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## President's Message

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Who can believe this awesome fall weather AND the fact the Chiefs are 3-0? (I just had to get that in there.) For those that didn't make the September meeting, Nancy Yendes did a terrific job on the Hancock Amendment. She discussed the origin, case history and the mandate provisions. It was an eye opener for many.

Coming up next, the Fall Half-Day seminar, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cooper Tennis Complex. Join us for some great topics and speakers. The Midwestern Region Vice President, Catherine Demes Maydew will be joining us from Omaha. We will have three other great speakers so don't miss out on this great CPE opportunity. Register today with Justin!

Looking ahead we will have our recruitment meeting, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Library. The topic is the 60/65 project presented by MoDOT. Bring a non-member, they receive a free lunch and you'll get a gift for bringing them! The funds to provide this recruitment meeting are made available by National AGA. Mark your calendar for a luncheon Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll have a member appreciation lunch at Millie's café. The fun details to come!

Teresa



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## Community Service



AGA MEMBERS  
AT THIS FALL'S SEMINAR  
WE HAVE A CHANCE TO  
SERVE OUR COMMUNITY BY  
DONATING TO OZARK'S FOOD HAR-  
VEST  
BY BRINGING A FEW CANS OF SOUP  
OR BEANS OR CANNED MEAT TO  
THE FALL SEMINAR  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010  
~THANK YOU

### Get involved!

Help still needed for the Spring Seminar: This year we will have a committee for the Membership Seminar. The seminar will be held in March 2011, this year we will be providing an "early bird" registration discount, so it's not too early to start preparing. Can you help with getting the cater, speaker gifts, or helping setup; maybe lining up a great topic or speaker? We could use **YOUR** help! Contact Teresa Allen at [tallen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:tallen@springfieldmo.gov) or at 864-1337 for more information.

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## FALL SEMINAR

**SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN US WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT COOPER TENNIS COMPLEX FOR OUR FALL SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR. THIS WILL BE A 4 HOUR MORNING SEMINAR THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

**DR. JANIS PRUITT WILL DISCUSS "EMPLOYMENT LAW AND CURRENT ISSUES" IT'S NOT JUST HR'S RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**JOHN CUMMINGS WITH DAVIS, LYNN AND MOOTS WILL PRESENT "ARRA-ONE YEAR REMOVED".**

**CATHERINE DEMES MAYDEW, CPA IS AGA'S MIDWEST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2010-2011 FROM OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HER TOPIC WILL BE "INTERNAL CONTROLS."**

**MIKE PRESS, JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS ADMINISTRATOR (RETIRED) WILL PRESENT "MANAGING PUBLIC SERVICE IN A SHRINKING FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT."**

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CPE.**



**\*\*Attending the fall seminar and have a question about Employment Law? Dr. Prewitt would like to know! Please email her your question, so she can research and address the cases history during her time with us. You can email her at: [jprewitt@drury.edu](mailto:jprewitt@drury.edu). Just let her know it's for the Ozarks AGA seminar.**

## From Facebook to Government: Can Millennials Increase Government Popularity?

[John Della Volpe](#) | September 2010,

It may be difficult to look beyond the mounting deficits, partisan rancor and political gridlock driving headlines today. But at this moment exists a unique opportunity to reshape government -- in Washington, D.C., in every state capital and throughout local government in America.

Approximately 60 percent of the federal work force is age 45 and older, according to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, including one in every three mid- to senior-level federal officials is preparing to retire in the near term. At the state and local levels, a similar retirement wave is taking place, according to the Center for State and Local Government Excellence. Baby boomers are exiting the public work force in numbers that will grow significantly over time.

With so many longtime government workers heading into retirement, our nation has a tremendous if not unprecedented chance to match new, collaborative Web and mobile technologies with an emerging generation -- a generation of passionate, results-oriented, civically-minded young people who can improve the way government operates by making bureaucracies more efficient and leaders more effective, and developing forward-thinking policy from the bottom up. This confluence of a weakened private-sector economy, a demographic retirement bubble and a generation of service-oriented young Americans may not be seen again for several decades, if not longer.

