



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants

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Newsletter – March, 2019

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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone!

The weather is warming and everyone is outside every sunny moment. I know I am looking forward to warm sunny days that are coming especially after all the flooding and loss that Nebraska has seen just recently.

Our Spring Chapter PDT went great and I am glad to hear the good reviews. I would like to thank Char Scott for working so hard in putting it together and everyone else who assisted her.

If you would like to be more active in AGA I believe there are still two spots open for next year’s CEC. We will be voting in the next meeting on the new slate of officers. So please try to make it out to the meeting to join us in voting. I look forward to seeing everyone at Tico’s.

Adam Brown - Lincoln Chapter President

AGA Lincoln April Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, April 3

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Tico's at 317 North 17th Street

Speaker: David Sankey has served as the Director of the State 911 Department since September 2016. He has over 30 years of Public Safety experience in Nebraska, 27 of those years with the Nebraska State Patrol. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and the National Executive Institute and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Calendar of Events

2019

April 3 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Tico's at 317 North 17th Street

April 10 – 11 - Wednesday and Thursday - Des Moines Chapter Spring Training

April 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room 2B

May 8 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting – 4th Floor 1526 K building

May 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Lower Level Training Room

May 15 - Wednesday - Webinar - Fighting Fraud with Analytics – 1526 Bldg., 1526 K Street, Lower Level – Training Room 1:00-2:50 - 2 hours of free CPE for members

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies

The Secretary and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

Webinar - Fighting Fraud with Analytics

The AGA Lincoln Chapter is offering a webinar on Wednesday May 15th. The topic is Fighting Fraud with Analytics. The location is 1526 K Street - Lower Level Training Room. The time is 1:00pm-2:50pm. 2 hours of free CPE for members, \$25 for non-members. Register on the chapter website.

Job Listing – Nebraska Department of Agriculture

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has a vacancy for an Accounting and Finance Manager. Included below is some position information. You can also view the posting on the state website [here](#). The posting will close on 4/4/2019 at 11:59 p.m.

Qualifications/Requirements: Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, statistics, business administration, or related field and two years' experience leading, coordinating, directing, monitoring, and/or supervising others in the performance of accounting functions OR Associate's degree in accounting, finance, statistics, business administration, or related field and four years' experience with professional accounting procedures, and experience leading, coordinating, directing, monitoring, and/or supervising others in the performance of accounting functions OR Six years' experience with professional accounting procedures including developing public accounting systems, modifying public accounting systems, and

financial management consultation, and experience leading, coordinating, directing, monitoring, and/or supervising others in the performance of accounting functions.

Job Duties: Determines and recommends financial policies and procedures which have a bearing upon the operation of the department. Advises director and administrative staff on matters pertaining to fiscal policy. Supervises the preparation of the annual budget and presents the budget to the Budget Committee of the State Legislature. Monitors all expenditures of funds so that proper controls are maintained in accordance with legislative budgetary authorization. Develops methods and procedures to assure proper maintenance of all accounting and financial records for the department. Supervises an auditing staff which is responsible for the review of all fiscal records and county administrative records. Supervises staff responsible for several federal awards from USDA, EPA, FDA and Federal Homeland Security. Performs other work and/or projects as assigned.

Hiring Rate of position: \$28.907.

Des Moines Chapter AGA Spring Training April 10 - 11, 2019

April 10, 2019 - WEBINAR (2 CPE) 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Grimes Building, 400 E 14th Street, Des Moines, Room B-100 Check in 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ethics with Nathan Mueller, Fraud & Ethics Awareness Speaker and co-author of Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud This is a behavioral ethics webinar covering a real-life example of fraud and the lessons that can be learned about the importance of controls, segregation of duties, system controls, processing controls, physical safeguards, controls in a time of change and the reality of the fraud triangle.

April 11, 2019 - SPRING TRAINING SEMINAR (8 CPE) 7:55 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Noah's Event Venue, 1805 90th Street, West Des Moines Check in and continental breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.

The seminar will feature the following speakers:

David Vautt, GASB Chairman, Recently Issued Standards & Current Technical Agenda

John Lynskey, AGA National President, Professional Resiliency

Janet Phipps, Director Department of Administrative Services (DAS), The Art of Leadership – What Is It?

Kim Hanson, DAS Training & Development Specialist, Ethics of Leadership

Registration fees include the April 10th Webinar and the April 11th Spring Seminar. The Seminar will include continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages.

Early Bird Registration – Deadline March 15, 2019 Member \$115 Non-member \$150

Regular Registration March 16 – March 31, 2019 Member \$140 Non-member \$175

WEBINAR only Member \$20 Non-member \$32

To register visit the Des Moines Chapter website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Home.aspx> Up to 10 hours of CPEs will be offered.

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

AGA Membership Renewal Time

You should have received an email reminding you that it is time to renew your membership. A link in the email will take you to the AGA website. You can also go to the website. The RENEW button is on the top-right corner – www.agacgfm.org

Members in the News

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at frank.faughn@nebraska.gov

CGFM News

CGFM Month

March is just around the corner, that means it is CGFM Month. Learn more about watching this one minute video on the value and benefits of CGFM certification.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUsHRRxO1lo&feature=youtu.be>

CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2019

The March 6th Chapter meeting was held at the 1526 K Building, Lincoln. There were 16 people in attendance including four guests.

