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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring AGA members! I'm sure you all are looking as forward to the bluebonnets and spring weather as I am. We only have a few more months left in our chapter year, but have some exciting things planned, including more dynamic speakers, a networking event and the nomination and election of new officers for the 2017 Chapter Year!

I hope you all enjoyed Kenneth McDowell during our February CPE luncheon speaking about Private Real Estate at ERS. Your questions on broad topics ranging from social to technical matters continue to amaze me (and our speakers!) and it just confirms that the AGA Austin Chapter is truly the greatest organization in our industry in the area.

The March CPE luncheon will remain at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. Chance Watson, Internal Audit Director for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services will be speaking to the group on the topic of Motivating Government Employees. I'm excited to see everyone there.

I will be announcing the request for officer nominations for the 2017 Chapter Year at the March CPE luncheon. Elections will be held prior to the last month of the Chapter Year (May 2017). If you are interested in, or would like to nominate someone who you feel would be a good fit, please contact me or any of the board members for more information. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the chapter. See you all on March 9th!



Upcoming Events

BIO – Chance R. Watson

Chance Watson is the Internal Audit Director for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, holds a Certification in Risk Management Assurance from the Institute of Internal Auditors, and BS from Texas State University.

Chance has over eighteen years' experience in the internal auditing profession working the non-profit and State Government sectors. He spent 6 years as a staff auditor, 6 years as an audit manager, and over 6 years as a Chief Audit Executive/Director.

Chance is passionate about the auditing profession and has been an active member of the Institute of Internal Audit Austin Chapter. He has served in numerous Austin Chapter leadership positions including Chapter President. He also participated on the inaugural Austin Internal Audit Leadership Development Program and is a graduate of Vision University, the Institute of Internal Auditors' premier chief audit executive development program.



Highlights

Membership Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who have reached their anniversary milestone in the month of .

Luncheon Gift Card Drawings!

Congratulations to **Lesli Cathey** for winning the raffle during February luncheon! She won a \$20 gift card to Darden Restaurants.



Chapter Executive Committee Meeting February 2017

Minutes

The speaker for March CPE Luncheon will be Chance Watson. Priscilla will get a bio for Chance. The Luncheon's location will be at the Papadeaux's location and we will keep the same menu.

The Networking Event

Sellars location has been confirmed for the networking event. Kieran is working on how to charge for drinks and is planning for 45 people to attend. Kieran will change the reservation date to the 20th. Everyone will look at the menu and e-mail suggestions for catering.

Eddie spoke to Bhakti about setting up nominations for positions in March, voting in April, and swear in ceremony for May.

Treasurer's Report For the period ending 1/31/17



Beginning Bank Balance	12/31/2017	\$5,533.07
<i>Funds Received:</i>		
1/27/2017	ACH Square - February Luncheon	\$25.92
1/26/2017	ACH Square - February Luncheon	\$25.92
1/23/2017	AGA Quarterly Membership Deposit	\$25.00
1/18/2017	Pmt for Dec Luncheon - GLO	\$27.00
1/13/2017	ACH Square - January Luncheon	\$317.59
1/12/2017	ACH Square - January Luncheon	\$134.45
1/11/2017	ACH Square - January Luncheon	\$129.89
1/3/2017	ACH Square - January Luncheon	\$25.92
1/1/2017	Dividend through 12/31/2017	\$0.50
Total Funds Received		\$712.19
Funds Available		\$6,245.26
<i>Funds Expended:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No./Credit Card.</i>	
1/26/2017	Debit card Purchase of 4 luncheon gift cards	\$80.00
1/13/2017	Debit card Payment for Luncheon - Pappadeaux	\$813.96
Total Funds Expended		\$893.96
Ending Bank Balance	1/31/2018	\$5,351.30
Check Register Reconciliation:		
Ending Bank Balance	1/31/2018	\$5,351.30
<i>Outstanding Checks:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00
<i>Outstanding Deposits:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	
Total Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00
Adjusted Ending Bank Balance	1/31/2018	\$5,351.30
Total Chapter Funds Available Per Check Register	1/31/2018	\$5,351.30
<i>Cash On Hand:</i>		
	CU Min Savings Balance	\$5.00
	Luncheon Bank	\$40.00

