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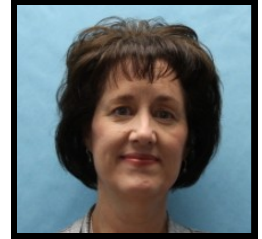
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Message from the President

Greetings! The January issue of School Business Affairs (a monthly publication from the professional organization Association of School Business Officials) has several articles dedicated to the topic of work-life balance. Since we all struggle from time to time to meet deadlines, keep appointments, and maintain family and friend relationships, I want to share with you this month some of the strategies these authors say can help maintain balance between our professional and private lives. In their article, "The Myth of Work-Life Balance, Tim Peraino and Stephanie Weese suggest:



- Say no when you have reached your limit or agree to something only if you are able to give up something else.
- Innovate by exploring ways technology can be used to perform tasks more efficiently and brain storm with others to find better ways to do time consuming processes.
- Delegate and empower people around you to handle tasks that you've been doing.
- Don't lose focus on your needs (i.e., eating well, exercising, recharging).
- Unplug by setting parameters that define when you will respond to emails, texts, etc.
- Get support by making sure you have the proper support systems in place at home and at work.

In another article in the same publication entitled, "Proper Balance Doesn't Mean Equal," author Stan Wisler, offers additional strategies:

- Schedule personal time and activities. Don't just wait until you have time available (or it will never happen).
- Take a break from work (lunch breaks, vacations, etc.). You will be more productive.
- Practice good discipline when scheduling time for yourself (eat well, exercise, and rest).
- Do something for others; it will help take the focus off of you, your work, and the related stress.
- Become involved in organizations with missions that are different from your place of employment in order to stretch your experiences.

On a somewhat related note, I want to extend a personal thank you to all of the AGA members who volunteered with me in January in the preparation of Property Tax Credit forms. The Southwest Missouri Office on Aging (with whom we partnered) was grateful for AGA's participation. This was a terrific community service project for our organization. Thank you to Bob Wells, Rachel McGinnis, Wayland Mueller, Tina McManus, Rachael Simmons, Pam Cox, and Beth Hale.

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CGFM News

Interested in the CGFM Certification?

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 setion. If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, please notify Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu and she will 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.

Maintaining CGFM Certifications

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee of \$30 for members and \$65 for non-members, by March 31st.
- Complete at least 80 hours of CPE every 2 years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

If retired or inactive, contact a CEC member or the national AGA office to inquire about CGFM renewal requirements.

Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



National/Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Events & Conferences

AGA Web Conference

Fraud Prevention

February 18, 2015 2:00-3:50 ET

2 CPE

Earn CPE Online!

AGA Journal CPE Quizzes

Becker Educational Programs

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★ ***Tuesday* February Meeting** ★
★ February 17, 2015 ★
★ 12:00-1:00 ★
★ Topic: Election Process/Stat overview ★
★ Speaker: Shane Scholler ★
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★ Members: \$10, Non-Members \$15 ★
★ Kraft Admin Building—SPS ★
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★ RSVP to Jody Vernon by 12:00, on ★
★ Friday, February 13th. ★
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Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2014	19th	Summer Break	
July	2014	17th	Summer Break	
August	2014	14st	GASB 65 and 67	Tower Club
September	2014	24th	Single Audit	Cooper Tennis
October	2014	23th	8hr Fall Seminar	White River Conference Ctr.
November	2014	20th	Talent Selection/Interviewing	Cooper Tennis
December	2014	11th	Member Social	Jimms
January	2015	15th	IRS Update	Panera
February	2015	17th	Election Process/Local Stats	Kraft Admin
March	2015	26h	Spring Seminar	Bass Pro
April	2015	16th	Field Trip—Grant Funding	TBD
May	2015	21st	MSU Career Center	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2015
July 1, 2014 Through January 28, 2015**

