



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants

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Newsletter – February, 2019

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Presidents Message

Greetings Everyone!

The cold continues but so do we. The spring training is almost here and it might not feel like spring but the training will be great!

March is CGFM month and proclamations will be made and CGFM will be promoted. I would like to invite anyone who is thinking about testing or studying to reach out to me or anyone on the board. It would be great if a study group could be put together. If you have not received the CGFM certification I would encourage you to think about it and reach out to me with any questions you have. For those of you who already have your certification talk to others and see what is holding them back from getting their certification. Maybe we can help in some way.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next chapter meeting with the National AGA President John Lynskey, CGFM.

Stay Warm and Safe!

Adam Brown - Lincoln Chapter President

AGA Lincoln March Chapter Meeting

Lunch will consist of sandwiches, chips, salad and a drink for \$5.

Register for the meal on the AGA Lincoln Chapter website.

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: 1526 K Street Building – Lower level Training Room

Topic: During our March 6th Chapter meeting, John Lynskey (AGA National President) will speak and take questions on AGA’s new National Governance Structure. How will the new structure effect you and our Lincoln Chapter?

The new streamlined governance structure will also provide for better communication and provide Chapters and members a greater voice in AGA. John will also talk about his presidential theme “Giving Back to the Profession” and wants to hear about the great things the Lincoln Chapter is doing.

Information on the new AGA Governance Structure can be found at <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review.aspx>

Speaker: John Lynskey - AGA National President

John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA of AGA’s Washington DC Chapter, is the Controller and Deputy Division Director for financial management at the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). His responsibilities include fiscal stewardship of NSF’s daily financial operations including budget execution and funds control; financial statements and reporting; accounting operations; and grant payments and administration. As controller of a \$7 billion CFO Act agency, he leads NSF programs for internal control, improper payments, financial audit and strategic financial initiatives. He also oversees NSF’s cloud-based, FedRamp certified financial system and spearheads grantee financial outreach to NSF’s 1,700 institution customers. Under his 18 years of stewardship, NSF has achieved sustained success in obtaining “clean” audit opinions and in financial reporting excellence.

Before joining NSF, Mr. Lynskey served with the U.S. Secret Service for 8 years where he developed the Secret Service's first financial statements and a budget model for protective events under the CFO and in protective operations. He was also part of the security teams for events such as political conventions, UN General Assemblies and the Olympics. Prior to his federal government service, he worked in public accounting for Deloitte and other firms. He graduated from Virginia’s James Madison University with a degree in accounting.

Mr. Lynskey has been very active in AGA's Washington DC Chapter, serving in many positions. At the national level, he served on AGA's Finance and Budget Committee for 6 years and was a member of the Professional Certification Board and Accountability Work Group. Over the last 7 years, he has been a member of AGA's National Executive Committee (NEC), first as AGA's 23rd National Treasurer and then as a Senior Vice President and National President- Elect.

Calendar of Events

2019

March 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - - John Lynskey - AGA National President - 1526 K Building – Lower level Training Room - Check website to register for meal

March 7 – Thursday – AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring PDT

March 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B

April 3 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

April 10 – 11 - - Wednesday and Thursday - Des Moines Chapter Spring Training

April 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Location: TBD

May 1 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

May 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Lower Level Training Room

May 15th – - Wednesday - Webinar - Fighting Fraud with Analytics – 1526 Bldg., 1526 K Street, Lower Level – Training Room 1:00-2:50 - 2 hours of free CPE for members

AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring 2019 PDT

Registration is open until Wednesday March 6 at 10:30am for the AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring 2019 PDT.

The spring Professional Development Training (PDT) will be held Thursday, March 7th at the Innovation Campus, 2021 Transformation Drive with free parking on the north side of the Conference Center (see attached diagram). This year's key speakers will be John Lynskey, National AGA President and John Cook, Nebraska's Head Volleyball Coach. Additional speakers include John Murante, Nebraska State Treasurer; Cheryl O'Dell, Security Awareness & Incident Response Manager, UNL; Elayne Saejung, Director, Emergency Management, UNMC; and Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director, Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy. Registration is available on the Lincoln Chapter website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/LincolnNebraska.

See attached flyer for more details.

Webinar - Fighting Fraud with Analytics

The AGA Lincoln Chapter is offering a webinar on Wednesday May 15th. The topic is Fighting Fraud with Analytics. – 1526 Bldg. The location is 1526 K Street - Lower Level Training Room. The time is 1:00pm-2:50pm. 2 hours of free CPE for members, \$25 for non-members.

Des Moines Chapter AGA Spring Training April 10 - 11, 2019

April 10, 2019 - WEBINAR (2 CPE) 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Grimes Building, 400 E 14th Street, Des Moines, Room B-100 Check in 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ethics with Nathan Mueller, Fraud & Ethics Awareness Speaker and co-author of Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud This is a behavioral ethics webinar covering a real-life example of fraud and the lessons that can be learned about the importance of controls, segregation of duties, system controls, processing controls, physical safeguards, controls in a time of change and the reality of the fraud triangle.

April 11, 2019 - SPRING TRAINING SEMINAR (8 CPE) 7:55 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Noah's Event Venue, 1805 90th Street, West Des Moines Check in and continental breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.

The seminar will feature the following speakers:

David Vaudt, GASB Chairman, Recently Issued Standards & Current Technical Agenda

John Lynskey, AGA National President, Professional Resiliency

Janet Phipps, Director Department of Administrative Services (DAS), The Art of Leadership – What Is It?

