

## From Kristy's Desk

As we head toward the end of our program year, I want to thank everyone that attended an event this year. Thank you for your support! We couldn't do this without members who participate in our activities and members who help run our Chapter by serving on our Executive Committee.

I want to invite everyone to attend our last monthly meeting, which is a social gathering and tour of the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

As this is my last address as President of the Ozarks Chapter of AGA, I want to thank my fellow members that have helped on the Chapter Executive Committee. Running this Chapter takes work from some very talented individuals. I thank you for your time and effort!

Also, I want to thank all of our members for coming to our seminars and monthly meetings. If we don't see you in May, I hope you have a great Summer. We'll see everyone this Fall.



Kristy Bork

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## May 2019 Monthly Meeting

Can you believe it? Our 2018-2019 program year is coming to an end.

It's our tradition to celebrate the end of the program year with a local tour. This year is no exception.

Join us on May 16 for lunch and a tour of the Springfield Botanical Gardens at the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park at 2400 S Scenic in Springfield.

The event will begin with a box lunch at 12 PM and the tour will begin shortly afterwards.

Let us know of any dietary restrictions you may have when you RSVP for this lunch.

Cost will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Students are always free.

Please email [Tammy Beeman](mailto:Tammy.Beeman@ozarksaga.org) to reserve your spot for lunch and the tour.



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## Ozarks Chapter Calendar

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



John Hill, Mike Wetklow and Doug Glenn discuss the ABCDs of Accounting technology (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cyber and Data Analytics) in this episode of the “[Accountability Talks](#)” podcast. You don’t want to miss it.



Need some CPE during the Summer?  
Take a look at the [AGA Self-Learning Sessions](#)

### Upcoming AGA Webinars

[Fraud/Data Analytics](#)

May 15, 1 PM CDT

[Leadership](#)

June 12, 1 PM CDT

[1st Time PDT Attendee](#)

June 24, 1 PM CDT



[Ozarks Chapter Citizen Centric Report 2017-2018](#)

[AGA Citizen Centric Report 2017-2018](#)



## Congratulations to Renee Vines!

Congratulations to Renee Vines, Education Co-Chair, on her promotion to Associate General Manager—Chief Internal Auditor at Springfield City Utilities!



Our President-Elect Jo Garcia presented a short session on Communications as part of the Chapter Best Practices discussions at the Lead! 2019 conference in Kansas City hosted by the AGA National office.

## Survey Time

Your Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) is working on questions for the 2018-2019 Membership Survey. This survey provides information that the CEC uses to plan our Chapter's 2019-2020 program year.

Watch your email in May for the link to the survey. Thanks for your feedback!



### DID YOU KNOW??

The 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, which prohibited Congress from giving itself pay raises, was ratified on May 7, 1992.

The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia on May 25, 1787 with delegates from 7 states forming a quorum.



### GASB News

In May 2019, GASB is expected to release its final guidance on [conduit debt](#).

In June 2019, GASB plans to release an [Exposure Draft](#) to review Statement 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*.

During Summer 2019, GASB is expected to release its final [Implementation Guides](#) for Statement 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, and Statement 87, *Leases*.



Summer is nearly here! Check out [Isabel's House](#), and see how you can help before you head to the beach.

You can [donate online](#), give some items from their [Wish List](#) and even [volunteer](#) your time!

### Greetings from your President-Elect

I hope this AGA Ozarks Chapter newsletter finds you well and enjoying the good weather (between storms) that we have been having. As this is my first time reaching out to you via the newsletter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for allowing me to serve as the upcoming President.

Over the past year, I have been more involved in learning about the AGA, and all it does, in hopes of serving our Chapter members better. Being a part of the CEC is a great opportunity, which I would encourage all of our Chapter members to consider. It provides an additional level of experiencing and appreciation of AGA.

My journey with AGA started when I held a position in government. That journey has continued to this day, even after I moved back to the private sector. AGA and the Ozarks Chapter continue to give me and all of our members valuable information, connections and education. The CEC is looking forward to some changes, updates and wonderful opportunities to grow with you as individuals and as a Chapter. We cannot wait to share those with you!