Revenues:	FY15 Budget Revenue	FY15 Actual Revenue	January 2015 Revenue
Chapter Dues	415.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Monthly meetings	1,530.00	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 220.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	2,400.00	\$ 3,335.00	\$ -
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	164.00	\$ 164.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	283.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	5.00	\$ 2.40	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 14,597.00	\$ 6,771.40	\$ 220.00

Expenses:	FY15 Budget Expense	FY15 Actual Expense	January 2015 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,463.00	\$ 1,752.55	\$ 174.69
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	2,500.00	\$ 1,830.77	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	2,100.00	\$ 606.96	\$ 606.96
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
Community Service Expense	500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	164.00	\$ 110.00	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	320.00	\$ 237.13	\$ 182.34
Total Expenses	\$ 14,597.00	\$ 4,937.41	\$ 963.99

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,950.92	6,950.92	\$ 9,528.90
Revenue	14,597.00	6,771.40	\$ 220.00
Expenses	(14,597.00)	(4,937.41)	\$ (963.99)
Net Change	-	1,833.99	\$ (743.99)
Ending	<u>\$ 6,950.92</u>	<u>\$ 8,784.91</u>	<u>\$ 8,784.91</u>

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CEC Minutes

January 29, 2015 CEC Meeting Minutes

Proposed

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

Attendance:

Debra Burling, Brandie Fisher, Pam Cox, Wayland Mueller, Mary Jo Kerringer, Tina McManus, Sharla Bailey, and Brandi Aldridge

Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:

The minutes of the December 4, 2014 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

Treasurer-Greg Drake:

Not present. The treasurer's report was distributed by email. Debra reported for Greg that he prepared and mailed the Spring seminar sponsorship invoice to the Bank of Kansas City.

Education-Teresa Allen and Mary Jo Kerringer:

The next chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at the Kraft Administration building and the Greene County Clerk will speak about the election process. The Spring Seminar will be held on March 26 at the White River Conference Room. The April meeting will be a tour of Convoy of Hope and presentation on FEMA funding.

The umbrella's have been purchased and received for the Spring Seminar member gift.

Professional Certification-Sharla Bailey:

March is CGFM month and Sharla is working on obtaining the proclamations.

Tina reported that the CGFM study guides are still being checked out. There was agreement that old study guides should be discarded since the chapter has obtained current versions.

Communication-Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is February 4. Brandie is looking into utilizing a media response product (Media Chimp) to track the e-mails containing the newsletters sent to members. This tool could gauge the effectiveness of the newsletter distribution by indicating when and how many members open (and therefore read) the newsletter.

Community Service-Pam Cox:

The community service organizations for February are CARE (Castaway Animal Rescue Effort), and the American Heart Association. A cookie basket and dog biscuit basket donated by Pam will be raffled off to AGA members at the February member meeting and the proceeds will be split between the two organizations.

Early Career-Paul Essel: Not present; no report.



Membership-Jody Vernon: Not present; no report.

Old Business-

- Tina gave an oral report and Bob Wells sent an e-mail response that provided feedback on the Property Tax Credit community project. Overall, they thought the project was helpful to the community.
- Tina has been reviewing the bylaws and found two documents including; Chapter Bylaws and a 2010 Policy and Procedure Manual. Debra will ask if there are guidelines for aligning local bylaws with National. Debra will also attempt to determine the origins and the purpose of the Policy and Procedure Manual and whether it is a document that should be reviewed and updated by the chapter.
- Debra reported that Greg is still researching on-line data storage possibilities for the chapter.

