



The Ozarks Ledger



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From Tammy's Desk

I hope this note finds you ready for 2022!

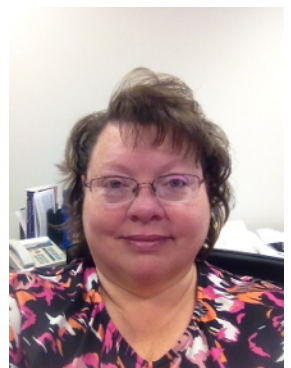
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you spend moments with your family this season.

We are working on getting ready for our January 20th meeting. So watch for the registration email. This will include CPE and will be located at the 425 Downtown location, 425 W. Walnut Street, in Springfield from 12-1pm. Put the date on your calendar now. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Email me with any topics you want to hear.

With best regards,

Tammy Beeman, CGFM



Ozark Chapter Events

December Meeting - 12/16/21

January Meeting - 1/20/22

February Meeting - 2/17/22

Spring Seminar - 3/24/22

April Meeting - 4/28/22

May Meeting - 5/26/22

June Meeting - TBD

National Events

Webinar - 12/15/21

- Performance Management

Webinar - 1/12/22

- Uniform Guidance

Webinar - 2/2/22

- GASB Update

Virtual/In-Person - 2/23/22 - 2/24/22

- National Leadership Training

Other Chapters' Events

Baton Rouge - 12/8/21

- Fall 2021 Virtual PDT

Multiple Chapters - 12/9/21 -12/10/21

- 26th Annual Commonwealth PDT

Southwest Virginia - 1/27/22

- Webinar Tax Update

Visit **AGA Events Calendar** for more Chapter and National Events!



Ozarks Chapter
January 20, 2022
12:00 - 1:00 pm (Central)
425 Downtown
1 hour CPE

February 17, 2022
12:00-1:00pm (Central)
425 Downtown
1 hour CPE

Be sure to update your profile on the AGA website when you have changes to your contact information, job status, etc. Please contact Melody Ownby when changes are made to your email address, so that you can be sure to receive important Ozarks Chapter correspondence such as job opportunities, newsletters, upcoming events, and more!

Please visit **AGA Ozarks - Monthly Meeting Minutes** to review the monthly CEC Chair Meeting Minutes.

"Give Thanks, Give Hope"

The Ozarks Chapter collected donations for the Ozarks Food Harvest in November. We are excited to announce that we collected \$140 from our registrants.

My CPA Guy, Nathan Ziegler, offered to match all donations that were received, so there will be a total of \$280 donated to the Ozarks Food Harvest.

Great work everyone!



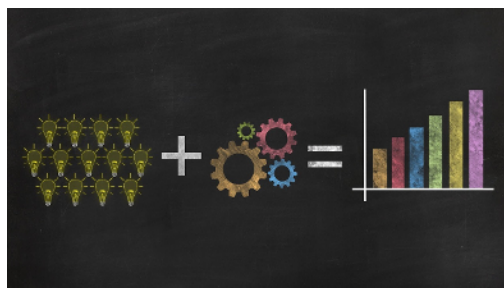
It's the little things

We all know what it is like to plan out our day or week and have it not go as expected. Sometimes it is the little things that get us through the day. A few items that Ozarks Chapter members use to get through the day are:

1. Chocolate - Great for yourself or sharing with a coworker.
2. Favorite Drink - Whether it is coffee, tea, water, or a soda we all have a go-to drink that helps us power through our day!
3. Music/Podcasts - When you need to focus and get in the zone, a little classical music is key. Needing to perk up after that turkey sandwich? Try something more upbeat. Try out the AGA Accountability Podcast to learn something new this month.

VOLUNTEER

Chapter Executive Committee



The Ozarks Chapter is looking for the following Chapter Executive Committee Chair Members. If you are interested or know someone who would be great at either of these roles, please contact us!

President -Elect

The chapter president-elect assists the chapter president to prepare for their year as chapter president. If the Chapter President's position becomes vacant, the President-Elect discharges the responsibilities of the office of the President until the expiration of the President's term or until the election of a Chapter President to complete the term.

The President-Elect duties include:

- participating in AGA's annual volunteer leader training (Lead!).

- assisting the chapter president and other officers and board members in carrying out their duties.
- accept assigned specific functions from the chapter president, such as coordination of the ACE Awards information.
- chair the Leadership Development Committee to provide direction in selecting officers and directors for the next year.

Education - Co-Chair

The education co-chair serves as the education committee chair and coordinates high quality educational events for chapter members and other government financial management professionals.

