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Check out career  
opportunities on page 7!

**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!

## Regional Training Opportunities

### AGA Audio Conferences

- October 17th—Improving internal controls
- November 7th—Applying Data Analytics to Uncover Fraud
- December 5th—Structuring Performance Data to Effectively Drive Management Decisions

Government Finance Officers Association of Missouri (GFOA)

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

## Prevailing Wage Refresher on Davis-Bacon Act

October 9th, 2012 @ 12:00  
 Missouri Career Center  
 2900 E. Sunshine

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

★ Charles Morgan, an Investigator with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Springfield, Missouri Field Office has over 27 years experience. He is a Springfield area native who received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Missouri State University in 1985.

## 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	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](mailto: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**

**\*\*Numbers are approximate, official available upon request**

		9/31/2012
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>FYTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual Revenue</b>
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
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 123.05</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Projected Expenses</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Expense</b>
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	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
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	<b>\$5,090.85</b>	<b>\$8,543.90</b>

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## CEC Minutes 8.30.12

**September 27, 2012**      **CEC Meeting**

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

**Attendance:** Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, Justin Hill, Bob Wells, John Everest, Julie Ravenscraft, Jon Cummings, Pat Monday

**Secretary:**

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

**Community Service:**

Food & shoe collection will continue at October meeting

Recycle for SGF Public Schools- can bring items to meeting or promote collection within your own organization

Planning to collect toys and monetary donations at December event for Toys for Tots

**Scholarships:**

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

Looking for members to serve on the scholarship selection committee

**Education:**

The fall seminar will be November 13 from 8am-noon at Cooper Tennis Complex

Seminar Speakers include Rachel Dwiggin from BKD (GASB Update) Jeff Layman/BKD (Economic Outlook Update)  
Dr. Rozzell of Missouri State (Generational Differences) Dennis O'Connell of GSA (Ethics Breach/Hatch Act)

Cost remains \$60 for members \$80 for non-members and breakfast foods will be provided

October membership meeting speaker is Charles Morgan the meeting will be held at the new Career Center in Springfield  
2900 E. Sunshine.

**Membership:**

Ideas for how to utilize Recruitment/Retention funds possible December happy hour event

33 attendees at last membership meeting including 12 guests

**CGFM:**

Looking into different test preparatory materials for lower cost options.

Sending letter to multiple statewide organizations (MO School Board, MSCPA)

**Old Business:**

Chapter Recognition process – reporting points by each member of the CEC with assigned duties and President Elect to review info submitted through online website

**New Business:**

Ideas for chapter development – possibly expanding to invite other governmental agencies to participate in AGA

Contact representatives from local organizations by having each CEC member contact a few organizations

**Next CEC meeting:** October 25, 2012 – 12 noon – Busch Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west conference room

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:55 PM

# Ozarks Chapter News

## Member Spotlight



Richard Nichols, BSE, Springfield was the Missouri recipient of the Salute to Senior Service award by Home Instead Senior Care, honoring his volunteerism. Nichols was selected from about 1,500 people nationwide nominated for the award.

Congratulations to Lindsey Brownsberger, CPA on her new position with BKD, LLP.

Congratulations to Jennifer Severson on her new position with Missouri State University!

**Great Job!!** To all of our members who donated shoes at the September meeting for our "Sole Food" community project. It is estimated that approximately 40 pairs of shoes were donated, and although it is not a requirement for shoes to be in good condition, most shoes were in **EXCELLENT** condition and will be distributed to children in need right here in the Ozarks!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.  
Visit us at: [www.ozarksaga.org](http://www.ozarksaga.org)

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