Kim Hanson, DAS Training & Development Specialist, Ethics of Leadership

Registration fees include the April 10th Webinar and the April 11th Spring Seminar. The Seminar will include continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages.

Early Bird Registration – Deadline March 15, 2019 Member \$115 Non-member \$150

Regular Registration March 16 – March 31, 2019 Member \$140 Non-member \$175

WEBINAR only Member \$20 Non-member \$32

To register visit the Des Moines Chapter website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Home.aspx> Up to 10 hours of CPEs will be offered.

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

Free CPE

AGA National is providing the Financial Systems Summit (FSS) free to AGA members who are government employees who attend virtually. The training offers six continuing professional education (CPE) hours. It is scheduled on March 28, 2019. Details and registration is available at the following link.

The Platte Conference room in the Department of Agriculture in the Nebraska State Office Building is available for January 10th for the Financial Systems Summit. Contact Tim Baker if you are interested in attending at this location.

https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications

AGA Membership Renewal Time

You should have received an email reminding you that it is time to renew your membership. A link in the email will take you to the AGA website. You can also go to the website. The RENEW button is on the top-right corner – www.agacgfm.org

Members in the News

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at frank.faughn@nebraska.gov

CGFM News

CGFM Month

March is just around the corner, that means it is CGFM Month. Learn more about watching this one minute video on the value and benefits of CGFM certification.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUsHRRxO1lo&feature=youtu.be>

CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2019

The meeting was held at Misty's Downtown 9 members were present at the meeting.

Adam Brown, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Sign up sheets were passed around for volunteers to sign up for times at the Jr. Achievement Bow-a-Thon and Meals on Wheels.

Ann Martinez shared that email notices have been sent out for the 19-20 membership renewal. Membership renewals can be paid on line using the State's PCard.

Jeff Filbert, Meetings Co-director introduced Mark Quandahl, Director of the Department of Banking and Finance.

Mr. Quandahl spoke about the divisions of the Dept. of Banking and Finance – Financial Institutions and Securities Bureau, Nebraska banks, money transmitters and the 403 citizenship verification project.

Mark drew the winning ticket for \$15.00. The winner was Stacey Bolton.

Presented by Ann Martinez, President Elect

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2019

In attendance were Jeff Filbert, Adam Brown, Chris Barber, Ann Martinez, Ron Carlson, Jessica Elliott, and Staci Bolton.

President - Adam called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. He started the meeting with a discussion of Lead 2019. Tim Baker and Ann Martinez would be attending.

Education – Spring PDT on March 7th was the next topic of discussion. It was mentioned that two people were interested in joining the Lincoln AGA Chapter. They will be able to pay the member price on the PDT.

Chapter Meetings – In March, the speaker is the National AGA President John Lynskey and location of the meeting will be at the 1526 K Building. Lunch will be \$5 per person. April 3rd, the speaker is still being confirmed and the location for the meeting will be at Tico's. On May 1st, the chapter meeting will be at the 1526 K Building again.

Young Professionals – Frank will write something up for the next membership renewal. Also, the chapter will have a table at the PDT for membership awareness.

Accountability and Outreach – No report.

Communications – Tim announced that the due date for items to be included in the newsletter is February 26th.

Professional Certification – Adam mentioned that he was interested in taking the CGFM test and needs materials. He suggested a study group or partner with anyone else that was interested. Adam also reported that Candace had updated him that she is working on the proclamation.

Community Service – Jessica mentioned that Meals on Wheels went well this weekend. The next opportunity to help by volunteering is March 2nd. Jessica also mentioned that the Bowl-a-thon start times have changed. There are some open spots on the February 22 and 23 weekend. Remember each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt.

Sponsorships – Tim Baker updated the CEC by email that \$3,000 from Infor and \$750 from Gilmore/Bell is now in the Chapter bank account. The \$750 payment from Ameritas is in process and their check will arrive by March 1st.

Tim also mentioned in his email that John Lynskey would be staying at the Cornhusker Hotel the night of March 6th. He was informed that the room charge with tax would be \$123.47 for the night. Adam made a motion for the chapter to cover John Lynskey's hotel and Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer – The Treasurer's Report was present for January 2019. Ann made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary – Chris announced that the January Chapter and CEC meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter. She asked for any corrections. Tim mentioned in an email that Infor had a sponsorship amount of \$3,000 instead of the \$4,500 listed in the minutes. Ann made a motion accept the minutes with the dollar correction for Infor and Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President-elect – Ann said that the chapter is on track to receive Platinum for this year.

Other – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Chris Barber, Past President and Secretary

CGFM Study Guides

New CGFM study guides are available. The Chapter is willing to purchase the new guides if anyone is interested in using them. We have 2014 CGFM Study Guides and they are available for you today. Please contact Candace Meredith for more information. cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov

Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov

Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining
Receipts:			
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$3,455.00	(\$3,935.00)
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,750.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	\$17,380.00	\$7,205.00	(\$10,175.00)
Disbursements:			
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$3,461.61	\$2,758.39
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$289.00	\$1,816.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$406.41	\$393.59
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$78.00	\$22.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements:	\$17,850.00	\$7,232.64	\$10,617.36

January 1, 2019	\$6,236.33
Receipts:	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$3,750.00
CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$3,750.00
Disbursements:	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$86.31
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$88.31
January 31, 2019	\$9,898.02
Checking	\$6,236.33
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
Total	\$9,898.02

2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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