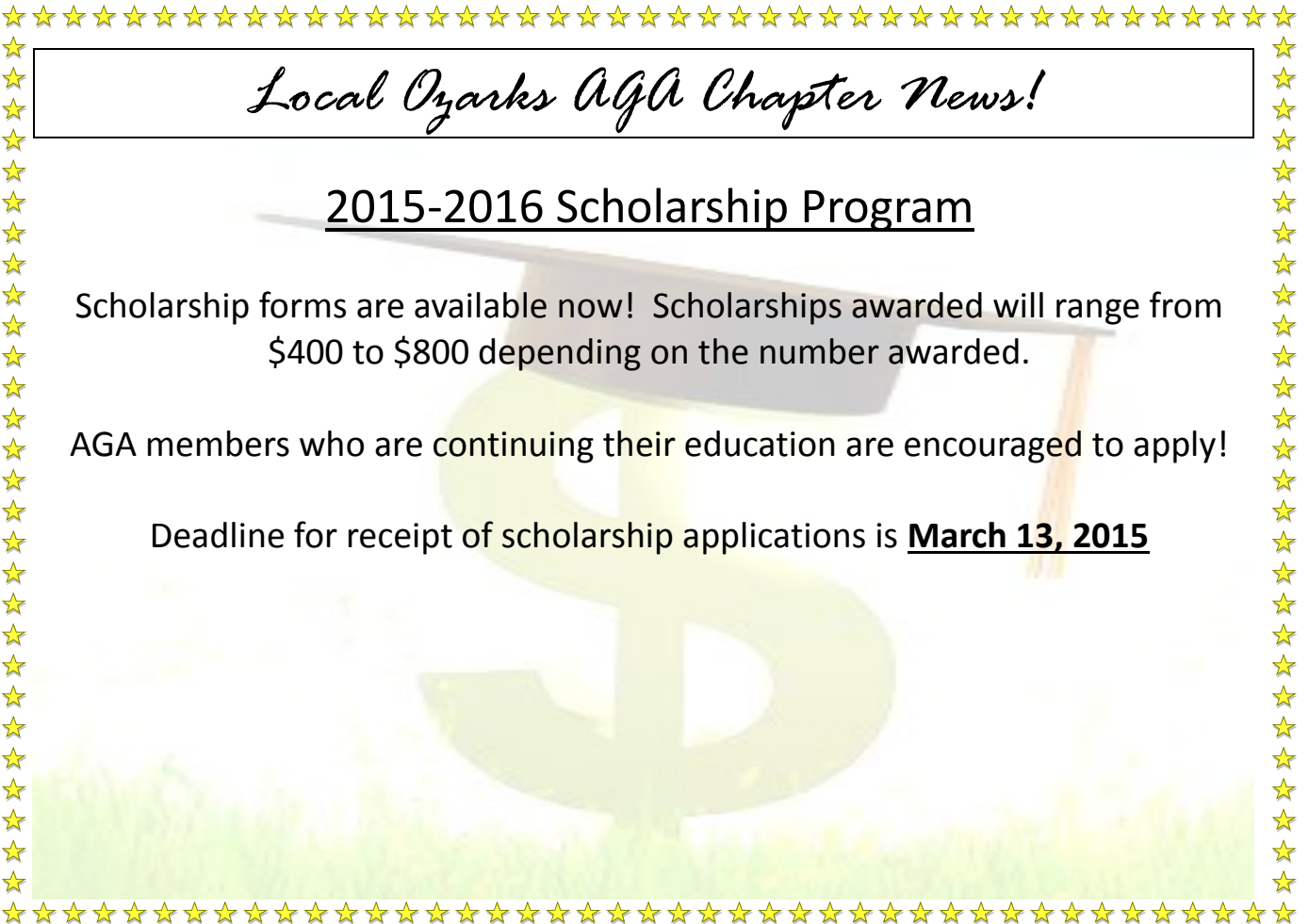
New Business-

- The student scholarship award range will be \$400-\$800. Brandie and Wayland will speak with Teresa and Jody for clarification on the scholarship committee and responsibilities. An objective scoring sheet will be developed if one isn't already available.
- If any CEC members are interested in the Chapter Hotel Scholarships for PDT, let Debra know. Debra will ask if the Hotel Scholarship can be used for any other conferences or if it is only for the Nashville PDT.
- The membership renewal deadline is March 31 and the Spring Seminar fees include membership.

Next CEC meeting: February 26, 2015, 12pm

Meeting adjourned.

