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May, 2010
Educational Event

Topic: Fraud Prosecution
Speaker: Darrell Moore,
Greene County Prosecutor

Thursday
May 13, 2010

Noon to @1:00 pm
1 Hour CPE

Location: Mid-town
Carnegie Library,
Central St.

Lunch will be served.

To reserve a seat email or call
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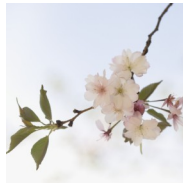
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President's Message



Teresa Allen, CGFM

How time flies! The 2009-10 chapter year is coming to a close soon but we still have some more to offer! Don't forget about Relay For Life. We will be making our last push for donations at the May meeting, so don't forget your check book. And we could ALWAYS use more participates! It's not too late to sign up. If you've never been; it's awesome! You really should come on out, even just for an hour. You won't regret it!! May 15-16, contact Nancy today (see article on page for more information).

Watch your email this month; we will be sending out our year-end survey. It's a short survey and will only take a few minutes. We need your input to provide the best meetings, topics, times, and services that we can for 2010-11.

After our great April meeting we have a quick turnaround to our last meeting for this year. We will be back at the Midtown Carnegie Library on **THURSDAY**, May 13th at noon and we will hear from Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, Darrell Moore. He is following up Dr. Clayton's discussion on Fraud by talking about the prosecution of fraud cases. Once fraud has been detected, what happens next? He will provide case studies as well as walk through the prosecution process. The cost is just \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, includes a catered lunch. Register with Justin today at jrhill@greencountymo.org.

See you then,
Teresa Allen, CGFM



Thanks to your efforts we have exceeded our goal of **\$1000** for our Relay For Life donations. Thank you!! See page five for more info!

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IT'S FOR YOU!!

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We need YOU for 2010-11: As of today, we have three of the eleven 2010-11 board positions open: **President-Elect, Education Chair, and Webmaster.** The offer still stands for the President-Elect to head to Orlando ON US (that's all expenses paid people!!) for the National Professional Development Conference (July 11-14). It is 24 hours of CPE from national leaders and educators. The chapter already has a room reserved in the main hotel (that is now sold out). You would probably be picking up an award for our chapter also! It's an amazing event! You could do what Deb Gillenwaters and I did; she took the President-Elect position, if I would follow her up the next year! So grab a friend or co-worker and join the CEC today.



Maybe you want to know what you are getting into. The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meets the first Tuesday of the month over the lunch hour at the Springfield-Greene County Health Dept. If you don't work in the area, don't worry, you can conference call in! We discuss upcoming events and deadlines; make sure everything is ready for the member meeting the following week, and most of all we work as a team! So why not answer the call?! You **will** be glad you did - I guarantee it!

AGA is the **ONLY** professional association that boasts a membership across **ALL** levels of government – local, state and federal. Plus, AGA also has members who work for tribal governments, academic institutions and private sector organizations.



The **greatest benefit** AGA makes available to you is **access to a powerful network of professionals.** With a membership at 15,000, you can within minutes talk with peers, find **solutions** to current issues and seek **advice.**

AGA provides you with **career-enhancing tools** you need to **succeed.** Advance your professional development through intensive seminars, conferences, hot-topic audio conferences, or via online opportunities at your convenience.

AGA keeps you **informed and up-to-date** on current issues and late breaking news. You don't have time to wade through all of the information out there. **AGA does it for you** and lets you focus on getting the work done. Subscriptions to online newsletters and the quarterly *Journal*, as well as the national and local chapter **websites** make it easy to stay on top of what's going on.



Rely on a **team** who is committed to you and your **success.** AGA gives you access to great resources designed specifically for your needs. Only as an AGA member will you be able to call upon the experience of professionals across the nation, as well as other information available through AGA.



Ozarks Chapter CEC Meeting April 6, 2010

Attendees:

Teresa Allen, President	Deb Gillenwaters, Past President
Linda Charles, Webmaster	Deb Fraley, Newsletter Editor
Bob Wells, Treasurer	Nancy Weems, Community Service Director
Julie Vaughan, Secretary	Caitlyn Greene, 2010-2011 Newsletter Editor

Order of Business

CEC minutes March 9, 2010 were approved.

