



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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Newsletter – February, 2021

Presidents Message

Thanks to the hard work of Tim Baker and Frank Faughn with the help of our corporate sponsor Infor, a 2 CPE free to members virtual Professional Development Training was held on February 9th. The training was great, and Infor provided a great virtual platform.

The CEC continues to look at other virtual training opportunities. Please contact Tim, Frank or myself if you have suggestions regarding training topics and/or speakers.

The 20-21 Chapter year is moving quickly and ends in May. If you are interested in serving on the Chapter's CEC (Chapter Executive Committee) as either an officer or program director/co-director please contact Frank Faughn—President Elect, any current CEC member or myself. The CEC is a supportive group and the time commitment is very manageable. CEC member contact information can always be found in the newsletter or on the Chapter's website.

On February 24th & 25th I was able to attend virtually the annual AGA National Leadership Training (NLT). The training provided 14 CPE's at an early bird registration cost of \$300. I was offered the opportunity to attend this training at **no cost** because I am currently a Chapter President.

It was announced on Friday, February 26th that the 2021 National PDT will be virtual this year on July 19-21 and will provide 21 CPE's. Another advantage of CEC board membership is support to attend a national PDT by AGA National and the local Chapter.

It is AGA membership renewal time. Recently AGA National sent out email and letters with membership reminder information. The info includes the log in information needed to renew online. The Lincoln Chapter doesn't have a Chapter membership cost. If an approval is required prior to processing your renewal, an invoice can be printed out. The State's PCard can be used to renew your membership online.

Membership renewal time is a great time to think about the value and benefits of an AGA membership – the various Tool Kits that are available, Free CPE's, free member only Webinars that include free FTE's and Training Registration discounts at the National and Local Levels, free publications, a Career Center, Networking and Leadership opportunities at

the Local and National Levels. As always AGA membership is a great value and you are a part of a top national professional organization. COVID has changed many things, but AGA has continued to provide great value with various virtual events.

Ann Martinez - 20-21 Chapter President

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AGA Lincoln 2020 Chapter Meetings

No Chapter Meetings are currently scheduled.

Calendar of Events

2020

March 17 – Wednesday – CEC Meeting -- 1526 Bldg. Conf. Room C and Conf. Call
March 17 – Wednesday - Annual AGA Women's Council Webinar
April 7 – Wednesday – Ethics Webinar
April 17 - Saturday - Bowl-a-Thon
April 21 – Wednesday – CEC Meeting - - 1526 Bldg. Conf. Room TBD and Conf. Call

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies

The following positions are open to be filled for the 2020-2021 AGA year.

Co-Director of Education – PDT
Co-Director of Education – PDT
Co-Director of Chapter Meetings
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Director of Professional Certification
Director of Accountability and Outreach

Please contact Ann Martinez if you are interested in joining the CEC.

Ethics Webinar

The Lincoln AGA Chapter is sponsoring this webinar. Free to members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Registration will be available on the chapter website in the future.

April 7 | 1:00–2:50 PM CDT | 2 CPEs | FOS: BETH

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Behavioral Ethics (BETH)

This participant-interactive session will explain the Yellow Book’s Threats and Safeguards approach to remaining ethical and then examine some recent real-world ethics cases in other professions.

Participants will be able to discuss each case and weigh in on:

- What ethical principles were involved (and why they are important)?
- Were the “right” decisions made?
- Were there better solutions?
- Why were those involved blind to the ethical conundrums?
- What are the lessons for accountability professionals?

These cases will illustrate why it is sometimes easy to fall prey to ethical transgressions and how we, as accountability professionals, can train ourselves to avoid ethics traps.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Gain an understanding of the Yellow Book’s Threats and Safeguards approach to resolving ethical dilemmas.
- Learn to recognize “threats” to remaining ethical.
- Assess the ethical principles of other professions and compare them to our profession’s principles.
- See the ramifications of failing to remain ethical.
- Understand how the Threats and Safeguards approach relates to the AGA Code of Ethics.

Speakers

Melinda DeCorte, CGFM, CPA, CFE, PMP Partner, Cotton & Company LLP Chair, AGA Professional Ethics Board

Dave Cotton, CGFM, CPA, CFE Chairman, Cotton & Company Vice Chair, AGA Professional Ethics Board

Annual AGA Women's Council Webinar

National AGA Webinar free to AGA members.

Registration is on the national AGA website at: [AGA - Sign In \(agacgfm.org\)](https://www.agacgfm.org)

Resiliency: Your Mindset, Your Mission and Your Triumph

March 17 | 1:00–2:15 PM CDT | 1.5 CPEs | FOS: PD

Program Level: Overview
Prerequisite: None
Advance Preparation: None required
Field of Study: Personal Development (PD)

AGA has convened yet another outstanding group of accomplished women to discuss the topic of resiliency in times of challenge and adversity. They will share their own stories of how they persevere and offer lessons of how mindset mattered in accomplishing business and personal missions and ultimately triumphant achievement of their goals.

BACKGROUND: 2020 presented a year of unexpected challenges in the COVID crisis, racial unrest, polarizing political environments and disruptions in our ways of working and business operations. Yet, women have continued to be creative with work-from-home environments, new home-schooling requirements and adapting to virtual work/life integration. So, how are we doing and what has this meant for careers, connectivity and our future?

