

# NEWSLETTER

March 2022



Central Kentucky  
Chapter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and Happy March!

The countdown to Spring is on! I've already seen March Flowers (daffodils) sprouting up here and there – that brings me great JOY! I'm ready for the earth to come back to life with all the pretty colors and sounds of spring!

I represented the Central KY AGA Chapter virtually at the AGA National Leadership Training event on February 23-24. This was a hybrid event and some attended in person in Washington D.C.. AGA did a great job with the program and the hybrid option was much appreciated by many. There were many more virtually than in person. We enjoyed two days of good speakers and topics. Keynote speakers included Mary Abbajay with "Managing Up, Down, and Across" and Kaplan Mobray on the "10Ks of Personal Branding." (a constant – your heart is still beating! Think about these questions and ask your coworkers -How are you? What are you grateful for? What are you looking forward to?)

Here are some other nuggets I took away from #NLT22:

- We all have different personalities – Introvert/extrovert, workaholic/micromanager/impulsive. Have you asked your employees, bosses, or peers their priorities, preferences, pet peeves or what you can do more or less of to help? Try it!
- Visibility matters – show your faces on virtual calls! Take time to chat. Communicate, collaborate and connect.
- Platinum Rule – Treat others the way THEY want to be treated.
- Equity – Giving people what they need; enables people to be authentic; recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocate exact resources and opportunities to reach equal outcomes.
- Equality – Giving people or group of people same resources and opportunities.
- Be empathetic – let people know they have been seen and heard – be kind.
- Change is inevitable – Change agility elevates performance. What changes have you made? What has changed you? How are you showing up? Growth is a choice. How am I improving and shaping my future?
- What is the first thing people think of when they think of you? Ask a few folks and see what they say!



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# President's Message Cont.

- Your brand – improve, create, grow, shape. Deliver unexpected benefit and unsolicited value. Celebrate your uniqueness. The world has changed, what are you doing to evolve your brand?

1. Know thyself.
2. Know what you want to be known for.
3. Know how to be consistent
4. Know your monster.
5. Know how to accept failure as part of building your brand.
6. Know how to communicate your personal brand attributes.
7. Know how to create your own opportunities.
8. Know and master the art of connection.
9. Know your expectations, not your limitations.  
Know your why.

Speaking of brands....AGA has a new brand, a rebrand to Advance, Grow and Accelerate. AGA announced the new brand on 2-24-22 stating that the rebranding initiative was to better convey the AGA mission of helping to shape the future of good government and empowering leaders to advance, grow and accelerate. The former name Association of Government Accountants is now simply AGA. A for Advance now stands for advancing good government accountability and transparency. G for Grow represents helping professional growth and A for Accelerate speaks to accelerating careers and driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

One way we do this is through continuous education opportunities. Be sure to check out the Spring PDT flyer for more information about how you can earn 14 hours of CPE April 12-13 virtually.

Have a great month, enjoy the warm-up and color, and as always, be kind!

Alice



Advance. Grow. Accelerate.



# In the Spotlight

## Michele Howard

Fiscal Officer, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

### How did you choose government financial management as your career?

How did I choose government financial management? Well this path wasn't exactly chosen by me. I have 8 years of banking experience before I came to work in state government. That helped me work my way up to a section supervisor over an Imaging branch at KDLA. My branch was abolished and since I had previous experience I was placed with Education and Workforce. I have been here almost 3 years and in my short time, I have learned a lot. I truly enjoy my job and everything that I get to do.

### What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career?

I have learned a lot of different things and try to keep learn new things every day.

### How did you get involved in AGA?

My supervisor encouraged all staff to join and 2021 was my first year to participate.

### Describe your dream vacation.

My dream vacation would be a trip with my family to Hawaii to relax and experience things we have never seen or done.

### What is one goal that you plan to accomplish during your adult lifetime?

To be grateful for the things I have and those around me. Then be able to retire and travel.

### Share one thing that you love to do that you get to do nearly every day.

I love working with my co-workers, helping each other figure out things we might have a problem with.





# Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING MEETING

March 9, 2022

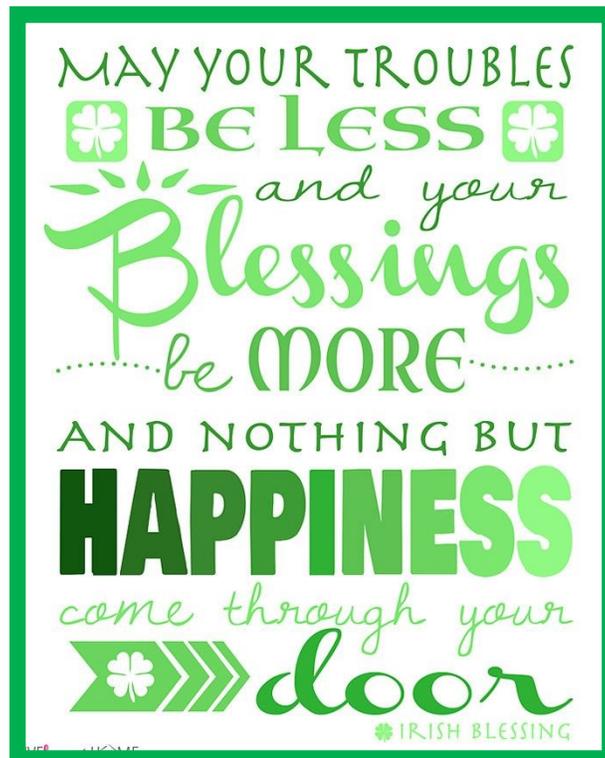
\*Free For Members, \$5 for non-members\*

(Pay through GoToWebinar)

### Upcoming AGA Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic	CPE Hours
March 9, 2022	Jennifer Ratterman, Forensic Accountant, FBI Louisville Division	COVID 19/Pandemic Related Fraud	1
April 12-13, 2022	See Below	Spring PDT	14
May 11, 2022	Joseph Donahue, KY Sate 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.



# March Presenter

## Jennifer Ratterman

Forensic Accountant  
Federal Bureau of Investigations,  
Louisville Division

Jennifer Ratterman is a Forensic Accountant in the Louisville Division, with seventeen years of experience investigating complex financial crimes, public corruption, and terrorism. Jennifer is a subject matter expert in the area of health care fraud for FBI Louisville. She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified in Financial Forensics and a Certified Fraud Examiner, and graduated from Marquette University.



# Spring PDT Presenters



**Doug Graham, Chief Information Officer (CIO)**  
Commonwealth Credit Union

Doug Graham has worked in the field of technology for 35 years. He began working with computer networks as part of the KY Education Reform Act of 1990 and later designed computer networks for the University of KY. In 1996, Doug joined the team at Commonwealth Credit Union where he currently serves as the Chief Information Officer.

As CIO, Doug deals with cyber threats and various fraud attempts every day. His expertise and experience afford him numerous invitations to speak on cybersecurity and modern technology trends across the Commonwealth each year. He enjoys explaining complicated matters in layman terms to help people realize that they can do more with technology than they thought.

Doug studied at Western KY University as well as the University of KY and holds numerous technical certifications.

# Spring PDT Presenters



**Laura Hendrix, Executive Director  
Legislative Ethics Commission**

Prior to being appointed Executive Director in September, 2019, Laura was Counsel to the Commission, joining the staff in May 2018. Previously, she was the General Counsel for the Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, General Counsel for the Legislative Research Commission, Committee Staff Administrator for the Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, and a Legislative Analyst for the Health and Welfare Committee. Prior to her 20 years of legislative service, she was the General Counsel for the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, Assistant General Counsel for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and clerked for Judge William L. Graham of the Franklin Circuit Court. She received a BA in history from Washington University in St. Louis and a JD from the University of Kentucky College of Law. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, and the Western and Eastern Districts of Kentucky. She is a 2018 Henry Toll Fellow.



**Emily Dennis, Counsel  
Legislative Ethics Commission**

Ms. Dennis joined the Commission Staff in October 2019. Previously, she served as General Counsel of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. She was employed by the Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet in its Office of Legal Services and also served as a Staff Attorney with the Cabinet for Economic Development. Prior to joining state government, she was associated with the Danville law firm of Sheehan, Barnett, Hays, Dean & Pennington, P.S.C. She received her JD in 1998 from the University of Louisville. She earned a BA from Transylvania University, where she was a William T. Young scholar and graduated magna cum laude in 1992. When not practicing law, Emily manages Big Red Stables on her family's third generation farm in Mercer County.

