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*Join us at our  
upcoming meeting on  
February 14th at the  
SPS Kraft  
Administration  
Building!*

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## Message from the President

We are moving along with more education opportunities as well as more opportunities to serve. Bob Wells, Teresa Allen, and myself attended the SLIMR in Kansas City in January. It is a great opportunity to see people in the same profession with the same concerns and get some really good ideas for solutions. If you have any interests in this type of opportunity please talk with me or any one of your CEC members so that we may help you get into a position to be able to attend this type of events.



Rick Findley

The executive committee be meeting Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> talking about filling positions that are still open on the CEC. I am sure you will see a summary. If anyone has been thinking of being a part of the leadership team and would like more preparation please contact me or any other of the chairs so that we can help them get the preparation. If anyone would like to nominate someone else for any of the chairs I would be glad to contact them also.

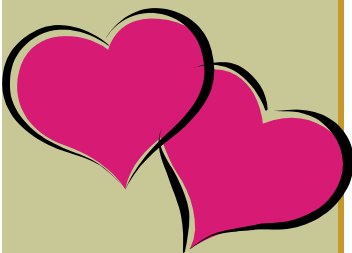
Please be aware of the educational opportunities coming up and hope to see you there.

Again thanks for everything you do. Keep up the good work.

*Rick Findley (rickfindley@yahoo.com)*

### Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Julie Vaughan, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



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Check out career  
opportunities on page 7!

**Good News for Accounting Graduates****By AccountingWEB Staff**

Accounting students graduating in 2011 earned starting salaries that exceeded those in nearly every other field except engineering and computer sciences.

Overall, the average salary for 2011 college graduates was \$41,701, but accounting majors earned an average of \$50,500, which is up 3.7 percent from the class of 2010, according to the [2012 National Association of Colleges and Employers \(NACE\) survey](#).

"For these graduates, the top industry – in terms of number of hires – is accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services, with an average salary of \$47,050," the survey said. "[The] highest-paying employers of accounting majors, however, were securities, commodities, and financial investments employers; the average salary in this industry stands at \$53,910."

"Entry-level accounting and finance jobs tend to see steady growth from year to year," said NACE spokesperson Andrea Koncz. "They might see small decreases when the market goes down, but starting salaries in those professions typically grow at a steady rate."

Entry-level employees in New York might have seen bigger gains since the numbers reflect a national average, Koncz told FINS, a financial jobs website owned by the Wall Street Journal's Dow Jones Company.

Business majors as a group earned an average of \$48,144. Business administration/management majors earned \$43,600, and finance majors earned \$48,300, on average, the survey said.

Graduates in 2011 did slightly better across the board than their 2010 counterparts, as starting salaries rose 2.3 percent. Computer science grads saw the greatest percentage change from 2010, at 4.1 percent; starting salaries averaged \$60,594. Topping all graduates were new engineers, earning \$61,872 as their starting salary average.

The top five industries that paid the highest starting salaries to 2011 bachelor's degree graduates were:

- 1.) Securities, commodities, funds, trusts, and other financial investments
- 2.) Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution
- 3.) Non-depository credit and related activities
- 4.) Computer systems design and related services
- 5.) Business support services

NACE plans to publish information on starting salaries for the class of 2012 in April.

[Link to NACE 2012 Survey](#)

[Link to AccountingWEB Article](#)

**Remembering Kathryn Burnett**

Kathryn Burnett, a founding member of AGA's Ozarks Chapter, passed away Dec. 9. She was a retired accountant for the Springfield, MO, public schools. She leaves her husband of 22 years, her mother, children and grandchildren. Donations may be sent to Peace Haven Association, 12630 Rott Road, St. Louis, MO 63127.





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## CGFM

University of Auburn—Montgomery is offering online courses to prepare for the CGFM. Earn college credit as you study for the CGFM! For more information visit the [website!](#)



## Call for 2011 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today!

Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- Up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship

The deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, **March 31, 2011**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership. [Download a copy of the application](#). Contact [Louise Kapelewski](#) with questions.

## Scholarship time has arrived!!

Applications and instructions are on the website at [www.ozarksaga.org](http://www.ozarksaga.org). Scholarship funds are available for members and non-members, high school seniors and those seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Don't delay, the deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

### Regional Training Opportunities

ASWA—February Meeting  
 Social Media Marketing—Steve Visio

425 Downtown  
 February 9th 2012 @ 11:45

\$15 Members, \$30 Non-Members

### AGA Audio Conference

February 8th, 2-3:50 est

The New Stewardship Imperative—Federal Financial Management at the Crossroads

Cost \$249 per site—unlimited attendance

### Ozarks AGA Membership Seminar Thursday, March 15, 2012!

Don't miss out on the 2012 Ozarks AGA Membership Seminar!

