

East Tennessee Times

President's Message—Julie Talbott

Hello everyone and welcome back! I hope you and your families have had a restful and safe summer.

I am excited about the new chapter year! The Board of Directors have been busy planning another educational agenda for our chapter and I hope you will be pleased. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the board for saying yes when asked to continue their leadership roles in our chapter.

Chapter members, I would like to ask for your help in making this year the most productive year to date for recruiting new members! As a chapter, we need to show people what AGA is all about and recruit new members! The Board and I are looking into some new ways to recruit people this year. We will discuss that further at future meetings.



Thanks again for your participation in our chapter. I look forward to seeing each of you in September!

Julie

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Tuesday, September 11

Copper Cellar
1807 Cumberland Avenue
(865) 673-3411

11:30—12:10 Registration and Lunch

12:10—1:00 Presentation

Cost \$10 per member

RSVP: Kristi Reynolds

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September Meeting—Bart Stinnett

September's meeting will be a great presentation from Bart Stinnett, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Blount County. He will do a presentation on 9/11 and speak about the effects it has had on our communities.

Prior to working with Blount County, Bart was the Homeland Security Coordinator for the UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center and a police detective in Pigeon Forge.

Bart is currently pursuing a

Master's Degree in Emergency Management from UT and holds a B.S. in Political Science and Criminal Justice from ETSU. He is also a graduate of the F.B.I. Tennessee Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

AGA National News...

Special Offer for AGA Members to Attend the PMC

Are you interested in learning more about performance reporting for your entity? If you are an AGA member who has a desire to implement performance reporting, AGA is offering 10 complimentary registrations to the Performance Management Conference in Phoenix on Sept. 24 – 25, 2007. Registrations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. One per office/ government entity please. Offer is for registration only. Please indicate on your registration form that you are applying for the complimentary registration at <http://www.agacgfm.org/pmc2007/index.htm>.

Interested in learning about the Citizen Centric Report...

AGA produced its very own Citizen-Centric Report for members. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.agacgfm.org/citizen/downloads/AGACitizenCentricReport07.pdf>.

Top News...

FSIO and OMB Release the Common Government-wide Accounting Classification Structure at www.agacgfm.org/fsio.aspx.



Visit AGA's website at 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

September:

09/10-09/11 Internal Control & Fraud Conference in Atlanta

09/20 Making the Transition to Management—Audio Conf.

09/24-09/25 Performance Management Conference in Phoenix

October:

10/15-10/29 AGA's Government Finance Case Challenge—Online

November:

11/14 Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency—Audio Conf.

December:

12/12 Anatomy of Fraud—Audio Conf.

Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability

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

February:

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

Certified Government Financial Manager...Why?

The CGFM is the mark of excellence in federal, state and local government...Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management. It deals not with testing a person in a specific area, but with measuring a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.

Are you interested? Visit the CGFM section of the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx. This section provides lots of information on how to get started, applications, study guides and FAQs.



Need direct assistance?
Contact Katya Silver at
ksilver@agacgfm.org.

Chapter Meeting Calendar...

09/11/2007 Bart Stinnett at Copper Cellar on Campus

10/09/2007 Rick Fair, AGA National President and Mindy Stooksbury, AGA Southeastern Regional Vice President at Calhoun's on the River

11/16/2007 Fall Seminar with Frank Crawford—Location TBD

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!

Membership Drive

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!

Service Projects Calendar...Dana West, Chairperson

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. For September, our charity is the American Heart Association and we will be working with them on their Dear Neighbor Campaign.

October: Samaritan's Purse

November: Angel Tree and Second Harvest Food Bank

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.

Chapter Recognition Program Points Update...Our Goal 10,000 Points!

Leadership: 1150

Education: 200

Certification: 160

Communication: 675

Membership: 0

Early Careers: 50

Community Service: 200

Awards: 500

Total YTD: 2935

The Chapter Recognition Program provides incentives and awards to participating chapters. It provides a framework for chapters that allows for a well-rounded chapter program each year. The non-competitive program consists of the eight areas listed above and chapters receive

credit for meeting goals and activities as designated by AGA. Want to know more? Just ask one of your board members for more details.

Financial Information
Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of July 31st as \$13,736.16.

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[www.discovernet.org/
etaga](http://www.discovernet.org/etaga)

Summer Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2007

Your Board of Directors met on 08/22/2007 to begin planning for the new chapter year. Board members present included Julie Talbott, Gail Cook, Mike Blair, Dana West, Nancy Donahue and Mindy Stooksbury.

President Julie Talbott distributed a plan for meetings, education, community service and CGFM support. Discussions were held on speakers, meeting topics, meeting prices and dues.

August 31, 2007

The Board of Directors held a second planning meeting on 08/31/2007 to further discuss outstanding issues. Members present include Julie Talbott, Gail Cook, Mike Blair, Dana West, Tonya Davis, Dave Bennett, Kristi Reynolds, Amy

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National Treasurer David Bennett, CGFM

Paganelli, Nancy Donahue and Mindy Stooksbury.

Discussions were held on where to hold the Fall Seminar as well as other topics. We also discussed our declining membership base. We currently have 69 active members. We have 17 members that have been suspended due to unpaid dues. Because of these, our membership has fallen dramatically.



Welcome to New Members!

We realize that you joined during 2006-2007, but we want to welcome you again!

Stephanie Broome, TVA

Gregory Strach, TVA

Suzanne Allin, TVA

Rick Hall, CTAS

Rhonda Buchanan, Hamblen Co. Govt.

Robert Dixon, KPMG