



2019 Newsletter Award Winner - Group D

The Ozarks Ledger



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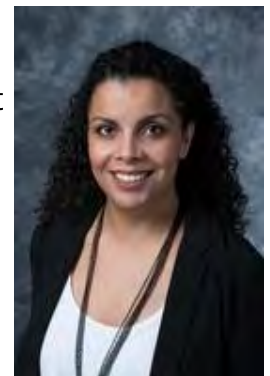
From Josefina's Desk

What are *you* doing with your 1,440?

Hello again fellow AGA members!

We have kicked off our new program year and look forward to an eventful year. The first meeting of this year took place on August 22nd and the topic was Time Management! Boy, did we learn a thing or two! If you missed that meeting, don't fret. You may access the slides from our AGA Chapter Website and pick up the book which inspired the presentation (see page #2). Spoiler alert! You'll learn what 1,440 means!

You may also catch up with us during our next meeting which will take place on September 12th. Please, visit page #2 for additional details. Also, mark your calendar for our October meeting! We will be joining forces with the Southwest Missouri Chapter of GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) for a joint meeting. This is a networking and learning opportunity you will not want to miss.



Josefina García, CMA, CPA

Chapter Meetings

Monthly Meeting
September 12, 2019
425 Downtown

Monthly Meeting
October 17, 2019
425 Downtown

2019 Fall Seminar
November 14, 2019
425 Downtown

No December Meeting

Monthly Meeting
January 16, 2020
425 Downtown

Monthly Meeting
February 20, 2020
425 Downtown

2020 Spring Seminar
March 26, 2020
White River Conference Center

Monthly Meeting
April 16, 2020
425 Downtown

May Meeting - TBD

Summer Break



September Monthly Meeting

Do you ever wonder what kind of tax incentives, financing, and tools are available to developers who are making improvements to the Ozarks?

If so, the Ozarks AGA is proud to announce that Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director for the City of Springfield will be presenting this info on September 12th at the monthly AGA meeting at 425 Downtown. In addition, she will deliver the City Master Plan update which is being done for the first time in 20 years!

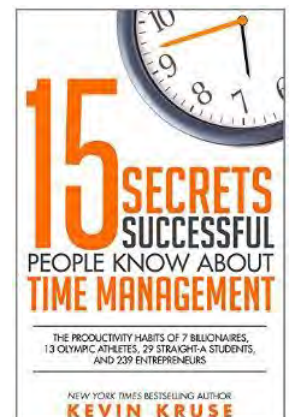
In Focus - GASB Implementation Guides for Fiduciary Activities and Leases

Register here for a FREE 2 hour webinar providing information about the recently issued Implementation Guides No. 2019-2, Fiduciary Activities, and No. 2019-3, Leases. Thursday, September 26, 12:30-2:15 PM

If you missed the August meeting...

Check out this **presentation** delivered by BKD's Kristen Bright & Kyle Miller who summarized "15 Secrets Successful People Know About Time Management" by Kevin Kruse.

You may be surprised what you find could dramatically increase your productivity. My "to-do" list is...gone! Kruse, a New York Times bestselling author presents his findings of his study on ultra-productive people like billionaires, Olympic athletes, and over 200 entrepreneurs.



News from National/NCC Rep

Hello everyone!

It's September, and students are back in school now. Did you know that AGA wants to help college students with education and training?

AGA's National office has five great ways to involve and reward students:

1. Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students are invited to compete in a virtual Government Finance Case Challenge; each member of the winning team receives a \$1,000 scholarship - INCLUDING their professor advisor! Search "Government Finance Case Challenge" at www.agacgfm.org. Deadline to register teams is September 20 at noon eastern time.
2. Full-time college students can attend the National Leadership Training (NLT 2020), and applications are being accepted now! The submission deadline is November 8. Search "National Collegiate Leadership Program" at www.agacgfm.org
3. Are you pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Accounting, Economics, Finance, IT or Public Administration? In the Spring, be sure to check out the academic scholarships for both full-time and part-time college students offered by the national office.
4. Full-time college students can receive a free electronic AGA membership. In addition to the great benefits listed above, student members can access AGA's Job Board to find government finance positions posted throughout the United States.
5. The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is the only certification that demonstrates competency in government financial management at the federal, state and local levels of government. Earning the CGFM is a great way for students to set themselves apart when it comes time to join the workforce! AGA offers a discounted application fee for student members. Your local Ozarks Chapter of AGA also offers a CGFM scholarship. Once you pass all three exams, the chapter reimburses you for your CGFM application and testing fees. Contact Monica Robinson, Ozarks Chapter Professional Development Chair, for details.

And don't forget your amazing Ozarks Chapter! You are invited to our monthly meetings for FREE! Join us for lunch, some networking and an educational presentation from one of our local finance experts. Contact Nathan Ziegler, Ozarks Chapter Communications Chair, to be added to our email list so you can stay up-to-date on our upcoming meetings.

