcoming service projects, Samaritan's Purse and Second Harvest Food Bank. She next introduced our speaker, Richard Fair, AGA National President. Mr. Fair began by giving us information on his New Jersey background and his history with AGA.

Rick's topic focused on government accountability to citizens. He discussed Dave Walker's Fiscal Wake Up Tour ([www.omb.gov](http://www.omb.gov)) and gave many interesting facts about the U.S. government and its financial situation. He pointed out that our government is hung up on day-to-day business, focusing on process and procedures instead of educating and informing constituents. People do not understand the situation and do not react to the current issues.

Mr. Fair discussed the U.S. government's long-term debt, stating that it exceeds

\$50 trillion. This equates to \$170,000 per person. Rick continued his discussion with providing an update on AGA initiatives. Topics included the Citizen Centric Report and CGFM.

Julie then introduced Janet Kelly, MTAS Fiscal Consultant. Ms. Kelly discussed state legislation that was enacted in July 2007 mandating the Certified Municipal Finance Officer designation requirement for city finance directors. She will be presenting a session at the Southeastern Regional PDC in March on this topic. As well, she encouraged members to find universities to participate in the National Case Challenge.

The Executive Board met briefly after the meeting. We discussed the Fall Seminar and service projects for November.

### Chapter Recognition Program Points Update as of 10/31/07

1150 Leadership  
 200 Education  
 160 Certification  
 675 Communication  
 0 Membership  
 50 Early Careers  
 200 Community Service  
 500 Awards  
 2935 Total YTD (GOAL 10,000)

### Chapter Officers

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