In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful Summer with your loved ones! I'll see you in the Fall.

Josefina Garcia  
President-Elect 2018-2019  
Ozarks Chapter  
[jgarciaconnected@outlook.com](mailto:jgarciaconnected@outlook.com)

## News from Lead 2019

Hello, everyone!

First, a little background. In 2015, our AGA National office began [a governance review](#) as a response to the various challenges facing our Chapters and the National office. Our National Board of Directors approved restructuring in July 2018. As a result this restructuring, Sections, Regions and their leadership positions were eliminated and the National Council of Chapters (NCC) was created to provide a more direct connection to each Chapter.

[Here's a look at the new organizational structure](#). Effective July 1, 2019, Chapters will be organized into 8 geographic areas. Each Chapter will have a Representative on the National Council of Chapters. Each geographic area will have a Representative (chosen from the Chapter NCC Reps in the area) on the National Board of Directors.

The [NCC Representatives](#) act as Chapter ambassadors, exchanging relevant information between Chapters and the AGA National office. The NCC Representative position is a 1 year term, which is renewable for up to 3 total years.

Under the old governance model, leaders from each Section met at the Sectional Leadership Meetings (SLMs) each year to exchange ideas and news about their Chapters. The SLMs are now replaced by 2 Lead meetings under the new governance model. One meeting is held for the new geographical areas 1-4, and another is held for areas 5-8.

Our Chapter is in Area 3, and the National office hosted our Lead meeting in Kansas City in April 2019. Jo Garcia (President-Elect), Tammy Beeman (Membership Chair) and I were able to attend and share with and learn from other AGA Chapters. We look forward to using this new information to help shape our Chapter's 2019-2020 program year.

As of June 30, 2019, I will be stepping down as your newsletter editor and taking on the role of the Ozarks Chapter's NCC Rep for the 2019-2020 program year. I'm excited to see what changes this new structure brings, and I look forward to working with other AGA Chapters and our National office.

If you have any questions or any suggestions for our 2019-2020 year, please don't hesitate to let me or another CEC member know. We want your feedback!

Greg Drake  
Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative 2019-2020  
[gdrake@thearcoftheozarks.org](mailto:gdrake@thearcoftheozarks.org)





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*The average length of a child's stay is **12 days**. We have a **1 year** family follow-up program*

## 10 years of impact

*"Isabel's House has been an extra support, help, and shoulder for me and my family in my darkest hours. You have taught me there are still loving hearts, good people, and someone who understands. Thank you so much for caring for my daughters. May God bless you always."*

*Sandra | AN ISABEL'S HOUSE MOM*

## 10 years of success

A crisis can happen to *any family at any time*, and Isabel's House has been here to help - at no cost to families - since June, 2007. **Your contributions provide hope** for parents and **24/7/365 complete care** for kids - food, new clothing, safe shelter, nurse needs, transport to school, and so much more.

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A little love each month really adds up: join our monthly giving family!

## CGFM News

Are you considering the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification?  
Here is a list of things you need to know:

- The CGFM certification is 100% focused on government financial management with a broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at the federal, state and local levels.
- The CGFM certification benefits you as an employee by increasing your knowledge of government financial management.
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- The initial CGFM requirements are
  - [Ethics](#)—Read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*.
  - [Education](#)—Have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
  - [Examinations](#)—Pass all 3 comprehensive CGFM examinations.
  - [Experience](#)—Complete at least 2 years of professional-level experience in the U.S. government financial management field (exams may be scheduled and taken before the 2 years have been completed).
- Your Ozarks Chapter is here to help! Study guides for each of the exams can be checked out at no cost, and the Chapter offers CPE to help meet your requirement of 80 CPE hours every two years.
- If your employer did not pay for the exams, an Ozarks Chapter scholarship is available for the cost of the application and exam fees after passing all 3 exams.
- Contact [Monica Robinson](#) or go to [CGFM Certification](#) for more information.



