

President's Message

By Dana Lamson

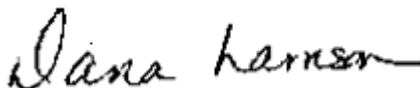
I hope everyone had an exciting, fun-filled summer with family and friends. The board and I met in August to make plans for the upcoming year. There were many wonderful ideas for speakers as well as new service project ideas. I really looking forward to getting this year started and all the opportunities that we have before us as a group.

Our first meeting will be held September 14th at Calhoun's on the River, with our own Dave Bennett speaking about his plan as Regional Vice President this year. We will also be hosting the Southeastern Region Professional Development Conference in April 2005 at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg. We have a lot of exciting things happening within our group this year.

The service projects that we have discussed include Bowl for Kidsake, nursery items for East TN Children's Hospital, Coats for the Cold, Second Harvest Food Bank, Samaritan's Purse boxes, the Angel Tree and Race for the Cure. We hope to have more people to participate in these events this year. They really are a touching experience.

This year we are going to implement a Recognition Program for receiving points for attending meetings, scheduling a speaker, helping with community service projects, helping with the PDC, etc. You'll hear more about this at the September meeting.

I'm looking forward to this year as President and the many opportunities we have for this new year together as a group! Let me know of any ideas or comments you may have.



Dana Lamson
President

September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004
11:30 AM**

David Bennett, CPA, CGFM
*Presentation Topic: His Plan as the Regional
Vice President*

Agenda

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

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

Buffet Menu
BBQ Pork & Chicken
Cole Slaw
Baked Beans
Assorted Cookies

\$7.00 per member

Please contact Barry Justice at
bljustice@tva.gov with your reservation
by September 9, 2004.

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AGA National News

AGA Accepting Exposure Draft Comments

AGA, together with NASACT, is a member of the Uniform Guidelines Coalition whose Technical Advisory Group has just issued an exposure draft, *Uniform Data Elements and Definitions for Grant Budgeting and Financial Reporting*. The exposure draft (ED) has a sixty-day comment period, ending on September 30, 2004. Please read the document on the AGA website, and then send your comments to Anna Miller, AGA Technical Manager, at amiller@agacgfm.org no later than September 15 so that she can coordinate comments from the entire AGA membership into one comment letter. More information can be obtained at the NASACT website at <http://www.nasact.org/coalition.htm>.

A Call for AGA National and Regional Leadership

You are invited to accept the challenge of AGA National and Regional Leadership - Nominations must be received by Friday, October 29, 2004. AGA's National Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for volunteer leadership positions as

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services - Section III
- Senior Vice President At Large
- Regional Vice Presidents-Elect

Please visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/about/governance/default.aspx> to receive 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.



CGFM Exam 3 Study Guide Now Available!

Be sure to order the new Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3 - "Governmental Financial Management and Control" to help in your preparation for the examination.

2004-2005 National Events Calendar

October 6, 2004	Career Foundations Conference & Expo	Washington, DC
October 3-8, 2004	Executive Leadership in A Changing Environment	Charlottesville, VA
October 6-7, 2004	Show Me The Measures!	Arlington, VA
October 12-14, 2004	Government Financial Manager Training Program	Nashville, TN
October 14-15, 2004	Strategic Planning in Government	Arlington, VA
October 18-20, 2004	New Challenges/New Solutions Conference	New York, NY
February 7-8, 2005	National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
July 10-13, 2005	National PDC and Exposition	Orlando, FL

For more information on these national events, go to the AGA calendar at www.agacgfm.org/events.

Chapter News

Remember that Community Service Projects are important to both our chapter and the national organization. New projects are being planned this year and our hope is to provide a variety so that there is more participation. Please see the information below.

Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$4,741.31 as of July 30, 2004. He is also happy to report that we received a "clean bill of health" on our audit.

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the October newsletter are due September 24th.

