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Message From The President

Congratulations to Deb Fraley who has once again won honorable mention

from National AGA for her monthly Newsletter! We appreciate the tremendous job Deb does for our Chapter as she continues to receive outstanding recognition from national. Way to go Deb!



I am proud to announce that our June speaker will be Mr. Bill Ingemi, Health and Wellness Coordinator, Chesterfield Family Center. Mr. Ingemi will be speaking to our group on how to handle stress in our lives through diet and exercise and will offer valuable instruction on things we can do daily to improve our health and well being. Please plan on attending this meeting. I have asked the Local Chapter of Institute of Management Accountants to join us.

During our meeting we will be voting on the following officers for 2007-08

President President Elect Treasurer Secretary Chapter Recognition Officer Membership Officer Newsletter Editor Webmaster Jerry Mitchell To be determined Vicki Franke Teresa Allen Deb Gillenwaters Justin Hill Deb Fraley Linda Charles

In addition, we need to discuss briefly the Chapter's thoughts on whether or not to have simply another 4-hour seminar or go all day and whether or not there is interest in moving our location from Hammons Tower. Please plan on attending this meeting if at all possible. I look forward to seeing each of you next week.

Jerry

The Ozarks Chapter

June Meeting Event

Meeting Location: The Tower Club

21st Floor

Tuesday, June 15, 2007

12:00 Noon

This month's Speaker:

Bill Ingemi, MS, ATC/L Health & Wellness Coordinator

from

Spfd Greene Co Park Board Topic: Stress Management for Accountants

Bill Ingemi is a certified athletic trainer and the health and wellness coordinator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. He has earned a Master's degree in Athletic Training from West Virginia University and is certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification. Bill has practiced as an athletic trainer for 21 years at many levels including high school, collegiate and professional athletics as well as the industrial setting with United Parcel Service.

He has been a presenter at numerous conferences and seminars covering topics that include Injury Care & Prevention, Low Back Injury, and Nutrition as well as a variety of Health & Wellness subjects. He currently works out of the Chesterfield Family Center and serves its members by providing health assessments and counseling in areas of fitness, wellness, health education and injury care and prevention. He also provides a wide range of health and wellness counsel throughout Springfield-Greene County Park Board and City of Springfield departments.

RSVP:

Cindy Stein 829-6201 cstein@greenecountymo.org by Monday, June 14, 3:00 PM

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

AGA PDC

http://www/agacgfm.org/pdc2007/index.htm

Location: Nashville Convention Center Date: June 24-27, 2007 EXPO: June 24-26, 2007 24 CPE Hours available



Registration is now open for **AGA's Second National Internal Control & Fraud Conference**, to be held September 10-11, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

With a theme of "Combating Fraud: Strategies for Success," the conference will focus on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Hear from leaders in government and private industry who will discuss the latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes, and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens.

The "Fraud Conference" will bring together leaders from all levels of government, the private sector and academia. In addition to an outstanding technical program, this event offers unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas and share best practices with colleagues and friends.

Register today and secure your place at AGA's newest educational and networking event!

Register online: https://members.agacgfm.org/source/security/memberlogon.cfm?origin=meetings

Register by mail:

http://www.agacgfm.org/fraud_2006/downloads/Registration Form.pdf

Registration Fees

A full conference attendee registration package includes the opportunity to earn up to 14 CPE hours, entrance to all education sessions, two continental breakfasts, four refreshment breaks, two luncheons and a registration tote bag.

AGA Member	Fax/Mail	
Early (By Sept. 5)	\$395	
St andard (After Sept. 5)	\$475	
Non-member	Fax/Mail	
Early (By Sept. 5)	\$495	
Standard (After Sept. 5)	\$575	

Hyatt Regency Atlanta

265 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, Georgia USA Reservations: 404.577.1234 or 800.233.1234 AGA Room Rate: \$115 (Plus Tax) Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2006

<u>IMA</u>

Institute of Management Accountants Seventh Annual Professional Education Seminar Co-hosted by Missouri State University School of Accountancy

Location: University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO **Date:** September 12 - 14, 2007 **CPE: Ea**rn up to a total of 17 CPE hours (including the Kick-off).

Registration fees:

Before August 24, 2007: \$275.00 After August 24, 2007: \$325.00 Student Fee: \$40.00

A list of speakers can be found on the conference website:

http://www.morriscenter.missouristate.edu/Heartlandcpe/conferences .htm

IMA is looking for corporate sponsors for this seminar. I understand discounts may be available for the sponsors' attendees. Contact Terry Jones for more information: <u>terryj@custom-metalcraft.com</u>

MSCPA

Annual meeting & awards luncheon Thursday, June 14 Agrarios Restaurant 311 S. Patton Ave. 11:30 – Registration & networking 12:00 – Lunch Members - \$10 12:30 – Program Non-members - \$20 Complimentary for new CPA exam passers. http://www.mocpa.org/Content/21044.aspx#events

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CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2007



Jerry welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. It was moved the treasurer's report be approved by Floyd Deitiker, Deb Fraley seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Jerry thanked all those that helped with the first Spring Seminar and encouraged discussion of the four-hour seminar. There will be an Officer's meeting on Monday May 14th at Hickok's.

