



## **Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants**

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#### **Presidents Message**

Hello!

I hope all of you are staying warm. I grew up in California where a Polar Vortex is not a thing along with many other Nebraska weather systems. I am drinking a lot of hot tea and hot chocolate to help stay warm. It sounds like the worst of it is over for now but I know Nebraska will send something else fun eventually.

I am looking forward to spring with the PDT and warmer weather. There are still chances for us to do community service so look for those coming up. An AGA huddle was scheduled but the Polar Vortex has delayed that so be on the lookout for when the next is scheduled.

I have really enjoyed serving as the Chapter President so far and if there is anything I can do for this chapter to help make it better please let me know.

Stay Warm!

Adam Brown - Lincoln Chapter President

# AGA Lincoln February Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 6

**Time:** 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

**Location:** Misty's downtown 200 N 11th

**Speaker:** Mark Quandahl, Director for the Department of Banking and Finance

Mark Quandahl is an Omaha Attorney appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. He is a former state senator and a former member of the Nebraska State Board of Education. Prior to his appointment to the Directorship, Quandahl was in the private practice of law, acted as General Counsel to a health care startup company, and served on the Board of Directors at a Nebraska community bank.

Born in Omaha, he graduated from Ralston High School in 1980. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1984 and obtained his law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law in 1987. Quandahl represented the constituents of Nebraska's 31st Legislative District from 1999 to 2005. During his tenure in the Legislature he served as the Chairman of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee.

## Calendar of Events

### 2019

February 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Misty's downtown 200 N 11<sup>th</sup> - Mark Quandahl, Director for the Department of Banking and Finance

February 9 – Saturday – Bowl a Thon - Sun Valley Lanes

February 9 – SLMR \_ Kansas City

February 16<sup>th</sup> -Saturday -Meals on Wheels –vehicles loaded 10:30-11:00am Deliveries from 11:00-12:30pm

February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C

February 22 - Friday - Bowl a Thon - Sun Valley Lanes

February 23 - Saturday - Bowl a Thon - Parkway Lanes

March 2nd - Saturday -Meals on Wheels –vehicles loaded 10:30-11:00am Deliveries from 11:00-12:30pm

March 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - - John Lynske - AGA National President - 1526 K Building

March 7 – Thursday – AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring PDT

March 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room B

April 3 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

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

May 1 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

May 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Location: TBD

## AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring 2019 PDT

Registration is open for the AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring 2019 PDT.

The spring Professional Development Training (PDT) will be held Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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.agacgm.org/Chapters/LincolnNebraska](http://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/LincolnNebraska).

**See attached flyer for more details.**

## **Community Service**

The AGA Lincoln Chapter is needs volunteers for the following Community Service activities.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Tabitha (Meals on Wheels) is looking for help with delivering meals to people in need on February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They provide around 50 meals a day and the meals are split between the helpers they have. Meals would be picked up and loaded in vehicles between 10:30-11:00am with a short orientation before starting out. Deliveries would be from 11:00-12:30pm. Tabitha does not provide vehicles.

### **Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon**

It's that time of year again for the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon, as well. They need help with counting and recording money. Below is the schedule of times and locations they are needing help.

Saturday, February 9: Sun Valley Lanes from 9:30am-12:00pm (3 people)  
Friday, February 22: Parkway Lanes from 6:00pm-8:30pm (3 people)  
Friday, February 22: Sun Valley Lanes from 5:30pm-8:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 9:30am-12:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 11:30am-2:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 1:30pm-4:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 3:30pm-6:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 5:30pm-8:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Parkway Lanes from 7:30pm-10:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 9:30am-12:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 11:30am-2:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 1:30pm-4:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 3:30pm-6:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 5:30pm-8:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Hollywood Bowl from 7:30pm-10:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Sun Valley Lanes from 10:30am-1:00pm (3 people)  
Saturday, February 23: Sun Valley Lanes from 12:30pm-3:00pm (3 people)

Please contact Jessica Elliott if you are able to help. There will also be a sign up sheet at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you for your support. Without you, Nebraska wouldn't be so great!

Sincerely, Jessica Elliott – Director of Community Service  
402-471-1242, [Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov)

## **January 9, 2019 Chapter Meeting PowerPoint Presentation**

Scott Weiskamp - Director of Operations with the Lincoln Public Schools Facilities Department spoke at the January 9 Chapter meeting. Scott spoke about the current to future plans for the City of Lincoln up to and including the year 2040. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications)

## **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 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 – January 9, 2019**

The January 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting was held at The Egg & I, 1601 Q Street, Lincoln. There were 11 people in attendance including one guest.

Adam Brown, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. He referenced the AGA PDT Conference announcements on the table for everyone to view. Char Scott mentioned the March 7<sup>th</sup> date for the event at Innovation Campus, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln. John Lynskey, AGA National President would be a speaker. Topics for the PDT will include Cyber Security and Ethics as well as others.