The Education - Co-Chair duties include:

- Coordinating the outreach efforts for speakers and topics.
- Developing and executing chapter seminars, trainings, workshops and conferences.

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello Everyone!

The campaign set by the National Governing Board this year is "Everyone Get One," which is focused on reminding members how powerful a simple personal invitation can be. When every member invites a guest to a local chapter meeting, it encourages renewal of officers and growth within the chapter which creates the foundation for a thriving group of professionals.

Gerry Boaz, AGA National President and Melinda Miguel, AGA National President-Elect updated the role and expectations for the NCC Representative position. Our chapter needs a replacement by January 24, 2022. If you believe one of the current CEC officers would be a good fit for this position, please nominate them by emailing Tammy Beeman, our chapter president.

This year the National Council of Chapters Representatives have been asked to provide eight responsibilities to the local chapter. If you would like to support these responsibilities, I encourage you to get involved with the Ozarks Chapter Executive Committee.

1. Promote and communicate gender diversity initiatives across the association membership and business community.
2. Cultivate and share knowledge on women successes and impact
3. Offer diversity and inclusion training (e.g. unconscious bias training)
4. Collaborate with the NGB and National Council of Chapters on diversity priorities, extending collaboration with other like-minded associations where appropriate
5. Pursue gender diversity opportunities with the AGA strategic goals at the forefront
6. Be intentional regarding the diversity of AGA sponsored events to reflect gender balance in agenda topics and panelists
7. Share industry research to include best practices and emerging trends
8. Foster collaboration across sectors, industries and disciplines

These are the responsibilities of the NCC Representative. All feedback regarding these responsibilities, which are intended to shape the chapter plan and goals, would be greatly welcomed.

I hope each of you had a lovely Christmas celebrating the gift of Christ, or enjoyed your own holiday festivities, and I wish you many good things and a happy new year!



The AGA Podcast "Accountability Talks" brings topics to the governmental accounting community in an insightful and modern way. Each episode covers a different topic related to the field.

Recent Episodes:

Episode 82: YPs Where are they Now?

Episode 81: Reduce Government Fraud

Episode 80: The Future of Government Payments



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- December Anniversaries
 - Rhonda Christopher, BKD
- Milestones/Achievements
 - Daphne Pevahouse, Retirement
 - Email Melody Ownby with any Anniversaries, Milestones, or Achievements



Job Opportunities

- City of Joplin
 - Financial Analyst
- City Utilities of Springfield
 - Finance Co-Op Sophomore
- City of Springfield
 - Accounting Services Representative
- Missouri State University
 - Accounting Specialist
- City of Republic
 - Accounting Clerk
- Missouri State Auditor
 - Staff Auditor I
- Email Melody Ownby with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

Volunteer Opportunities

- Email Melody Ownby with any volunteer opportunities in the Ozarks

Citizens Tax Oversight Committee City of Springfield



Description:

Review and monitor the collection of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax revenues, the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax revenues, the 3/4-cent Police and Fire Fighters Pension Fund Sales Tax revenues, the Hotel/Motel Tax revenues, and the Level Property Tax revenues. In addition the committee may evaluate any proposed reduction or enhancement to pension benefits before presentation to City Council.

Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Springfield, MO for at least three (3) years.
2. Meetings take place at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

There are currently multiple chairs available for the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee in Springfield, MO.

If you are not a resident of Springfield, MO, please feel free to pass on this information to any Springfield residents who may be interested.

What is an accountant's favorite joke?

It depends!



AGA wants to partner with you.



GET MORE INFORMATION TODAY!

Contact Daphne to see how the AGA Ozarks Chapter can support you! - dpevahouse@neoshomo.org



SSA Updates

Have you set up a Social Security account?

Prior to receiving benefits you can:

- Request a replacement Social Security card.
- Review your earnings history, see estimated Social Security Benefits, compare benefit amounts dependent on age received.
- Apply for retirement benefits and check for status updates on the application.

If receiving benefits, you can:

- Access benefit verification or proof of income letter.
- Complete change forms for direct deposit, address, etc.
- Request a replacement Medicare card.

CGFM Certification

Virtual CGFM Courses

Governmental Environment

- January 13-14, 2022
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm ET
- \$325 per person

Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

- January 25-28, 2022
- 10:30 am - 3:30 pm ET
- \$725 per person

Governmental Financial Management and Control

- February 8-10, 2022
- 10:30 - 3:30 pm ET
- \$525 per person



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