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# Message from the President

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Greetings from your President-Elect! I know that you must have been enjoying the weather since we have had all four seasons – so you must like one of them!!!!

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Teresa Allen, Greg Drake and I attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting – Regional that was held in Kansas City. It was sponsored by the Topeka Chapter and almost all of our region's chapters were present. Topics included "Building a Successful Chapter", "AGA's Mission", "Success



Tina McManus

Through Planning and Preparation", "Individual Chapter Goals", "Communication", "Certification & Community Service", and "Staying Strong with Succession Planning". Each chapter presented their citizen-centric report and the networking was great.

I am proud to have been elected to serve as President of the Ozarks chapter for the upcoming year. Our chapter has received recognition from the National organization for our outstanding newsletter and for our Chapter Recognition Points. I want to continue to uphold our outstanding qualities.

I serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee for our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). We still have some key positions yet to fill so please contact me if you are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter. It can be very rewarding.

I am looking forward to attending the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Los Angeles in April, along with other key members from our CEC board. (Travel is provided for CEC members in specific positions. Professional development and networking is provided.)

Looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting on February  $26^{th}$  at the Kraft Administration Building and at our Spring Seminar on March  $6^{th}$  at the Executive Conference Center. Remember that your registration fee to the Spring seminar pays for your AGA annual membership fee!

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Tina McManus

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opportunities on page 7! . . . . . . . . . . . Advancina Government Accountability.

## **AGA Scholarship Information**

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Ozarks Chapter is pleased to announce that scholarships will be made available again this year for students committed to entering the accounting profession. Included with the scholarship is a paid one year membership for each scholarship award.

AGA has committed \$4,000 in scholarship funds available for the 2012-2013 academic year. Individual scholarships will range from \$400 to \$1,000 depending on the number of qualified

#### THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS

February 12, 2013.

Scholarship recipients and their respective school will be notified of the award on or before March 4, 2013.

For an Application form and additional information about the scholarships please contact Pat Monday. Feel free to duplicate these forms or email to appropriate students as you wish.

Applications should be mailed to:

Pat Monday

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## AGA Scholarship Committee

Pat Monday, City Utilities of Springfield

Nancy Weems, City of Springfield, Missouri Career Center

Julie Ravenscraft, Missouri State University

Paul Essel, Missouri State University

## Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair,

inquire about opportunities in our area.



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## AGA Audio Conferences

February 27th, 2013—Getting Started With Fraud Investigation

March 13, 2013— Issues in Government Contract

Management

March 27, 2013—Performacnce Management

## 62nd Annual PDC

Big Challenges, Bigger Thinking
July 14th-17th
Dallas, Tx

## **February Meeting**

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February 26th, 2013

Speaker: A speaker from each entity will present

Topic: City of Springfield/Greene County/Springfield Public Schools

> Update 1CPE

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10 Non-Members: \$15

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## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

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Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012		Summer Break	
July	2012		Summer Break	
August	2012	21st	Ryan Nichols/Tour	Public Safety Ctr
September	2012	11th	CU Water Conservation	CU Training Ctr
October	2012	9th	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	13th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
December	2012	11th	Members Social	Springfield Brew Co.
January	2013	29th	Airport Operations/ Financials	Springfield— Branson Airport
February	2013	26th	County/City/School Update	Kraft Admin
March	2013	6th	Spring Seminar	Exec Conf Ctr
April	2012	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison
May	2012	16th	Behind The Scenes Look At Economic Development	Midtown Library

Government Financial Manager (GFM) Training Program-Course 2

## ONE-TIME TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting
November 12-14, 2018
Harry S Truman State Office Building
Room 498/494

This course covers the general principles of governmental accounting, financial reporting, performance measures and budgeting. It also covers the unique aspects of accounting and reporting for the federal government as well as state and local governments. It is designed for accountants, auditors, budget professionals and controllers in government as well as academics and other professionals who have an interest in government. It is particularly appropriate for newly hired professionals. This course is also an aid in studying for the Exam 2 in obtaining a CGFM.

Course materials/study guide will be provided to each participant (an \$89 value!). Course is led by Pete Rose, course developer and prior Professional Certification Board Member. Upon completion of this course, you will have an understanding of:

- the characteristics and differences of the government environment that necessitate the unique accounting and financial reporting;
- the process of setting accounting and financial reporting standards for government entities;
- the bases of accounting and measurement focuses used by governments;
- fiscal accountability;
- exchange and non-exchange transactions;
- the uses of cost accounting in government;
- performancemeasures;
- budgeting in government;

- accounting andreporting in Federal, State and Local governments, including:
  - determining the financial reporting entity;
  - fund accounting andreporting;
  - government wide accounting andreporting;
  - accounting andreporting for specific transactions.
  - federal budgeting:
  - budgetary accounting;
  - federal financial accounting foundations;
  - the federal financial statements, notes, and supplementary reporting;

## Registration Fee and Information

A minimum of 20 participants is required before the course can be offered. Space is limited for this program, so register early. The first 10 CGFM candidates to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for one part of the CGFM Exam at no charge which is a \$109 savings. The training event is being offered at a cost of \$450 per attendee. This is a bargain at \$18.75 per CPE hour, which includes the \$89 study guides.

