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Message from the President

Annual membership recruitment supported by our national organization runs September through December. The Ozarks Chapter of AGA works year round to recruit new members and sustain its membership. Our goal this year is to increase all classes of membership by a net total of eight. Last year through your efforts we realized an increase of ten net new members. AGA serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability. The purpose of the Association and Ozarks Chapter is to be a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management.



Bob Wells

Our primary objective is to instruct, train and inform government financial managers in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems, and financial management and to encourage and provide educational events for the interchange of ideas among financial managers in government service and among government and non-government financial managers. This continuing education process will provide for the professional development of government financial managers so that they may better serve the public.

The monthly luncheon meeting for September will be held on September 11 at the City Utilities training facility on North Robberson. Please invite someone you know who might be interested in learning about AGA to attend as our guest. This meeting was planned in part to show how we instruct, train and inform. The drought is a weather event that affects everyone in our community. Managers and financial staff of government and non-profit entities will learn how CU's Emergency Water Conservation Plan may impact their operations and public. Mr. Roddy Rogers, Manager of Water Treatment and Supply for City Utilities will be our speaker. His topic will also include a discussion of CU water facilities, infrastructure and water sources, the Stockton pipe line and water allocations, and future options for the water utility.

Sole Food – recycling for Springfield Public Schools is a program to recycle shoes and is our community service project for September. Pat.Monday@cityutilities.net 831-8719 for more information. Bag up your old shoes and bring a friend to CU on September 11. I hope to see you there.

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Interested in the CGFM?

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



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September and October Community Service Project**“Sole Food” - shoeing away hunger**

AGA will be collecting shoes at the September and October meetings. This is a great time of year to clean out your closets and donate for a great cause!

Friends Against Hunger’s Sole Food team collect shoes—good, bad and ugly; worn or new; any size. They take the gently worn shoes and distribute them in the area through clothing banks and Rare Breed. The remainder they bag up and take to George-the-Shoeman. George-the-Shoeman buys shoes from Friends Against Hunger for \$0.30/lb. Friends Against Hunger uses the money to buy ingredients to make meals, which are used locally and internationally to feed the poor. George sells the remaining shoes to international buyers and uses the money for water filtration projects and to drill wells in Africa.

Donated shoes should be tied/rubber banded together and can be dropped off in the bins on the 1st floor of the Training Center at the September meeting at City Utilities.

To learn more about this organization, visit their website at <http://www.solefood.us>

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!

Check out career
 opportunities on page 8!

Year Long Community Service Project

Recycling – Springfield Public Schools – “etc. Center” – 501 W. Central – Springfield, Mo.

AGA will be collecting recycling items for the “etc. Center” at **every** monthly meeting.

“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure” makes good learning sense where teachers are concerned. What better way for educators to teach children a valuable lesson in recycling and also prove that all toys and games do not necessarily need to come from the store.

The “etc. Center” is a supplementary materials program that provides area students and teachers with various recycled materials that have been discarded. Instruction for creating art projects and teaching aids out of these materials is given through various teacher workshops during the school year.

Below is a list of items that are accepted by the “etc. Center”. It is important to remember that **ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN AND SANITARY FOR ACCEPTANCE**. Cans, glass jars, and plastic food containers must **ALL** be washed out for safe usage by children and teachers.

Items accepted at etc.....

Plastic bags—all sizes	Bows	Thread spools
Plastic milk cartons	Orange juice cans/metal lids	Hose eggs
Plastic bleach bottles	Aluminum pie tins	Baby food jars
Greeting cards	Wire	Glass jars w/lids
Calendars	Cans: coffee, tuna, etc.	String/Cord
Magazines	Coat Hangers	Pine Cones
Ribbons	Fabric scraps	Sweet gum balls
Plastic squeeze bottles	Cigar boxes	Scrap paper
Plastic or silk flowers	Oatmeal boxes	Paper towel tubes
Travel brochures	Salt boxes	T. P. tubes
Cereal boxes (broken down)	Plastic soda liters	Wrapping paper tube
Cheese boxes	Plastic lids	Wallpaper hooks
Kleenex boxes	Medicine bottles w/lids	Wallpaper rolls
Stationary boxes	Buttons	Greeting cards
Potato chip cans	Egg cartons	Calendars
Travel brochures		

Please contact Pat Monday if you have any questions (417) 425-5351 (No Text!)

Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Audio Conferences

- September 12, 2012—Pension Accounting and Other Changes from GASB
- September 19th, 2012—[2011 Yellow Book: What you Need to Know](#)

Government Finance Officers Association of Missouri (GFOA)

October 16th, 2012—Chapter Meeting
For more info contact [Margie Williams](#)

Emergency Water Conservation Plan

September 11, 2011 @ 12:00
City Utilities Training Center (North of Main Building)

Members: \$10
Non-Members: \$15
CPE: 1 Credit

Member Recruitment! Members are encouraged to bring one non-member for **free**—and the member will receive their choice of an Andy's or Starbucks \$5 gift-card!

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	TBD	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	TBD	Fall Seminar	Spfld Mill & Lumber
December	2012	TBD	Members Social	TBD
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

**Government Financial
Manager (GFM) Training
Program-Course 1 & 3**

**ONE-TIME
TRAINING
OPPORTUNITY**



AGA Mid-Missouri Chapter

**Government Environment and
Governmental Financial Management and Control
November 7-9, 2012
Governor Office Building**

This is a three day course worth 24 CPE hours. These courses are designed for the financial management professional who is interested in learning more about the federal, state and local government activities related to the government environment and management and control.

