

NEWSLETTER

January 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello AGA family and Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are ready to start 2022 with a bang! Here is a good question for you to ponder for the new year – “What will I do in 2022?”

I think we have all learned a lot in 2021, and one important lesson is that time is precious. Every day has its own set of challenges, excitement or adventure. One of the big things I've learned in 2021 is to live in the moment and be present. Stop allowing time to pass by. We need to act today on whatever we want to invest in – be it personal growth, health, new adventures, our jobs, relationships, etc. Don't wait for the “right time” to make the “right decision.” That causes us to miss great opportunities. Here is a challenge for you: Every morning and evening for the entire month of January say “Do it now” 50 times. When you are finished with that month, the next month when you first wake up you will automatically think “Do it now.”

Timing is important, but the time you have now is the only thing you can act on. We spend time on getting ready instead of doing it now. We underestimate today – it's the only time we have. Why not today, why not now? Tomorrow you will be glad you did. One of my mentors, former Transportation Cabinet Secretary Joe Prather, once told me when I was facing a difficult decision “Alice, if not you, then who? If not now, then when?” That is something that continues to stick with me.

I am a creature of habit, always have been, routines bring me peace. For December, I did 25 sit-ups, 25 push-ups and a minute and a half plank every single day. There were times I almost forgot and had to get out of bed to do them, but I did it, and my core is stronger today for it! Simple, but effective! I also read a chapter of the book of Luke every day in December (well, I missed a day or two here and there, but caught up). I did these things because I said I would do it. I'm going to continue that December sit-up/push-up/plank ritual into January. I'm also committing to getting at least 10,000 steps per day.

Some of us set goals in December for the upcoming year. We are all wired a little differently, so do whatever you need to do, but do something! Make a commitment to doing at least one thing that will improve yourself or bless others and stick to it. Tell me what you plan to do! We will hold each other accountable!

Speaking of committing to things and goals, AGA membership renewal begins in January – make sure to update your membership! Also, please recruit a new member or two! AGA membership has great perks so refer a friend and get entered to win a free PDT registration! AGA National's goal for 2021-2022 membership year is to recruit 2,022 new members by April 30, 2022. Let's help AGA reach that goal!

I hope your 2022 is filled with blessings and health and joy.

Be the good,

Alice



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In the Spotlight

Linda Hinton

Audit Manager, Auditor of Public Accounts, CPA, CGFM

How did you choose government financial management as your career?

I took a governmental accounting class in college with Professor Relmond VanDaniker and I really enjoyed it. When I graduated, I applied for a job with the state. I was hired by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet as a Revenue Auditor I in Corporation Tax. After almost a year, I decided I wanted something different so I applied to the Auditor of Public Accounts Office and they hired me. I'm not sure where the time went, but that was 25 years ago.

What advice would you give a recent graduate joining the field?

I would advise a new graduate to find a job that balances work life and home life. I suggest finding a job you enjoy and a job with coworkers who motivate and encourage you. I have always liked numbers and English and as an auditor (surprisingly), I get to work with both. Also, if you have a dream of achieving a certification (like CPA or CGFM), work on it shortly after college, while you are still in study mode. It gets harder to make yourself study the further away you get from the habit of studying most people develop in college.



What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career? I have a master's degree in accounting as well as my CPA license and I am a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). Earning the certifications took a lot of time and effort but I achieved my goals.

Do you have a mentor and how has this person helped you? I have had several mentors through the years, but the first mentor was Ben Grow, my supervisor when I started at the APA. At that time, our audit team was stationed on the 5th floor of the CHR building and there were a group of cubicles from which we audited. I still remember going to Ben's desk and asking questions almost every day. I learned a lot from him.

How did you get involved in AGA? The APA was cross-training county and state auditors so, as a state auditor, I was working in a court house on a county fiscal court audit. One cold winter morning, the landline (yes this is that far back in time) phone rang and it was Ben Grow. He told me about this group I had never heard of, Association of Government Accountants. They had several openings for officers in the upcoming 1997-1998 year. One opening he mentioned was newsletter editor. As I mentioned, I liked numbers and English. So I became the newsletter editor that year and for several years after that. I still remember making copies of the newsletter late in the afternoon with Pat Bryan, former AGA president. Over time I served as Community Services, Historian, President-Elect, President, and Past President. Each role offered different opportunities and challenges.

