

🗨️ President's Message 🗨️

Our chapter is embarking on a great year and working to provide great programs for you each month! Your board of directors held its second meeting in August to continue planning for this year and has confirmed a few more speakers. Please watch your newsletter for updates on speakers and changes of locations for a couple of meetings.

Our September speaker will be Gary West, Fire Management Consultant, with MTAS. He will present a session on Planning for & Dealing with Catastrophic Events. Gary has many years of experience in this type of planning as he previously held the Fire Chief position with Gatlinburg.

As we look forward to the changing environment of East Tennessee, please remember to help others with our Samaritan's Purse public service project for both this month and October. We hope that by decreasing the number of projects we undertake that we will have greater participation and success and be able to help more people in our community.

Over the next few months, our chapter will begin the process of producing a strategic plan. The board will be asking for your assistance with ideas and strategies for how we can grow our chapter and provide exceptional CPE opportunities.

Thank you for participating in the East Tennessee Chapter of AGA! I look forward to seeing each of you at our September meeting.

Mindy Stooksbury

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September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12, 2006
11:30 AM**

*Planning for & Dealing
with Catastrophic Events*
Gary L. West

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

Calhoun's Traditional Buffet
Honey Glazed, Smoked Ham
Roasted Turkey Breast
Parslied Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine & Baby Carrots

Cost

\$10.00 per person

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at
(865) 974-3000 or chartse1@utk.edu with
your reservation by September 7th.

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AGA National News



AGA Internal Control & Fraud Conference Agenda Is Now Available

The AGA Fraud Conference agenda is now available. Take a look at our impressive line-up of speakers and education sessions. You can also get information about registration, hotel accommodations and travel discounts by visiting the http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/index.htm. View the complete agenda by clicking the links http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/monday.htm and http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/tuesday.htm.

AGA Audio Conference – September 14, 2006: Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing

The audio conference will cover a risk-based audit approach which affords a comprehensive and cost effective assessment of management's system of controls and procedures to ensure program compliance, economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The objectives of the risk-based approach are to: identify the controls and procedures that management must provide to prevent, eliminate or minimize threats of fraud, waste and abuse; determine the probability that non-compliance could occur; and assess the internal control structure in accordance with SAS 55 and 78. To obtain more information regarding the audio conference, see a risk-based audit approach affords a comprehensive and cost effective assessment of management's system of controls and procedures to ensure program compliance, economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The objectives of the risk-based approach are to: identify the controls and procedures that management must provide to prevent, eliminate or minimize threats of fraud, waste and abuse; determine the probability that non-compliance could occur; and assess the internal control structure in accordance with SAS 55 and 78. To obtain more information regarding the audio conference, see <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/riskassess091406.aspx>.

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 Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) examinations and can provide in-depth preparation. Courses are not just limited to potential CGFMs, however. These courses have been designed as high-quality continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management for all interest professionals. View the current courses schedule at the following: <http://www.managementconcepts.com/scripts/agabrowsebycity.asp>

AGA has recently produced two research reports: PAR (Performance and Accountability Reports): *The Report We Hate to Love* and *Challenges in Performance Auditing: How a State Auditor with Intriguing New Performance Auditing Authority is Meeting Them*. Visit AGA's website to view more information about these reports.

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

September 13, 2006	Performance Measurement for Government	Washington, DC
September 25, 2006	National Internal Control & Fraud Conference	Atlanta, GA
October 30, 2006	National Performance Management Conference	Schaumburg, IL
February 12, 2007	National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
June 24, 2007	Professional Development Conference	Nashville, TN

Chapter News

Monthly Meeting Cost Increase After looking at our financial situation and the loss of funds at each monthly meeting, the board of directors voted to raise monthly meeting costs to \$10 per person. The actual cost for meals at Calhoun's is over \$14 per person. The chapter has been making up the difference and providing free CPEs, so a small increase is needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact chapter President, Mindy Stooksbury.

📄 Member and officer newsletter submissions for the October newsletter are due September 25th. 📄

🌐 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

September 12	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Catastrophic Events
October 10	10:30 am	Calhoun's	GASB Update
November 13	8:30 am	BBH [#]	Fraud & Internal Controls*
December 10	11:30 am	Naples	Time/Stress Management
January 9	11:30 am	Copper Cellar	Privacy Issues
February 13	11:30 am	Copper Cellar	Costs of Healthcare
March 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Knox County/Blount County
April 12	8:30 am	TBD	Leadership, Generational Differences**
May 8	11:30 am	TBD	Wellness & Awards Celebration

Service Projects

September/October	Samaritan's Purse
November	Toiletries - Various Groups*
December	Angel Tree
January	Make-a-Wish Foundation
February	Haven House
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Pet Food Drive**
May	Toiletries - Various Groups

[#] Bearden Banquet Hall

* Fall Seminar

** Spring Seminar

Points Update

Through August 31, 2006

Leadership	1,350
Education	0
Certification	50
Communication	765
Membership	75
Community Service	0
Awards	0

Total Points YTD 2,240

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for September/October

We will be collecting items for Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes for gifts to underprivileged children all over the world for the months of September and October. Items suggested are: any school supplies, small toys – yoyos, cars, dolls, balls, slinky, hygiene items – small bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, hard candy or suckers, sunglasses, hair clips, watches, small books, socks, and t-shirts. Happy Meal toys are perfect for the shoe boxes also. Items not recommended are chocolate, toy guns/figures, liquid soaps or lotions, or breakable items. You may also donate \$5 for shipping of the shoe boxes. In each shoe box shipped, we have to include \$5 for shipping to the other countries. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Dana West, Service project coordinator

JULY FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of July 29th as \$12,124.22.

Speaker Bio

**GARY L. WEST
FIRE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE**

Gary West has had an extensive 30-year career in fire and emergency services management. He presently serves as a Fire Management Consultant for the University of Tennessee, Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). His responsibility as a consultant is to provide professional advice on the operation of fire departments to fire chiefs and city officials across the state. He is the former Fire Chief for the Gatlinburg, Tennessee Fire and Rescue Department as well as having experience as a fire commander of the Maryville Fire Department. Mr. West has a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Lincoln Memorial University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Tusculum College. He holds professional certifications in 27 different areas of emergency services. He also has an extensive background in emergency management as a director and worked at the state level to improve emergency management across Tennessee.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The East Tennessee Chapter held a board meeting at The Courtyard in Alcoa on Tuesday August 8, 2006.

Mindy Stooksbury, President, opened the meeting and distributed handouts on Chapter leadership, Chapter Recognition Program, and an AGA contact list. Dana West, Service Project Coordinator, also handed out information on the Samaritan's Purse – our September and October service project. She encouraged everyone to begin collecting items now.

We discussed the Fall Seminar in November. It will be an all day seminar on fraud with Frank Crawford as the speaker. Dana West will finalize the date with Frank Crawford as either November 13 or 14. Three locations are currently being looked at: Pellissippi State College, Rothchild's, and Buddy's Banquet Room.

Betsy Cunningham will be the December speaker. Her topic will be stress management/relief. She has requested 45 minutes. Cindy Hartsell, Meetings Contact, is to check about having the December meeting at Naples Restaurant.

Increasing our membership was discussed. We discussed sending out AGA membership brochures to potential members. We need to grow our membership as well as our meeting attendance. Everyone needs to identify potential members to target.

Mindy Stooksbury distributed information on a strategic plan for our Chapter. She would like for everyone to look over and will discuss at September's meeting. It looks like something the Chapter could easily accomplish and includes chapter points.

Submitted by: Gail Cook, Secretary

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2006-2007**

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