February Treasures' Report will be in the March Newsletter

Eight applicants applied for the scholarship. Two scholarships were awarded: \$600 for first place went to Evangel University student, Melissa Hogan and \$400 for second place went to MSU student, Angela Fisher. The winners and their sponsoring professors are invited to attend the April 27, 2010 AGA Membership meeting.

The AGA Ozark Chapter has raised \$281 total for the 2010 Relay for Life. The kick off for Relay for Life will be May 14, 2010, beginning at 7:00pm. A campsite will be reserved for those who plan to stay for the entire event. Cookies will be sold at the April 27, 2010 and May 13, 2010 membership meetings to raise money for Relay for Life. The luminaries honoring those who have been affected by cancer will also be on sale. Those who wish to attend the ceremonies and are not a member of a team will be expected to pay an entrance fee of \$5.00 to attend the ceremonies.

The Survey Monkey will be available on May 1st.

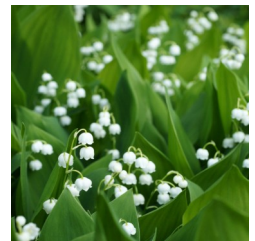
The April 27, 2010 Membership meeting will be held at the Springfield-Branson National Airport, Dr. Penny Clayton will be speaking on Fraud Prevention. The meeting will begin at 12:00; McAllister's will cater lunch.

The May 13, 2010 meeting held Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Midtown Library will be the last meeting for 2009-2010 year. The Speaker will be Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, Darrell Moore. The topic will be the prosecution of fraud cases.

The Ozarks Chapter of the AGA mentoring program has been set up and submitted to National. The program is part of early careers. The Chapter will receive 300 Chapter Recognition points to establish a mentoring program and an additional 50 points for any person wishing to participate. A copy of the program was distributed to the CEC for review.

The last CEC meeting for the 2009-2010 CEC Board will be May 4, 2010 at the Health Department at 12:15pm. The location for the 2010-2011 CEC meetings will change to the first floor conference room at the City of Springfield Busch Building at 840 N. Boonville.

Meeting adjourned 12:51pm



Ozarks Chapter Awards Scholarships To Evangel And MSU Students



The Ozarks Chapter scholarships were presented at the April 27 meeting at the Springfield-Branson National Airport.

The first winner (at left) was Melissa Hogan who is currently a junior at Evangel University. Melissa is involved in several activities on and off campus including S.I.F.E and working 20 hours per week at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Upon completing her degree at Evangel, Melissa plans to become a C.P.A. and pursue a career with the F.B.I. Melissa was awarded \$600.



Our second winner (photo at right) was Angela Fisher a graduate student at Missouri State University in the accelerated program. Angela is planning on passing her C.P.A. exam and pursuing a career in government. Angela is very interested in applying her high level of ethics to any career she may pursue. Angela was awarded \$400.



We wish Melissa and Angela, and all of our scholarship applicants the best of luck in their studies and in their ensuing careers.



Scholarships Available From Govloop



CampusGov.com & GovLoop.com have teamed up to offer (1) \$2,500 Scholarship to a deserving student interested in pursuing a career in the public sector. Deadline for applications is May 30th.

CampusGov is an online job board for students and recent graduates interested in exploring careers with the government.

GovLoop is the premier social network for government connecting over 20,000 federal, state and local employees, contractors and academics. For more information see the Govloop website:

<http://www.govloop.com/page/scholarship-1>

Top Tax Rate on Dividends May Surge

The Senate Budget Committee recently passed a budget resolution that would nearly triple the top tax rate on dividends from 15% to 39.6%. The dividend increase to 39.6% is built into current law as the Bush tax rates expire. Additionally, the health care legislation includes a 3.8% surcharge on dividends and other investment income beginning in 2013. This would nearly triple the top dividend rate to 43.4%. If this resolution becomes law next year, the millions of Americans who receive dividend income—most of them not rich— need to begin adjusting their investment strategy accordingly.

Read the entire article at: [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Relay For Life Update



UPDATE: We are very excited to have a survivor join our team and now have 9 members. We are most excited that, due to a large single donation and many efforts of the team in general, **we have exceeded our goal of \$1000.** But, it is not too late to donate directly to a team member or on line. We have a camp site #432 which is close to the main path into the field at Hillcrest. Deb will bring a pop up cover. There is food and drinks on the grounds but bring your own small cooler for drinks or snacks and water.

