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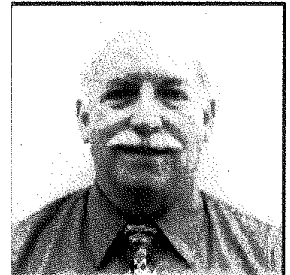
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## Message from the President

Watching Hurricane Sandy develop, move and destruct on television and the internet was a sobering experience. Coverage of the aftermath of this event provides insight into the importance of emergency preparedness and disaster recovery planning by governments to provide for the safety and wellbeing of affected citizens. Individual planning is equally important. From *Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness*: [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready\\_full.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready_full.pdf)  
"Following a disaster, community members may be on their own for a period of time because of the size of the area affected, lost communications, and impassable roads.



Bob Wells

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program supports local response capability by training volunteers to organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers at the disaster site, to provide immediate assistance to victims, and to collect disaster intelligence to support responders' efforts when they arrive.

In the classroom, participants learn about the hazards they face and ways to prepare for them. CERT members are taught basic organizational skills that they can use to help themselves, their loved ones, and their neighbors until help arrives.

Local governments, or one of its representatives, sponsor CERT training in the community. Training consists of 20 hours of instruction on topics that include disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster psychology. Upon completion of the training, participants are encouraged to continue their involvement by participating in training activities and volunteering for projects that support their community's disaster preparedness efforts.

For additional information on CERT, visit <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT> or contact your local Citizen Corps Council." <http://www.greencountycert.org>

Ozarks AGA is involved. Some of our members have completed CERT training. John Everest, Director of Education included the emergency preparation and disaster recovery theme in this year's education plan and training schedule. I would encourage anyone who hasn't read *Are You Ready?* to download and read this publication.

The Thanksgiving holiday season is fast approaching. We live in a country and area where we have much to be thankful for. Take and enjoy time with family and friends and please remember those whose lives have been forever changed by disaster. All of us can help victims by donating to relief agencies.

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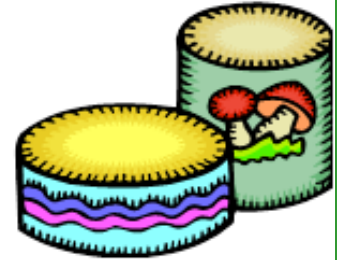
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Check out career  
opportunities on page 7!

**November Community Service Project****Fall Scholarship Seminar – Let's make this a "Souper" seminar.**

**Please bring a can of soup or a box meal to the seminar for the Ozarks Food Harvest. For every can item, box meal or \$1 donated you will have a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Olive Garden.**

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving 250 organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank distributes 10 million meals annually to 170,000 unduplicated individuals. Most needed food items to donated include boxed and canned meals (such as mac 'n cheese or Hamburger Helper), canned fruits and vegetables, cereal and kitchen staples (such as ketchup, mustard, salt and pepper). Learn more at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org), [facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest](https://www.facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest) or [twitter.com/ozksfoodharvest](https://twitter.com/ozksfoodharvest). Thanks for your support of Ozarks Food Harvest!

**Interested in becoming a member of AGA?**Ozarks Chapter AGA Dues are \$5.00 Plus

Full Government Member—\$90/year

Private Sector Member—\$150/year

Early Career Member—\$45/year  
-Fewer than three years professional experience.

Student Membership—\$30/year  
-full time college/university students not gainfully employed.

Retired Member—\$30/year

Contact [Justin Hill](#) for more information!**Interested in the CGFM?**

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to  
inquire about opportunities in our area.



## Regional Training Opportunities

### AGA Audio Conferences

November 7th—Applying Data Analytics to Uncover Fraud

December 5th—Structuring Performance Data to Effectively Drive Management Decisions

GFOA—Managing the Salary and Wage Budgeting Process

Audio Conference

November 8th, 2:00 EST—1 hour long

1 CPE

Click [here](#) for more information

## Fall Seminar

November 13th, 2012

8:00—12:00

Cooper Tennis Complex

2331 E. Pythian

Members: \$60

Non-Members: \$80

CPE: 4 Credit

Ethics Breach—GSA and the Hatch Act

GASB Update

Generational Differences

Economic Outlook 2013

Contact [jrhill@greencountymo.org](mailto:jrhill@greencountymo.org) to RSVP!

## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012		Summer Break	
July	2012		Summer Break	
August	2012	21st	Ryan Nichols/Tour	Public Safety Center
September	2012	11th	CU Water Conservation	CU Training Ctr
October	2012	9th	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	13th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
December	2012	TBD	Members Social	Springfield Brew Co.
January	2013	TBD	TBD	TBD
February	2013	TBD	TBD	TBD
March	2013	TBD	TBD	TBD
April	2012	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison
May	2012	16th	Behind The Scenes Look At Economic Development	Midtown Library



# Stick a FORK in Cancer

Visit one of these restaurants on  
**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

to donate 10% of the cost of your meal to join the fight against cancer!  
Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Springfield.

[www.relayforlife.org/springfieldmo](http://www.relayforlife.org/springfieldmo)

 [www.facebook.com/RelayForLife.SpringfieldMO](http://www.facebook.com/RelayForLife.SpringfieldMO)



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**OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA  
2012-2013 Statement of Operations**

		10/31/2012
	<b>2012-13 Budget</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Revenue</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Chapter Dues	\$ 350.00	124.60
Monthly meetings	1,750.00	585.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	1,800.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar	7,500.00	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	-	-
Misc Revenue	50.00	-
Interest income	50.00	10.44
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 870.04</b>
	<b>Projected Expenses</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Expense</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,500.00	391.74
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,700.00	95.00
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	4,750.00	-
Community Service Expense	600.00	-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	4,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC - CEC Travel Stipend	1,875.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	35.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	-
Misc Expense	300.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 521.74</b>
Change In Fund Balance:		
Beginning	8,515.85	8,515.85
Revenue	12,650.00	870.04
Expended	(16,075.00)	(521.74)
Projected Reduction in Fund Balance	(3,425.00)	28.05
Ending	<b>\$5,090.85</b>	<b>\$8,864.15</b>

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## CEC Minutes 8.30.12

### October 25, 2012 CEC Meeting

12 noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west conference room - Busch Building at 840 Boonville

**Attendance:** Bob Wells, Tina McManus, Julie Ravenscraft, Rick Findley, Pat Monday

#### Secretary

A motion was made and passed to accept the September 2012 CEC meeting minutes – as corrected.

#### Community Service

Collecting cans of soup or box meals for Ozarks Food Harvest at November fall seminar

Toys for Tots event in December & Relay for Life Christmas Gift Wrapping at Bass Pro

#### Scholarships

Applications will be sent out January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Committee selected and plans to meet in December

#### Education

Biographies have been obtained for the speaks of the fall seminar, November 13 from 8am-noon at Cooper Tennis Complex

#### Membership:

Possible social event in December, John is working on details for next CEC meeting

#### CGFM:

Auburn University has provided review materials for our chapter, contact Rick for more details