Kathyrn Burnett introduced Caleb Ebel, one of the recipients of the chapter scholarships. Caleb is a student at Missouri State and in the five year Master's program.

Deb Fraley suggested when the "Mr Excel" seminar is available in the fall anyone that missed it should try to attend. The website is an excellent resource for Excel problem solutions.

Vicki Franke introduced the speaker, Mr. Alan Bailey, CPA. Mr. Bailey spoke about FASB statements 157 and 159. FASB 157 rules on "Fair Value Measurements". It specifically states that "Fair Value" is the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in a current transaction between knowledgeable, unrelated and willing parties. FASB 159 regards the "Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities". He spoke at length about the history leading up to both of the statements and their possible ramifications.

Jerry thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting at 1:22 PM.



and any other May birthdays !!

OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA CASH REPORT MAY, 2007



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** This balance does not reflect the \$25.00 in our savings.



Chapter Board Meeting at Hickok's

May 14, 2007

Members present: Jerry Mitchell, Teresa Allen, Linda Charles, Vicki Franke, Justin Hill and Deb Fraley.

11:40 Meeting of Chapter Officers open.

The following items were discussed:

1. At the June meeting we will invite a speaker to discuss Auditor qualification requirements, specifically as it relates to the Peer Review Process.

- 2. We will ask the membership to vote on whether they want to have a full day or half day Fall seminar.
- 3. The following proposed officers for 2007-2008 will be voted on at the June 2007 meeting.

President: Jerry Mitchell President Elect: (to be decided) Secretary: Teresa Allen Treasurer: Vicki Franke Chapter Reporting: Deb Gillenwaters Director of Memberships: Justin Hill Webmaster: Linda Charles Newsletter Editor: Deb Fraley

4. There was discussion regarding whether or not to continue meeting at the Tower Club. Jerry will contact the Tower Club for contractual requirements and look into other possible meeting sites. Members will be asked for input at June meeting.

5. Will discuss with IMA their request for the Ozarks chapter to possibly be a sponsor for the IMA fall seminar.

- 6. Will check with IMA regarding possibility of joint meeting in July or August.
- 12:45 Meeting adjourned

Upcoming AGA Audio Conferences

AUDIO CONFERENCE	EVENT DATE
Performance Management and Reporting	Aug. 8, 2007
Making the Transition to Management: What It Takes to Succeed	Sep 20, 2007
Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency	Nov 14, 2007
Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed, Collusion & Override of Controls	Dec 12, 2007
Internal Controls	Feb 6, 2008
Environmental Fraud	Mar 5, 2008
GASB Update	Mar 26, 2008
Ethics	May 7, 2008

Audio conferences, also referred to as tele-seminars or tele-conference calls, are a relatively new and costeffective educational tool for chapters, government agencies and private firms. Just envision a 100-minute radio talk show that provides **2 hours of continuing professional education** (CPE) to the listeners. Further, since the last 20 minutes of the program is devoted to call-in questions, the audio conference is interactive between the listeners and the audio conference panel.

CPE Online for the Summer Journal Available

By reading an issue of *The Journal of Government Financial Management,* and taking the relevant quiz, you can earn **3 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours**. Help yourself and your career by increasing your knowledge of the government financial management environment.

Before you can take a quiz, you must first **Register** to take a **single quiz**, or **Subscribe** to take any **four quizzes** at a discounted price. After registration and payment approval, you will be able to enter your **email** address and **password** on the main page of this section to call up and take quizzes. (<u>http://www.agacgfm.org/cpeonline/default.aspx</u>) You may also print out a quiz and research your answers offline before actually completing it. Good Luck!

http://www.agacgfm.org/cpeonline/

Cost for One Exam: Member \$30 / Non-member \$56

Cost for Four Exams: Member \$109 / Non-member \$204 Fees are non-refundable.

Technology Tip of the Month

MOCPA.org Display and print gridlines



Black gridlines can sometimes be too intrusive. To change their color, choose <u>T</u>ools|<u>O</u>ptions. then select the View tab. Under *Window options*, make sure there is a tick in the <u>Gridlines</u> check box then click on the drop-down arrow beside <u>Gridlines color</u> to choose a new color. The gridlines on that worksheet then appear in the chosen color. You can have a different color for each worksheet.

Remove the tick from the *Gridlines* check box to remove gridlines on the active worksheet.

The "Mr. Excel" website features a message board on which you can post your Excel questions. Be sure and check out the website, registration is free: <u>www.mrexcel.com</u>



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