

NEWSLETTER

March 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 14, 2021, will mark the one year anniversary of my Work from Home edict. I am thankful that my organization had a plan in place that has allowed the majority of the employees at Kentucky Retirement Systems to work from home. Not everyone has the same access to technological infrastructure and executive team support to which I am privy. To support those who have been adversely affected by COVID-19 and to those without the privilege that many of us have, we have dedicated \$250 to Feeding Kentucky and \$250 to the Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky, Eviction Prevention Fund. We have also set aside two \$1,500 scholarships—one for an undergraduate student and one for a graduate student. If you know anyone who would benefit from these scholarships, please forward the following link: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Kentucky-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Awards.aspx>.

On that note, March is a time of renewal. It's SPRING! Research non-profits that need help, particularly those that provide food to the needy.

According to [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#):

In 2021, the spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. THE MARCH EQUINOX

In the Northern Hemisphere, the March equinox (aka spring equinox or vernal equinox) occurs when the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north in the sky. This event marks the start of spring in the northern half of the globe. After this date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures. (In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the March equinox marks the start of autumn, as the Southern Hemisphere begins to be tilted away from the Sun.)

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING?

In 2021, the March equinox happens on Saturday, March 20, at 5:37 A.M. EDT. In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the start of the spring season.

Enjoy the change of seasons and a renewed sense of self.

Best,

Jared Crawford

President Central Kentucky AGA

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In the Spotlight

Ben Grow

Retired, CGFM

How did you choose government financial management as your career? In 1974, I graduated from UK and began working as a teller and then credit analyst at Central Bank in Lexington. After a couple of years there, an opportunity came to my attention to work for George Atkins in the APA. I thought the job sounded different and challenging and decided to take it - and stayed there for over 23 years.

What advice would you give a recent graduate joining the field. Pursue professional certifications as soon as possible upon graduation. It doesn't get easier as you get older and the benefits of achieving those certifications can have a great impact upon your career.

What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career? Although auditing has its share of frustrations, I found the work fulfilling and many times helpful to those we audited. In AGA, my year as President was very challenging but it was most helpful for my career and my confidence.

Do you have a mentor and how has this person helped you? The person who helped me most was Charlie Rickert. He took me under his wings and put up with my insecurities and was of significant importance to me personally and professional during some trying times. We worked on many audits together over the years and his help to me was invaluable.

How did you get involved in AGA? When I joined AGA, the membership was heavily Auditor's Office and Department of Finance employees. It just seemed to be the thing to do at that time, Of course, later on I learned the full benefits of being a member of AGA.

Describe your dream vacation. I'm in retirement now and in 2019, my wife and I scheduled a trip to France's Normandy Beaches around the anniversary of D-day in 2020 and then on to a tour of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Our timing was terrible and COVID hit and was postponed until 2021. We just received word that the trip has been postponed again until 2022. Maybe one day we will actually get to take this trip.

What is one goal that you plan to accomplish during your adult lifetime? My goal is to continually grow closer to God in my daily walk with Him and to seek Him in all I do.

Share one thing that you love to do that you get to do nearly every day. Most of my life I fought walking as a leisure activity but now I walk for 1 hour every day. I've been able to do this almost every day and now derive great satisfaction from this. It is a healthy thing to do and now I have time enough to do this daily.

Lifetime Member

SINCE

MARCH 1, 1979





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETING

March 10, 2021

FREE For Members, \$5 for non-members

(Pay through GoToWebinar)

Upcoming AGA Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic	CPE Hours
March 10, 2021	Jessica Honican, Office of Income Taxation	From COVID Response to Tax Receipts	1
April 7, 2021	Various	Spring PDT	5

Note: If there's a topic or speaker you'd like, please reach out to the 2020-2021 Education Co-Chairs. Their contact information can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Lifetime Member

Frank T. Lawson, CGFM-Retired since April 1, 1980

William R. Tichenor, CGFM since January 26, 1980

A Lifetime member has been a member of AGA for 40 years. They no longer have to pay annual dues as a reward for their commitment to AGA. The Central Kentucky Chapter was formed on June 1, 1978.



March Presenters

Jessica Honican

Executive Director

Office of Income Taxation



Jessica S. Honican was appointed Executive Director of the Office of Income Taxation in August, 2020. Jessica graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Kentucky and is a licensed certified public accountant (CPA). She has specialized in income tax throughout her career at the Department of Revenue working in a myriad of roles in the Office of Income Tax, the Division of Protest Resolution, and the Office of Tax Policy and Regulation. Most recently Jessica held the position of Director of the Division of Corporation Tax. She is actively involved in CASA of Lexington, is a member of the Kentucky Society of CPA, and an alumnus of the Leadership Central Kentucky Class of 2016-2017.

REGISTER FOR SPRING PDT

Register by April 7, 2021 by clicking [HERE](#)

See the following pages for CKY AGA Spring PDT flier and speaker bio's.

We hope to “see” you there!