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

2004-2005 Chapter Events Calendar

(Tentative)

Meetings

October 12 th	11:30 am	Naples Restaurant	Dennis Dykus
November 9 th	12-4 pm	Naval Reserves	Fall Seminar
December 14 th	11:30 am	?	Betsy Foxx
January 11 th	11:30 am	Riverside Tavern	Tonya Davis
February 8 th	11:30 am	Patrick Sullivan's	TEMA
March 8 th	11:30 am	Tennessee Grill	Matt Murray
April 13-15 th	8-5 pm	Park Vista - Gatlinburg	PDC*
May 10 th	11:30 am	UT Faculty Club	Awards Ceremony

*Southeastern Region PDC – To be discussed throughout year

Service Projects**

September	Love Kitchen
October	Samaritan's Purse
Oct/Nov	Coats for the Cold
November	East TN Children's Hospital
December	Angel Tree
January	Food Drive
February	Bowl for Kids Sake
March	Public TV Telethon
April	Beta Alpha Psi

**We will be doing service projects with the Ronald McDonald house at various times throughout the year.

Are you considered the go-to-guy or gal on a particular topic or area? If so, then why not submit an article to the newsletter and share your knowledge with the chapter? It is a great way to contribute to the chapter and we earn points toward our 10,000 point chapter goal. Please send submissions to mbstooks@ci.maryville.tn.

Points Update

Through 08/31/04

Leadership	3075
Education	350
Certification	825
Communication	775
Membership	600
Community Service	0
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	5825

Chapter Goal = 10,000

It's United Way Campaign time across the nation. Please consider supporting your local United Way through contributions or volunteering at an agency.

September Speaker Bio

David Bennett, CPA, CGFM

David Bennett, CPA, CGFM, is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University. He is currently the Assistant County Mayor/Director of Accounts and Budgets for Blount County Government. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He has been with Blount County since 1999. Prior to this, he was an auditor with the Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of County Audit. Dave is currently the Regional Vice President with AGA and is active with the United Way of Blount County, GFOA and the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

Community Service Projects

Submitted by Sherry Sheffey

September and October Community Service Projects have been planned and should provide participants a chance to help several groups. September brings us the Love Kitchen which provides meals for the homebound, homeless and unemployed persons. The October project provides us with an opportunity to assist with Samaritan's Purse, which provides shoe boxes filled with toys, games, school supplies and toiletry items for needy children around the world. Start saving those hotel bathroom freebies for both Samaritan's Purse and Ronald McDonald House.

Do you need more CPE hours? There is a variety of downloadable CPE courses offered on the official AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx.

Looking for a new job? AGA provides job listings for the accounting profession. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.com>.

Summer Executive Board Meeting

Submitted by Susan Gennoe

The executive committee held its first meeting on August 11th at Calhoun's on Bearden Hill in preparation for the upcoming year. Ideas for the new year included:

- 1) Getting sponsors and speakers from various aspects of government and hosting a seminar for UT students/Beta Alpha Psi, which could possibly count as both public service and education;
- 2) Compete on projects with other chapters;
- 3) Build scholarship funds with a fundraiser;
- 4) Find new public service projects;
- 5) Design a new recognition program.

Various speakers/subjects were discussed for monthly meetings as well as the PDC. A plan was discussed to have another ½-day seminar in November. The 2004-2005 Chapter Recognition Program was handed out for review and suggestions.

2003-2004 Chapter History Report

Submitted to AGA by Amy Paganelli

The historical report for the fiscal period June 2003 through May 2004 has been submitted to the national AGA office on behalf of our chapter. This document provides summaries of all meetings held throughout the year, which provides the national office with highlights of what we do to promote AGA in our area and our profession. It also identifies community service projects that we participated in, including the Public TV Telethon, Angel Tree, Boy Scouts popcorn sales and Ronald McDonald House. A Treasurer's Report was also included with the history report and shows that our chapter did an excellent job with money management.

It's always a great time to recruit new members. Bring a friend or coworker to our next meeting. Visit www.agacgfm.org for membership information.

Thinking About Applying?

Submitted by Aldena Phillips, CGFM

Have you been "thinking about" applying for the CGFM? Help is on the way from AGA! From September 1st until November 30th, 2004, AGA will give a discount of \$20 to CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive the \$20 discount, you must do the following.

- 1) Complete the CGFM application form (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of bachelor's degree). These items must be received by the AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2004.
- 2) The CGFM form must have the promotional phrase "CGFM Chapter Promotion-East Tennessee AGA" written at the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, the applicant should send a same-day email to ksilver@agacgfm.org with your name and the promotional phrase above.

Important notes:

- 1) A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in December.
- 2) It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter.
- 3) The applicant should note East Tennessee Chapter on the application form, so our chapter can get credit with the national AGA.

Additional information on the CGFM designation can be found at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm.

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