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Message from the President



As spring approaches, nature prepares for a rebirth or an awakening. Can you feel it?

Our chapter experienced a rebirth of sorts at the February meeting with the approval of our revised bylaws. The results of the vote were as follows: 22 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Before our bylaws can be officially changed, however, the national AGA organization must approve them. Keep your fingers crossed. I don't want to hold another vote.

Also, please consider serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) next year (7/1/2016-6/30/2017). Our new bylaws require the new CEC to be certified by May 15th every year. Please notify any current member of the CEC if you are interested in serving next year. Various roles are available.

I hope to see everyone at the seminar in March.

Wayland Mueller



Interested in Serving on the Chapter Executive Board?

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the following roles on our Program Year 17 CEC. We meet once a month at the City of Springfield Busch Building. If you are interested, please let [Brandie Fisher](#) or [Wayland Mueller](#) know. Come be a part of something great!

Secretary—Take notes at monthly CEC meeting.

Communications Chair—Prepare/Distribute monthly newsletter, send out communications to members via email, update website (optional).

Accountability Chair—Update Ozarks AGA Citizen Centric Report, encourage other organizations to prepare a Citizen Centric Report.



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CGFM News

What is the CGFM?



**The Mark of Excellence for Government
Financial Professionals**

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

Interested in the CGFM Certification? You will need to study for the exams!

The Ozarks AGA has a set of current study guides available for checkout—one book at a time for 2 months at a time. They are in three separate three-ring binders – one for each section.

If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, would like to participate in a study group, or have questions about the CGFM program, please notify Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu and she will answer any questions you have, or arrange for you to check it out when it becomes available.

One of the benefits of being a member of our Ozarks Chapter is that we will reimburse you for the successful passing of the CGFM exam in its entirety if you meet qualifications. Also—members receive a \$29 discount off the price of the application fee!

CGFM FAQ: What book can I buy to study for the examinations?

A: AGA has (3) study guides to help you study for the three CGFM examinations. These can be purchased from the National AGA website. However, Ozarks AGA has these study guides available to check out for FREE—see Tina McManus's info above.

CGFM FAQ: Are there sample examination questions?

A: Yes, sample CGFM examinations questions are available in the [Examination Requirement](#) section of the National website.

Maintaining CGFM Certifications

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee of \$30 for members and \$65 for non-members, by March 31st.
- Complete at least 80 hours of CPE every 2 years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

If retired or inactive, contact a CEC member or the national AGA office to inquire about CGFM renewal requirements.

Fiscal Year 2016
July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016

	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	Feb '16
Revenues:	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Chapter Dues	410.00	277.50	100.00
Monthly meetings	1,200.00	1,200.00	405.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	4,000.00	3,415.00	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar	10,200.00	4,370.00	3,520.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	164.00	15.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Relay for Life	-	93.00	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	-	96.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-
Interest	5.00	4.79	0.72
Total Revenues	\$ 18,479.00	\$11,471.29	\$ 5,025.72

	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	Feb '16
Expenses:	Expense	Expense	Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,050.00	762.87	-
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	3,000.00	1,475.23	251.83
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	4,900.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,400.00	2,620.00	2,620.00
Community Service Expense	500.00	-	-
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	67.26	67.26
Membership Drive Expense	164.00	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	1,000.00	148.00	-
Replenish speaker gifts	375.00	1,428.85	1,148.56
Miscellaneous Expense	-	399.49	-
Total Expenses	\$ 20,039.00	\$ 6,901.70	\$ 4,087.65

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	10,075.39	10,075.39	13,706.91
Revenue	18,479.00	11,471.29	5,025.72
Expenses	(20,039.00)	(6,901.70)	(4,087.65)
Net Change	(1,560.00)	4,569.59	938.07
Ending	\$ 8,515.39	\$14,644.98	\$ 14,644.98

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CEC Minutes

Date CEC Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2016

12:00pm – 1st floor conference room – Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Teresa Allen, Linda Charles, Justin Dement, Greg Drake, Brandie Fisher, Rachel McGinnis, Wayland Mueller, Julie Ravenscraft, and Jody Vernon

Secretary – Jody Vernon:

The minutes of the January 28, 2016 CEC meeting were approved with no changes.

(Motion: Rachel McGinnis; Second: Teresa Allen)

Treasurer – Justin Dement:

Justin is checking into the detail of some chapter dues revenue.

The Treasurer's report for February was presented and approved.

(Motion: Brandie Fisher; Second: Greg Drake)

Accountability – Jamie Rouch:

No report.

Education – Rachel McGinnis:

The February meeting on grants was well attended.

All speakers are confirmed for the spring seminar. If possible the presentations will be sent to attendees prior to the seminar.

We will set a date for the fall seminar in order to book some of the speakers who were unable to present at the spring seminar.

National AGA contacted Rachel about an officer visit/presentation at a seminar or monthly meeting during the next program year. We will discuss this matter in more detail at the next CEC meeting.

The Drury college students attending the spring seminar will be able to participate in the snack and soda breaks. The chapter will absorb the additional costs which should be around \$1 per person.