Describe your dream vacation. A beach town with sightseeing opportunities. I like being at the beach early in the morning to see the sunrise, with no one else around. Then I like to go sightseeing in the mid-day (when it is hot at the beach) and return to the beach in the evening to take a walk and see the sunset.

Share one thing that you love to do that you get to do nearly every day. My husband and I love animals and have two dogs and a cat. I play "keep away" with the dogs - the dogs run from me with a toy in their mouth and I take a step towards them. I never actually catch them though! Our cat is the independent sort-until she wants something, like fresh water or food or a scratch behind the ears.



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>> UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETING

January 12, 2022

Free For Members, \$5 for non-members

(Pay through GoToWebinar)

Upcoming AGA Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic	CPE Hours
January 12, 2022	Mark Schmitt and Thomas Copeland	Tax Updates	1
February 9, 2022	Trina Koontz	Building Resilience	1
March 9, 2022	Jennifer Ratterman, Forensic Accountant, FBI Louisville Division	COVID 19/Pandemic Related Fraud	1
April 12-13, 2022	TBA	Spring PDT	TBA
May 11, 2022	Joseph Donahue, KY State Board of Accountancy	CPE Requirement Updates	1
June 8, 2022	TBA	TBA	TBA

Note: If there's a topic or speaker you'd like, please reach out to the 2021-2022 Education Co-Chairs. Their contact information can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Change is hard and sometimes has both rewards and challenges.

Please remember our website is now hosted by National AGA and we no longer pay for our old url. Old urls are sold and our old url will take you somewhere you need not go! Our current url for you to save in your browser and keep handy for checking out our list of program offerings is below:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/CentralKentucky>

January Presenters

Mark Schmitt

CPA, Partner, Auto Dealer Services Team Leader

Mark Schmitt is the Partner in Charge of the Tax Department in the MCM Lexington office. He has more than 30 years of tax, audit, and business consulting experience for individuals and a variety of industries, including auto dealers, contractors, manufacturers, coal extractors, restaurants, and professionals. Mr. Schmitt also has more than 20 years of experience in governmental, not-for-profit, and tax credit audits. He has served as Engagement Partner on audits of housing authorities, including HUD and tax credit entities, public libraries, employee benefit plans, local governments, educational cooperatives, mortgage lenders, and numerous associations.



Thomas Copeland

CPA, Tax Manager



Thomas Copeland is a Manager on the Tax Services Team and started with MCM in 2013. His areas of expertise include tax compliance and planning for such niche industries as construction and contractors, restaurant and hospitality, and manufacturers. He has a B.S. in Finance, MBA, and B.S. in Accounting from Murray State University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

February Presenter



Trina Kootz
Benefits Branch
Manager
Personnel Cabinet's
Kentucky Employee
Assistance Program
(KEAP)

Trina leads Kentucky State Government's EAP providing management tools, including consults with managers and supervisors, as well as assessment and referral services to state employees and their dependents, who may need help with mental health concerns, family issues, substance abuse, or job stress. She also provides continuing education workshops for state employees and professionals seeking credits to meet licensing requirements. Trina earned a Bachelor's Degree from Murray State University; a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Eastern Kentucky University and is licensed to practice by the Board of Examiners of Psychology.

January Members Only Webinar

Four generations are active in the workforce today and we need to learn how to work together efficiently and effectively as each generation has their preferred communications methods.

