



The Ozarks Ledger



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From Nathan's Desk

Spring is in the air! And hopefully, wherever you are, the Coronavirus is not.

I sincerely hope you have found ways to take advantage of and enjoy this interesting opportunity to spend more time at home during the pandemic, and that you are spending some time enjoying the changing season.

Many changes have come with Spring, including moving our AGA Spring Seminar to June 11th and planning for our first-ever CPE webinar this month.

In March, we celebrated CGFM month, so I just wanted to say THANK YOU to all those CGFMs who advance government accountability with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character.

I look forward to gathering again with you all, but in the meantime please stay safe and help others stay safe!

Best,

Nathan Ziegler, CPA



Chapter Meetings

Monthly Meeting

April 2020

Webinar - Date TBD

May Meeting - TBD

Summer Break



Spring Professional Development Training at the White River Conference Center

- Thursday, June 11th, 2020
- 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Full day! 8 CPEs, breakfast and lunch included.
- 2020-2021 AGA Membership dues included
- \$200 registration fee, \$30 additional for CGFM renewal (if applicable)
- Registration is open [here](#)
- *No need to re-register if you registered for the March seminar*

Free CPE opportunity - April Live Webinar

As your local AGA chapter, we are dedicated to providing CPE opportunities even during the restrictions due to COVID-19.

Watch your inbox for an invitation to a live webinar hosted by Christine Pedroli from Brown, Smith, Wallace who will present "Using Data Analytics to Monitor Fraud Risks and Process Controls"

PDT 2020 Update

AGA continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and preparations for PDT 2020 in Dallas are moving forward as planned, scheduled for July 19-22nd.

AGA's Professional Development Training brings together an audience of more than 2,000 federal, state, and local government financial professionals. PDT offers 100 educational sessions over the span of four days. Participants can earn up to 25 CPE credits or 20 PDUs.

Registration details [here](#)

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello, everyone!

Did you know that March was CGFM month? Congratulations to all our Chapter CGFMs.

- Teresa Allen
- Sharla Bailey
- Tammy Beeman
- Donna Christian
- Rhonda Christopher
- Joyce Coates
- Larry Cox
- John Delzell
- Greg Drake
- Rick Findley
- Brandie Fisher
- Kat Gill
- Kim Hamm
- Rachel McGinnis
- Jerry Mitchell
- Daphne Pevahouse
- Marian Rader
- Melissa Robbins
- Monica Robinson

Do you want to be on this list next year? Your Ozarks Chapter wants to help you. We offer CGFM study guides for members to borrow and CGFM exam scholarships to help offset the cost for those who want to earn their certification. Contact Monica Robinson for more information.

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

Greg Drake



COVID-19 is a pandemic that has affected nearly every country and major city in the world, causing a panic that has brought a shutter to the global economy. What is the estimated cost of this? According to TIME, the cost could be as high as \$4.1 trillion, or about 5% of global GDP.

Everyone, meet Sarah Burrows



Introducing Sarah Burrows, a Drury University graduate from Jacksonville, IL. Sarah has faithfully served as the Treasurer for Ozarks AGA and has been a member for about four years. This upcoming year will be her first as a government employee, as the newly hired Internal Auditor for City Utilities of Springfield. When she isn't baking and improving her decorating skills, you will find her always learning something new. Learning — whether it is during a project, getting to know someone new, or learning new recipes — is what makes her feel fulfilled at the end of the day where she spends with her two cats and two dogs.

Strictly Business: What was your first job?

Babysitting, pet sitting, and working at a local pet store

A Little More Personal: What's a thing most people don't know about you?

I love nail polish and anything nail-related

Just For Fun: If you could trade places with anyone for a day, who would you choose?

One of my animals - they are spoiled rotten

"Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "Let's not boil the ocean on this one"

They mean: "Let's not use more resources than we have"

They "really" mean: "Please don't make this harder than it needs to be"



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- AGA Ozarks Chapter received the Certificate of Excellence for the 2018-2019 CCR report!
- AGA Ozarks Chapter is on the path to success for another Platinum year!

Job Opportunities

- Email Nathan Ziegler with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

Quote of the Month

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" - Paul of Tarsus



Before traveling to Washington D.C. for the National Leadership Training event, I reached out to Professor Julie Ravenscraft and learned about what to expect. She was able to provide insight on what NLT and some of the key leaders within AGA are all about. Once I arrived in Washington D.C., the scholarship students had the opportunity to tour the Bureau of Fiscal Services with our AGA coordinator. We experienced the closing of a Treasury securities auction, learned about the distribution of various federal payments, and how they work to stop improper payments from being disbursed.

I appreciated everyone at the Bureau who took time out of their day to teach us all that goes into Fiscal Services. We even had the opportunity to see some of these professionals throughout the conference. When we arrived at the Ronald Reagan Building, we met at the AGA booth in the Solutions Hall and met our mentors. The mentors had various areas of experience within governmental accounting. My mentor was recently retired from her position as the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, had experience at the United States Capitol Police office, and the Department of Education.

We attended sessions throughout the day that

focused on leadership and teamwork, as well as giving us a glimpse into financial problems that these positions are working to solve. It was inspiring to hear leaders like Ernie Almonte, the National President of AGA, speak about his passion for serving the public through governmental accounting positions. I was honored to meet so many important professionals who are working to make a difference in the public financial sector. My mentor introduced me to some of her past colleagues, and during the reception event I was able to network with even more professionals. They were extremely welcoming and truly wanted to answer questions that any student had.

My biggest takeaway from the sessions is that governmental accounting is more interesting than its stereotype. There are many opportunities and areas within this field that can provide significant professional growth. This experience was unlike any other, and I feel honored to have been selected to represent Missouri State and the local AGA chapter for this opportunity.

- Sierra Weidner



AGA wants to partner with you.



GET MORE INFORMATION 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
Mar 1, 2020 Through Mar 31, 2020**

Revenues:	FY20 Budget Revenue	FY20 Actual Revenue	Mar '20 Revenue
Chapter Dues	322.00	185.00	115.00
Monthly meetings	1,500.00	1,458.03	284.00
Seminars:		-	
Fall Seminar	4,087.00	3,242.33	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar	13,240.00	4,691.00	4,691.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Other Revenues:		-	
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	-	-	-
Charity Fundraiser	418.00	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	-	-	-
Lead Event	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	7.27	0.90
Total Revenues	\$ 21,597.00	\$ 9,583.63	\$ 5,090.90

Expenses:	FY20 Budget Expense	FY20 Actual Expense	Mar '20 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,500.00	1,552.98	298.65
Seminar Expenses:		-	
Fall Seminar	2,700.00	1,919.98	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	3,604.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	7,507.00	3,215.00	3,215.00
Community Service Expense	418.00	-	-
Scholarships:		-	
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	139.49	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	3,000.00	458.15	-
Membership Drive Expense	-	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	250.00	-	-
Replenish speaker gifts	230.00	-	-
Lead Event	200.00	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense	480.00	728.07	85.21
Total Expenses	\$ 21,514.00	\$ 8,013.67	\$ 3,598.86

Change in Fund Balance:	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	16,084.08
Revenue	21,597.00	9,583.63	5,090.90
Expenses	(21,514.00)	(8,013.67)	(3,598.86)
Net Change	83.00	1,569.96	1,492.04
Ending	\$ 16,089.16	\$ 17,576.12	\$ 17,576.12



Chapter Recognition Program

2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits (As of March)

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	1,600
Certification	2,500
Education	2,950
Communications	5,725
Membership	3,450
Accountability	1,100
Community	100
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Credits	17,425

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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