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AGA Jackson Chapter Journal

January 2024 Newsletter

January Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Time: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Location: Capital Club, 125 S. Congress Street, Jackson, MS 39201

Topic: "Building an Effective Internal Audit Control Activity in the Public Sector"

Speaker: Christopher Rand, CFE, CIA, CIG

Inspector General, Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

Price: Lunch and 1 hour of CPE \$25 for AGA Members/\$30 for non-AGA Members

To Attend: **Please RSVP by close of business on Friday, January 5,**

2024 by email at LLewis@pers.ms.gov or by phone at 601-359-2266

Please note: It is very important that you RSVP prior to the deadline each month for planning purposes. Admittance to the meeting is not guaranteed unless you have responded by the deadline.

If you have reserved a spot you will be charged the full price regardless of attendance. Reservations can be transferred to another person.



Christopher D. Rand, CFE, CIA, CIG, CM, serves as Inspector General with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

He is an experienced Certified Internal Auditor with a demonstrated history of working in State Government. He is skilled in leading projects, training, coaching, mentoring, and

conducting training courses. Chris is a strong business professional with a master's focused in Business Administration from Jackson State University. He has a Certification in Management through the Institute of Certified Professional Managers (ICPM), and he is a Certified Fraud Examiner through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He has over 18 years of auditing and leadership experience in State Government working as an Agency Field Auditor for the MS Office of the State Auditor, a Corporate Tax Auditor at the MS Department of Revenue, an Accounting and Finance Director at MDCPS, and the Director of Internal Audit at MS Department of Human Services.

In his role, he strives to add value and help improve the agency's effectiveness by evaluating processes, policies, and procedures, thus allowing the workforce to strengthen families, prevent child abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and promote child and family well-being and permanent family connections.



Monthly Meeting Dates
2023 - 2024 Chapter Year
(Subject to Change)

- September 13, 2023
- October 11, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- December 13, 2023
- January 10, 2024
- February 14, 2024
- March 13, 2024
- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024
- June 12, 2024

For more information on the Jackson Chapter's CPE Program Agenda, click the button below. For speaker suggestions or CPE questions, please contact our Education Program Chair, Brandi Zuber by email at Brandi.Zuber@osa.ms.gov.

***The Following Members Celebrate their
Anniversary during January:***

William Tapscott – 13 years

P. Denise Brown – 4 years

Johnnie Davenport – 4 years

Suzanne Biggers – 3 years

Melissa Booth – 2 years

Lynnette Hearn – 2 years

Makeda Kimble – 2 years

Felicia Myrick – 2 years

Linda Grant – 1 year

Sandra South – 1 year

For information on joining AGA, please contact our Membership Chair, Barbara Lawson by email at blawson@pers.ms.gov or visit our [website \[aqajacksonchapter.us20.list-manage.com\]](http://aqajacksonchapter.us20.list-manage.com).

Jackson Chapter Treasurer's Report

**AGA - Jackson, MS Chapter
Statement of Inflows and Outflows
Balance as of November 30, 2023
Program Year 2023/2024**

Beginning Cash Balance for November 1, 2023	\$ 22,466.85
Adjustment:	\$ -
Beginning Cash Balance for November 1, 2023	\$ 22,466.85

Revenue

AGA September Meeting	\$ 500.00
AGA October Meeting	\$ 410.00
AGA Novober Meeting	\$ 1,260.00
Total Revenue:	<u>\$ 2,170.00</u>

Expenditures

Capital Club - November Meeting	\$ 1,414.80
Reimbursement - K McCrory	\$ 123.54
Reimbursement - K Love	\$ 45.95
Reimbursement - K Love	\$ 43.95
Reimbursement - S Brown	\$ 22.56
PO Box Renewal	\$ 83.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,733.80</u>

Ending Cash Balance of November 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 22,903.05</u></u>
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Jackson Chapter Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

Date December 13, 2023

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Teresa Minor at the Capital Club.

Guests

Teresa Minor welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes

Gia Allen made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Wimberly seconded the motion.

Announcements

Teresa Minor provided an update of the Community Service event at the Mississippi State Hospital. The date of the event at the Mississippi State Hospital has changed to December 19, 2023. Billy will serve as Santa. Many items were collected, and Teresa thanked everyone for their contributions. The annual PDT event will be February 1, 2024, at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland, MS.

Speaker

Teresa Minor introduced Mr. Michael Finley, Director of Training and Development at MSPB. Mr. Finley's topic was "The Responsibility of Accountability." He mentioned that there will be monthly and quarterly classes launching in January for Mississippi leaders for accountability. He elaborated on the meaning of accountability and how it affects the agency or company. Accountability is the obligation of an individual or company to account for activities and responsibilities.

Statistics have shown a decline in accountability. The State of Mississippi ranked #28 of the 50 states with the lack of accountability. Agencies or companies with lack of accountability show high turnover, poor quality of work, poor reputations, and lack of consequences, and fairness in the workplace. He also discussed ways to build a culture of accountability: show up as a leader, stand up for what's right, develop a proactive approach, offer solutions, strong attention to detail, and accept criticism. To increase accountability, there should be an improvement system, change in policy, ensure disclosures, and expand avenues to express views.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Philando Brown

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Secretary

Jackson Chapter Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date December 19, 2023

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Teresa Minor, AGA President, via Teams Meeting.

Attendees

Officers within the zoom meeting were Barbara Lawson, Stephany Brown, Teresa Minor, Krystle Love, Samuel Cole, Brittany McWillie, Brandi Zuber, Lynnette Hearn, Yolanda Nash and Philando Brown.

