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Message from the President

I am floating on Cloud Nine!! I am so excited to welcome our 17 new members to the Ozarks chapter. And the Spring Seminar was a great success – thanks to the hard work of Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, and John Everest. The silent auction and raffle raised over \$350 for our Relay for Life team – AGA Adds Up – thanks to Pat Monday. Our team is always looking for new members and AGA will donor \$25 towards your contribution. It's not too late to sign up.



Tina McManus

Our April 17th meeting will be a Local Government Update roundtable with presenters from Springfield Public Schools, City Utilities and Missouri State University. We will also be voting on our slate of officers for next year.

Our May meeting will be a presentation from Missouri Department of Transportation. It will be our last meeting before our break for the summer.

Our website has now been updated so check it out at <http://ozarksaga.org/>. (Thanks to Teresa Allen.)

Jamie Rouch and Stacey McCallister reported at the March CEC meeting regarding the January SLR-M. They enjoyed the ice-breaker activity and really are interested in the citizen-centric reporting (CCR). They plan to implement this in their organization and share it with other organizations. Wayland Mueller will be attending the SLM in Kansas City in April.

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April Community Service Information



Lions Clubs International

Donate Glasses – How You Can Help

Free for You – Priceless to Them

Donate glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read. An adult succeed in his job. A senior maintain her independence. And provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive.

Journey of a Pair of Eyeglasses

Donate glasses at the April AGA Meeting.

AGA will take the donated glasses to a collection site.

A box of used eyeglasses is poured out for sorting at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Muncie, Indiana.

Volunteers sort the used eyeglasses, separating sunglasses, broken frames and single lenses for intact pairs.

Glasses are cleaned and then packaged according to their prescription.

Prepared glasses are stored in the warehouse until they are requested for an eyeglasses dispensing mission.

Volunteers sort glasses in preparation for the first day of the mission.

Hundreds of people wait in line to have their eyes examined and receive a pair of eyeglasses.

A recipient patiently waits his or her turn.

The recipient has his or her hand numbered for ease in going through the various stations.

The first eye test is performed on the recipient using a spoon to cover one eye and a simple wall eye chart.

The recipient has his or her eyes tested using the auto refractor.

The recipient is fitted with the eyeglasses that were donated. After a few adjustments, he or she is able to read clearly.

The glasses will help the recipient maintain employment allowing him or her to continue to support their families.

Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Interested in the CGFM?

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



**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2014
July 1, 2013 Through March 31, 2014**

	FY14 Budget Revenue	FY14 Actual Revenue	March 2014 Revenue
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	320.00	\$ 83.75	\$ -
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	1,260.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,120.00	\$ 9,425.00	\$ 1,780.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	\$ 153.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	50.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -
Interest	25.00	\$ 3.18	\$ 0.60
Total Revenues	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 11,539.93	\$ 1,780.60
	FY14 Budget Expense	FY14 Actual Expense	March 2014 Expense
Expenses:			
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,000.00	\$ 567.96	\$ -
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	300.00	\$ 110.54	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,500.00	\$ 1,442.57	\$ 1,292.57
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,240.00	\$ 5,295.00	\$ 2,925.00
Community Service Expense	350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,650.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,585.00	\$ 1,745.20	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	\$ 377.98	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	-	\$ 124.64	\$ 124.64
Total Expenses	\$ 10,475.00	\$ 9,713.89	\$ 4,342.21
Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,686.47	6,686.47	\$ 11,074.12
Revenue	10,325.00	11,539.93	\$ 1,780.60
Expenses	(10,475.00)	(9,713.89)	\$ (4,342.21)
Net Change	(150.00)	1,826.04	\$ (2,561.61)
Ending	<u>\$ 6,536.47</u>	<u>\$ 8,512.51</u>	<u>\$ 8,512.51</u>

4/1/2014

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CEC Minutes

March 27, 2014 CEC Meeting

12:00 PM – 2nd floor east conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Tina McManus, Debra Burling, Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, John Everest, Justin Hill, Greg Drake, Bob Wells, Pat Monday, and Brandi Aldridge

Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:

The minutes of the February 27, 2014 CEC meeting, taken by Brandie Fisher and presented by email, were passed.