Central Kentucky Chapter AGA

Professional Development Training

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:45 AM-2:45 PM

Up to 5 CPEs

Leadership, Yellow Book Updates, and Ethics

Registration: \$40 for AGA Members/\$90 for non-AGA Members

Please register for CKY AGA Spring PDT by April 6, 2021 by clicking [HERE](#) and selecting REGISTER.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Space is limited to 250 attendees, so register early!

Interested in joining the CKY AGA Chapter? Please visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Kentucky-Chapter/Home.aspx> for more information.





Tyler Enslin, Founder

Tyler Enslin International

As a full time speaker, Tyler has had the privilege to present at over 1000 live events in the last 8 years. From the age of 17, when he started his first successful business, he realized that his favorite part of any day at work was being able to help people. That principle took on new meaning in 2012 when Tyler joined a national training company where he soon became top sales person. Eventually, he went on to hold the positions of Regional and National Director. In January 2018, he launched Tyler Enslin International where he works full-time at his mission: providing lively, engaging, and practical professional development content to audiences around the world. Tyler has been privileged to speak for groups of all sizes. From Fortune 500 companies and large organizations such as GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Siemens, Leidos, and Johns Hopkins, to hundreds of smaller groups and associations, he approaches each event with the same level of excitement and enthusiasm.

Matthew Zaun, Senior Auditor Financial Management and Assurance Team GAO Financial Statement Audits

SEC Financial Statements (FY 2016 - FY 2018)-U.S. Consolidated Financial Statements (FY2011 - FY 2013)- U.S. Consolidated Financial Statements Management Report (FY 2012)-Internal Revenue Service (FY2006)- Independent and Special Counsel (FY2006)

Performance Audits:-Navy Military Pay Audit Readiness (FY 2015)-Federal Entities (FY 2009)-National Institutes of Health (FY2008)-Department of Veterans Affairs (FY 2007, FY 2008)-Legal Services Corporation (FY 2007)





Kathryn H. Gabhart, Executive Director Executive Branch Ethics Commission

The Executive Branch Ethics Commission's enabling statute is embodied in Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 11A. The laws setting out the Code of Ethics are contained in Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 11A and Title 9 Kentucky Administrative Regulations, as well as Executive Order 2008-454, its amendment, Executive Order 2009-882, and Executive Order 2020-423.pdf. The Executive

Branch Code of Ethics created by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Chapter 11A, effective July 14, 1992, establishes the ethical standards that govern the conduct of all executive branch employees. The code of ethics was enacted to promote public confidence in the government of the Commonwealth and its employees. The

Executive Branch Ethics Commission, authorized by KRS 11A.060, is an independent agency of the Commonwealth which has been given the responsibility of administering and enforcing the provisions of the code of ethics.

Jim Gray, Secretary

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

He is the former mayor of Lexington, during his eight years as mayor, Gray was known for getting things done. Facing immediate deficits, on day one as mayor, Gray righted Lexington's financial ship through a series of major reforms which included reducing the city's employee health insurance costs while at the same time improving employee satisfaction. His reform of the police and fire pension system preserved the retirements of more than 1,000 retirees while saving millions of dollars for the city. Those savings resulted in investments in public safety. Today, Lexington is ranked the 3rd safest city in the US. As mayor, Gray focused on three core themes: creating jobs, running government efficiently and building a great American City. In 2018, Lexington was named the 4th best-run city in the country. At the start of his career, Jim Gray earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University and then came home to help grow his family's construction firm, Gray Construction, accepting a Loeb Fellow appointment at Harvard along the way. Gray Construction is today ranked among the top 5 US builders within major industry sectors including manufacturing, automotive, food and beverage, and distribution.





Central Kentucky
Chapter
of the Association
of
Government
Accountants

The Central Kentucky Association of Government Accounts (AGA) is offering **one \$1,500 Undergraduate Scholarship** and **one \$1,500 Graduate Scholarship** for **Fall 2021**.

To be eligible for the **Undergraduate Scholarship** applicants:

Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student *majoring in Accounting* at a state university in Kentucky.

Provide two references (one reference should be an accounting faculty member at your university).

Submit an official transcript from the University.

Submit 2 essay responses. Below are the topics to be addressed:

Provide a narrative concerning the financial need of this scholarship (300 words or less).

As a student, what are the biggest challenges you have faced and overcome during COVID-19 (500 words or less)?

Complete the Nomination Form [HERE](#) and submit the Application (available for download on Item #5 of the Nomination form) along with **ALL Other Required information** by **April 16, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.**

To be eligible for the **Graduate Scholarship** applicants:

Must be enrolled at a state university in Kentucky as a Graduate Student *majoring in the field of accounting, finance, public administration, or a related public sector field.*

Provide two references (one reference should be a faculty member at your university).

Submit an official transcript from the University.

Submit 2 essay responses. Below are the topics to be addressed:

Provide a narrative concerning your financial need for this scholarship (300 words or less).