#### Communication:

Have newsletter info to Brandie by November 1<sup>st</sup>

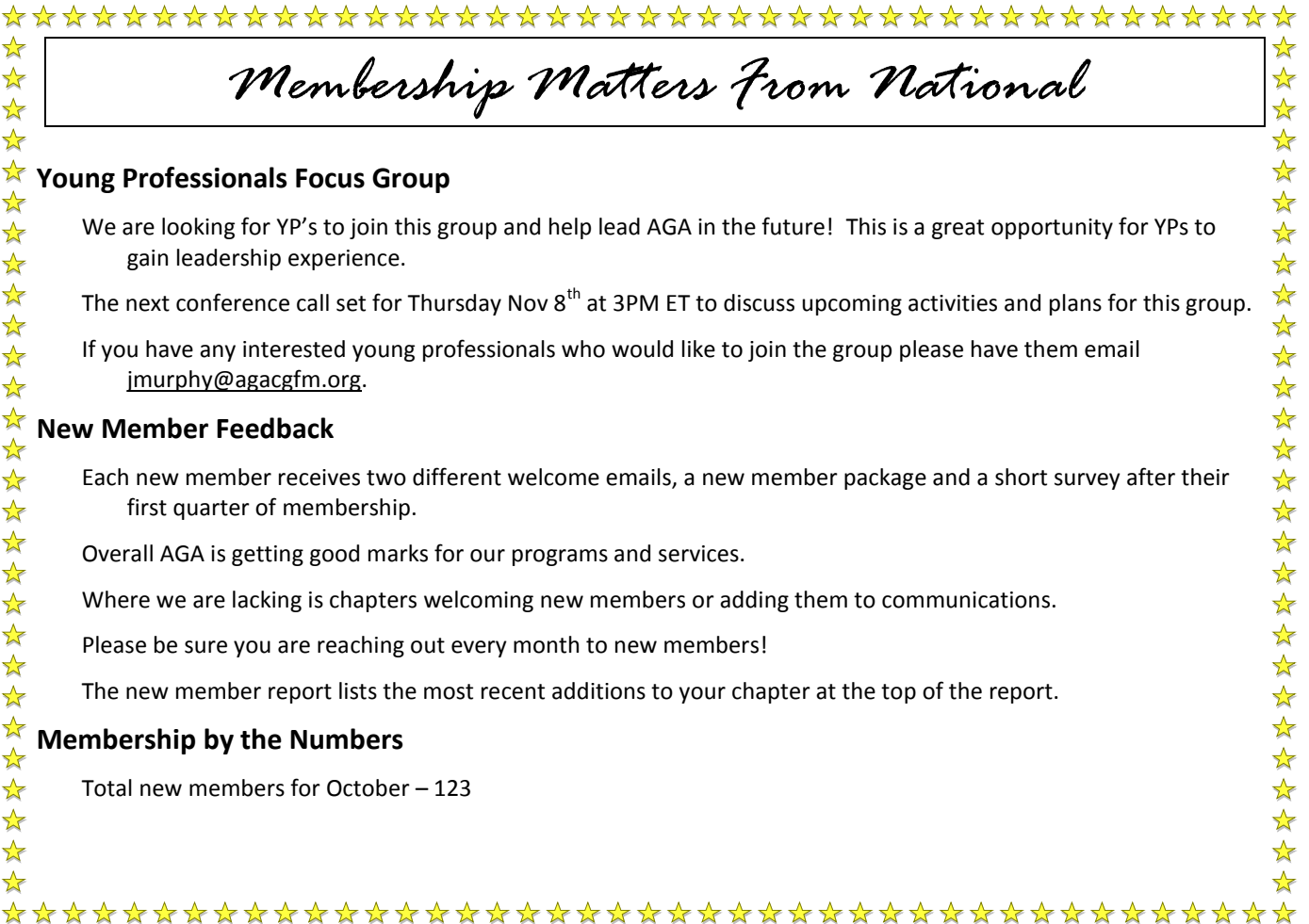
#### New Business:

Succession of Directors and Officers

**Next CEC meeting:** November 29, 2012 – 12 noon – Busch Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west conference room

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:45 PM

# Ozarks Chapter News



## *Membership Matters From National*

### **Young Professionals Focus Group**

We are looking for YP's to join this group and help lead AGA in the future! This is a great opportunity for YPs to gain leadership experience.

The next conference call set for Thursday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 3PM ET to discuss upcoming activities and plans for this group.

If you have any interested young professionals who would like to join the group please have them email [jmurphy@agacgfm.org](mailto:jmurphy@agacgfm.org).

### **New Member Feedback**

Each new member receives two different welcome emails, a new member package and a short survey after their first quarter of membership.

Overall AGA is getting good marks for our programs and services.

Where we are lacking is chapters welcoming new members or adding them to communications.

Please be sure you are reaching out every month to new members!

The new member report lists the most recent additions to your chapter at the top of the report.

### **Membership by the Numbers**

Total new members for October – 123

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

Visit us at: [www.ozarksaga.org](http://www.ozarksaga.org)

The Ozarks Ledger is a publication of the Ozarks Chapter of The Association of Government Accountants

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Deadline for articles: **30th** of each month

Send articles to: [bfisher@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:bfisher@springfieldmo.gov)

**Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks**



[City of Joplin](#)

**Assistant Finance Director**

[Associated Electric Cooperative](#)

**Accounting & Audit Internships**

[Payroll Benefits Assistant](#)

**Payroll/Benefits Assistant**