The Millennials -- baby boomers' sons and daughters who were born between 1982 and 2000 -- already have changed America's course by their participation and overwhelming support for Barack Obama in the 2008 caucuses, primaries and general election. One in four Americans -- and one in three individuals around the world -- is a member of this generation, so their impact stretches far beyond the most recent election.

*To continue this article, please go to* <http://www.governing.com/topics/public-workforce/millennials-increase-government-popularity.html>



### Letter From the Editor

I was lucky enough in September to go to the AGA 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fraud and Internal Control Conference in Washington D.C. IT WAS AMAZING. For those of you who know me, you know that fraud and internal controls are my favorite topics. I met many wonderful people and got to hear many interesting speakers. The topics varied from Bernie Madoff to improper ARRA payments. My favorite part of the conference was the Emerging Leaders break off session. I got to meet with several Early Career members to discuss our experiences as new employees in the government workforce. We had group discussions with "seasoned" government employees who shared their experiences and gave suggestions on how to further our careers. I will never forget the advice that my fellow AGA members gave me. I loved being in DC for the conference, and I can't wait to go back!

Caitlyn





## Meet the Member

**Name:** Deb Fraley, CPA

**Where do you work?** City of Springfield, Public Works Administration

**Job Title:** Accounting Technician

**Where are you from?** I was born in New York (that's why I'm a Yankees fan), but grew up on a farm in Northern Virginia.

**What was your first job?** I'm really dating myself here! My first job was for a company called Harris Intertype. They made the matrices for printing presses. They were making a brand new matrix in which a piece of film was inserted for use in phototypesetting. It was new technology in the sixties!

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** A nun!! Don't ask me what went wrong there!

**What are you most proud of?** In order of appearance: My service in the US Air Force Reserves, passing the CPA exam, my husband Dave who works for City Utilities, and our grandkids (the smartest kids I've ever known!).

**What is your favorite restaurant?** I have favorites all over the country. The Rusty Scupper in the Inner Harbor, Baltimore MD, Paradise Café in Sag Harbor NY, The Wharf in Fort Bragg CA, Baxter's Grill in Lake Ozark MO. In Springfield it's Mille's, Saint Michael's, and the Mud House.

**What do you do in your free time?** My husband Dave & I attend football & basketball games in Arkansas, we have several family get-togethers every year, we spend some time at the lakes and in Kansas City, and go to the gym. Reading is my favorite pastime when I have a few quiet moments. There aren't many of those! I'm trying to develop a new hobby: preserving food. I like making my own jams & preserves. They make great Christmas gifts! I even made my own catsup!

**What has been your most interesting work experience?** Back in the dark ages I worked for AMF (American Machine & Foundry) in Santa Ana, CA in their underwater sports division. We made the regulators & valves for SCUBA gear. We had to go out on weekends and test it! I have been diving off most of the Channel Islands in California, San Miguel Island in Mexico, and the Colorado River.

**What is your favorite part about being an AGA member?** The people! The folks on the Chapter Executive Committee really care about the Chapter and the services it provides to the members and to the community. And, if it wasn't for the members, there would be no Ozarks Chapter! I think we have a great group!

**What might people not know about you?** I spent three years in the Air Force Reserves as a Medical Technician at Travis AFB in California, and I'm afraid of heights.



## Ozark's Chapter Member Meeting September 7, 2010

**Attendance:** Teresa Allen, Nancy Weems, Craig Woycheese, Julie Vaughan, Deb Gillenwaters, Linda Charles, Justin Hill, Caitlyn Greene

**Secretary:** Approved June and July minutes.

**Treasurer:** Deb Gillenwaters will provide an updated current fund balance.

A review of the Ozarks Chapter AGA books needs to be completed.