Treasurer's Report For the period ending 2/28/17

Beginning Bank Balance	1/31/2017	\$5,351.30
<i>Funds Received:</i>		
2/28/2017 ACH Square - March Luncheon		\$30.77
2/24/2017 ACH Square - March Luncheon		\$311.46
2/21/2017 ACH Square - March Luncheon		\$30.77
2/21/2017 ACH Square - March Luncheon		\$186.29
2/10/2017 ACH Square - February Luncheon		\$130.62
2/9/2017 ACH Square - February Luncheon		\$80.67
2/8/2017 ACH Square - February Luncheon		\$158.43
2/7/2017 ACH Square - February Luncheon		\$51.84
2/6/2017 ACH Square - February Luncheon		\$25.92
2/1/2017 Dividend through 1/31/2017		\$0.47
Total Funds Received		\$1,007.24
Funds Available		\$6,358.54
<i>Funds Expended:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No./Credit Card.</i>	
1/13/2017	Debit card Payment for Luncheon - Pappadeaux	\$606.73
Total Funds Expended		\$606.73
Ending Bank Balance	2/28/2017	\$5,751.81
Check Register Reconciliation:		
Ending Bank Balance	2/28/2017	\$5,751.81
<i>Outstanding Checks:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00
<i>Outstanding Deposits:</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	
Total Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00
Adjusted Ending Bank Balance	2/28/2017	\$5,751.81
Total Chapter Funds Available Per Check Register	2/28/2017	\$5,751.81
<i>Cash On Hand:</i>		
	CU Min Savings Balance	\$5.00
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Research

New Year, New Action on Marketplace Fairness

On January 3, 2017, the City of Roanoke, Virginia, passed a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to act on legislation that will enable state and local governments to collect revenues due to local government. Congressional inaction over the past several years has resulted in an increase in the Virginia state sales tax from 5% to 5.3%, and has placed significant limitations on the jurisdiction.

The resolution asks the new Congress to act on legislation this year that would collect and remit sales taxes structured on a system of collection based upon the purchaser's location. Passing this legislation during the 115th Congress would "send the clear and unequivocal message to states and localities that the United States Congress supports small business women and men who create jobs, produce revenues to support essential infrastructure improvements, and create a stronger and more resilient economy for the benefit of all Americans," as stated in the resolution, which the City of Roanoke's City Council passed unanimously at its first meeting of 2017.

This resolution sends a clear message not only Roanoke's representative, Bob Goodlatte, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, but also to the state legislature and its governor, Terry McAuliffe, who has recently proposed a collection on certain out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes.

GFOA's Federal Liaison Center is working with colleagues at the National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and National Association of Counties to distribute a template of this resolution and work toward a solution that would give marketplace fairness the chance to be considered and passed this year.



Newly Certified!!!



Lorna Schwimmer– Staggs
 Congratulations on obtaining your Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification!

A 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.

CGFM exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development.

A CGFM has:

Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.

Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.

Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.





AGA NETWORKING EVENT

Sellers Underground

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

213 W. 4th St.

State employee Parking Available at 333 Guadalupe St.
(Garage L)

Enjoy a complimentary beverage of your choice along with appetizers

Mingle with current and potential future AGA members

Bring a friend who may be interested in joining the AGA Austin Chapter

March Food Drive

Austin Chapter of AGA will host a food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank to help provide meals to families in need in the Austin Community. The Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is the largest hunger-relief charity in Central Texas providing food and grocery products, nutrition education and social services outreach to 300,000 clients each year through a network of 300 Partner Agencies. The Capital Area Food Bank welcomes healthy food donations of any quantity anytime, however please consider the following:

- To ensure your food gift is safe and healthy, please be sure to give: healthy, non-perishable food items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging, items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please), and food within the expiration date on the packaging.
- Clients request the following items most often: peanut butter, canned chicken breast or tuna, canned low sodium vegetables, canned fruit in its own juice (no sugar added), dry pinto beans, brown rice, non-fat dry milk powder, 100% whole grain cereal,

Please bring any non-perishable items that you would like to donate to families and those in need to the Austin AGA evening Networking Mixer on April 20th, 2017 from 5:00-8:00pm at Sellers Underground (213 W. 4th St., Austin, TX).