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April 4, 2019

Monica Robinson  
798 S. Marshall  
Marshfield, MO 65706

Dear Monica and Ozarks Government Accountants,

From everyone here at Ozarks Food Harvest, thank you for supporting hunger relief in southwest Missouri. With your help, we can ensure our neighbors facing hunger have food to put on the table. We were grateful for the food and fund donation provided by the Ozarks Chapter of Government Accountants. The 99 pounds of food and \$60 donated will help provide 323 meals for those going without food.

Thousands of people in the Ozarks struggle through the day uncertain of the next time they will have something to eat. Fortunately, because of donors like you, many of these individuals are able to find relief through The Food Bank's pantries and programs.

Chloe is a single mom who gets food through one of Ozarks Food Harvest's hunger relief programs. "I recently moved and got guardianship over my daughter, and I'm unable to afford everything needed," she shared. "With this program, I will be able to manage a budget a lot better and get the food my daughter needs."

Because of your kindness, Chloe and other individuals facing hard times in southwest Missouri will not have to go to bed hungry tonight.

Warmest regards,



Bart Brown  
President/CEO

Cc: Sarah Byrd, Community  
Engagement Coordinator

*Thank you for your generous gift!*

P.S. Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation. Food donations decrease during the summer months but the need for food assistance often increases as students miss school meals during summer break. Will you consider hosting a fund and food drive this summer? Every dollar raised will provide four meals!

Ozarks Food Harvest is a 501 (c) 3 organization qualified to receive these kinds of donations. Your product will be used in compliance with IRS regulations governing product donations. In accordance with IRS requirements, please accept this receipt as our confirmation that no goods were provided to you in exchange for your donation. A record of this donation will be maintained and available to the IRS on request. Ozarks Food Harvest's E.I.N. is 43-1626384.

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## **CEC Meeting Minutes**

**May 3, 2019**

**Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave  
1st floor conference room**

### **Members Present:**

Kristy Bork, President; Jo Garcia, President-Elect; Tammy Beeman, Membership; Greg Drake, Communications; Brandie Fisher, Accountability; Sarah Burrows, Secretary/Treasurer; Renee Vines, Education

### **Members Absent:**

Julie Ravenscraft, Early Careers; Teresa Allen, Webmaster; Monica Robinson, CGFM; Jennifer Schatzer, Education

### **Call to Order**

President Kristy Bork called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM

### **Approved March 21, 2019 Minutes**

Motion: Greg Drake      Second Motion: Brandie Fisher      Motion Passed 7-0

### **Approval of Financials**

Approved amended February 2019 financials, March 2019 financials and April 2019 financials. Noted only change in the previously approved February and March financials published in the April newsletter was a change in breaking out local Chapter dues from Spring Seminar registration. There was no change in the total amounts.

Motion: Greg Drake      Second Motion: Tammy Beeman      Motion Passed 7-0

### **Discussions**

Regarding CRP points, Jo asked if each CEC member is provided with a listing of CRP activities so they know what counts towards the program, or if this was filled out by each member. Greg suggested if multiple people are entering CRP points, the spreadsheet offered by the National office can be used to avoid any double entry of points.

**CEC Meeting Minutes, continued**

**May 3, 2019**

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**Discussions, continued**

It was noted that May 16 will be the next Chapter meeting at the Botanical Center. There will be a tour, as well. If the tour is rained out, a virtual tour will be held.

2019-2020 CEC still needs a Co-Education Chair, a Communications Chair and a President-Elect. Discussion of possible leads for these Chairs. It was noted that a vote of the currently filled 2019-2020 positions was taken at the April 2019 monthly meeting. The filled positions were approved by the members in attendance.

Tammy noted she had received a prior example of a membership survey. Greg will meet with her to discuss. It was noted that this was not sent out last year, but we would like to send it out to current members in order to help plan for a preferred day for monthly meetings and any other notes that will help for future planning.

