



# The Ozarks Ledger



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## From Tammy's Desk

I hope this note finds you succeeding!

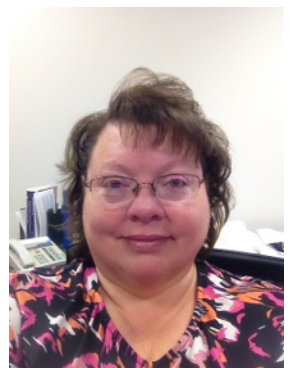
We had to **CANCEL** our February 17th and March Spring Professional Development Training due to employer meeting/travel restrictions. We are planning a two day, four hours each, virtual training in mid April with the Dallas AGA Chapter. We are on the search for a few virtual presenters. Please contact me if you have suggestions. More details about this event will come later.

Please renew your membership and CGFM on the AGA national website by March 31st. We will send out reminder emails.

Email me with any questions, concerns or topics.

With best regards,

Tammy Beeman, CGFM



## Ozark Chapter Events

February Meeting - Canceled 2/17/22

Spring Seminar - Canceled 3/24/22

April Virtual Event - Co-Sponsored  
with Dallas AGA Chapter - TBD

April Meeting - 4/28/22

May Meeting - 5/26/22

June Meeting - TBD

## National Events

Virtual/In-Person - 2/23/22 - 2/24/22

- National Leadership Training

Webinar - 3/2/22

- Improper Payments

Webinar - 3/9/22

- AGA Women's Forum

Webinar - 3/23/22

- Cybersecurity/ERM

Webinar - 4/6/22

- Ethics

Webinar - 4/20/22

- CARES Act

Webinar - 5/11/22

- Fraud/Data Analytics

Webinar - 6/8/22

- Leadership

## Other Chapters' Events

Shenandoah Valley Chapter - 2/22/22

- How to Boost Your Financial and Physical Wellness: The Parallels Between Money and Fitness

Visit **AGA Events Calendar** for more Chapter and National Events!



February 17, 2022

CANCELED

March 24, 2022

Spring Membership Seminar

CANCELED

The Ozarks Chapter is working with the Dallas Chapter to provide a two day virtual event. More details will be provided at a later date.

Due to the constant changes related to COVID-19, the CEC members have decided to no longer include the membership fees in the Spring Seminar registration costs. The dues for the 2022 - 2023 period will need to be paid through the My AGA profile by March 31st. Be sure to renew the national membership and Ozarks Chapter membership. If you have your CGFM, be sure to also include the CGFM renewal.

Please update your profile on the AGA website when you have changes to your contact information, job status, etc. Contact Melody Ownby when changes are made to your email address, so that you can be sure to receive important Ozarks Chapter correspondence such as job opportunities, newsletters, upcoming events, and more!

Please visit **AGA Ozarks - Monthly Meeting Minutes** to review the monthly CEC Chair Meeting Minutes.

Hello, Everyone!

It is time to start considering new CEC members for the upcoming year. We have plenty of open positions for anyone that is interested. Feel free to reach out to Melody Ownby with any questions and she will get you in touch with the correct person!



Our current open positions are:

#### 1. President-Elect

- This position assists the Chapter President and other CEC members in preparation for the year. If the President's position becomes vacant, the President-Elect will then complete those duties for the remainder of the term. The President-Elect will attend the Lead! training.

#### 2. Education Co-Chair

- This position is responsible for coordinating high quality educational events for monthly meetings and semi-annual seminars.

#### 3. Early Careers Chair

- The Early Careers chairman works with young professionals. They are responsible for ensuring that the community is aware of scholarships, etc.

#### 4. Communications Co-Chair

- The Communications Co-Chair will assist with the newsletter, social media, and website.

If there is another position that interests you, please let us know. We want to be sure to consider all opportunities and options to ensure that everyone who is interested is able to be involved.



The AGA Podcast "Accountability Talks" brings topics to the governmental accounting community in an insightful and modern way. Each episode covers a different topic related to the field.

Recent Episodes:

