



# The Ozarks Ledger



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## From Josefina's Desk

Hello AGA Members!

We're excited about our upcoming Spring Seminar and look forward to seeing all of you for a full day of learning and networking on March 26th.

This year, we are returning to the White River Conference Center and our friends from GFOA will be joining us, which will make for even more opportunities to visit and create new connections.

Remember that registration for the Spring Seminar includes your AGA membership dues for the upcoming year (what a deal)! Attendance includes up to 8 CPE hours and lunch. (Can't beat that with a stick!)

Please, watch your inbox for news and updates as the seminar date approaches.

Thanks again for being part of AGA and our Ozarks Chapter!

Best wishes,  
Josefina Garcia



## Chapter Meetings

### 2020 Spring Seminar

March 26, 2020

White River Conference Center

### Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2020

425 Downtown

### May Meeting - TBD

### Summer Break



## Spring Professional Development Training at the White River Conference Center

- Thursday, March 26th, 2020
- 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Full day! 8 CPE, breakfast and lunch included.
- 2020-2021 AGA Membership dues included
- \$200 registration fee, \$30 additional for CGFM renewal (if applicable)
- Look out for the full agenda coming soon
- Registration is now open [here](#)

## AGA Ozarks Chapter February Meeting (in case you missed it)

- Tyler Street, IT Cybersecurity Analyst with City Utilities presented the CIS Top 20 Critical Security Controls
- The CIS Top 20 Critical Security Controls are a set of recommended configurations and actions for establishing a secure and safe cyber environment. The 20 controls were developed with input from the NSA, US Department of Energy - nuclear energy labs, various law enforcement organizations and experts working in the cyber forensics and incident response fields. The controls address areas such as malware defenses, data recovery strategies and incident response in order to defend against current ransomware attacks, phishing campaigns and other escalating cyber threats.



## News from National/NCC Rep

Hello, everyone!

I don't know about you, but the **CHIEFS SUPER BOWL VICTORY** and the upcoming Cardinals baseball season completely distracted me from my CPE plans for the year. Where are you getting your CPE in 2020? Let's look at some options.

Your Ozarks Chapter CEC is planning another 10 hours of great CPE to finish out our 2019-2020 program year.

Be sure to register for our annual Spring Seminar scheduled on March 26 at the White River Conference Center. That's 8 hours of CPE (including 2 hours of ethics). The \$200.00 registration fee provides CPE and lunch AND pays your AGA membership dues for 2020-2021 membership year. The agenda and registration information are coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

We will wrap up our 2019-2020 educational year with our meeting on April 16 with one hour of CPE available.

If your schedule keeps you in the office this spring, National AGA has some webinars for you. Between March and June, the National office is hosting a variety of webinars that total 17 hours of CPE. The topics include improper payments, ethics, fraud, data analytics and more! National AGA is always offering more webinars to meet your CPE needs. Check out the Training & Events section of the AGA website to see what's available and to register for these events.

The highlight of the summer will be the annual Professional Development Training (PDT) on July 19-22 provided by National AGA. Please join us in Dallas for **25 hours of CPE** that cover a variety of federal, state and local topics. The National PDT is a great place to meet, network with and learn from other government accountants and agencies from all over the United States! If you can't make it to Dallas, consider attending the conference virtually from your home or office instead. Mark your calendars for June 23 as the National office is hosting a first-time PDT attendees webinar to answer your questions.

Check back with us in the fall when your CEC offers even more CPE in our 2020-2021 program year.

Between your Ozarks Chapter and National AGA, we have your CPE needs covered!

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

Greg Drake

Ozarks Chapter



A few incredibly fun facts about money I bet you didn't know. 1. The US Bureau of Engraving and Printing has two facilities which combined use an astounding 9.7 tons of ink per day. 2. North Korea is the largest counterfeiter and has mastered the art of counterfeiting U.S. currency. 3. The average lifespan of a \$1 bill is 18 months and it is 9 years for a \$100 bill.

# Everyone, meet Eric Biring



Introducing Eric Biring, a CPA who works for City Utilities of Springfield, 10 years and going. Hardly needing to be introduced, you may remember him as the hard-working, "git-r-done" country boy from Willow Springs, MO. His current role at CU is Accounting Analyst II in Plant Accounting, and as you can tell from this photo, he just loves everything about plants. From taking photos with them, talking about them at Toastmasters, to visiting large electric power plants. Also with Eric and the plants you will notice his beautiful family - wife, daughter and two sons. He graduated from MSU with his MAcc in 2013 and is proud to work for CU because of their critical role and positive influence on the community.

Strictly Business: What energizes you at work?

*Unexpected problems are just a time to shine.*

A Little More Personal: What's the best compliment you've ever received?

*My wife had a crush on Arnold Schwarzenegger. She said I look like him from the eyes up. I'll take it.*

Just For Fun: If you had to pick one age to be permanently, which age would you choose?

*I'm 32 and that seems about right. I feel like I'm finally smart enough to make better decisions and my body still seems to work.*

## "Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "This just needs some wordsmithing"

They mean: "This copy needs some revision"

They "really" mean: "I'm going to rewrite this"



## Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- 3 NLT Scholarships were awarded to MSU students who attended NLT in Washington, D. C. last week!
  - Caleb Gussner
  - Qiruo Wang
  - Sierra Weidner
- AGA Ozarks Chapter is on the path to success for another Platinum year! As of December, your chapter has a total of 11,675 credits. (over half the annual goal!)

