



The Ozarks Ledger



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From Nathan's Desk

I want to thank you and all of our members for a great year to serve you as president. You stuck with us this past fiscal year as we navigated the brisk pace of change. We implemented the technology needed to meet the needs and we will continually assess how to best serve you with virtual and in-person CPE and networking.

June is almost here which is the last month of our fiscal year. Our CEC takes a break through the summer months on education and newsletters to focus on planning the upcoming year. This next year I will be serving our CEC as the National Council of Chapters Representative while Tammy Beeman steps up to serve as your President.

There is a 2022 CEC poll from Friday 5/21. Thank you for taking the time to vote!

Best,

Nathan Ziegler, CPA



Ozark Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting - May 12

Other Chapters' Events

New York Chapter - May 19

- Fraud Risk Management

Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter - May 19

- Virtual PDT

Boston Chapter - May 20

- Virtual PDT

National Events

CGFM Live, Virtual- May 18

- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

Virtual - May 19

- 2021 PIO/CFO Summit

Webinar - June 9

- Leadership

CGFM Live, Virtual - June 10

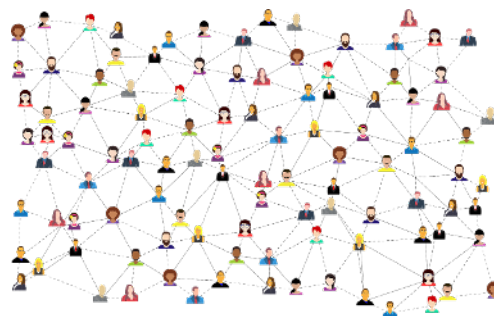
- Governmental Environment

CGFM Live, Virtual - June 16

- Governmental Financial Management and Control

Virtual PDT - July 19 - 21

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



Networking in a Social Distance World

While 2020 challenged everyone to step outside of their comfort zones, the Association of Governmental Accountants was provided the chance to enhance our educational and networking opportunities through chapter partnerships. The Ozarks Chapter has been grateful for the chance to partner with other regions such as the Oklahoma City and Dallas Chapters for our Fall and Spring PDT Events. We have also worked with other Chapters such as Des Moines, St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, and Mid-Ohio Chapter to provide monthly webinar options.

By providing these opportunities through our partnerships with other chapters, the Ozarks Chapter hopes to provide benefits such as an expanded network of professional peers, learning processes, technologies, as well as other developmental skills that may be available in other parts of the country that we do not have access to in our area. We encourage our members to review the upcoming events provided in membership emails, newsletters, and the Training and Events page on the AGA National website.

Tip: Be sure to connect with other AGA members and professionals you meet through LinkedIn. This will help you grow your professional base as well as gain access to other resources and articles your contacts may find useful!

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

PDT 21



Virtual Event
 July 19 - 21, 2021
 21 CPEs Available

PDT Sessions

Participants will have the ability to choose three to four breakout sessions during the 2021 PDT. There will be five minutes at the start of each session to switch to another session before you miss the alertness checks, which help qualify for CPE credit.

Please click on the Registration Button below for more Registration Information.



PDT 2021 Agenda

Now Available at **PDT Full Agenda**.

	Online	Email/Mail/PO/SF-182
AGA Member (Early Bird - Prior to June 18)	\$500	\$525
AGA Member (After June 18)	\$550	\$575
Non-AGA Member (Early Bird - Prior to June 18)	\$600	\$625
Non-AGA Member (After June 18)	\$650	\$675



Young Professionals Scholarship Opportunity

Are you a young professional who is interested in attending the upcoming Virtual PDT event on July 19-21?

Applicant Requirements:

- Be a first time PDT attendee.
- Be an AGA member in good standing.
- Meet young professional criteria.
- Work directly for the government.
- Available for the duration of PDT, and be willing/able to assist at the AGA Solutions Hall booth and other AGA activities throughout PDT.

