

President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back! I hope that each of you had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

The board members have planned another wonderful year for our chapter with a variety of CPE opportunities and public service projects. I am very pleased to welcome three new board members this year – Julie Talbott, Cindy Hartsell and Amy Rush – who have demonstrated great enthusiasm in their new roles. Thank you also to the returning board members for fantastic advice, direction and dedication to the chapter. Our 2005-2006 board members are listed in the back of this newsletter.

In addition to new board members, there have been a few other changes in our chapter. We are introducing a new member scholarship program in which the chapter reimburses members for a portion of their membership renewal fees based on participation in chapter activities. See the article later in the newsletter for more information on this program. We are also trying a few new things with the monthly meetings. Monthly meeting lunches are now \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. All monthly meetings will be held at Calhoun's on the River with a buffet style lunch (they offer a wide variety of buffet choices beyond barbecue). If you have any questions, comments or concerns about these changes or general suggestions to improve our chapter, please contact any board member.

Thanks!

Andrea Williams

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2005
11:30 AM

Carol LaRue

 **Personal Financial Planning** 

Agenda

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

Calhoun's on the River

(865) 673-3355
400 Neyland Drive

Menu Choices
Barbecue Buffet

Cost

\$5.00 per Member
\$10.00 Non-Members

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at
(865) 974-3000 or chartse1@utk.edu with
your reservation by September 9th.

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AGA National News

National Professional Development Conference 2005

Several board members had the opportunity to attend the National Professional Development Conference held July 10th through 13th in Orlando, Florida, at the Marriott World Center. The conference offered excellent general session speakers like General Jack Keane and Cynthia Cooper (the WorldCom whistler blower), a variety of technical accounting topics in the breakout sessions and a great President's reception with a Blues/Karaoke theme. Andrea Williams, Mike Blair, Dana Lamson, Julie Talbott, Dave Bennett, CGFM, and Susan Gennoe represented the chapter at the conference.

BEST PRACTICES FOR AGA CHAPTERS

AGA encourages each chapter to submit their 'best practices' to the National Office so the information can be shared with everyone. If you have a 'Best Practice' that you would like to share, submit it to jcurtin@agacgfm.org

Become A Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and/or Earn CPEs

AGA and *Management Concepts* offer three comprehensive courses in government financial management. Each course has been designed from the content specifications for AGA's CGFM examinations and can provide in-depth preparation. These courses have been designed as high-quality continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management for all interested professionals. See <http://www.managementconcepts.com/scripts/agabrowsebycity.asp> for a listing of the courses and <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/instructorcourses.aspx> for the course schedules.

A Primer on Internal Controls and Auditing: Crucial to Government and the Economy

By: Wanda A. Wallace, Ph.D., CPA, CMA, CIA



Internal control has never been optional, and now an easy-to-read resource directed to a wide audience is available to understand both what is meant by "internal control" and how an "audit" is conducted. As an educational initiative, the AGA has published this book for boards of directors, council members, managers, auditees, employees and the broader community. You can order the book at <http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/downloads/WallaceBookOrderForm.pdf>.

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

September 14, 2005	Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting Awards Dinner	Washington, DC
September 15, 2005	National Executive Committee Meeting	Washington, DC
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

CHAPTER HISTORY REPORT Chapter Historian Amy Paganelli, CGFM, submitted the East Tennessee Chapter History Report to the National Office, Regional Vice President and Senior Vice President for Regional Services and Chapter Executive Committee. If you would like to read the report, please contact Amy Paganelli at (865) 544-9564 or APaganel@mc.utmck.edu.

\$\$\$ Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$11,322.90 as of July 31, 2005. \$\$\$

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the October Newsletter are due September 26th.

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

October 11	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
November 8	12:00 pm	Naval Reserve Base	State of the State
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

October	Race for the Cure
November	Second Harvest Food Bank
December	Angel Tree
January	Baby Bundles
February	American Heart Association
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Haven House
May	Linen Drive

Points Update

Through August 31, 2005

Leadership	1500
Education	50
Certification	500
Communication	1288
Membership	0
Community Service	0
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	3,538

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for September

Our first public service project for the year will be at the Ronald McDonald House pulling weeds and doing general fall lawn maintenance. This is a great follow-up project to our massive bulb planting project last fall and will help keep their landscape and gardens looking beautiful for the residents to enjoy. We will be working on Saturday, September 17th starting at 1:00 at the Ronald McDonald House Annex (behind the original house). Bring work gloves and any weeding tools you need. Please contact Tonya Davis at (865) 545-4451 ext. 288 or tonya.l.davis@irs.gov if you are interested in participating in this project.