Sarah noted the new Chapter incorporation was approved by the State of Missouri. The next step will be applying for a new EIN. This is step 2 of the process to reinstate the Chapter's nonprofit status. Jennifer will begin the paperwork for step 2 soon.

Kristy reminded the group that the donation for the Ozarks Food Harvest in honor of CGFM month was a great success. 99 pounds of food and a \$60 donation were recognized in a letter received from the Ozarks Food Harvest.

LEAD 2019 meetings in KC were discussed after Jo, Tammy and Greg returned. Jo noted that the icebreakers they had were nice to encourage people to mingle with those they do not already know. We may add something in for monthly meetings in order to help others meet and network. Greg also noted that name badges were used to help identify others and offered an opportunity to use other options to help everyone network and sit outside of their groups. Jo offered a suggestion to help get members to attend the community service events or additional monthly meetings. She noted we could offer an AGA pin to those who pre-register for community service events and a drawing for those that stayed until the end of the event. Possibility of awarding a ticket for each non-member brought to monthly meetings during the year that will go with the raffle normally held at Spring Seminar. 3 tickets could be earned if the non-member becomes a member during the year.

**CEC Meeting Minutes, continued**

**May 3, 2019**

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**Discussions, continued**

It was noted that Greg sent out the Powerpoint slides from LEAD 2019 for us to review and think of new ideas for next year as well as those mentioned above.

Greg noted that having a National speaker at the Spring Seminar each year may be a good idea since having National President-Elect, Ernie Almonte, attend our 2019 Spring Seminar went so well.

Discussion of possibly changing the days for monthly meetings and other venues we can look into for the monthly meetings or Fall Seminars.

The CEC planning meeting for the 2019-2020 program year will be scheduled for sometime in May or June.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.**

**Association of Government Accountants  
Ozarks Chapter  
Fiscal Year 2019  
April 1, 2019 Through April 30, 2019**

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>FY19 Budget Revenue</b>	<b>FY19 Actual Revenue</b>	<b>Apr '19 Revenue</b>
Chapter Dues	383.05	365.00	225.00
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	795.00	-
Seminars:		-	
Fall Seminar	3,905.00	3,300.00	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	666.67	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar	12,688.33	11,965.00	6,930.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Other Revenues:		-	
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	8.33	-	-
Charity Fundraiser	479.00	125.00	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	65.33	-	-
SLMR Event	207.11	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	21.67	-	-
Interest	7.73	7.67	0.81
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 20,832.22</b>	<b>\$ 17,557.67</b>	<b>\$ 7,155.81</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>FY19 Budget Expense</b>	<b>FY19 Actual Expense</b>	<b>Apr '19 Expense</b>
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,476.63	1,197.87	-
Seminar Expenses:		-	
Fall Seminar	2,376.54	1,802.71	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	3,500.20	4,626.34	4,126.34
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	7,575.00	6,215.00	3,570.00
Community Service Expense	696.26	125.00	-
Scholarships:		-	
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	250.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,464.00	2,972.19	-
Membership Drive Expense	-	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	222.33	-	-
Replenish speaker gifts	394.67	6.49	6.49
SLMR Event	215.44	165.68	-
Miscellaneous Expense	1,247.09	397.41	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,918.16</b>	<b>\$ 17,508.69</b>	<b>\$ 7,702.83</b>

<b>Change in Fund Balance:</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Beginning	14,923.35	14,923.35	15,519.35
Revenue	20,832.22	17,557.67	7,155.81
Expenses	(19,918.16)	(17,508.69)	(7,702.83)
Net Change	914.06	48.98	(547.02)
Ending	<b>\$ 15,837.41</b>	<b>\$ 14,972.33</b>	<b>\$ 14,972.33</b>

## Ozarks AGA Executive Committee

### **President**

[Kristy Bork, CPA](#)

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Springfield—Branson National Airport

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Senior Accountant  
The Arc of the Ozarks

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City of Springfield

If you have any suggestions for topics for educational events, please let us know! We want to hear from you!