**Back by popular demand:** Your 2012 membership dues are included in the price of the seminar, so register today for a terrific value and 8 hours of great CPE.

Early bird registration discount of \$25.00 is available until February 29th!

Stay tuned for  
 Details!



## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
December	13th	Member Appreciation Luncheon	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	10th	Joint Meeting with IMA/ASWA	TBD
February	14th	An Introduction to the Missouri Quality Award Process	SPS Kraft Administration Building
March	15th	8 Hour Membership Seminar	910 Ballroom
April	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison

### FIELD TRIP MEETING – FEDERAL MEDICAL PRISON

Our "field trip" meeting this year will be a tour and talk at the Federal Medical Prison on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-3PM. Don't miss this chance for two interesting hours of CPE about the operations of Fed-Med! ONLY 20 people can go on the tour and the registration deadline is EARLY (because they will have to run a background check on those registered).

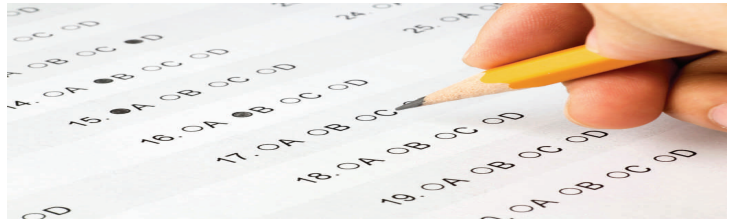
Contact Justin Hill at [jrhill@greencountymo.org](mailto:jrhill@greencountymo.org) by Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>. The first 20 will be registered and you will be contacted later with/for additional information. Meeting cost is the same, \$10.00 for members; \$15.00 for non-members. Lunch will not be provided so please plan accordingly.

<b>OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA</b>		
<b>2011-2012 Statement of Operations</b>		
	<b>Projected Revenue</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Revenue</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Chapter Dues	\$ 600.00	604.65
Monthly meetings	1,000.00	555.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	2,000.00	1,420.00
Spring Membership Seminar	9,000.00	-
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	500.00	
Misc Revenue	50.00	20.00
Interest income	100.00	43.58
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,793.23</b>
	<b>Projected Expenses</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Expense</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,200.00	540.69
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	132.43
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,600.00	513.50
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,300.00	-
Community Service Expense	600.00	-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	2,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC Travel Stipend	1,000.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	200.00	50.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	317.87
Misc Expense	300.00	217.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,771.49</b>
Fund Balance:		
Beginning		8,077.87
Revenue		\$ 2,793.23
Expended		\$ (1,771.49)
Ending		<u>9,099.61</u>

## Earn Your CGFM in February, Examinations are Free!

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM at the next Intensive Review Course event in February. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Monday, Feb. 27, 2012** and **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **Feb. 29–March 2, 2012**. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. **Special Bonus:** The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.



Click [here](#) for more information!

## Ozarks Chapter AGA—Community Service Corner

We have had a busy winter! At the Holiday party we collected a trunk full of toys-thanks for all your kind donations. We did have to keep an eye on some of the guys at the luncheon viewing looking closely at some of the toy cars and motorcycles. It was a fun time and a good opportunity to give to the community. Also, Teresa Allen is collecting toiletries for the Women's shelter.



Next up is fund raising for the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay will be inside at the E-Plex this year on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a fun time to do something for your community and get to know your fellow AGA members better. We start raising money with a silent auction at the Spring Membership Meeting. Watch for information on the auction items and plan to bring your money or checkbook to the meeting. Last year we had seven team members and raised \$3,670.41. We had some extraordinary givers and did some bake sale fundraisers before the event at our workplaces. We also did a balloon pop for the little kids at our booth during the walk. Frankly, that did not raise a lot of money but we have a lot of the supplies to use again this year and we had a lot of fun doing it. We "camp out" until about 11:30. It is awesome to be a part of the walk and root and whistle for the survivors walk. It is also touching to see the luminary walk. If you are interested in joining or helping us in some way please contact me at 841-3346. If you know someone that wants to promote his or hers company there is a sponsorship level that would include their name and small logo on all the walker's tee shirts. Thanks, Nancy