The MSU Chinese Executive Option MBA program students are interested in getting involved with local professional organizations. The CEC voted to offer 10 seats for the first half of the spring seminar and 10 seats for the last half of the spring seminar at a rate of \$50 per person with lunch included. For regular monthly meetings in April and May, 10 seats will be offered at the standard non-member rate of \$15 per person. This will be considered a pilot program for the rest of the program year, and then a decision will be made on whether to continue this arrangement going forward.

(Motion: Teresa Allen; Second: Rachel McGinnis)

CGFM – Tina McManus:

No report.

Communication – Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:00pm. The newsletter will go out March 4th.

Website – Teresa Allen:

National AGA is planning to host local chapter websites. December is the tentative goal for this to take place. We will keep the chapter website as is until national AGA makes a decision and we receive cost information.

Community Service – Linda Charles:

Two people have joined the Relay for Life team so far.

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Donations for Relay for Life will be accepted at the monthly meetings and the spring seminar.

Early Career – Julie Ravenscraft:

No report.

Membership – Greg Drake:

Thirty-two attended the February meeting including 9 non-members.

Thirty-five have registered for the spring seminar including 2 new members and 1 reinstated member.

Old Business – Wayland Mueller:

The bylaws were approved by members at the February 18 meeting with 21 out of 22 “Yes” votes and 1 non-vote. The bylaws were forwarded to National AGA for final approval.

Wayland has been working on the tax-exempt status/990 issue. In order to complete the process, our chapter must file articles of incorporation, adopt bylaws, request tax-exempt status, and file 990-N forms for FY08-FY15. We are now incorporated and the bylaws have been approved by our members. The next step is waiting on National AGA to approve the bylaws.

No update on the directors and officers liability insurance.

Wayland has received 2 valid scholarship applications so far – one from a College of the Ozarks student and one from a Missouri Southern State College student. The deadline is March 11.

New Business – Wayland Mueller:

None.

Next CEC meeting: April 28 at 12:00pm

Ozarks AGA CGFM Members

Teresa Allen—City of Springfield

Rick Findley—Taney County

Sharla Bailey—Southwest Baptist University

Brandie Fisher—City of Springfield

Tammy Beeman—City of Springfield

Jennifer Gruener—City Utilities

Donna Christian—Missouri State University

Kimberly Hamm—BKD

Rhonda Christopher—BKD

Tina McManus—Missouri State University

Larry Cox—City Utilities

Jerry Mitchell—Springfield Greene County

John Delzell—Retired

Park Board

Betty Denson—Ozarks Technical College

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Greg Drake—Springfield Public Schools

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Max Ellis—Retired

Investment Board

Pam Elsaesser—City Utilities

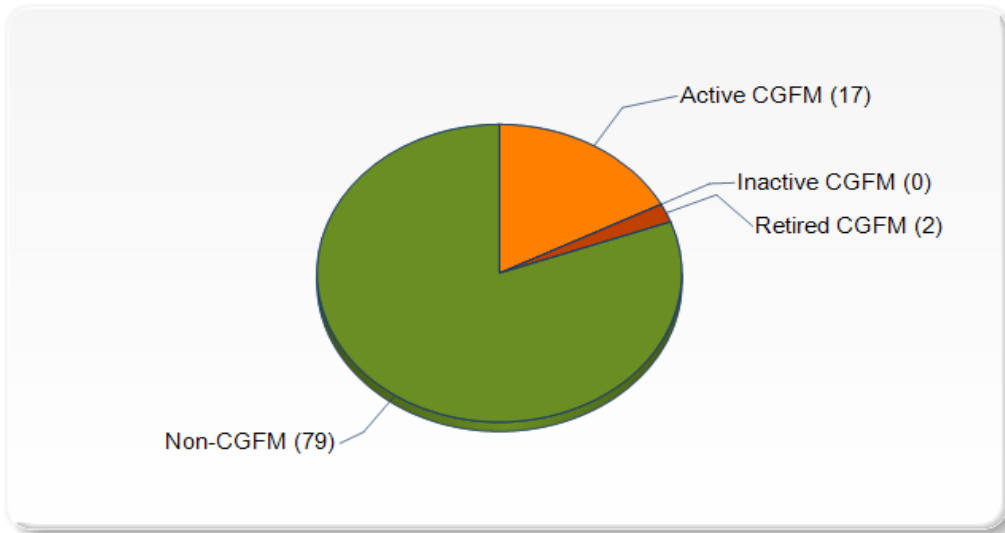
Ozarks Chapter News

Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

March is CGFM Month!

Approximately 20% of Ozarks AGA membership holds the CGFM designation—earn yours today! See page 2 for details.

CGFM vs. Non-CGFM



Summary

Non-CGFM	79
Active CGFM	17
Retired CGFM	2
Inactive CGFM	0

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Visit National at: www.agacgfm.org

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Executive Director—Business Office

Do you have a position you would like to advertise with our local AGA Chapter? Email [Brandie](#) to have your listing sent to our membership.