



Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

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President's Notes

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The Examiner



Don't blink or you might miss something! The chapter year is going by so fast. We had 171 people for our member benefit day, which was an amazing turn out in light of the inclement weather. Joseph Buckley from Reid and Associates kicked off the morning with a great presentation on interviewing; Britt Wood and Jerry Durham did a great 4-hour presentation on fraud for the afternoon session. I want to thank everybody who had a hand in making this day a success. And, the unserved meals and remaining unopened snacks were donated to the Nashville Rescue Mission that same afternoon and were very much appreciated.

It doesn't stop there - Brian Fazenbaker did a great job speaking at the joint AGA luncheon last week. This joint luncheon was a great opportunity for us to show other organizations how great our chapter is. Brian represented us very well - thank you Brian!

Registration for our 20th conference is filling up fast - we only have a few spots left! If you have not reserved your spot yet, please do so as soon as possible. The conference committee has put together a fantastic line up of speakers. And back by popular demand - we will be giving CFE umbrellas to all conference attendees!

If you plan on attending the National ACFE conference in June and you want a discounted rate, please contact Mark Ingram to get registered. The chapter already has enough attendees to receive the group discount.

I look forward to seeing you at training events and luncheons this year!

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Calendar of Events



Our 2015 – 2016 CFE luncheons will be held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19th Avenue South in Nashville. You will find this year's calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am. The event dates remaining for this year are:

Annual Conference – March 7 & 8, 2016

Luncheon – April 21, 2016

Luncheon – May 19, 2016

Social – June 9, 2016*

* member-only events

CFE Prep Courses and Scholarships

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE, has a drawing each year to give away a CFE Exam Prep Course, valued at \$745 (member price) to a chapter member who is not yet a CFE. For more information, contact us at info@middletennesseecfe.org.

We also give away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. Please see our website at <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/Scholarships> for more information.



CPE Certificates

How do attendees to events get a CPE certificate? Certificates are emailed out after the event. If you did not get a certificate, it may be that you did not pay, failed to sign in at the event, or gave a wrong email address. Please remember to update your information on the new chapter website to ensure that you will receive your certificate promptly.

Please email info@middletennesseecfe.org to request a copy of your CPE certificate.

Important Meeting Information

Luncheon Reservation/Cancellation Policy—Please Take Note!



Please be sure you make reservations for the luncheons prior to attending. We need the reservations to plan appropriately for our attendees and to eliminate confusion at the luncheons. You will receive a confirmation email after you submit your reservation.

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by the reservation deadline, usually the COB one week prior to the luncheon. For members who make a reservation but do not attend or call to cancel, the cost is \$20.00. Individuals who attend without making a reservation will also be charged \$20.00.

To cancel your reservation and avoid being invoiced for the event, you must notify the reservationist, Mary Cole (mary.c.cole@cot.tn.gov), before the reservation deadline (usually one week prior to the date of the event). If you cancel after the deadline or fail to appear at the event, you will be invoiced for the full per-attendee cost, including other fees that apply as deemed appropriate by the Board. Any pre-paid fees that you have will be applied to the invoiced amount.

Any invoices that are unpaid after 60 days will result in the suspension of membership in the Middle Tennessee Chapter under the current Chapter Bylaws Section 3.09, Non-payment of Dues*. As a result of suspension, any reservations you make for future events will not be **ACCEPTED** and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.

We typically have a waiting list for our events, so if you must cancel your reservation, **PLEASE** notify the reservationist, Mary Cole (mary.c.cole@cot.tn.gov), as soon as possible, or you may have someone attend in your place to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon. If you have someone take your place, you must notify the reservationist or have the substitution notify the reception/sign-in table at the luncheon when signing-in.

Other exceptions may apply in extreme situations (i.e. death of a family member) and will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chapter Board at the member's request.

Members, if you are inviting nonmembers to attend who are not first time attendees, please be sure that they are fully aware of their costs and our cancellation and invoicing policy. First-time guests eat free. After a guest's first visit, he or she will be charged \$20.00 according to the non-member fee schedule. No Free Guests are allowed at joint luncheons, due to elevated costs, or Member Benefits Events, such as the December Luncheon or January Member Benefit Training Day.

