



Governmental Collectors Association of Texas February 2019 Newsletter

Meet Your GCAT Board

Greetings my fellow GCAT Members. My name is Andrea Weilacher and I am your 2019-2020 GCAT President. I want to thank all of our current members for your continued memberships and welcome all of our new members in to GCAT. This association means the world to me and I have gained valuable knowledge and training with each conference I have been in attendance. I feel that many more may benefit especially now with all the legislative and Office of Court Administration changes, so spread the word about our association to others in your county/municipality so they too can become members of GCAT and can benefit from our knowledge and training.

I am the department manager for the Denton County Collections and Compliance Department and have been a member of GCAT since 2007. I have 5 children, Aimee, Brigitte, Jordan, Alyssa and Emily, 3 grand babies, Zachary, Ezra and Josiah (ALL BOYS!) and two fur babies a dog names Sophia and a cat named Taz. My hobbies include traveling, photography, and going off-roading in my jeep. I cannot wait to see you all at this year's conference in College Station as we celebrate GCAT's 20th anniversary!



Membership Fees

If you have not paid your \$50.00 membership renewal fees, the cutoff date to do so is April 15, 2019. Please note that if your membership fees are not received before this due date, you will not be able to vote in the upcoming election. New member fees are \$150.00 per person.

GCAT Conference Updates

This year's GCAT conference is May 14th- May 17th and will be held at the Embassy Suites in College Station. This is GCAT's 20th anniversary and this year's theme is "Collecting the **Green** and Sparkling like an **Emerald**". The conference fee for members is \$195 and non-members \$250.



Be sure to be on the lookout for hotel information and agenda updates on the GCAT website. <https://www.govcat.net/>

Scholarship Information

Five scholarships are available this year. The scholarship will cover your GCAT 2019 Conference Registration fee only. The criteria is a 150-200 word description of how attending the 2019 GCAT conference will benefit you, your city or county. Email all essays to Andrea Weilacher at andrea.weilacher@dentoncounty.com and Tanya Skinner at tiskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov.

Award Nominees

If you would like to nominate someone or a department for the following awards please email Chris Taylor at chris@johnsoncountytexas.org and Veronica Bolander at vbolander@wilco.org. Here is a list of awards that are up for grabs. More detailed information about each award may be found on the GCAT website.

Most Innovative Program

Collector of the Year

Collections Programs of the Year

Excellence in Service Award

Becky Sirmans Award

Honorary Membership