It starts at 7 but a lot of folks will be there so plan to be patient finding a parking spot---cannot get on the grounds before 4 because of track meet.

I will be doing bank night May 5 or 6 so if you have funds raised please let me know and I will get them turned in for you.

Some events are going on that night to raise team money---food sales, face painting, hair coloring, even garage sales---do you want to do any of that?

The Theme of the walk is more birthdays less cancer . . .so decorations for our campsite are most welcome....there will be a contest on decorating campsites.

Some teams camp overnight but I do not plan to . . .so, come and stay and have fun as long as you want to and don't feel guilty if you leave early...a lot of non-camping teams leave at midnight.

Thanks from all the AGA team for your help. Team Members: Julie Vaughan, Deb Gillenwaters, Justin Hill, Karen Hill, Colin Hill, Kyle Hill, Linda Charles, Glenda Hudson, and Nancy Weems.

What is a Survivor?

A survivor is anyone who has ever heard the words "You have cancer." And we invite all cancer survivors in the community to attend Relay For Life.

Survivors are the guests of honor at Relay. Some Relay For Life events may offer survivors special T-shirts or sashes or hold a special reception for survivors and caregivers. However, most Relays open with the Survivors Lap where survivors lead the way around the track while being honored and applauded by all participants. Being a part of the Survivors Lap allows survivors to celebrate what they've overcome while inspiring and motivating their community to fight. Survivors are proof that cancer can be defeated.

Email or call me or Julie if you have any questions. Thanks for making it possible for more birthdays to be celebrated!
WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES!!!!

Nancy Weems

841-3346 or email nweems@jcoemis.org

Or

Julie Vaughan

864-1334 or email jvaughan@springfieldmo.gov

Thanks You! Nancy Weems



Regional Conference Call Minutes 04-23-2010

Topics covered:

Bill Miller is officially following Karmen Stockman as SVPRS (Senior Vice President for Regional Services). He is looking forward to the 3 year term beginning July 1, 2010.

Congratulations to everyone involved in CGFM proclamations from all 4 governors in the region.

CRP 3rd quarter points indicate 7 of the 8 chapters have already achieved silver status. May 31 is the last day to enter 4th quarter points to bring up recognition level.

National PDC (Professional Development Conference) in Orlando scheduled for July 11-14, 2010. Main hotel site is already sold out and an overflow hotel is available with comp shuttle. Tim will follow up with National regarding hotel scholarships since Chapter Presidents haven't yet seen any email. Should be chapter hotel scholarships from national – 2 per chapter.

GAR report for March shows significant improvements in our region. Some are the better numbers through out the country. Congratulations to Topeka and Ozarks as result of recent membership seminars their numbers have jumped up significantly.

Ray Harris at National has released the 2010-11 audio conference schedule. Use this for planning educational events.

SLM (Sectional Leadership Meeting) is set for May 14-15 in Kansas City at Embassy Suites Airport covering Sections II and III. Mid-Western Region is in Section II. It is sold out at 180. Regional Team meets with Karmen Thursday evening and full meeting begins Friday morning through Saturday noon. Catherine plans to discuss how we'll be communicating as a region during the regional break out session. How do we enhance our regional communication without as many conference calls? Catherine will plan for group breakouts by position in order for people to establish contacts in the region doing similar AGA functions.

Regional website – Patricia asks that once each chapter gets their educational plan together for 2010-11 to forward that info to her and Education Regional Coordinator Walt Darling so they can post on the website.

Reminder to send in 2010-11 CEC rosters to National (Jessica Jones) by April 30 for extra points in Chapter Recognition Program. Also copy RVP team, Karmen Stockman, Bill Miller and Patricia Townsend.

Chapter updates:

Des Moines – CEC is filled for 10-11 and just emailed to Jessica Jones. Annual recognition dinner on May 4. 123 registered for May 19 seminar which is above the goal of 80. Registration closes on April 30. Audio conferences held twice this month. Looking for 10 more lanyards to May 19 so will take from any other chapter with extras – Mid-Mo may help. Membership at 71.