Episode 87: Recruiting the Next Generation

Episode 86: AGA President Gerry Boaz

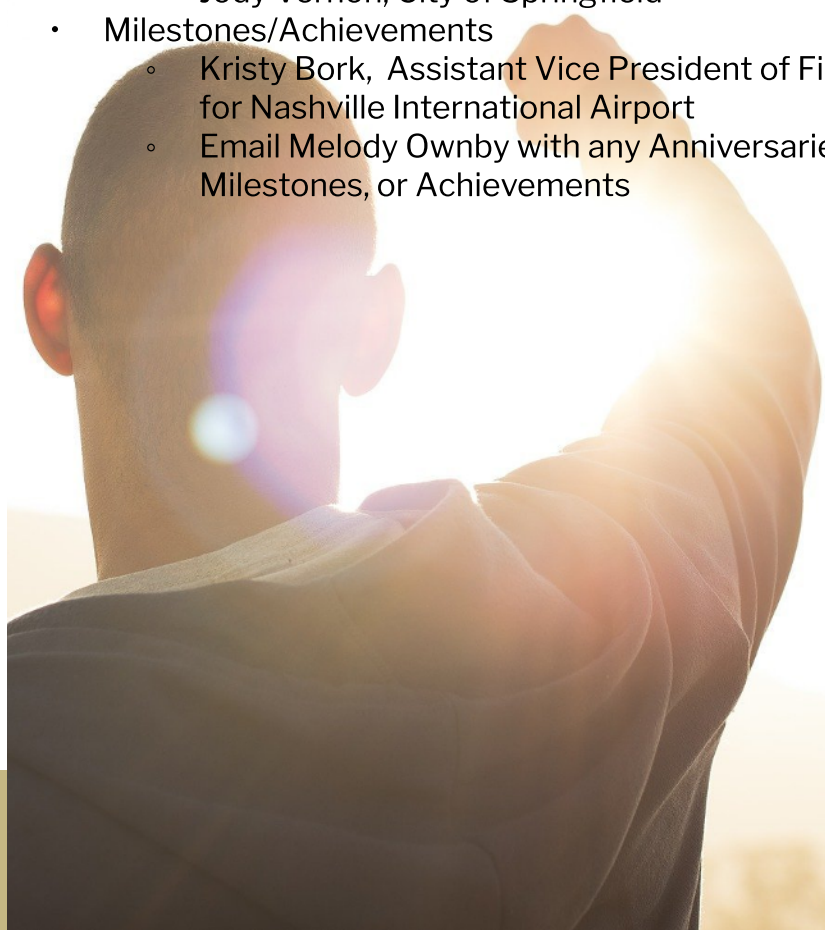
Episode 85: AGA Women Rise

Episode 84: USDA RD Cost Modeling



## Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- February Anniversaries
  - Rebecca Friedrich, KPM
  - Tyler Kocher, MSU Student
  - Rachel McGinnis, MSU
  - Nicole Plenge, MSU Student
  - Deborah Parks, City of Republic
  - Jody Vernon, City of Springfield
- Milestones/Achievements
  - Kristy Bork, Assistant Vice President of Finance for Nashville International Airport
  - Email Melody Ownby with any Anniversaries, Milestones, or Achievements



## Job Opportunities

- City of Joplin
  - Accounting Specialist
  - Cashier
- City Utilities of Springfield
  - Accounting Analyst I/II
  - Finance Co-Op
  - Manager - Payroll
  - Staff Accountant/Accounting Analyst I (Payroll)
- CoxHealth
  - Internal Auditor/Senior Internal Auditor I
- Email Melody Ownby with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Email Melody Ownby with any volunteer opportunities in the Ozarks

## Fraud: It Can Happen Anywhere...Even Here

We often hear the phrase, "It couldn't happen here," but we are all too often proven wrong. Purchasing cards have allowed companies to run more efficiently by allowing employees to make expedited purchases. Even when given training on the procedures related to the P-card use, there will be those employees who take advantage of this responsibility.

A recent case that has been reported near the Ozarks Chapter is an case about a school district administrator in Little Rock, Arkansas who made more than \$230,000 in personal purchases over a four year period on the P-Card provided through the school district. The terms were simple: \$1,000 transaction limit with a \$5,000 monthly credit limit, an agreement signed stating that the card was only to be used for approved business purposes, items must be delivered to the business address, and the employee was provided a handbook with the policies.



When the school district realized that the employee had been submitting fabricated receipts and false transaction logs, a request was made for



original receipts from the vendors which proved that the receipts had in fact been altered. The purchases were also being sent to the employee's personal address which violated the school district's policy. The items that had been purchased included home goods, clothing, pet supplies, and gift cards.

The employee pled guilty to a single count of mail fraud. The plea agreement currently being considered is up to 20 years imprisonment, a fine up to \$250,000, up to 3 years of supervision upon release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Although the internal audit process worked correctly, the school district has altered their process to ensure this doesn't happen again in the future. Amazon orders must be purchased through an account using a school district email address and all orders must be delivered to the school or department address.

This case is a reminder that fraud can happen anywhere and even when the process is done correctly, items can slip through the cracks. When an issue is realized, you need to re-access your process to see what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Journal of Accountancy  
 Round Numbers: A fingerprint of fraud  
 Mark J. Nigrini, Ph.D.

# Citizens Tax Oversight Committee

## City of Springfield



### Description:

Review and monitor the collection of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax revenues, the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax revenues, the 3/4-cent Police and Fire Fighters Pension Fund Sales Tax revenues, the Hotel/Motel Tax revenues, and the Level Property Tax revenues. In addition the committee may evaluate any proposed reduction or enhancement to pension benefits before presentation to City Council.

### Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Springfield, MO for at least three (3) years.
2. Meetings take place at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

There are currently multiple chairs available for the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee in Springfield, MO.

If you are not a resident of Springfield, MO, please feel free to pass on this information to any Springfield residents who may be interested.

Youtube Video:

How to turn around a city | TED

Irma L. Olguin Jr.



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**GET MORE INFORMATION TODAY!**

**Contact Daphne to see how the AGA Ozarks Chapter can support you! - [dpevahouse@neoshomo.org](mailto:dpevahouse@neoshomo.org)**

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