As a student, what has been the biggest challenge in personal accountability during COVID-19 and how are you overcoming this challenge (500 words or less)?

Complete the Nomination Form [HERE](#) and submit the Application (available for download on Item #5 of the Nomination form) along with **ALL required information** by **April 16, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.**



AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER

January Secretary's Report

AGA Central Kentucky Chapter

Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for meeting held: January 6, 2021

Members present on GoToMeeting: Jared Crawford, Phil Nally, Alice Wilson, Kristen Coffey, Michelle Sutton, Kristen Hundley, Terra Coffey, Evie Barry, Krista Jackson, Amy Small, and Catherine Hunt.

1. Call to Order by Jared.
2. Regular Reports:
 - a. December Meeting minutes – Motion to approve – Alice, seconded by Phil. Motion passed.
 - b. December Treasurer's report – Motion to approve – Phil, seconded by Alice. Motion passed.
 - c. Membership information – Catherine reported we currently have 161 members.
3. Old Business
 - a. Programs update
 - i. January 13 – Rebecca Adkins, Executive Director of Operations
 - ii. February 10: Mark Schmitt and Dylan Schneider, Mountjoy Chilton Medley
 - iii. March speaker? – Michelle contacting Alicia Boyd to see if she is interested in speaking about local government.
 - b. Please provide at least one suggestion of a speaker/topic to Education committee by 12/15.
 - c. Internal controls document – Kristen indicated this is a work in progress.
 - d. Reminder: Submit newsletter items by 15th of the month (Terra Coffey)
 - e. Updating web address to the National Platform. Amy and Joe will be working on this. Hope to have complete before current hosting agreement expires which is within one year.
 - f. Community Service fund Donation \$25 to Truth in Accounting on behalf of Sheila Weinberg; \$250 to Feeding Kentucky. Approved donating \$250 to the Team Kentucky fund to help with Pandemic evictions. Motion to approve by Phil, seconded by Evie. Motion passed.
 - g. Young Professionals Coordinator- Krista provided information to Jared.
 - h. Invested in a one-year Certificate of Deposit at CCU; 0.70% annually in the amount of \$20,000 –
 - i. Other
4. New Business
 - a. March Speaker – Tossed out ideas about representatives from Department of Revenue, LRC, Local governments.
 - b. Spring Training – April 7 – Leadership and GAO/Yellow book updates, looking to add speaker from national and/or ethics topic.
 - c. Remove hyperlinks to email addresses from website – will address updating email address, coordinate with move to nationals website. Jared, Alice, and Kristen would have access to the email contents.
 - d. Update website in accordance with Ace Award checklist
 - e. Other – Evie asked if we were sending anyone to the NLT February 24 and 25. Jared will send email looking for suggestions from CEC.
5. Next meeting February 3 via GoToMeeting
6. Adjourn - Motion – Alice, seconded by Phil.

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January TREASURER'S REPORT

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Treasurer's Report

Month Ended January 31, 2021

Reconciled Cash Balance as of 12/31/2020 \$31,761.73

General Receipts:		
Monthly Program Fees - Cash		
Monthly Program Fees - PayPal		
Monthly Program Fees - Check		
Monthly Program Fees - STRIPE	22.75	
Central KY Membership Dues	17.08	
Interest Earned - Checking	0.99	
Interest Earned - CD	18.74	59.56
Education Receipts:		
PDT Training Fees	-	
PDT Training Fees - Paypal	-	

Total Receipts	59.56
Total Funds Available	31,821.29
Less: Expenses	(85.00)
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2020	\$31,736.29
Less: Education Fund Balance	-
General Fund Balance 11/30/2020	\$31,736.29

General Expenses:		
David Taylor - Monthly Website	85.00	85.00
Education Expenses:		
	-	
Total Expenses	\$ 85.00	

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Change in General Fund Balance

Month Ended January 31, 2021

General Fund Balance 12/31/2020		\$31,761.73
Transfer of Education Fund Balance		
Monthly Receipts	59.56	
General Expenses	85.00	
Net Increase (Decrease) in General Fund Balance		(25.44)
General Fund Balance 11/30/2020		\$31,736.29

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Change in Education Fund Balance

Month Ended January 31, 2021

Education Fund Balance 12/31/2020		\$ -
Monthly Receipts	\$ -	
Monthly Expenses	\$ -	
Transfer to General Fund		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Education Fund Balance		-
Education Fund Balance 12/31/2020		\$ -

Wesbanco	-
CCU-Checking	11,712.55
CCU-Savings	5.00
CCU-CD	20,018.74
	31,736.29



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2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee Members

President:	Jared Crawford
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Immediate Past President:	Krista Jackson
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
CGFM:	Melissa Klink
Young Professionals:	Jetta Collett
Community Service Co-Chair:	Jodi Correll
Community Service Co-Chair:	Phil Nally, CGFM
Chapter Travel Coordinator:	Terra Coffey
National Council of Chapters	
Representative:	Phil Nally

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!