I'll update you next month with more news from National.

Greg Drake
2019-2020 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative



You've probably heard of Al Capone, a well known American mobster and crime boss. But he wasn't ever arrested for any gangster antics, instead he was convicted for income tax evasion and brought down by FBI accountants in 1931. That's right...accountants fight crime.

Everyone, meet Shika Morgan



Shika has hopped quite a few ponds, mountains, and cities before ending up in Springfield, MO as the Senior Deputy Auditor for Greene County this January. Her family has moved 9 times, and it's no surprise that her favorite hobby is to travel and road trip - with over 36 states under her belt! (37 to be exact). When you meet her, you might just fall in love like her husband of over 20 years did when they met on a blind date while attending the University of Houston. She's lively and unafraid. After joining AGA this spring, she has hopped into the role of secretary for the AGA Ozarks Chapter.

Strictly Business:

What was your previous job?

Controller at a private company in Huntsville, Alabama

A Little More Personal:

What's something new you'd like to try?

Ziplines!

Just For Fun:

How did you meet your husband?

On a blind date

"Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "Can I pick your brain really quick?"

They mean: "Can I ask you a few questions?"

They "really" mean: "I need some ideas, I have a presentation in five minutes!"



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- AGA Ozarks Chapter was recognized with two awards for the 2018-2019 year!
 - Chapter Recognized as a **PLATINUM CHAPTER**
 - Chapter Newsletter awarded **FIRST PLACE** for Group D (well done Greg and contributors!)

Here's the proof



Job Opportunities

- Accounting Supervisor at City of Springfield, MO
 - [View Details Here](#)
- Auditor for MODOT in Springfield, MO
 - [View Details Here](#)
- Accounting Technician III/IV at City of Lebanon
 - [View Details Here](#)

Quote of the Month

"Life is about making an impact, not making an income" - Kevin Kruse



Take action. Take control of your career. Take the next step.



GET STARTED TODAY!

Contact Monica to see how the AGA Ozarks Chapter can support you! - mrobinson@marshfieldmo.gov

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2020
Aug 1, 2019 Through Aug 31, 2019**

	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Aug '19
<u>General Operating Activities:</u>			
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	322.00	60.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Annual Choice	418.00	-	-
Other Misc Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	1.68	0.86
Expenses:			
Community Service	418.00	-	-
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) Scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC) Travel Stipend	3,000.00	-	-
Speaker Gifts	230.00	-	-
Other Misc Expense	480.00	453.80	453.80
Net Revenue	(4,983.00)	(392.12)	(452.94)
<u>Monthly Meetings:</u>			
Revenue	1,500.00	-	-
Expense	1,500.00	-	-
Net Revenue	-	-	-
<u>Fall Seminar:</u>			
Registrations	4,087.00	-	-
Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Expenses	2,700.00	-	-
Net Revenue	1,887.00	-	-
<u>Spring Seminar:</u>			
Registrations	13,240.00	-	-
Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Expenses	3,604.00	-	-
Dues (remitted to National)	7,507.00	-	-
Net Revenue	3,629.00	-	-
<u>Member Appreciation Night(s):</u>			
Revenue	-	-	-
Expense	250.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(250.00)	-	-
<u>Membership Drive/Recruiting:</u>			
Revenue (received from National)	-	-	-
Expense	-	-	-
Net Revenue	-	-	-
<u>Lead Event</u>			
Revenue (fees received from Attendees)	-	-	-
Expense	200.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(200.00)	-	-
Total Net Revenue:	\$ 83.00	\$ (392.12)	\$ (452.94)
Change in Fund Balance:			
	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	16,066.98
Net Change	83.00	(392.12)	(452.94)
Ending	\$ 16,089.16	\$ 15,614.04	\$ 15,614.04

Meeting Minutes



Your Ozarks Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met on August 29, 2019 and minutes will be available in next month's newsletter.

Your AGA National Governing Board (NGB) met on July 20, 2019 in New Orleans. Minutes are available on the national website [here](#).



Chapter Recognition Program

2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	0
Certification	0
Education	0
Communications	0
Membership	0
Accountability	0
Community	0
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Credits	0

The objective of the Chapter Recognition Program is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission.

These categories and their subcategories provide guidelines and suggestions for activities to create a more well-rounded Chapter.

Each Chapter, along with the National office, selects their annual level goal. The Chapters that reach their goal earn recognition and a plaque at the National Professional Development Conference.

For more information on these categories and the Chapter Recognition Program, take a look at the [Program Handbook](#).

<u>Recognition Level</u>	<u>Credits Needed</u>
Platinum	19,501 - 25,000
Gold	17,001 - 19,500
Silver	14,501 - 17,000
Bronze	12,000 - 14,500
None	0 - 11,999



Ozarks Chapter Recognition History

<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
2018 - 2019	Platinum
2017 - 2018	Silver
2016 - 2017	Platinum
2015 - 2016	Platinum
2014 - 2015	Platinum

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