January 26, 2022 2:00-3:15 PM EST

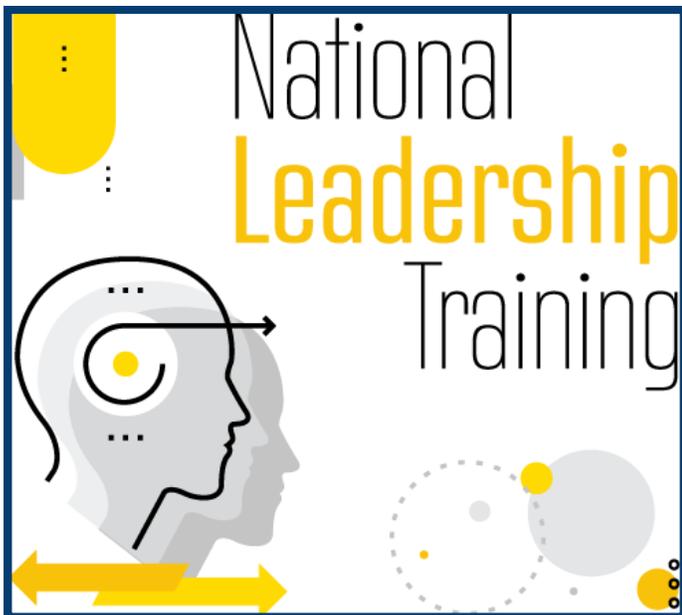
1.5 CPE's

Check out agacgfm.org, under the Training & Events tab, for all upcoming trainings.

NLT 2022 

Developing and training government financial leaders

February 23-24, 2022, Washington D.C., 14 CPEs



	On-line	Email/mail
AGA Members		
Early Bird (by Jan 28)	\$425	\$450
Standard (after Jan 28)	\$525	\$550
Nonmember		
Early Bird (by Jan 28)	\$575	\$600
Standard (after Jan 28)	\$375	\$700

AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER

November Secretary's Report

AGA Central Kentucky Chapter

Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for meeting held: November 3, 2021

Members present on GoToMeeting: Alice Wilson, Liz Smith, Natalie Young, Terra Coffey, Catherine Hunt, Kristen Hundley, Brittany Wise, Phil Nally, Amy Small, Jared Crawford, Michelle Sutton and Kristen Coffey.

1. Call to Order by Natalie Young.
2. Regular Reports:
 - a. September Meeting minutes – Motion to approve – Amy Small, seconded by Jared Crawford. Motion passed.
 - b. Treasurer's report – Motion to approve – Jared Crawford, seconded by Kristen Hundley. Motion passed.
 - c. Membership information – 164 members with 2 new members, Robert K. Adams and Wayne Stover.
3. Old Business
 - a. Programs update
 - i. November 10 PDT – virtual
 - ii. December 8 - Brian Ingle – Leadership
 - iii. January 12 – Dylan Schneider and Mark Schmitt – Tax Update
 - iv. February 9 – Trina Koontz – Building Resilience
 - v. March 9 – Jennifer Ratterman, Forensic Accountant – FBI Louisville Division – COVID 19/Pandemic Related Fraud
 - vi. April 12-13 Spring PDT – (vote on Traci Brown fee) Kristen Coffey suggested “reserving” Traci Brown for our Spring PDT. She speaks about Fraud and specializes in the use of body language to detect when someone is lying. She normally charges \$8,000 for a 4 hour virtual session. She's willing to speak to our group for \$6,000 (\$3,000 down payment to hold the date), but we have to act soon. Liz Smith explained that if we are spending \$6,000, we will need to liquidate our CD. Kristen Coffey explained that she calculated if we have turnout like the previous Spring PDT, then we will have no trouble recouping the cost. FYI Fall PDT has no expenses associated with it. Alice Wilson made the motion and Amy Small seconded it—the chapter voted. Motion passed with one dissenting vote (Jared made note that he dissented only because of the cost, but thinks she will be a wonderful speaker).
 - vii. May 11 – Joseph Donahue, KY State Board of Accountancy – CPE requirement updates

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AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER

November Secretary's Report, Continued

AGA Central Kentucky Chapter

Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for meeting held: November 3, 2021, Continued