**Chelsea Holiday, Special Agent  
Louisville Division of the FBI**

Special Agent (SA) Chelsea Holliday is currently assigned to the FBI Louisville Division, Lexington Resident Agency. She primarily investigates public corruption and white collar (financial) offenses. SA Holliday serves as a team leader for the FBI Louisville Evidence Response Team and as a firearms instructor.

# Spring PDT Presenters



**Tylor Hanna, Supervisory Senior Resident Agent (SSRA)  
Louisville Division of the FBI**

SSRA Hanna is currently assigned as the Supervisory Special Agent for the FBI Lexington Resident Agency, Louisville Division where he serves as the FBI Public Corruption and Civil Rights Coordinator for the state of Kentucky. SSRA Hanna also serves as a firearms instructor and tactical instructor for the FBI Louisville Division and as an Adjunct Faculty Instructor for the FBI's Training Division.



**Ed Owens III, Chief Operating Officer  
County Employees Retirement System**

Ed Owens III is a former community and government affairs specialist at Fifth Third Bank and a former senior regulator at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Most recently, Mr. Owens was a consultant for Project Golden Eagle, a group of African-American businessmen seeking to acquire a publicly-traded middle-market company. He also consulted with litigation attorneys regarding banking issues and regulations and assisted startup and early-stage companies with establishing corporate governance protocols, banking relationships, and additional funding opportunities. Prior to that, he was a senior vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, where he led both community and governmental affairs efforts. Mr. Owens also worked as a senior examiner at the Cleveland Fed, where he communicated Reserve Bank findings to corporate boards of directors and executive management, conducted fair Lending and Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) investigations, and consulted with large bank members on strengthening risk management protocols and increasing net operating income. In addition, he previously worked as a trial attorney at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with the Fayette County Attorney's Office. He earned his law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law, and prior to that his Bachelor's in Marketing from UK.

# Spring PDT Presenters



**Traci Brown**

Traci Brown trained in the body language of deception detection right alongside our country's top law enforcement. And in her fast paced, interactive keynotes that are sure to entertain, Traci teaches the lie, fraud and identity theft detection skills she's used to get to the truth in billion dollar business deals, crimes and politics.

You'll be able to immediately use the same tools to tell whose pants are on fire, stop fraud and create more success in your own organization and personal life... so you see more zeroes (before the decimal) in your bank account.

Traci is a Three Time US Collegiate Cycling Champion and former member of Team USA.

Traci is a past president of the National Speaker's Association Colorado Chapter and the author of four books including her latest, *How to Detect Lies, Fraud and Identity Theft*. And she's the Executive Producer of a new TV series, *Truth, Lies and Cover-ups*.

Traci holds a degree in business from the University of Colorado. She is a certified master practitioner of Neuro Linguistics, Hypnosis, and Hawaiian Huna. Traci earned her Certified Speaking Professional designation in 2020.



**Patrick J. Carrington**  
**Administrative Office of the Courts**

Patrick J. Carrington graduated from Kentucky State University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in social work. He is the Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator at the Administrative Office of the Courts where he creates new programs and initiatives to increase the amount of diversity in the Kentucky Court of Justice.

He began his career in diversity and inclusion when he accepted an opportunity to work for the Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training within the Personnel Cabinet of Kentucky state government. While there he served as the lead program coordinator taking on various tasks including developing initiatives to increase retention rates, creating programs to foster a more inclusive work environment, and assisting in the coordination of the Executive Branches' Equal Employment Opportunity Conference

annually in Louisville. In addition, Carrington also played a key role in providing outreach to organizations outside of state government. He served as a liaison between the Personnel Cabinet and various colleges and universities; recruiting at career fairs and sourcing diverse candidates for connection to use and internship opportunities. As Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Patrick ensures that the Administrative Office of the Courts is in full compliance with state and federal equal employment opportunity guidelines. He is also responsible for making sure staff are culturally competent to guarantee all citizens of the commonwealth are provide fair and equitable service. Through the use of a variety of trainings on topics ranging from implicit bias to generational diversity within workplace, Patrick equips staff with the necessary tools to be successful when interacting with Kentucky's increasingly diverse population.

Carrington holds true to the idea that "A world without diversity limits itself in creativity, innovation, and progress." He believes "We all must do our part to ensure we make our world the very best that it can be."