CEC REPORTS

President Report

Teresa opened the meeting.

Secretary Report

Teresa Minor asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Samuel Cole. The motion was seconded by Teresa Minor. The motion carried.

Membership Report

Barbara stated that we have 182 active members. Stephany Brown shared the names of the five (5) new members: Patricia Anderson, Crystal Kelly, Jeanette McDougal, Richard Lathan, and Tony Turner.

Treasurer's Report

Philando Brown made a motion to approve the report. Stephany Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications Report

Teresa needs to contact Emily to update website.

Education Report

Brandi Zuber stated that she did not have a speaker for January. She stated that she is checking with the AGA President and has reached out to FORVIS for a speaker for February. Barbara suggested for a backup speaker from MS State. Brandi said she may get Brother Rogers from last year.

CGFM Report

At the end of the month, the application fee for the CGFM exam is \$30

Community Service Report

Barbara and Billy were at the State Hospital for Santa Day. PDT Silent Auction- Teresa requested two (2) items from each member.

Other Business

Billy said he is going to update the report for ACE Award. The MS Blues Marathon is Saturday, February 24, 2024. For PDT 24, the national speaker fee is \$250. AGA colors are blue and orange. The fee for attending PDT is \$140 for members and \$180 for Non-members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Next CEC Meeting January 16, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philando Brown

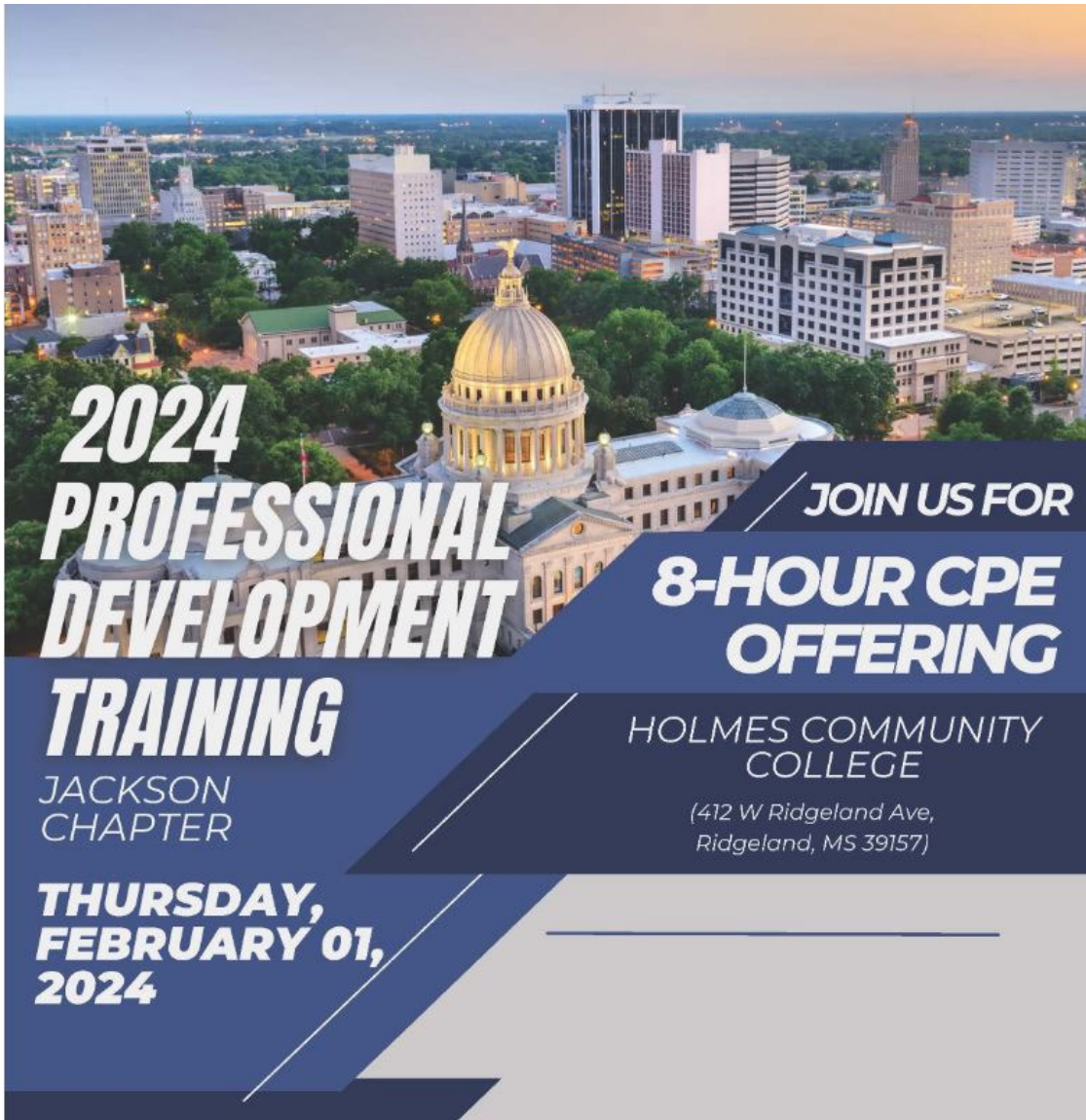
Philando Brown

Secretary

Santa Day at the Mississippi State Hospital was a hit! Thank you to everyone who came out to support.



REGISTRATION FORM
WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK



**2024
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
TRAINING**

JACKSON
CHAPTER

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 01,
2024**

**JOIN US FOR
8-HOUR CPE
OFFERING**

HOLMES COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
(412 W Ridgeland Ave,
Ridgeland, MS 39157)

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