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January Professional Development Meeting

Topic:

Communication Style
And Public Speaking
Tuesday
January 12, 2010

Speaker:

Dr Mark Kelton,
Associate Professor of
Communication
Evangel University

Time: Noon to @1:30 pm
1 hour CPE

Location: Midtown Carnegie
Library conference room
397 E. Central
(between CU & Central HS)

Lunch will be provided.

To reserve a seat email or call
Justin Hill:

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829-6202



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President's Message



Teresa Allen, CGFM

Happy New Year!! Finally, (another Chiefs season came to a close and) a decade that will actually have a name is upon us. I have no idea what we will call the last ten years but I would say, for the majority of us, the last couple would be called "rough", as the economy has seen brighter days in all sectors of state and local governments.

As resources dwindle, your Ozarks chapter is doing everything we can to provide the best CPE for your dollars (with help from the National AGA recruitment scholarship fund).

Join us **Tuesday, January 12th** and bring a fellow accounting professional. The speaker will be Dr. Mark Kelton from Evangel University. He is an associate professor of communications and he will be speaking about "Communication Style and Public Speaking;" something many accountants could use a little help with (including me). We are offering free lunch and CPE to anyone brought as a guest by one of our members AND every member that brings a guest will receive a door prize! What a win, win! The fee is \$10.00 for members for 1 hour of CPE (or \$15.00 without a sponsoring member).

The meeting will begin at Noon on the 12th at the Midtown Carnegie Library at 397 E Central (between CU and Central High School).

Please contact Justin Hill if you will be attending at: jrhill@greencountymo.org or 829-6202.

See you then!

Teresa



SAVE THE DATE!! The Membership Seminar is just around the corner! You'll want to get your registrations in to Deb Gillenwaters for the Membership Seminar by Tuesday, February 16th. The seminar information is will be emailed with the newsletter. Don't miss out; get the most bang for your buck by attending the seminar, which will include your 2010-11 National AGA membership dues.

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CEC Meeting Minutes December 1, 2009

Attendees: Teresa Allen, President
Deb Gillenwaters, Past President
Bob Wells, Treasurer
Julie Vaughan, Secretary
Nancy Weems, Director of Community Services
Deb Fraley, Newsletter Editor

**Order of Business**

CEC minutes from the Fall Seminar and minutes for November 3, 2009, were approved.

Treasurer's report, Bob Wells will provide budget information to Deb Fraley for the December newsletter.

Speakers for the Membership Seminar are in the final phases. Deb Gillenwaters announced she will ask various CEC members to introduce each speaker for this seminar.

Deb Fraley will look into options for the menu for the Membership Seminar. Deb Gillenwaters will provide the water and Deb Fraley will be responsible for the cookies.

A campaign to reach outside agencies and increase attendance will begin. A list of local counties, cities, and educational agencies was prepared. Each CEC member selected a group to get information on contacts within the agencies that could benefit from the seminar. The list of contact's name, title, organization, address, and additional contact information will be collected and forwarded to Julie Vaughan to create a mailing list.

Teresa Allen is getting a letter from the Des Moines chapter that will be used as guideline to prepare the correspondence that will be mailed to prospective attendees for the seminar.

Possible sponsors for the seminar will be Drury University, BKD, and Missouri State University. Martha Mundt and Bob Wells will contact potential sponsors.

Bob Wells announced that with the match from the AGA Ozarks Chapter and AGA National, the total amount for the October United Way fundraiser is \$1,000.

Nancy Weems said the scholarship application will be posted by December 15, 2009. Applications will be due by March 2, 2010.

The speaker for the December meeting is Doug Williams. Doug is a Senior Security Consultant for Modulo Security Systems who specializes in ensuring a company is PCI (Payment Card Industry) compliant. Doug will focus his presentation on the importance in being PCI compliant and the steps to protect your business with in-depth and accurate accounts of internal security controls.

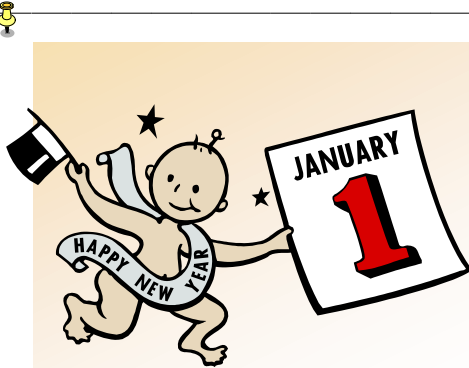
The December meeting will be held at the Health Department training room. The presentation will begin at 12:00 pm and will end at 2:00pm and will provide two CEU. The fee for this meeting will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The 2010-2011 Board Sectional Leadership Meeting will be held in Kansas City this year. AGA National will sponsor four positions in each chapter, which includes President Elect, Education Chair, Membership Chair, and CGFM Chair. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend due to the location this year and the positive learning opportunity. They would be responsible for traveling expenses.