# Spring PDT Presenters



Zack Culver, Licensed Psychological Practitioner  
Kentucky Employee Assistance Program (KEAP)

Zack Culver received his Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Murray State University and is licensed to practice by the Kentucky State Board of Psychologists. He has worked as a therapist with the community mental health organization Seven Counties Inc. in Louisville treating adults suffering from severe mental illness, and as a Behavioral Consultant at a dual diagnosis, residential facility before joining the Kentucky Employee Assistance Program. Zack is going on his seventeenth year with state government and as a counselor with KEAP assists other state employees with issues impacting their work performance and personal lives by assessing their difficulties and helping them connect to the resources that facilitate positive change. His role at KEAP requires him to present workshops and webinars on a multitude of topics as varied as Secondary Trauma and Time Management. Zack resides in Louisville where he maintains a small private practice treating a wide range of mental health issues.



## New Members



Preston Brooks, KYTC

Kathleen Crosmer, student

Jacob Fouts, Education & Workforce Cabinet

Nanda Gupta, APA

Perla Hernandez, KDE

Roger Holden, Education & Workforce Cabinet

Caine Hughes, City of Covington

Scott Lawless, Registry of Election Finance

Lori Mann, FAC-OPA

Debbie McCoy, Kentucky State Police

Anthony Murray, FAC-OPA

Stuart Reagan, Education & Workforce Cabinet

Kendra Troxtel, FAC-OPA

Leesa Unger, KDE

Whitley Walker, Juvenile Justice

Online AGA membership renewals are available now!

## **AGA has simplified their name!**

Advance. Grow. Accelerate.



Today's AGA members include accountants, auditors, IGs, grants managers, business analysts, risk managers, IT pros, and many other related fields. By changing the name from Association of Government Accountants to Advance. Grow. Accelerate. AGA has opened the door for professionals across many different career paths to become members. Read more about simplifying the name [here](#).

### **AGA's Council for the Advancement of Women Inaugural Women's Forum**

March 9, 2022

1:00-5:30 p.m. EST

**Registration is free for members and \$75 for non-members**

AGA's Council for the Advancement of Women is a network of professionals who support government and, advancing women as leaders in the profession and in the communities we serve. This power-packed afternoon-created for women, by women— is designed to energize and empower you, providing ideas and strategies to achieve and succeed in the new normal. All are welcome to participate.

**Check out [agacgfm.org](https://agacgfm.org), under the Training & Events tab,  
for all upcoming trainings.**

# AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER

## January Secretary's Report

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### AGA Central Kentucky Chapter

#### Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for meeting held: January 5, 2022

Members present on GoToMeeting: Alice Wilson, Natalie Young, Liz Smith, Terra Coffey, Catherine Hunt, Kristen Hundley, Jared Crawford, Madeline Perry, Michelle Sutton, Phil Nally, Joe McDaniel, and Kristen Coffey.

1. Call to Order
2. Regular Reports:
  - a. September Meeting minutes – Motion to approve – Natalie Young, seconded by Liz Smith. Motion passed.
  - b. Treasurer's report – Motion to approve – Jared Crawford, seconded by Michelle. Motion passed.
3. Membership information – 165 members
4. Old Business
  - a. Programs update
    - i. January 12 – Dylan Schneider and Mark Schmitt – Tax Update – Dylan can't make it, so Thomas Copeland will be speaking in his place.
    - ii. February 9 – Trina Koontz – Building Resilience
    - iii. March 9 – Jennifer Ratterman, Forensic Accountant – FBI Louisville Division – COVID 19/Pandemic Related Fraud
    - iv. April 12-13 Spring PDT – someone speaking on ethic? Tracy Brown for 4 hours; another group FBI/fraud related 1 hour; need more speakers; Kristen has a potential speaker, but there a \$2,000 fee. We'd rather avoid fees if possible. Alice recommended speaker from AOC, will check. Krista suggested someone on emotional intelligence – Kristen Coffey will reach out to Personnel
    - v. May 11 – Joseph Donahue, KY State Board of Accountancy – CPE requirement updates
    - vi. June 8 – Krista and Jared to reach out to LRC
  - b. Please provide at least one suggestion of a speaker/topic to the Education Committee by (Kristen, Evie, Michelle)
  - c. Reminder: Submit newsletter items by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month – Member spotlight – February?
  - d. Central KY AGA website updates – no update
  - e. Speaker Community Service donation:
    - i. Brian Ingle – \$25 – Teen Challenge KY; \$250 Community service quarterly donation -Franklin County Human Society - purchase a small 4x8 brick for \$100 for the new shelter and \$150 donation to Feeding Kentucky
    - ii. Suggestion for special donation to Western KY Relief Fund –should we donate to the tornado relief fund. AGA National will match any donation that we make. Phil Nally made a motion to make a \$200.00 donation to the Western KY Relief Fund Catherine Hunt seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
  - f. Budget - Alice and Catherine are following up with remaining payments owed.
  - g. Other
5. New Business – Scholarship committee will need to start meeting to discuss upcoming awards. If you're interested in serving, let Rachel know. Need to discuss amounts and graduate/undergraduate. Alice, Rachael, and Krista will meet to discuss before next meeting.
6. Next meeting February 2 2022 (11:30-12:30) via Teams
7. Adjourn - Motion to approve – Joe, seconded by Natalie. Motion passed.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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Central Kentucky AGA  
Treasurer's Report  
Month Ended January 31, 2022

