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Message from the President

Happy Holidays!

The holidays mean different things to different people, but one meaning that is common is that the holidays are a chance to take a break. We get a few days off from work to clear our minds so we can come back to work with fresh perspectives and renewed energy.



If you would like one additional hour of holiday time every month, please consider volunteering to serve on the Chapter Executive Committee next year (starting July 1). Much like a holiday, our meetings are a chance to get away from your office for a little while to spend time with those you don't see very often. We are desperately in need of someone to volunteer for the position of President-elect. As a former President-elect I can share a secret with you – the President-elect has no real responsibilities. As President-elect your biggest job is to learn about AGA and our chapter's operations so that you can lead the chapter as President the following year. It's not bad at all.

Please contact a current member of CEC if you are interested in serving as President-elect next year. If another CEC position strikes your fancy, let us know that too.

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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!

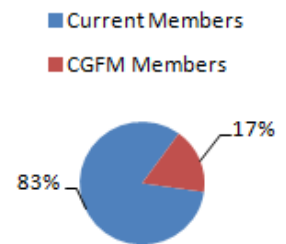
CGFM FAQ: What is the Experience Requirement for the CGFM?

Certification candidates must have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management prior to designation as a CGFM. The experience requirement is not necessary to sit for the examinations; however, documentation of professional experience must be filed and approved by AGA before the CGFM designation can be granted, and the certificate is issued.

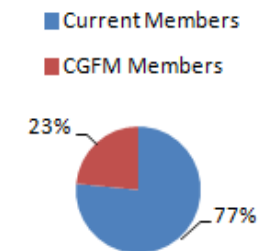
CGFM FAQ: I don't have the experience. Can I still apply for the CGFM now?

A: Yes—the experience requirement does not have to be satisfied at the time of application. The CGFM Work Verification Form can be submitted after passing the CGFM examinations.

Ozarks AGA - August 2015



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National AGA - August 2015

Current Members	13277
CGFM Members	5057
% of Members that are CGFM	38%

OZARKS CHAPTER-AGA 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Revenues:	Projected Revenue	FYTD Revenue
Chapter Dues	410.00	134.60
Monthly meetings	1,200.00	510.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	4,000.00	3,415.00
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00
Spring Membership Seminar	10,200.00	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	-
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	2.72
Total Revenues	\$ 18,479.00	\$ 5,266.32

Expenses:	Projected Expense	FYTD Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,050.00	404.73
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	3,000.00	1,223.40
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	4,900.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,400.00	-
Community Service Expense	500.00	-
National AGA will match funds for nationally recognized charity		-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	164.00	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	1,000.00	148.00
Replenish speaker gifts	375.00	28.46
Miscellaneous Expense	-	374.49
Total Expenses	\$ 20,039.00	\$ 2,179.08

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual
Beginning	10,075.39	10,075.39
Projected Revenue	18,479.00	5,266.32
Estimated Expenses	(20,039.00)	(2,179.08)
Projected Reduction in Fund Balance	(1,560.00)	3,087.24
Ending	\$ 8,515.39	\$ 13,162.63

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CEC Minutes

Date CEC Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2015

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

Attendance:

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

Secretary – Jody Vernon:

The minutes of the October 29, 2015 CEC meeting were approved with no changes.

(Motion: Teresa Allen; Second: Tina McManus)

Treasurer – Justin Dement:

We have not spent as much as budgeted so far this year. We did not have a paid speaker for the fall seminar; however, one is planned for the spring. We have not used the monies budgeted for the President-Elect to attend training for the last few years.

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

(Motion: Tina McManus; Second: Brandie Fisher)

Accountability – Jamie Rouch:

No report.

Education – Maryjo Kerringer and Rachel McGinnis:

The November meeting went well despite some technical issues.

The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 11 at 11:30am at 425 Downtown. This will be the holiday party with a white elephant gift exchange as opposed to a regular meeting.

The survey results from the fall seminar were distributed.

CGFM – Tina McManus:

There are currently 6 CGFM candidates in our area.

Sample exams are available. Tina will send Brandie the information to include in the newsletter.

The \$400 offered upon completion of the CGFM program will be considered a reimbursement as opposed to an incentive. Tina will modify the current policy to include a statement that requests for the \$400 reimbursement should be sent to the Treasurer if not reimbursed by another party such as an employer. The policy change will be applied going forward. It will not be applied retroactively to any pending CGFM reimbursement requests.

(Motion: Tina McManus; Second: Jody Vernon)

Communication – Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is 12/9 at noon.

Brandie will send out a reminder about the Christmas party early in the week.

Community Service – Linda Charles:

The December project will be collecting socks and candy for the elderly.

Early Career – Julie Ravenscraft:

No report.

Membership – Greg Drake:

Nineteen attended the November meeting.

Greg is working on Dropbox instructions.

Old Business – Wayland Mueller:

Tina, Teresa, and Wayland are making progress on the bylaws. They should be going to the membership for a vote in early 2016.

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. The articles of incorporation are ready to be filed.

Wayland is looking into the cost of directors and officers liability insurance.

New Business – Wayland Mueller:

None.

Next CEC meeting: January 28 at 12:00pm

Meeting adjourned.