No payment is expected at this time—only the commitment to the event. Sign up by contacting Vandee DeVore, at 573-751-1987or email at <a href="mailto:education@midmoaga.org">education@midmoaga.org</a> no later than September 16, 2013. Our online registration system is not available for this event but credit card payments will be accepted. Meals will not be provided at this event. A hotel room block is being coordinated.

Refund Policy: Refunds will not be given on an individual basis, however substitution is allowed. If the course must be cancelled due to lack of participation, a full refund will be given to each individual.



# Association of Government Accountants Topeka Chapter



## Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

## Course #2 Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting

## and Budgeting

The course is being offered to those preparing for Test #2 of the CGFM certification and to those seeking an excellent training opportunity with 24 CPE hours. The course covers the general principles of governmental accounting, financial reporting, performance measures and budgeting. Covering the unique aspects of accounting and reporting for federal, state and local governments, the course is designed for accountants, auditors, budget professionals and controllers in government as well as academics and other professionals who have an interest in government. GASB Statements 54, 61, and 63 are included in the Study Guide. More information for the course may be found at <a href="http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course2">http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course2</a>

INSTRUCTOR: Pete Rose, CGFM, co-author of Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting Study Guide, 2011 Edition.

WHEN: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 20, 21, and 22, 2013

WHERE: KU Continuing Education Conference Center

1515 SAINT ANDREWS DR, LAWRENCE KS 66047

REGISTRATION FEES: \$460 per person, includes Course 2 Study Guide

Registrations must be received no later than Friday, February 22, 2013. Please register by email to Linda Shaver at the following email: lhshaver@ksinsurance.org Registration emails should include the Subject line of AGA Course #2 Registration. Please include in the body of the email your name, company or agency, and contact information. If registering more than one individual from your business or agency, please provide the requested information for each individual. By submitting your registration information you are obligated to the registration fee. Course attendance is limited to 30 individuals, so early registration is encouraged!

Payment of registration fees is required no later than Friday, March 8, 2013. Credit card payments will not be accepted. Payment information will be provided once registration is confirmed by return email. Refunds will not be available, but substitutions may be approved.

Need more information? Please email Linda Shaver at the email above or call (785) 296-8589.

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## **CEC Minutes**

**AGA CEC Meeting Minutes** 

January 31, 2013



Officers, Bob Wells, Tina McManus, Brandie Fisher, Jon Everest, Pat Monday and Teresa Allen were in attendance. Members, Jennifer Severson and Paul Essel were also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was approved as reported.

CGFM study and review opportunities are ongoing.

Communications deadline is 2/6/13 by 5:00PM.

Community Service is focused on the spring seminar. There will be no community service activity at the February meeting. Pat is making contact for donations for the auction at the March seminar, member donations would be appreciated. All proceeds will go towards the Ozarks AGA Relay for Life team. Pat and Nancy are going to meet next week about Relay. There is \$100 within the budget to make baskets or purchase other items for the auction.

Scholarship deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>. No applications have been received so far but Pat has been contacted by several potential applicants. Award winners will be invited to the April meeting, along with their sponsors.

Member meeting will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Kraft Admin. Building. The meeting will be a County, City, School District update presented by the finance administration from each entity.

The 8 hour member seminar will be Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Executive Conference Center. It was decided to keep the same registration rate with an adjustment for the CGFM fee. There will be no early bird registration fee.

A projector will be purchased for the chapter. Option #3 was approved via email vote, Justin will proceed with the purchase.

A report was give BY my Tina and Teresa on the SLMR in Kansas City. Tina will be attending the SLM in Los Angeles as President Elect, the others invited are as follows: CGFM Chair, Accountability Chair, Member or Young Professionals Chair, Education Chair.

Bob will be out 6-12 weeks, Tina will be acting President until his return.

Search for nominations for next year continue. Paul Essel accepted a nomination to serve as Young Professionals Chair. Open positions are Secretary and President Elect.

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## **Ozarks Chapter News**

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## Great Finance and Accounting articles

The Talent Drain: Good News for Skilled Workers, Bad News for CFO's—CGMA Magazine

New Tax Revenue Shrinks Federal Budget Deficit for January—The Hill

Mitigating Risk in IT Contracts—Government Finance Review

Structuring the Revenue Forecasting Process—Government Finance Review

Internal Controls: That was Then, This is Now—Government Finance Review



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Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

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**Brandie Fisher, Editor** 

Deadline for articles: 30th of each month Send articles to: bfisher@springfieldmo.gov

Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

**Missouri State University** 

Accountant

**City of Springfield** 

**Assistant Director of Aviation, Administration** 

**Financial Analyst** 

**City of Nixa** 

**Utility Account Specialist**