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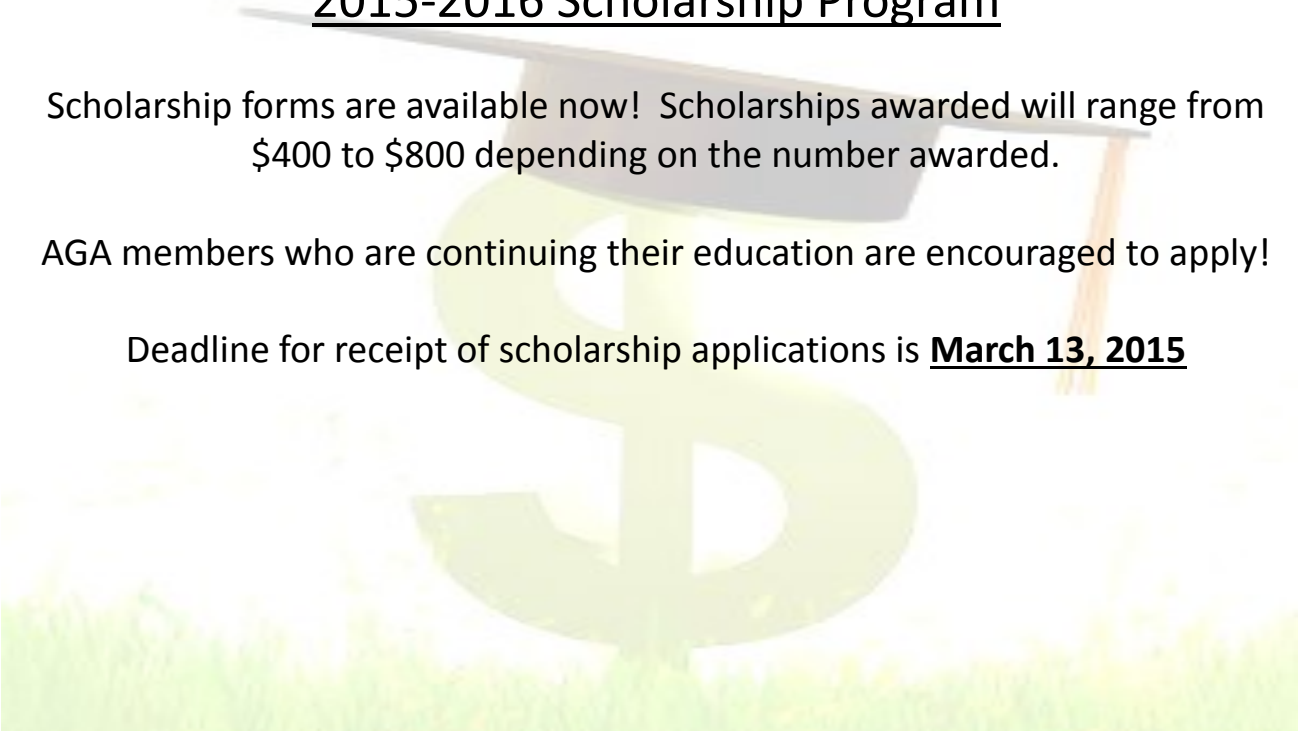
Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

2015-2016 Scholarship Program

Scholarship forms are available now! Scholarships awarded will range from \$400 to \$800 depending on the number awarded.

AGA members who are continuing their education are encouraged to apply!

Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is **March 13, 2015**



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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Deadline for articles: **30th** of each month
Send articles to: bfisher@springfieldmo.gov



February is American Heart Month. So the AGA Ozarks Chapter will be collecting for human hearts AND pet hearts at our February chapter meeting.



We will raffle off a basket of tasty heart shaped cookies for \$1.00 per entry for the American Heart Association.



We will also raffle off a jar of peanut butter dog biscuits for \$1.00 per entry for C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue (Castaway Animal Rescue Effort).

Let's all have BIG Hearts and collect BIG donations!

Please contact Pam Cox, pcox@Springfieldmo.gov, 417-864-1886, for additional information.