CEC board members are asked to provide a successor to their positions if they plan to vacate their position.

Meeting adjourned 12:55pm

OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD



Have you made your new year's resolution yet?

Its' not too late, consider getting involved in your Ozarks Chapter of AGA! This is a great opportunity to stretch your leadership legs and create contacts (and friends) in your field of work. There are many opportunities to get involved, either serving on a committee, or on a community service project; filling a chair position for 2010-11 and attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Kansas City or simply by providing topic or speaker ideas for upcoming meetings. Your input and participation is critical to our chapter's growth and success. To find out how you can get participate please contact me, Teresa Allen, chapter president at tallen@springfieldmo.gov or at 417-864-1337.

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Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Date	Description	Location
Jan	01/12/2010 Tuesday	Communication Style and Public Speaking Dr. Mark B. Kelton Associate Professor of Communication Evangel University	Mid-Town Library 397 E. Central Noon to 1:15 PM 1 hour CPE Lunch provided
Feb	02/23/2010 Tuesday	February Spring Seminar "Truth In Accounting," Ethics, Employment Law, Capital Planning/Debt Issuance, The Audit Process.	Great Southern Conference Room 218 S. Glenstone Ave 8 hours CPE AGA membership included in registration fee
Mar	03/09/2010 Tuesday	Audio Conference: "Latest Trends in Occu- pational Fraud"	Springfield-Greene County Health Department Conference Room
Apr	04/13/2010	To Be Announced	Springfield National Airport
May	05/26/2010 Wednesday	GASB or Auditing Update Speaker to be announced	Cooper Tennis Complex Breakfast meeting—8:00-10:00 AM

Meet The Speaker

Mark B. Kelton, a native of California, has been teaching at Evangel University in Springfield since 1985. An associate professor of communication, his primary teaching areas are in public speaking, communication theory, and interpersonal communication. In 2009, Kelton was recipient of Evangel University's E.M. & Estella Clark Award for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship and Service. He graduated with his B.A. degree in Communications from Evangel, his masters in communication from Regent University in Virginia, and his doctorate in leadership and policy analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is also the director of forensics at Evangel, coaching Evangel's intercollegiate speech team. He is a member of several professional organizations including the National Communication Association, Pi Kappa Delta (national honorary speech fraternity), and MAFA (Missouri Association of Forensic Activities). He has served as a communication consultant to businesses and organizations such as Sodexo-Marriott, area churches, and several school districts. His wife, Edith, is a Springfield (R-12) teacher in Early Childhood Special Education, and they have one daughter, Meredith.



Ozarks Chapter Scholarship Committee Update

Packets have been sent to local Colleges, Universities, and High Schools to distribute to interested students. Information about the Ozarks AGA Chapter, the scholarship program, and the application are available on our website this year. Applications are due March 2, 2010 with the award to be announced April 1, 2010. The scholarship recipients will be invited to join us for our April 13th meeting to be recognized and receive their award. If you know someone that may be interested please direct them to our website www.ozarksaga.org.

Thanks from your Scholarship Committee: Deb Gillenwaters, John Everest, Teresa Allen, and Nancy Weems.

New Criteria Created for AGA's Annual Newsletter and Website

Special Thanks to Deb Fraley!!

At the annual leadership session for chapter communicators at the 2009 PDC in New Orleans, some expressed an interest in updating the newsletter and website contest criteria, which had not been revised in several years. The Ozarks Chapter's own, Deb Fraley, was one of only eleven members on the task force that revamped the newsletter and website criteria. AGA members from across the country met several times by phone and email to assemble the new contest criteria. Christina Camara from the National office sent out the minutes for each meeting and compiled all the task force members' suggestions. Deb spent a lot of time on this project and we are so grateful to have her representing the Ozarks Chapter and the Midwestern Region. Thanks Deb! ~ Teresa Allen

Career Opportunities

Senior Accountant/Analyst

Missouri State University accepting applications for a **SENIOR ACCOUNTANT/ ANALYST** in Financial Services. Responsibilities include: performing professional accounting & administrative work involved in the daily organization, operation, & supervision of the University's accounting & budgeting system; exercising independent judgment & discretion in planning & carrying out the details of work procedures & methods; & work is primarily reviewed through normal accounting & budgeting systems and audits.