Scholarships Benefits:

- Registration Fees Covered.
- One-on-One Mentor and networking possibilities.
- Recognition during PDT Awards Ceremony.
- Invitation to annual PDT Young Professionals Session.
- Headshot and AGA chapter(s) displayed on AGA's website.
- Featured in future AGA publications and social media.

Please visit **AGA Young Professionals PDT Scholarship Opportunity** for more information and to apply for the scholarship.

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello, everyone!

We have reached the end of 2020-2021, and your Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) will be taking a short break to prepare for 2021-2022. As many of you know, I will be stepping down from our CEC at the end of June. This will be my last report as your National Council of Chapters Representative.

As I wrap up my 8th year as a member of CEC, I think back to 2013-2014 when I started my first year as Chapter Treasurer. I was like most people who first join CEC. I wasn't sure what to expect and was a bit hesitant to get involved. At that time, I had several co-workers who were involved, and I decided to take the plunge.

For those of you who are "on the fence" about becoming more active in AGA and CEC, I highly recommend it. Both the national organization and our Ozarks Chapter offer numerous ways to network with (and learn from) other members in our area and across the country.

Current and former CEC members are happy to help you learn more about our Chapter. As you join CEC, you can learn more about how AGA operates by attending the annual Lead meetings hosted by the national office. While attending the national meetings, you'll be introduced to higher level government finance and corporate leaders who also contribute their time to AGA. Networking with these leaders may benefit your career, and our Chapter will benefit from the knowledge gained from those networks.

Contact any current CEC member for more information on how you can get involved!

Have a great summer. I will see you in the fall.