If you have any questions concerning the luncheon costs or the Chapter's cancellation policy, please feel free to contact Mark Ingram, Chapter Treasurer at mark.ingram@tn.gov.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our chapter:

Thomas Bowman	TN Dept. of Revenue
Reva Cortner	Nissan
Byron Glover	Belmont University (student)
David Harris	TN Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security
Laura Henry	Metro Nashville Office of Internal Audit
Nicolette Hudson	TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Constance Robinson	VACO Resources



April Luncheon Information



We will hold our April luncheon on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 11:30 am in the Raintree Room at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>

Scarritt-Bennett visitor parking is available in Parking A or Parking B. Please be aware that parking can be limited due to other events held on the same day as ours. Other parking options include the Wesley Place Garage on Scarritt Place between 19th and 21st Avenues or the meters along 19th Avenue. Approximate prices are \$1.00 per half hour and the parking meters are \$1.50 per hour in the Central Business District. Members may want to consider carpooling or bringing cash or change to pay for parking if necessary.

April Luncheon

We will not have a luncheon in March due to the Annual Fraud Conference. Our next luncheon will take place on April 21, 2016, at 11:30 am. Please watch your email and check the chapter website for more information.

Annual Fraud Conference

Our 20th Annual Fraud Conference will take place on March 7-8, 2016, at One Century Place! Registration is now open. See <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/event-2049465> for more information, including the conference brochure and details on how to register. Please note that wireless Internet will not be available at the conference.



February 1, 2016 Joint Luncheon Minutes



Penny Austin, President of the Nashville AGA chapter, called the meeting to order on behalf of herself and MTACFE President Nathan Abbott. Michael Winston, Nashville AGA program director, offered the invocation. Penny called for approval of the prior AGA meeting minutes. She then introduced the head table, as well as AGA guests and new members. Suzzie Singleton, MTACFE program director, introduced the speaker, FBI Special Agent Brian Fazenbaker. Mr. Fazenbaker spoke about an investigation at the General Motors plant in Spring Hill involving theft of assembly line equipment. Nathan noted that there were CFE brochures on the table with information on how to join. He also reminded everyone of the annual fraud conference on March 7-8, 2016, at One Century Place. He announced that the national ACFE conference would take place June 12-17 in Las Vegas, and to contact himself or Mark Ingram if interested in the group conference rate. Penny made announcements regarding AGA. Martin Brown won the MTACFE door prize, and Jane Lacey won the AGA door prize. The meeting was then adjourned.

Middle Tennessee ACFE Chapter Library

Did you know that the Middle Tennessee Chapter has a library of fraud-related books that are available to members? To check out books, contact Suzanne Smotherman, chair of the Library Committee, at (615) 253-2020 or Suzanne.Smotherman@tn.gov. The library is currently housed on the 16th floor of the James K. Polk building.



Member Spotlight Volunteers Needed



The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!

Speaker Search

Our chapter is always on the lookout for speakers for luncheons, the Member Benefit Day, and the Annual Fraud Conference. If you know of someone who might be willing to speak, please contact the chapter Training Director, Suzzie Singleton, at Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov.



Important Information Regarding CPE Suspensions



According to <http://www.acfe.com/myannouncements.aspx>, beginning January 1, 2015, CFEs with five or more years of CPE suspensions will be placed into Associate member status. Should these individuals want to reinstate the CFE credential they will be required to take the CFE Exam. If you have any questions about this new requirement, contact the ACFE at 1-800-245-3321. If a CFE does not certify compliance on an annual basis, their credential will be placed into suspension. Suspended status prohibits

individuals from representing themselves as CFEs to the general public and using the credential in any form.



National Conference Contest Points System



Congratulations to Melinda Weir, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 national conference, which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Start compiling your points for the 2016 national conference, which will be held in Las Vegas! To be eligible for the contest, you must be a member of MTACFE, in good standing, for at least 12 months, and you must have attended a prior MTACFE annual fraud conference. Submit a breakdown of your total points earned between January 2015 and December 2015 to

mark.ingram@tn.gov by February 15, 2016. Please have supporting documentation available for your points.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attending Monthly Chapter Meeting	1 point per meeting
Publish Article in Chapter Newsletter	2 points
Sponsoring a New Member	2 points per new member
Publish member profile in Chapter Newsletter	1 point
Contribution to “Been There, Said That, Done That”	1 point/contribution/month
Publication of Case Results	2 points
Participating as a speaker in the Chapter Speaker’s Bureau	2 points per engagement
Publication of an article in the Association’s <i>Fraud Magazine</i>	3 points
Attending the Chapter’s 19 th Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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Conference			

NOTE: Chapter officers and board members comprise the Annual Fraud Conference Committee

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Do you have a great article to contribute to the Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE newsletter? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee with your ideas and articles. Remember, you receive points for your articles that count toward the trip to the National ACFE conference! Also, if you note any corrections that need to be made, please contact one of us.