Kansas City – Will hold awards in June. Nomination submitted for Members Who Made a Difference was accepted by National. Tim was a good speaker at their annual spring seminar which had 70 in attendance. Community service event in March which helped put together weekend meals for local children. ACFE is sponsoring June 14-15 a Fraud seminar and again in KC later – see KC AGA newsletter. Sponsoring audio conferences. Struggling to get the website going. Billy Morehead will speak at the May 12 monthly lunch meeting and the Chapter is going to Royals baseball game in the evening beginning with tailgating. Still looking for Pres-elect with remaining CEC positions filled.

Lincoln – PDC held April 20 with 6 speakers and 85 in attendance with very positive response. 5 people will attend SLM. CEC for 10-11 is in place. Awards banquet in May. Chapter membership currently 120.



Regional Conference Call Minutes cont'd

Mid-Mo – Awards breakfast on April 28 including scholarships for college, high school, etc. Hope to have legislative panel along with this. June will be annual joint session with IIA which is free for all members of each organization. Submitted some national awards last week including newsletter. Submitted 4 names for Members Who Made a Difference and got feedback from Marie Force requesting to narrow down with more specifics. Governor's proclamation copies were sent to each chapter in the state. Full CEC for 10-11. Website is back online. Chapter membership currently 317.

Ozarks – 2 events left for the year. April meeting was pushed to next Tuesday to go to new airport board room on fraud. Another meeting in May. Still have 2 CEC positions to fill for Pres-elect and Education. Almost up to 70 members. Teresa is the only one attending SLM due to attendance conflicts with Relay for Life in Springfield which the chapter has a team for this American Cancer Society event.

Omaha – May 20 will be last chapter meeting with year end awards. Lincoln & Omaha sharing a ½ day conference w/ ½ day golf during summer. Held successful CGFM training event and trying to run another one in August if National can provide same good pricing. CEC for 10-11 is complete.

Topeka – Monthly lunch meeting event this month was attended by 16 on identify theft. Will be May seminar on ethics. Membership at 98.

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

May	05/13/2010 Thursday	"The Fraud Prosecution Process" Darrell Moore, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney	The Midtown Library Noon to 1:00 1 Hour CPE Lunch provided
Jun		No Meeting In June	Happy Vacation!!
July	07/13/2010	Audio Conference Topic To Be Announced	Springfield/Greene County Health Department
Aug		To Be Announced	



CITY OF BRANSON CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

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Branson, MO 65616
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Finance Department
**Open to Internal and
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Applicants are required to complete separate applications and corresponding supplemental questionnaires if applicable for each posted vacancy. A photocopy of the completed application with original signature will be accepted. General applications submitted for no particular vacancy are retained on active file for one year and may be used once. The City of Branson is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and, therefore, does not discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, age, marital status, or political opinions or affiliations, except that no person shall be employed who advocates or belongs to a group which advocates the violent overthrow of our government. All individuals hired will be required to provide documentation to establish identity and employment authorization as a condition of employment in accordance with the Immigration Reform Act. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a position description outlining the essential job functions for each of the vacancies listed below is available for review and reasonable accommodations for the application and testing processes will be made upon request.

Applicants must meet minimum requirements as stated or have equivalent combinations of experience or training which demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the job.

ACCOUNTANT I- Finance Department

BEGINNING SALARY: \$17.49/hr.

HOURS: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This position is responsible for performing difficult accounting functions, including the processing of payments, fees, and payables; fixed assets; journal entries; bank reconciliations; development, analysis and maintenance of complex spreadsheets; and various other duties.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Must be extremely proficient and computer literate in an accounting system environment, spreadsheet and word processing applications. Must have strong customer service skills and analytical abilities. Five (5) years of experience in the field is preferred. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Experience working with fixed assets, accounts payable, bank reconciliations, journal entries, other databases, and cash receipts is a plus as well as an internal auditing background or governmental accounting experience. **A CITY APPLICATION, SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE (ACCOUNTANT I) AND CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE PERSONNEL DEPT. TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION.**

CLOSING DATE: Applications and questionnaires will be accepted until the position is filled. (EOE)

City of Springfield Vacancy Announcement
INTERNAL AUDITOR
"Open Until Filled"

Duties

Responsible for performing a broad program of operational analyses involving both operational and financial audits and a variety of other analytical tasks relating to the efficient and economical operation of City government.