Greg Drake, 2019-2021 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative

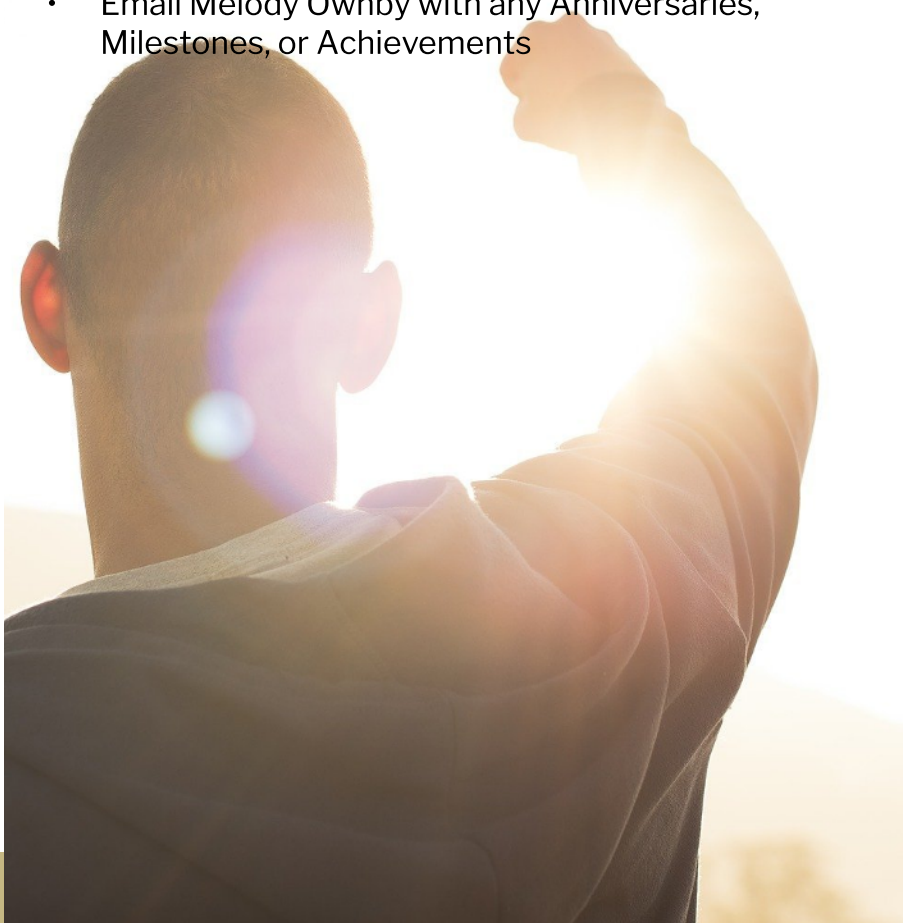


**Get outside and enjoy
your summer!**



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- May Anniversaries (see next page)
- Ozarks Chapter \$500 Scholarship
 - Qiruo (Elva) Wang - MSU, Senior
 - Jamey Arter - MSU, Junior
 - Josh McGuire - MSU,
- Email Melody Ownby with any Anniversaries, Milestones, or Achievements



Job

Opportunities

- Ozarks Technical Community College
 - Internal Auditor
 - Staff Accountant
- City Utilities
 - Internal Auditor - I, II, or Sr
- Email Melody Ownby with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

Volunteer

Opportunities

- City of Springfield
 - Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee
- **AGA Mentoring Program**
- Email Melody Ownby with any volunteer opportunities in the Ozarks



Anniversaries

- May Anniversaries:
 - Austin Beshears, City Utilities
 - Chad Blakey, City Utilities
 - Penny Clayton, PRC Consulting
 - Erica Hitpas, Student
 - Brigett Kirkhaug, City Utilities
 - Jimmy Laughlin, Camden County
 - Kaia Marcinkowski, KPM
 - Stacy Mcallister, City of Branson
 - Jamie Rouch, City of Branson
 - Natalie Scrivner, City of Bolivar
 - Ethan Whiteis, KPM

Award

Nominations and Scholarships

Other National and Local Awards

- Young Professionals PDT Scholarship - May 24
- Volunteer of the Year - May 31

MENTORING PROGRAM

Mentoring is important when establishing relationships with peers who will help you grow in your career and accomplish your future goals. You can be both a mentor and mentee at any point of your career. Please visit [AGA's Mentoring Program](#) for more information.

Mentor:

- Offer Guidance, Advice, Support, etc.
- Boost Confidence
- Help Set Career Goals

Mentee:

- Receive Objective Feedback
- Expand Professional Network
- Improve Skills and Career Progression



Everyone Meet...Deb Fraley!



Deb Fraley is a City of Springfield Retiree where she worked for 12 years. She was an Ozarks Chapter CEC Newsletter Editor for 5 years where she enjoyed getting to photograph the members and assisting in the preparations, such as catering, during professional events. Deb earned the Chapter Newsletter Honorable Mention Award in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010.

She was born in New York and raised in Northern Virginia. Deb was a graduate of MSU. Prior to working for the City of

Springfield, Deb worked for the Greene County Auditor's Office for 5 years. Deb has been a member of AGA for 21 years and has enjoyed getting to meet the different members from other government agencies and receiving feedback on different topics at the seminars and monthly meetings.

Some items that Deb is passionate about are reading, gardening, and getting in the car and driving around.

Strictly Business:

Q: What was your first job?

A: At 17, I lied about my age to get a job at Harris Intertype. We made machine pads with letters for newspapers.

Q: What led you to this career?

A: I was looking for a marketable degree, but my dream job was a magazine editor.

A little more personal:

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: Bad Drivers - and they are everywhere!

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?

A: I drove a truck delivering mobile homes across the US!

Just for Fun:

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

A: One of my ancestors - I didn't get to know my grandmother, so I would like to be able to get to know her by trading places with her.

Q: If you could only eat one item for every meal the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Salmon and sweet potatoes



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 65: Progress on the Blockchain

Episode 64: Chapter Spotlight - Tallahassee

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.

YouTube Video:

GASB Conservatism in Accounting



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

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