Ozarks AGA Member Spotlight



Jamie Rouch
Ozarks AGA Accountability
City of Branson

What do you do, and how long have you been doing it? Have been Finance Director for 4 years. My first position for Government was Assistant Finance Director and I was in that position for 3 years. I have worked for Government for a total of 7 years and I have worked in the private world as an auditor and staff accountant for 8 years previously.

Do you have a mentor-who is it and why? My mentor for my life is Jesus Christ; His life and death and resurrection are the ultimate example to follow in business and personal life, He taught us to treat others regardless of the situation as we would

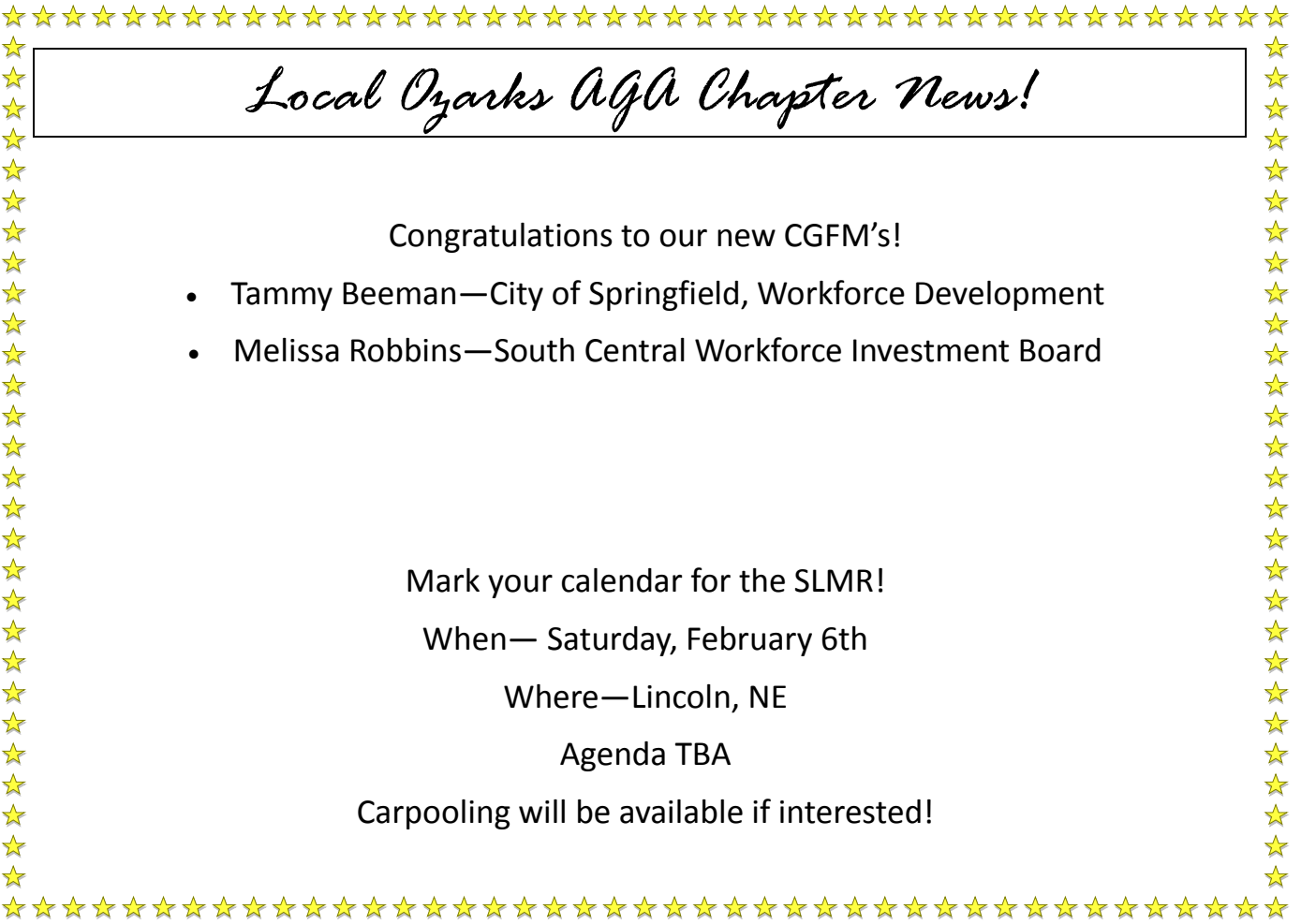
want them to treat us and He was always about helping others and not having judgment on them just setting the example for us all to be a witness and example so that others can see Him in us.

What was the last thing you changed your mind about? **Dieting...it is OVERRATED!!!** 😊

How do you stay current? I stay current with attending as much continuing education as I can, reading white papers and staying up with GAAP and GASB.

Famous Last Words: This too shall pass...

Ozarks Chapter News



Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

Congratulations to our new CGFM's!

- Tammy Beeman—City of Springfield, Workforce Development
- Melissa Robbins—South Central Workforce Investment Board

Mark your calendar for the SLMR!

When— Saturday, February 6th

Where—Lincoln, NE

Agenda TBA

Carpooling will be available if interested!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

Visit National at: www.agacgfm.org

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Accounting Specialist

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Buyer

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.

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Fall Seminar Recap

