



## **Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability**

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### **Newsletter – December, 2020**

#### **Presidents Message**

As you are reading this newsletter, I hope that you enjoyed the holiday season and time with your families, either in person or virtually and you are now rested and rejuvenated for 2021.

Thanks to the hard work of Tim Baker and Frank Faughn with the help of our corporate sponsor Infor, a 2 CPE free to members virtual Professional Development Training is being planned for February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.** More information on the training and how to register will be available soon.

This is another value add for current AGA members. The chapter sponsored an AGA National free webinar that provided 2 CPE's in December. The February training is also available to non-members at a cost of \$25.00. You can join or re-join AGA at any time of the year and your membership is prorated the second year. Membership is \$100. Why not do it now and get this training for free and other opportunities to come. Throughout the year AGA National provides free to members webinars that provide CPE's. <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

The 20-21 Chapter year is moving quickly and ends in May. If you are interested in serving on the Chapter's CEC (Chapter Executive Committee) as either an officer or program director/co-director please contact Frank Faughn—President Elect, any current CEC member or myself. The CEC is a supportive group and the time commitment is very manageable. CEC member contact information can always be found in the newsletter or on the Chapter's website.

As a member of the CEC, I have had the opportunity to work with other State and local government employees. I have also attended AGA regional and national training events thanks to financial help from AGA National and our local chapter. Each event offered the opportunity to learn more about my profession, leadership and to network with members from other Chapters and forms of government. Due to the pandemic training opportunities have been virtual, which provided limited interaction with the other attendees, but the training provided is always great. As we begin a new year, I'm sure that travel and in person events will start again. The 2021 AGA National PDT is currently scheduled in person and virtual for July in Nashville.

There have been changes made regarding the CPE Polices to maintain your CGFM certification. These changes are effective for all CPE cycles that start after December 31, 2020. Check out the article in this newsletter for more information.

Ann Martinez 20-21 Chapter President

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## **AGA Lincoln 2020 Chapter Meetings**

No Chapter Meetings are currently scheduled.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2020**

January 15 - Friday - CEC Meeting – Conf. call and 1526 Bldg. 2nd Floor Conf. Room C

February 9 - Tuesday - Winter 2021 Professional Development Training

## **Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies**

The following positions are open to be filled for the 2020-2021 AGA year.

Co-Director of Education – PDT

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Co-Director of Chapter Meetings

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Director of Professional Certification

Director of Accountability and Outreach

Please contact Ann Martinez if you are interested in joining the CEC.

## **Winter 2021 Professional Development Training**

The AGA Lincoln Chapter and Infor (AGA Corporate Member) is presenting a two-hour virtual professional development training on February 9th, 2021. Learn key insights about topics affecting organizations, including workforce management, post-pandemic hiring, and internal auditing and controls.

Save the date: February 9, 2021  
10:00 - 12:00 Central Time  
Virtual - 2 hours CPE

Members: Free  
Nonmembers: \$25

Registration site available soon!

## **Important Changes and Updates for CGFM Continuing Education (CPE) Requirements**

In order to retain your CGFM certification, all CGFM's must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFM's must be in an active status.

*To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFM's are required to:*

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.
- By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFM's affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

*The CGFM CPE policies have been **updated** to include changes and clarification to current policies for all CPE cycles that start after 12/31/2020.*

1. New requirement of 4 ethics hours per cycle (See Section 2)
2. New limit of 20 hours in taxation per cycle (See Section 12)

*Clarifications and additional details were added to the existing policies, including:*

- the role of PCB and Office of Professional Certification – see Section 1 and 11
- hours not included in the first CPE cycle – see Section 2
- no-carry over policy – see Section 5
- grace period availability – see Section 6
- types of individual study programs – see Section 10
- CGFM program activities approved for CPE credit – see Section 10
- shorter list of examples of topics and subjects – see Section 12
- not counting programs that are less than 1 CPE – see Section 14
- CPE credit for individual study programs – see Section 14

More information can be found on AGA National's website.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/CGFMs/CPE-Requirements.aspx>

**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/>

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Minutes – December 29, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Martinez shortly after noon. A quorum was present in person and by conference call.

For the first item of business Ann led discussion on the new AGA Chapter Excellence (ACE) program. This replaces the previous Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) and has no competition associated with it. Updates are due quarterly. The report due November 30 was submitted. Ann also mentioned that gift cards for \$25 and certificates were sent to Heidi Wallace and Renee Klein as members of the year for FY20. The matter was discussed that our Chapter still needed its audit done for FY20. Ken moved and Jessica seconded that we again invite Jason Walters to do this, as he did the previous year. The motion passed. The question was raised about the Chapter needing to register with the Secretary of State. It was agreed no registration is necessary. Finally, the question had been asked about the required number to establish a quorum for our CEC. The quorum is five.

Discussion followed on Education. The December 9 national Webinar on Internal Controls was conducted. 14 members were registered. Of the CEC Ann, Tim B, and Frank participated while Ron C participated for a while but had technical difficulties.

For Meetings, there will be a presentation conducted by one of our Chapter sponsors, Infor. This will be February 9, 10:00 till noon providing 2 CPE's. There will be two topics – each one hour. The first hour will be led by Infor entitled Developing an Agile Workforce plus another speaker outside of Infor. The second hour will be on Internal Control – again with presentations by Infor and another person. Tim Baker and Frank Faughn will be recruiting those other speakers to cover. The question arose as to whom to invite for this Webinar. The motion was made by Frank, seconded by Tim B, that we invite attendees using our larger email list, not just limited to members. Training will be free to members and the cost to non-members will be \$25.

Ann mentioned she conducted a CCR review. This was for the Phoenix Chapter. For Communications, Tim C said he needed articles for the next newsletter by January 5. It was mentioned that Staci won't continue as Director of Communications-Website. There was no discussion on Professional Certification.

For Community Service, Jessica led discussion. No one rang bells for the Salvation Army. Tim C made the motion, and Frank seconded, that the Chapter send the Salvation Army \$100 for their support. The motion passed.

Tim B led discussion on Chapter sponsorships and national AGA matters. Galvanize will not be renewing their sponsorship so they need to be removed from the Lincoln Chapter website. Others renewing include Infor and Gilmore-Bell. Tim announced the national AGA National Leadership Training event will be virtual on February 24-25. The national AGA PDT will be

conducted in Nashville July 18-21, unless they later decide to conduct virtually. A combination of in person and virtual is also possible.

Dan submitted the Treasurer's report. There were no transactions. Tim C made the motion and Ron seconded to accept the report. The motion passed. Minutes of the prior CEC meeting were published. There were no corrections. Dan made the motion to accept the minutes, Frank seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Final business was regarding the Bylaws. By consensus, this matter is being tabled till the January CEC meeting. The CEC discussed that we should try to finish any changes to these Bylaws by the February CEC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## **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](mailto:frank.faughn@nebraska.gov)

## **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>

## **CGFM Study Guides**

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

## **Speakers and Topics**

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Ann Martinez.

## **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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

2020-2021

<b>Year 6-2020 to 5-2021</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>		
				November 1, 2020	\$18,743.92
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	Sponsor	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$17,380.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$17,380.00)</b>	<b>Disbursements:</b>	
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00	National-PDT	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$349.00	\$1,756.00	Member Support	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	Early Careers	\$0.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Chapter Leadership	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Certification	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$74.00	\$26.00	Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	November 30, 2020	<u>\$18,743.92</u>
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	Checking	\$18,743.92
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$18,743.92</b></u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$423.00</b>	<b>\$17,427.00</b>		

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