DATA AND PRE-WORK RESOURCES: The following provide the audience a foundation for the discussion and include perspectives and data points for learning and growth:

- McKinsey: ["Women in the Workplace 2020"](#)
- AGA Journal: ["Trailblazers: The Women Presidents of AGA"](#)
- Catalyst Webinar Recording: [Workplace, Wellness and Inclusion Through Empathy](#)
- GAO: [Gender Pay Gap](#)

Participants are encouraged to [submit questions in advance](#), and asked to be prepared to participate in polling questions during the webinar.

Learning Objectives

Learn about AGA's Women's Council and gain tools to lead with gender dexterity, work/life integration, and high performance. Enjoy an enriching Q&A on mentorship, sponsorship and technical methods toward the best version of yourself. Engage in dynamic dialogue on leadership challenges focused on:

- Insights – practical applications for better decisions
- Influence - sources of influence for women leaders Inclusion - building top teams
- Innovation -- key issues for the future, plus advice on transition, inclusion and authenticity

Speakers

Margaret Pearson Deputy CFO Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Kim Farington, CPA Chief Financial and Administrative Officer First Responder Network Authority

Carla B. Flores, CGFM Data Analytics Lead Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Moderator

Tracey Walker - National Director Government Affairs; Culture, Diversity and Inclusion RSM US

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

Lincoln Chapter CEC Minutes – February 18, 2021

President Ann Martinez called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Ann reviewed a few matters for the board. She announced that our Chapter financial records for the FY20-21 year were audited by Char Scott. Everything was in order. She reminded the board that, since the January CEC meeting, an email vote was conducted to select our representative to National for FY21-22. Tim Baker was proposed, and the vote affirmed his selection. The National LEAD events will be conducted virtually in May. Areas 1 – 4 will be conducted May 7 and Areas 5 – 8 conducted May 14. These LEAD events take the place of the old Sectional Leadership Meetings (SLM) and are used to train local leaders. The National Leadership Training event will be conducted virtually, and President Ann will participate at no charge.

Education was the next item of business. The February 9 training event was discussed. Everyone participating agreed the event was very successful. Infor did an excellent job with running their virtual platform. The topics were informational. There were around 40 participants including 17 Lincoln Chapter members. The follow-up survey got 19 responses. Discussion followed for future events. The board reviewed a variety of upcoming National webinars. Frank Faughn made the motion to use the April 7th Ethics session, 1:00pm to 2:50pm, and Tim Channer seconded the motion, which passed.

For Membership, discussion followed on UNL's Beta Alpha Psi student chapter. All meetings are now virtual. In previous years, sponsoring organizations would feed the students which is no longer done because of the virtual platform. However, it is still expected to provide students with gift cards. No action was taken.

There was no discussion for Accountability & Outreach.

For Communications, Tim C mentioned he would like articles by around February 23 for the newsletter.

For Professional Certification, Ann mentioned that our activities in 2020 were conducted by Candace Meredith (former director for this area), even though she is no longer a member. Ann will contact Candace and see if she is willing to do this again.

Tim B led discussion on Chapter sponsorships and National AGA matters. The National AGA PDT will be conducted in Nashville July 18-21 unless they later decide to conduct virtually. A combination of in person and virtual is also possible. National has experienced a very positive cash flow for 2020.

Next, Dan presented the Treasurer's report for December and January. For December, Frank moved acceptance, Tim C seconded, and the motion passed. For the January report, Frank moved acceptance, Tim C seconded, and the motion passed.

For prior CEC meeting minutes, Ken stated the January minutes had been published in the December newsletter and asked if any changes needed to be made. Hearing none, Tim C moved acceptance, Dan seconded, and the minutes were approved as published.

Final business was regarding the Bylaws. This matter will be tabled till the March CEC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

CGFM Study Guides

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Ann Martinez.

Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

TREASURER'S REPORT			
2020-2021			
Year 6-2020 to 5-2021	Budget	To Date	Remaining
			December 1, 2020
Receipts:			\$18,743.92
Spring Conference	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	(\$7,000.00)
			Receipts:

Fall Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	\$9,300.00	\$0.00	(\$9,300.00)

Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Sponsor	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$0.00

Disbursements:			
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$1,800.00	\$349.00	\$1,451.00
National PDT	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Membership Support	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$76.00	\$24.00
Certification	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements:	\$9,300.00	\$535.00	\$8,765.00

Disbursements:	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Chapter Award	\$50.00
Community Service	\$60.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$112.00
December 31, 2020	\$18,631.92
Checking	\$18,631.92
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
Total	\$18,631.92

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2020-2021

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Fall Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total Receipts:	\$9,300.00	\$0.00	(\$9,300.00)

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January 1, 2021 \$18,631.92

Receipts:

Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Sponsor	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$0.00

Disbursements:

Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Chapter Award	\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00

Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Disbursements	\$2.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$78.00	\$22.00		
Certification	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	January 31, 2021	\$18,629.92
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Community Service	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	Checking	\$18,629.92
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	\$9,300.00	\$537.00	\$8,763.00		

020-2021 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Co-Directors of Chapter Programs	Vacant Vacant		

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