Learn about government organization and structure, the importance of the budget process, the role and structure of taxes and much more. Additionally, learn about the internal control process in government organizations and how this process can aid managers in meeting objectives for reliable financial and performance reporting. Learn about the role audits play in improving efficiency and effectiveness, and in helping ensure compliance with laws and regulations. Gain a better understanding of performance measurement and financial and managerial analysis. **These courses are also an aid in studying for the Exam 1 and 3 in obtaining a CGFM.** Course materials/study guides will be provided to each participant (a \$170 value!). Course is led by Pete Rose, course developer and prior Certification Board Member.

**Government Environment
Objectives**

- how governments are organized and structured
- the legal aspects of governments
- the importance of the budget process
- the management cycle, and how the various stages are interrelated
- how governments are financed
- the role and structure of taxes
- the purposes for issuing debt
- what it means to be publicly accountable
- the importance of ethics in government
- specific skills and responsibilities of financial managers

**Government Financial Management and Control
Objectives**

- GAO and COSO objectives of controls
- considerations and risks involving controls
- how to apply internal controls
- the responsibilities of management and auditors
- components of internal controls
- evaluating internal controls
- types of government audits and their objectives
- standards for auditors and audits
- the responsibilities of management and auditors in the audit process
- phases of the audit and contracting for audits;
- objectives and uses of performance measures;
- and much more

Registration Fee and Information

A minimum of 20 participants is required before the course can be offered. Space is limited for this program, so register early. The first 20 CGFM candidates to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for one part of the CGFM Exam at no charge which is a \$109 savings. The training event is being offered at a cost of \$450 per attendee. This is a bargain at \$18.75 per CPE hour, which includes the \$170 study guides.

No payment is expected at this time—only the commitment to the event. Sign up by contacting Vandee DeVore, Director of Education at 751-1987 or email at education@midmoaga.org no later than October 3, 2012. Our online registration system is not available for this event but credit card payments will be accepted. Meals will not be provided at this event.

Refund Policy: Refunds will not be given on an individual basis, however substitution is allowed. If the course must be cancelled due to lack of participation, a full refund will be given to each individual.

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

	8/29/2012	
	2012-13 Budget	FYTD Actual Revenue
Revenues:		
Chapter Dues	\$ 350.00	119.60
Monthly meetings	1,750.00	-
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	-
Charity Fundraiser	-	-
Misc Revenue	50.00	-
Interest income	50.00	3.45
Total Revenues	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 123.05
	Projected	FYTD
	Expenses	Actual Expense
Expenses:		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,500.00	-
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	-
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	-
Misc Expense	300.00	-
Total Expenses	\$ 16,075.00	\$ 95.00
Change In Fund Balance:		
Beginning	8,515.85	8,515.85
Revenue	12,650.00	123.05
Expended	(16,075.00)	(95.00)
Projected Reduction in Fund Balance	(3,425.00)	28.05
Ending	\$5,090.85	\$8,543.90

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CEC Minutes 8.30.12

August 30, 2012 CEC Meeting

12:00 PM – Busch Building – 2nd floor West conference room

Attendance: Teresa Allen, Jon Cummings, John Everest, Rick Findley, Brandie Fisher, Justin Hill, Pat Monday, Bob Wells

Secretary:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Rick motioned, John second.

Treasurer:

The treasurer's report was presented and approved. Rick motioned, Pam second.

Communication:

Newsletter information is due on the 30th of each month. In the future the newsletter will include a member profile or a celebrations section honoring any career achievements, or personal announcements – if you have anything to contribute, email to Brandie.

Scholarships:

National will be offering a Recruitment Scholarship again this year – Ozarks Chapter plans to apply. We will spend this recruitment money at the September meeting. Members who bring a potential new member will receive a \$5 gift card to either Andy's or Starbucks (1 per member).

Current membership is at 76, our target growth is 10%

Early Careers:

Community Service:

Pat submitted a proposed schedule of community service events for the remainder of the AGA year. September we will be participating in the "Sole Food" and "etc. Center" programs under the direction of Springfield Public Schools

Scholarship applications will go out January 4th

Education:

Discussion on potential speakers through December, including fall seminar.

CGFM:

Working to encourage CGFM participation

We have multiple members who are currently testing

Mid-Missouri is offering a study class for books 1 and 3

Department of Defense now recognizes CGFM as its preferred certification

Future plans – bring recognition of CGFM to the employers that the members of AGA represent.

Accountability:

Draft copy of Citizen Centric Report is complete, Rick will be discussing integrating the CCR into college curriculum.

Next CEC meeting will be Thursday, September 27th, 2012 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the 2nd floor West Busch Building conference room.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:57 pm, Teresa motion, Rick second.

Ozarks Chapter News



Attention Ozarks AGA Members!



Do you like **Andy's**? Do you like **Starbucks**? Do you know someone who would benefit from AGA, but isn't a member yet?

Bring them, for **FREE**, to our **September** meeting on water conservation!

In return, you will receive your choice of a \$5 Andy's or Starbucks giftcard—limit one per member, while supplies last!

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

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

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