Requires

A Bachelor's degree in Accounting with minimum of four years experience in professional Accounting and auditing work preferably in the area of governmental or not-for-profit accounting/auditing; or any equivalent combination of education and experience which would provide the above knowledge, skills, and abilities. In addition, CPA certification or specialized training and experience in governmental or business investigation or administration are required. Experience leading, directing or supervising others is preferred. Must possess and maintain a valid MO Driver's license and an excellent driving record. Licensed CPA certification is preferred.

Salary

\$54,652.41 - \$83,718.33 Annually is complete salary range.

Application Deadline

Search Committee will consider all applications/resumes received by May 28, 2010; however, applications/resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

CITY EMPLOYEES must submit a resume or internal employment application in accordance with the application deadline stated above.

All candidates submitting a resume should include their social security number.

NOTE: To receive credit for college education, you must submit your college transcript with your application. Based on the number and quality of applicants, applications may be reviewed for qualifications beyond the minimums stated herein. Education and experience shall be evaluated with regard to recency and quality, as well as quantity, per Merit Rule 5.8.

CITY EMPLOYEES desiring consideration must have received a satisfactory rating on their last performance evaluation, per Merit Rule 10.1(c). Failure to submit a resume or internal application by the stated deadline will result in your not being considered for this position.

Equal Opportunity Employer

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. Individuals with disabilities should request reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act prior to testing or appointment. Proof of United States Citizenship/Authorization to Work in The United States as established by the Immigration Reform Act of 1986 is a condition of employment.

Pre-employment drug testing required.

To apply, complete an [online application](#). To check the status of this position (accepting applications, scheduling testing, 2nd interviews, filled, etc.) please see [Position Status](#).

To see complete job description visit: <http://www.springfieldmo.gov/jobs/vacancy/53.html>

National News

Seven States Lead in Budget Transparency

By Stateline.org staff
Wednesday, April 14

A [report released Tuesday \(April 13\)](#) finds that seven states — Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Minnesota, **Missouri**, Pennsylvania and Texas — lead the nation in budget transparency, providing the public with comprehensive and easily searchable information about government spending.

Eighteen states flunked the scorecard created by U.S. PIRG, a Boston-based research and advocacy group that supports government-transparency Web sites. The remaining 25 states were deemed “emerging.”

Kentucky led all states with 97 out of 100 points, easily outscoring second-place Ohio (84 points) and the rest of the top-tier states. The report credited Kentucky’s “[OpenDoor](#)” Web site, which is updated daily and provides salaries, contract information and other detailed data caches.

“As we face an unprecedented \$1.5 billion shortfall over the next biennium, it is more important than ever for government to be transparent and accountable, and for citizens to feel confident that their tax dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly,” Governor Steve Beshear said in a statement, [according to the Lexington Herald-Leader](#).

The report noted that state governments have done much in recent years to make spending information available online, and that elected officials of both political parties have supported the push. But it also said that much more can be done. Only eight states, for example, publish information about government spending at the local level.

In the report, U.S. PIRG also said the relatively low cost of setting up government transparency Web sites should be an incentive for more states to set them up. California’s site, for example, cost just \$21,000 to create. .”
—Stateline.org.

Read more at: <http://www.stateline.org/live/details/story?contentId=477277>

Website, Newsletter Contests Begin Soon

It's time to prepare for AGA's annual newsletter editor and website contests, designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of AGA's chapter communicators. Here's how to enter: Please send copies of the **January, February and March** newsletters to Chris Camara by **COB Friday, April 30**. When all entries are in, we will pick ONE month out of a hat and all entries from that month will be judged. All AGA chapter websites are automatically entered into the website contest. Volunteer judges will review all working chapter websites during **the week of May 3**. Check your chapter's listing here. We must have all updated URLs or changes before **April 30** to be included in this year's judging. Contact April Pardoe with changes or questions. All chapters are encouraged to participate. Read the revised contest criteria for the newsletter contest and the website contest. Good luck!

Editor's note: Copies of the Ozarks Chapter newsletters have been submitted to National. The criteria used to judge the newsletters and the websites was revised at the end of 2009. Best of luck to all the Chapters!



National News

Our Mission: AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

A word from the 2008-2009 Member-Get-A-Member Recruiter of the Year...