Jeff Filbert reminded the members of the upcoming Chapter meeting at Misty's on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark Quandahl, Director for the Department of Banking and Finance, will be the speaker.

Jeff went on to introduce Scott Weiskamp and Kevin Nelms. Scott is the Director of Operations with the Lincoln Public Schools and Kevin is with the Facilities Department. Scott spoke about the current to future plans for the City of Lincoln up to and including the year 2040. See attached PowerPoint presentation that was presented.

Presented by Chris Barber, Secretary and Past President

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019**

In attendance Ralene Cheng, Char Scott, Jeff Filbert, Adam Brown, Tim Channer, Tim Baker, Chris Barber, Ann Martinez, Dan Albright and Jessica Elliott.

**President** - Adam called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. He started the meeting with a discussion of Lead 2019. The chapter representative is the voice of the chapter and would have voting rights. The representative would be a filter between the chapter and National informing them of successes, failures, and etc. Char made a motion that Tim Baker be the chapter representative and Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed. National will pay for three members of each chapter to attend Lead: the chapter representative and two others from the chapter. Ann said that she would be able to attend.

SLMR was the next topic. Jessica mentioned that she could attend and Char chimed in that she may be able to attend.

**Education** – Char presented an update on the Spring PDT on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Innovation Campus. John Cook (Nebraska Volleyball Coach) will be a speaker along with John Lynskey (AGA National President), Cheryl O’Dell (Security Awareness & Incident Response Manager, University of Nebraska Lincoln), Elayne Saejung (Director of Emergency Management, University of Nebraska Medical Center), John Murante (Nebraska State Treasurer), and Dan Sweetwood (Executive Director of NE State Board of Public Accountancy).

**Audio/Webinar** – Ralene shared with the group the dates and topics for upcoming webinars. They are as follows:

March 6 – Tax Reform

March 27 – Cyber Security

April 10 – Ethics

April 24 – Data Act

May 15 – Fraud/Data Analytics

June 12 - Leadership

**Chapter Meetings** – Jeff reminded the CEC of the February 6<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting at Misty’s with Mark Quandahl as the speaker. He is the Director for the Department of Banking and Finance. In March, the speaker is our very own National AGA President John Lynskey and location of the meeting is the 1526 K Building. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the speaker will be is still being confirmed and the location for the meeting will be at Tico’s. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the chapter meeting will be at the 1526 K Building again.

**Young Professionals** – No update.

**Accountability and Outreach** – Ralene reported that National is still looking for someone to review the CCR.

**Communications** – Tim announced that the due date for items to be included in the newsletter is January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Professional Certification** – No update.

**Community Service** – Jessica mentioned that Tabitha would like help with Meals on Wheels and there are 50 routes per day. Saturday’s are open in January and February. With 2 hour time commitments, then 2-4 people are needed per Saturday. The Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon is February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are several open timeslots with 2 ½ hours for each timeslot. Sun Valley Lanes, Parkway Lanes, and Hollywood Bowl are the locations and remember each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt.

**Sponsors** – Tim Baker updated the CEC that Ameritas and Gilmore Bell confirmed to renew joint sponsorship at \$1,500 total. This is the Gold level.

The Infor paperwork is signed. Tim said he is excited about promoting their products and services and will have their logo on our website and in flyers after the funds are received. The sponsorship by Infor is \$4,500, the Platinum level.

**Treasurer** – Dan presented the December 2018 Treasurer’s Report. Tim Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and Char seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dan went on to mention that he needs to order checks.

**Secretary** – Chris announced that the December Chapter and CEC meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter. She asked for any corrections. Hearing none, Char moved their acceptance and Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**President-elect** – Ann said that the chapter is on track to receive Platinum for this year. Second quarter information has been submitted and the chapter is maxed out on some of the categories.

**Other** – March is CGFM month. The proclamation to the Governor was handled by Candace in the past. The idea was presented to have John Lynskey step in with the Governor when he is in Lincoln and have him sign the proclamation at the Governor’s office. Mike Foley could be asked to step in as well. Adam said that he would reach out to Candace to coordinate.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov) or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 [Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov](mailto: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

TREASURER'S REPORT					
2018-2019					
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				December 1, 2018	\$6,361.81
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$3,455.00	(\$3,935.00)	Fall PDT	\$0.00

Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
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
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$3,455.00</u>	<u>(\$13,925.00)</u>

Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>

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	\$320.10	\$479.90
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$76.00	\$24.00
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
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$7,144.33</u>	<u>\$10,705.67</u>

Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$73.48
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$50.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>\$125.48</u>

December 31, 2018 \$6,236.33

Checking	\$6,236.33
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$6,236.33</u>

**2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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