Adam Brown, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. He noted that March was CGFM month for AGA and encouraged reaching out if you were interested in taking the next step and sitting for the exam. He also

reminded all of the Chapter PDT on March 7th. John Lynskey, AGA National President would be a speaker at the Conference. Topics for the PDT will include Cyber Security as well as others.

Ann Martinez spoke about the 25th anniversary of AGA. She went on to remind everyone that membership renewal time is underway. She displayed brochures indicating the importance of AGA and good reasons to join. If you would like a brochure, or know someone that is interested in AGA, please speak with Ann. These are also great to help attract young professionals.

Jeff Filbert mentioned that the April chapter meeting would be at Tico's with Dave Sankey, the State 911 Director as the speaker. In May, the chapter appreciation meeting would be at the 1526 K Building.

Tim Baker went on to introduce John Lynskey as the speaker for the day. He is the National President for AGA. John spoke about the new AGA Governance Structure that is effective July 1, 2019 as well as the transition timeline along the way. He highlighted his presidential theme as "Giving Back to the Profession" and his presidential goals to promote and expand CGFM, raise awareness of the CCR (Citizen-Centric Reporting), and successfully transition AGA to a modernized governance structure. John also reminded all to take advantage of the free online toolkits and guides on the website and to reach out any time you have questions, comments, or concerns. Here is the contact information for you:

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John Lynskey
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Presented by Chris Barber, Secretary and Past President

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2019

In attendance were Lily Kathee-Harner, Char Scott, Frank Faughn, Jeff Filbert, Adam Brown, Chris Barber, Ann Martinez, Tim Baker, Tim Channer, and Staci Bolton.

President - Adam called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. He started the meeting with a discussion of Lead 2019. There is one more spot available if you would like to attend, see Adam. Tim Baker and Ann Martinez will be attending. The discussion continued with National PDT in July in New Orleans. National AGA recommends the new position of chapter liaison attend. There is one additional National paid room scholarship for another person. Previously the room scholarships were used for the President and incoming President from the prior Program Year. Tim Channer made a motion for the liaison and the incoming president to attend the PDT for this year. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Education – Char commented that the Spring Chapter PDT in March went well. There were 47 attendees and roughly 85% of the fees have been collected thus far. Innovation campus was a great venue. Due to a miscommunication with the leftover food from the caterer, the chapter received a \$50 gift card to use in the future, possibly the May Chapter meeting.

Chapter Meetings – On April 3rd, the speaker is Dave Sankey the State 911 Director and the location of the meeting will be at Tico's at 317 North 17th Street. On May 1st, the chapter meeting will be at the 1526 K Building again. There was a suggestion to have the Chapter PDT and monthly meeting together in the future.

Young Professionals – Frank put out a reminder to renew your membership.

Accountability and Outreach – No report.

Communications – Tim Channer announced that the due date for items to be included in the newsletter is March 27th.

Professional Certification – Ann said that the city and state proclamations are complete and that a picture was entered on Facebook.

Community Service – Char gave a brief update on behalf of Jessica Elliott to be looking for an opportunity to help the needy to be announced around the Easter timeframe.

Sponsorships – Tim Baker updated the CEC with news that Infor may want to consider being our exclusive sponsor. Other ideas discussed were to sponsor a break or a breakfast at the Chapter PDT

Treasurer – The Treasurer's Report was present for February 2019 by Dan. He also mentioned that the CEC may want to consider an internal control option for the chapter president to sign checks in the future as well as to verify signatures on file at the bank on a yearly basis. Frank made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Tim Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary – Chris announced that the February Chapter and CEC meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter. She asked for any corrections, none were given. Tim Baker made a motion accept the minutes as presented and Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President-elect – Ann said that the CRP is due at the end of March. CEC positions were also discussed. The secretary and president-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. The CEC slate will be voted on at the April Chapter Meeting. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

Other – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Chris Barber, Past President and Secretary

CGFM Study Guides

New CGFM study guides are available. The Chapter is willing to purchase the new guides if anyone is interested in using them. We have 2014 CGFM Study Guides and they are available for you today. Please contact Candace Meredith for more information. cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov

Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov

Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

TREASURER'S REPORT					
				2018-2019	
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				February 1, 2019	\$9,898.02
Receipts:				Receipts:	
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,640.00	(\$2,750.00)	Spring PDT	\$4,640.00
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$3,455.00	(\$3,935.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$750.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$5,390.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$12,595.00</u>	<u>(\$4,785.00)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				spring PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$3,461.61	\$2,758.39	Member Support	\$24.14
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$359.00	\$1,746.00	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)	Chapter Leadership	\$18.66
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$430.55	\$369.45	Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	\$70.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$96.66	\$3.34	Total Disbursements	<u>\$112.80</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00		
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	February 28, 2019	<u>\$15,175.22</u>
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	Checking	\$15,175.22
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	<u>\$15,175.22</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Total Disbursements: \$17,850.00 \$7,345.44 \$10,504.56

2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:	Name	Phone #	Email
President	Adam Brown	402-471-6822	adam.brown@nebraska.gov
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