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 alwilliams@tva.gov.

Member Scholarship Program - Our chapter is pleased to announce the implementation of a new program to provide scholarships to members who are not reimbursed by employers for the cost of AGA membership. For each hour of chapter sponsored CPE or public service, participating members will receive \$1.00 from the chapter toward the cost of renewing membership in Spring 2006. Please contact Dana Lamson if you would like more information or to participate in this program. Members must notify Dana by September 30, 2005, of desire to participate.



CONGRATULATIONS



📧 Amy Rush received her Certified Internal Auditor designation 📧

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>.



EXPERIENCED AUDITORS

Supervisor – Sponsored Projects Accounting, The University of Tennessee

This position assists the campus in the financial accounting, reporting and compliance of over \$150 million dollars per year of sponsored projects. This includes the daily supervision of Accounting Specialists whose primary responsibilities include reconciling, invoicing, account receivable collections and financial reporting to sponsoring agencies. This position will also be responsible for developing and conducting management audits of fiscal research financial compliance and related issues and responsible for the office communications.

Candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting; at least three years prior experience in a university setting, or working for another organization engaged in research contracting, or at least three years experience at a grant or contract agency; prior supervisory experience, including providing effective recommendations for hiring and terminating staff, conducting performance evaluations, and administering disciplinary actions; proven written and oral communications skills; working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite; ability to work under pressure, meet deadlines and multitask. SAP software accounting system experience and knowledge of OMB circulars relating to cost accounting principles preferred.

The University welcomes and honors people of all races, genders, creeds, cultures, and sexual orientations, and values intellectual curiosity, pursuit of knowledge, and academic freedom and integrity.

The University of Tennessee is an *EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services.*



AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.comwww.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx>

September Speaker - Carol La Rue

Carol J. La Rue attended American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, from 1988 through 1992 where she earned Certified Life Underwriter (CLU) and Charter Financial Consultant (ChFC) professional designations. Ms. La Rue was employed at First Federal Savings Bank from 1988 through 1995 as a financial services program manager where she introduced financial planning practices in the banking environment, specialized in 'Senior Planning', and designed and implemented a seminar program. She was also the leading sales consultant in Tennessee and was ranked top 3 in the nation.

Ms. La Rue has participated in a variety of community activities, such as Toastmasters where she served as Past Division Governor and earned the DTM designation. She has also been a Board Member for Habitat for Humanities, foundation chairperson for the Rotary District 3780, and a trustee for the Harrison Chilhowee Academy. Ms. La Rue currently serves as a board member for Associated Investment Consultants, Inc.

Currently, Ms. La Rue owns a successful financial consulting business, Financial Resource Center, in Maryville, Tennessee. She is a consultant for over 500 households and currently handles \$45,000,000 in investments.

October Meeting

Our October chapter meeting will be held at Calhoun's on October 11th at 11:30am. The speaker has not yet been determined. Our public service project for the month of October will be the Race for the Cure event. Details will be published in the October newsletter.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Julie Talbott

The East Tennessee Chapter held their second meeting of 2005-06 on August 10, 2005 at RJ's Courtyard.

Chapter President Andrea Williams called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Andrea handed out the chapter officer's handbooks as previously discussed in our July meeting. The handbooks outlined individual jobs for each officer.

Topics of discussion were as follows during the meeting:

CPE Luncheon Fees

Fees for one hour CPE luncheon meetings should be as follows: 1st meeting \$5 for non-members, \$10 for non-members after first initial CPE luncheon. Members CPE luncheon fees should be dropped from \$7.00 to \$5.00.

Speakers

We discussed possible speakers for the upcoming year. We planned to make contacts with various speakers and discuss in our next meeting.

Public Service

We discussed possible public service opportunities: **Sept.**-Ronald McDonald House, **Oct.**-Race for the Cure, **Nov.**-Second Harvest Food Bank, **Dec.**-Angel Tree, **Jan.**-E. TN Children's Hospital, **Feb.**-American Heart Assoc., **Mar.**- Public TV, **April**-Haven House, **May**- Linen drive for Hispanic families

Meeting adjourned.

Julie Talbott

Secretary

CGFM CPE Requirements

Information from AGA Website

Become a CGFM and Save A Few Bucks

From September 1 until November 30, 2005 AGA national will give a discount of \$20 to CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 discount,

1. the complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of a bachelor's degree) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2005.

2. the CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?:".

Important notes:

- 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 January.

- The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the discount.

- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the discount.

But that is not all...

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted in the three-month period of September-November 2005 will also receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

CGFM application form can be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>

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