Treasurer-Greg Drake:

The treasurer's report was distributed; John made a motion to pass and the motion passed.

Education-John Everest:

The March seminar survey results were distributed by email and were quite good, overall. Bob mentioned that the same sponsor is interested in sponsoring the seminar again, next year. The April meeting will include an update from CU, SPS, and MSU on 4/17/2014, 12 pm at SPS Kraft Administration Building. The May meeting will feature an update from MODOT and will also be held at the SPS Kraft Administration Building.

Communication-Brandie Fisher:

The August/September newsletter was submitted for entry to Nationals. Teresa has updated the chapter website.

Community Service/Scholarships-Pat Monday:

The silent auction and raffle held during the Spring Seminar raised \$389. Eyeglasses will be collected and donated to Lion's Club during the April member meeting. The Relay for Life theme is "For the Birds" and AGA will pledge \$25 when member's sign up for the walk. The scholarship committee submitted a list of recommendations to provide funding for six scholarships and one book allowance. The list was narrowed down to five scholarships and one book allowance. The recommendations are in excess of the allotted budget and will require an adjustment. Teresa made a motion to accept the recommendations from the scholarship committee, amending the budget, and removing one applicant, while proceeding with the other awards; the motion passed.

Membership-Justin Hill:

Teresa distributed a list of member's who haven't renewed yet; those member's will be contacted and asked to renew.

Old Business-

Bob discussed the preliminary schedule of new officers.

New Business-

Jamie Rouch and Stacy McCallister attended the SLR-M and called in to provide an update. Tina discussed purchasing a set of CGFM study guides; Teresa made a motion to pass and the motion passed. Debra needs to gather information for our chapter demographics worksheet. She will start compiling data for the worksheet and will request assistance, as needed.

Next CEC meeting: April 24, 2014, 12pm

Meeting adjourned.

Ozarks Chapter News

Local Ozarks AGA News!

Welcome to Our New AGA Members!

- ★ Julie Abney
- ★ Sarah Caldwell
- ★ Pam Cox
- ★ Justin Dement
- ★ Betty Denson
- ★ Aaron Fortson
- ★ Jo Garcia
- ★ Michel Hackworth
- ★ Beth Hale

- ★ Carolyn Halverson
- ★ Mary Jo Kerringer
- ★ Rachel McGinnis
- ★ Kate Mendenhall
- ★ Shirley Mitchell
- ★ David Steeley
- ★ Lori Swindell
- ★ Greg Rainwater



Thank You Justin Hill!

Justin has served as the Ozarks Chapter AGA Membership Chair and Historian for 7 years. He always goes above and beyond for our organization. Thank you Justin for your service, you will be missed on the CEC Board!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.
 Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

[City of Branson](#)
 Accountant II

[City of Nixa](#)
 Business and Marketing Manager



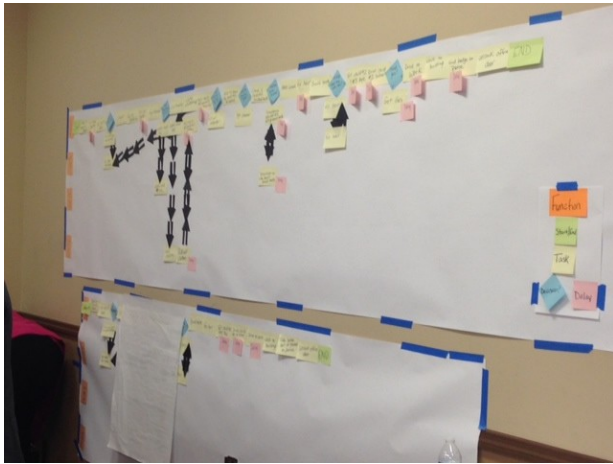
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March 2014 Spring Seminar



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization; and

WHEREAS, the AGA has a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75 active members in the Ozarks Chapter of the AGA represent state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

WHEREAS, AGA Ozarks Chapter members have responded to the AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad education efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, they are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Missouri by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim March 2014 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join with me in recognizing the importance of this organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand fourteen.



Robert L. Stephens

Robert L. Stephens, Mayor