- a. Please provide at least one suggestion of a speaker/topic to the Education Committee by (Kristen, Evie, Michelle)
 - b. Reminder: Submit newsletter items by 15th of the month
 - c. Central KY AGA website updates
 - d. Speaker Community Service donation: Stephanie Robey – Franklin County Humane Society; Quarterly donation of \$250 – (vote – suggestions are Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky and Mission Frankfort Clinic) Discussion about the Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky as well as Mission Frankfort Clinic. Kristen Coffey made a motion to donate \$250 for the 2nd Quarter Donation to the Homeless & Housing Coalition and donate \$250 for the 3rd Quarter Donation to Mission Frankfort Clinic—seconded by Kristen Hundley, the motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Stripe renewal
 - f. Budget
 - g. Other
1. New Business
 - a. CCR submitted October 31
 - b. CGFM exam fee reimbursement-Christina Shuffett – September 23, 2021 notification (\$375)
 - c. Other - Jared talked about the CEC. Please let Natalie know if you're interested in remaining in your position. Jared suggested that Kristen Coffey might be the next President-elect. Kristen said that she would think about it.
 2. Next meeting October 3, 2021 (11:30—12:30) via Teams
 3. Adjourn - Motion to approve – Phil Nally, seconded by Jared Crawford. Motion passed.

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November TREASURER'S REPORT

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Treasurer's Report

Month Ended November 30, 2021

Reconciled Cash Balance as of 10/31/2021 \$26,616.66

General Receipts:	
Monthly Program Fees - Cash	
Monthly Program Fees - PayPal	
Monthly Program Fees - Check	
Monthly Program Fees - STRIPE	109.55
Central KY Membership Dues	-
Interest Earned - Checking	0.54
Interest Earned - CD	11.54
	121.63
Education Receipts:	
PDT Training Fees	-
PDT Training Fees - Paypal	-
	-

Total Receipts	121.63
Total Funds Available	26,738.29
Less: Expenses	(3,200.00)
CCU Balance 11/30/2021	\$23,538.29
Less: Education Fund Balance	-
General Fund Balance 11/30/2021	\$23,538.29

Central Kentucky AGA Change in General Fund Balance Month Ended November 30, 2021

General Fund Balance 10/31/2021	\$26,616.66
Transfer of Education Fund Balance	
Monthly Receipts	121.63
General Expenses	3,200.00
Net Increase (Decrease) in General Fund Balance	(3,078.37)
General Fund Balance 11/30/2021	\$23,538.29

Central Kentucky AGA Change in Education Fund Balance Month Ended November 30, 2021

Education Fund Balance 10/31/2021	\$ -
Monthly Receipts	\$ -
Monthly Expenses	\$ -
Transfer to General Fund	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Education Fund Balance	-
General Fund Balance 11/30/2021	\$ -

CCU-Checking	3,398.26
CCU-Savings	5.00
CCU-CD	20,135.03
	23,538.29

General Expenses:	
Vanderbilt Children's Hospital - Gerry Boaz	50.00
Tyson's Choice Animal Found - Shawn Sparks	25.00
Franklin County Humane Society - Chris Clair	25.00
Jessamine County Animal Care & Control - Kinney Poynter	50.00
Jessamine Humane Societ - Scott Reeser	50.00
Traci Brown - Spring PDT Speaker Downpayment	3,000.00
	3,200.00
Education Expenses:	
	-
Total Expenses	\$3,200.00

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2021-2022 Chapter Executive Committee Members

President:	Alice Wilson
President-elect:	Natalie Young
Immediate Past President:	Jared Crawford
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Smith
Secretary:	Ann Case
Education Co-Chair:	Eveanna Barry
Education Co-Chair:	Kristen Coffey
Education Co-Chair:	Michelle Sutton
Membership/Attendance:	Catherine Hunt, CGFM
Historian:	Rachel Prestenbach
Newsletter Editor:	Terra Coffey
Co-Webmaster:	Amy Small, CGFM
Co-Webmaster:	Joe McDaniel
Accountability (CCR):	Kristen Hundley
Professional Certification:	Jared Crawford
Young Professionals:	Rachel Prestenbach
Young Professionals:	Brittany Wise
Community Service Co-Chair:	Madeline Perry
Community Service Co-Chair:	Phil Nally, CGFM
Chapter Travel Coordinator:	Terra Coffey
National Council of Chapters Representative:	Krista Jackson

Are you looking to build your professional networking skills? Do you have a passion for AGA and want to share it with others? If so, contact a current Committee Member!