Reconciled Cash Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$ 23,559.14

General Receipts:	
Monthly Program Fees - Cash	
Monthly Program Fees - PayPal	
Monthly Program Fees - Check	3,755.19
Monthly Program Fees - STRIPE	238.35
Central KY Members hip Dues	-
Interest Earned - Checking	0.53
Interest Earned - CD	11.09
	<b>4,005.16</b>
Education Receipts:	
PDT Training Fees	-
PDT Training Fees - Paypal	-
	<b>-</b>
Total Receipts	<b>4,005.16</b>
Total Funds Available	27,564.30
Less: Expenses	(775.00)
CCU Balance 01/31/2022	<b>\$ 26,789.30</b>
Less: Education Fund Balance	
	-
General Fund Balance 01/31/2022	<b>\$ 26,789.30</b>

General Expenses:	
Adult & Teen Challenge of Kentucky - Brian Ingle (Dec speaker)	25.00
Homeless & Housing Coalition 2nd Quarter Donation	250.00
Mission Frankfort Clinic 3rd Quarter Donation	250.00
Western Kentucky Tomado Relief Fund (Dec meeting approval)	200.00
Western Kentucky Tomado Relief Fund January Speaker Donation	25.00
Western Kentucky Tomado Relief Fund January Speaker Donation	25.00
	<b>775.00</b>
Education Expenses:	
	-
Total Expenses	<b>\$ 775.00</b>

Central Kentucky AGA  
Change in General Fund Balance  
Month Ended January 31, 2022

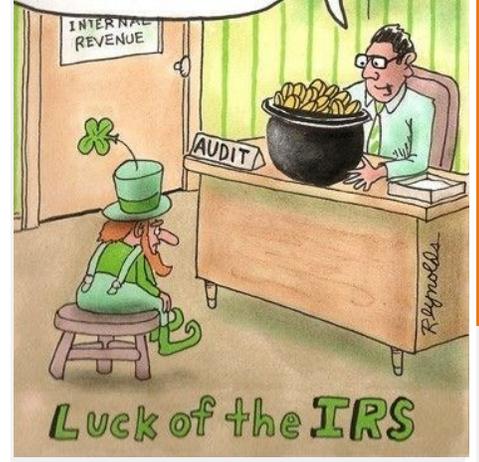
General Fund Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 23,559.14
Transfer of Education Fund Balance	
Monthly Receipts	4,005.16
General Expenses	775.00
Net Increase (Decrease) in General Fund Balance	3,230.16
General Fund Balance 01/31/2022	<b>\$ 26,789.30</b>

Central Kentucky AGA  
Change in Education Fund Balance  
Month Ended January 31, 2022

Education Fund Balance 12/31/2021	\$ -
Monthly Receipts	\$ -
Monthly Expenses	\$ -
Transfer to General Fund	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Education Fund Balance	-
General Fund Balance 01/31/2022	<b>\$ -</b>

CCU-Checking	6,626.73
CCU-Savings	5.00
CCU-CD	20,157.57
	<b>26,789.30</b>

The rainbow was on your property, Mr. O'Toole, so technically, you are responsible for claiming the gold as personal income.



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# 2021-2022 Chapter Executive Committee Members

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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!**