**Community:** Reminder that AGA Ozark Chapter will collect canned soups and non-perishable boxed dinner items at the Fall Seminar for Ozark Food Harvest.

The December meeting will host a toy drive for Toys for Tots.

**CGFM:** CGFM Chair is considering sponsoring a study group to increase interest and encourage certification of CGFM. If members are interested they need to contact Linda Charles at [lcharles@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:lcharles@springfieldmo.gov).

**Education:** There is one registration seat available for the IMA seminar on September 16 and 17. An e-mail will be sent to members to fill the seat to be filled on a first come-first serve basis.

Food for the September 14, 2010 meeting will be provided by Teresa Allen.

**Membership:** The next Membership Survey will request input on lunch menus provided at membership meetings and seminars.

CEC and Membership meetings will to the first and second Thursday of the Month beginning December 2010.

National's grant of \$150 will be used at the November meeting, \$5 gift certificates to Andy's will be given to members who bring a guest. The balance will be used as incentives and door prizes at the December meeting.

**President:** To receive points for Chapter recognition, each Chair must enter their points on AGA's National Website. Points for quarter ending in September must be entered by September 30, 2010. Points obtained in a prior quarter still qualify to be entered in future quarters for that year.

### President Elect

**Past President:** Spring Seminar registrations will be sent in batches this year to help expedite the renewal of memberships and set up of new members.

### Additional Business

The December meeting will be held at Milie's Café. This will be a year-end holiday gathering, there will be a White Elephant exchange. The charge for the event will be \$5 per person for members and \$10 per person for non-members. No speakers is scheduled for this event.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:50pm

# Take it Easy

Everyone deals with stress in a different way. This is a segment providing different ways to deal with the stress we all face.

**\*Focus on the present.** Meditation and guided imagery are two ways to focus and relax your mind.

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/stress-management/stress-management-relieving-stress>

## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
10/20/2010	Fall Seminar	See Page 3	See Page 3
11/9/2010	60/65 MoDOT Project	Kirk Juranas, District Engineer	Carnegie Library
12/2/2010	Fun Luncheon and Charity Benefit	N/A	Mille's

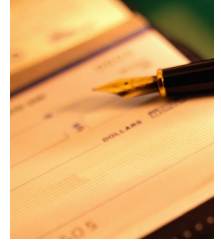
### CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Our current standing as of **September 30, 2010**, is as follows:

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership Participation	1,750	3,000	58%
Education and Professional Development	600	4,000	15%
Certification	275	4,000	7%
Communications	2,705	3,000	90%
Membership	325	3,000	11%
Early Careers and Student Members	50	2,000	3%
Community Service	0	2,000	0%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,430</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>25 %</b>



**OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA**  
**2010-2011 Statement of Operations**



		Budget	9/30/2010
<b>Revenues:</b>			
	Dues	\$ 200.00	
	Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 290.00
	Seminars	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 560.00
	Other	\$ 650.00	\$ 26.68
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 876.68</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
	Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 97.17
	Seminars	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 268.67
	Community Service	\$ 500.00	
	Scholarships	\$ 1,400.00	
	Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 625.88
	Other	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,026.71
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,018.43</b>
	<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>		\$9,379.23
	<b>Revenue</b>		\$876.68
	<b>Expended</b>		(\$2,018.43)
	<b>Ending</b>		<b>\$8,237.48</b>



## Want to Get Your CGFM Certification?

To learn more about the workings of government entities, think about studying for the CGFM. For details go to the AGA website and look at the CGFM section.

Linda Charles  
CGFM Chair



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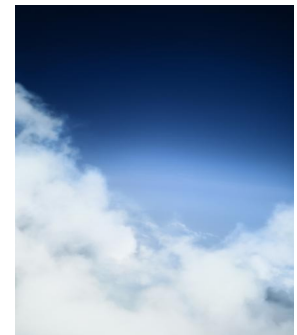
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*CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.*