## Job Opportunities

- **Tax Auditor I - State of Missouri - Springfield, MO**
  - [View details here](#)
- **Email Nathan Ziegler with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks**

## Quote of the Month

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead



**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](mailto:mrobinson@marshfieldmo.gov)**

**Association of Government Accountants  
Ozarks Chapter  
Fiscal Year 2020  
Jan 1, 2020 Through Jan 31, 2020**

	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Jan '20
<b><u>General Operating Activities:</u></b>			
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	322.00	70.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Annual Choice	418.00	-	-
Other Misc Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	5.62	0.85
Expenses:			
Community Service	418.00	-	-
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	139.49	-
CGFM (Member) Scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC) Travel Stipend	3,000.00	458.15	-
Speaker Gifts	230.00	-	-
Other Misc Expense	480.00	642.86	-
Net Revenue	(4,983.00)	(1,164.88)	0.85
<b><u>Monthly Meetings:</u></b>			
Revenue	1,500.00	1,174.03	529.75
Expense	1,500.00	895.95	-
Net Revenue	-	278.08	529.75
<b><u>Fall Seminar:</u></b>			
Registrations	4,087.00	3,242.33	180.00
Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Expenses	2,700.00	1,904.63	-
Net Revenue	1,887.00	1,337.70	180.00
<b><u>Spring Seminar:</u></b>			
Registrations	13,240.00	-	-
Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Expenses	3,604.00	-	-
Dues (remitted to National)	7,507.00	-	-
Net Revenue	3,629.00	-	-
<b><u>Member Appreciation Night(s):</u></b>			
Revenue	-	-	-
Expense	250.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(250.00)	-	-
<b><u>Membership Drive/Recruiting:</u></b>			
Revenue (received from National)	-	-	-
Expense	-	-	-
Net Revenue	-	-	-
<b><u>Lead Event</u></b>			
Revenue (fees received from Attendees)	-	-	-
Expense	200.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(200.00)	-	-
<b>Total Net Revenue:</b>	\$ 83.00	\$ 450.90	\$ 710.60
<b>Change in Fund Balance:</b>			
	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	15,746.46
Net Change	83.00	450.90	710.60
Ending	\$ 16,089.16	\$ 16,457.06	\$ 16,457.06



# Chapter Recognition Program

## 2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	1,250
Certification	700
Education	2,500
Communications	3,775
Membership	2,400
Accountability	950
Community	100
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>11,675</b>

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



# Chapter Executive Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### January 23, 2020

- I. Call to order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Kristy Bork, Education Co-Chair and immediate past president.
- II. Roll Check-In
  - a. Names of Attendees and Absentees
    - i. Attendees:
      1. Josefina Garcia, CPA – President (Call-in)
      2. Kristy Bork, CPA – Education Co-Chair
      3. Greg Drake, CGFM – NCC Representative
      4. Teresa Allen, CGFM – Historian
      5. Tammy Beeman, CGFM – Membership Chair
      6. Nathan Ziegler, CPA – Communications Chair
    - ii. Absentees:
      1. Sarah Burrows, CPA – Treasurer
      2. Renee Vines, CPA – Education Co-Chair
      3. Jennifer Schatzer, CPA – Community Service Chair
      4. Brandie Fisher, CGFM – Accountability Chair
      5. Monica Robinson, CGFM – Professional Certification
      6. Shika Morgan – Secretary
      7. Julie Ravenscraft, CPA – Early Careers Chair
- III. Kristy Bork made motion to approve Greg Drake as the 2020-2021 National Council of Chapters Representative for the Ozarks Chapter and Tammy Beeman seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- IV. Tammy Beeman – Membership Chair
  - a. January meeting statistics
    - i. 24 registered
    - ii. 20 attendees
  - b. Mentioned we need to make sure registration for non-members at monthly meetings is advertised at \$20 instead of \$15 for members

## Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Continued

- I. Greg Drake – NCC Representative
  - a. A new Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) has been in the works with National AGA and had a draft with comments to be made by Monday, January 27th.
  - b. Lead! 2020 is coming up April 30th– May 2nd and Greg Drake and Nathan Ziegler are attending. One other chapter member, preferably a first-time attendee, is still being sought. Registration, hotel, and flights are paid for by National.
- II. Spring Seminar Discussion
  - a. We discussed purchasing gifts for the speakers at the March seminar. BOK Financial is providing a \$1,500 sponsorship.
  - b. We discussed cost which will stay the same as 2019 at \$200 plus \$30 additional for the CGFM renewal. We discussed GFOA getting the same rate as members for the Spring Seminar but there is no difference because membership dues are paid from the \$200 and we don't provide an option to not pay membership dues with registration.
  - c. 4 speakers were compiled at the time.
  - d. Communication chair is to ask Julie Ravenscraft regarding student attendance at the Spring Seminar for extra credit to make seating arrangements in advance
- III. Discussion for open Chapter Executive Committee member positions for 2020-2021
  - a. New positions should have nominations/submissions of interest by March 1st.
  - b. Needing nominations for Treasurer, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and Secretary.
  - c. Eric Biring was nominated for Education Co-Chair along with Kristy Bork to serve one more year as Education Co-Chair
  - d. Nomination for President Elect – Tammy Beeman
  - e. Nomination for President – Nathan Ziegler
- IV. Other events
  - a. Tammy Beeman and Teresa Allen were to present the City of Springfield budget to an MSU class, Dr. Quio's class, Thursday, February 6th from 5-6 PM.

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