"My experience as a member of AGA has been very rewarding. I have had the opportunity to meet and network with numerous people from different agencies within the government as well as the private sector. I have attended a number of AGA PDCs and local luncheons over the last few years and have met and learned a lot from the various speakers and a wide range of subject matter that has impacted my life professionally and personally and many levels. And I cannot forget about the educational, professional and certification opportunities AGA provides.

Those experiences prompted me to become more active as an AGA member. In 2004, I became the Director of Membership for my chapter, Regional Co-coordinator for the Ohio-Michigan Region, as well as a member of the AGA Ethics Review Board. I encourage anyone who is on the fast track to advance in their careers to join AGA because 'membership does have its benefits.'"

- Stephanie Paschel, AGA's Cleveland Chapter, Systems Accountant, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

In Their Own Words: AGA Members Tell Us What's In It For Them

"One of the factors I always consider is that my membership keeps me connected to the larger world of government financial management beyond where I live. The AGA provides me with access to news and information that will sooner or later, directly or indirectly have an impact on my profession, and therefore on my livelihood. Of course, much goes on elsewhere that has little or no relevance to my scheme of things. But sometimes it does, and I appreciate the chance to prove yet again that 'forewarned is forearmed.' "



- Renee Gilman, CGFM, Supervisory Corporate Programs Specialist, Defense Logistics Agency



Reason No. 3 to be an AGA Member

Stay Connected. AGA and its network of 99 local chapters offer numerous ways strengthen your professional network. From traditional training events to online social networking platforms, AGA keeps you in touch.

New AGA Chapter Formed in Mississippi

AGA National President **William A. Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA**, presents **James St. Clair, CISM, PMP**, with the charter for AGA's Gulf Coast Chapter. St. Clair is president of AGA's newest chapter, which is based in Biloxi, MS, and has about 20 members.

Regional Training Opportunities

There are other AGA Chapters offering educational opportunities in the coming months:

Mid-Missouri Chapter

35th Annual Mid-Western PDC
Aug 24 & 25, 2010
Capital Plaza,
Jefferson City, MO
Ph: 573-526-3608

Sectional Leadership Meeting

Kansas City, MO
May 14-15, 2010
Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport

Topeka Chapter 2010 PDC

May 19, 2010 - Eight Hours CPE
Jayhawk Tower, Florentine Room
For more information:
Sandra Dreashe
dreashe@cox.net

Lincoln Chapter

May 19, 2010 - Wednesday
Audio Conference Topic: Ethics
Time: 1 – 2:50 p.m. – 2 CPE hours
Location: State Capitol Room 1507

Des Moines Chapter

Spring Seminar May 19, 2010
Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus
6 CPE (5 ethics)

For more information:
<http://dsmspringseminar.eventbrite.com>

Kansas City Chapter

Chapter Meeting: May 12, 2010
Speaker: AGA Nat'l President,
Dr. Billy Morehead
Location: TBD
Phone: 913-551-7232
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Survey: Most hold accountants, profession in high regard

An online survey conducted this month for Ajilon Finance by Harris Interactive found that 30% of adults in the U.S. had used accounting professionals to prepare their taxes and that Americans generally have a favorable view of accountants. The survey also punches holes in a common myth, with 84% of respondents saying they did not find accounting to be a boring profession. Although the survey's 2,024 respondents did not overwhelmingly view accounting as a profession that would offer job opportunities in the future, Labor Department data suggest otherwise. [WebCPA](#)

Just released! The AICPA has finally announced a specific date for the implementation of CBT-e, the next round of CPA Exam changes. As most of you know, the CPA Exam is continuously updated to meet the standards of the time and make processes more efficient and effective. The last major transition people underwent was when the exam changed from a paper-and-pencil test, to the now used computer based exam. The next round of changes, dubbed CBT-e, will take effect on **January 1, 2011**.

1. New Content and Skill Specification Outlines, including the testing of IFRS.
2. A new release of authoritative literature – with codified FASB Accounting Standards – and a new research task format will be introduced on the CPA Examination.

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"Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep at night."

—Marian Wright Edelman

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Deb Fraley, CPA, Editor

Deadline for articles: Two weeks prior to meeting date.

Send articles to: dfraley@springfieldmo.gov

CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