For required qualifications: www.missouristate.edu/jobs or call (417) 836-4683. Pay Grade: 44. Salary: \$33,000-\$48,000/ann. Exc. Ben. Pkg. Submit letter of interest, resume, online application, copy of transcript, & name, address & phone no. of 3 professional references by **1-15-10** to: Karolyn Kime, Missouri State University, 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65897. Employment will require a criminal background check at University expense. AA/EOE

Accountant

Missouri State University accepting applications for **ACCOUNTANT** in the Financial Services. Responsibilities include: performing professional accounting & administrative work which assists in maintaining the University's accounting & budgeting functions & responsibilities; exercising independent judgment & discretion in planning & carrying out the details of work procedures & methods; & receiving an occasional review, but work is primarily reviewed through normal accounting systems & audits.

For req. qual.: www.missouristate.edu/jobs or call (417) 836-4683. Pay Grade: 42. Salary: \$28,000-\$38,000/ann. Exc. Ben. Pkg. Submit letter of interest, resume, online application, copy of transcript, & name, address & phone no. of 3 professional references by **1-15-2010** to: Karolyn Kime, Financial Services, Missouri State University, 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65897. Employment will require a criminal background check at University expense. AA/EOE

Dream. Learn. Achieve... And Get Ready for AGA PDC 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans now to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition-- the premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

To make a reservation, please call the Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also reserve a room on the Marriott website.

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando! http://www.agacgfm.org/PDC2010_holder/index.htm

News From National

Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2010-2013

AGA's National Nominating Committee has selected its slate of officers to serve on the National Board of Directors for 2010-2013, with **Richard O. Bunce Jr., CGFM**, selected as National President-Elect Designate and **Amelia S. Leswing, CGFM, CPA, CISA**, chosen as National Treasurer-Elect Designate.

All nominees were selected unanimously and are subject to National Executive Committee and National Board of Directors approval. As outlined in [AGA's bylaws](#), AGA will accept independent nominations from members via petition until Feb. 1, 2010. Send nominations to [AGA Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker](#). If other candidates are nominated, the Bylaws and Procedures Committee will conduct an election to determine the officers.

However, if no other nominations are received, the committee's slate will take office at the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Orlando July 11-14. The National President, National Treasurer and Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs) come on board as "elects" at that time. Senior Vice Presidents (SVPs) come on board in full capacity.

Bunce, a member of AGA's Richmond Chapter, is the executive director of Assurance Services at Virginia Commonwealth University. He has 32 years of experience in government accountability, including 11 years as a state legislative auditor and 21 years as the internal audit director at two major state agencies. An AGA Past National Treasurer, he has served as president of the Richmond Chapter and is the chair of AGA's Professional Certification Board.

Amelia Leswing, known as Mia, is a member of AGA's Northern Virginia Chapter. She is a partner with Clifton Gunderson with 28 years of experience in serving federal government agencies. She joined Clifton Gunderson in 1997 as a federal contracts manager and is considered an expert on federal regulations that affect the accounting and auditing industry. She has served as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter, among other leadership positions, and has been a Regional Vice President, Regional CGFM Coordinator and is a member of the AGA's Finance and Budget Committee.

Other nominees are:

Senior Vice President for Regional Services, Section II--**William D. Miller, CGFM**, Kansas City Chapter

Senior Vice President At-Large--**Melinda K. Parton, CGFM**, Nashville Chapter

RVP New England--**Jane Gustowski**, Boston Chapter

RVP North Central--**Melissa Jacobs, CGFM**, Indianapolis Chapter

RVP South Central--**Kimneye S. Cox**, Baton Rouge Chapter

RVP Southeastern--**Cynthia C. Teddleton, CGFM**, Atlanta Chapter

RVP Rocky Mountain--**John G. Bell**, Northern Utah Chapter

RVP Southwestern--**Brian J. Grega, CGFM**, Albuquerque Chapter

RVP Mid-Western--**Mark A. Runyan**, Mid-Missouri Chapter

RVP Ohio-Michigan--**James F. Gillenwater**, Greater Columbus Chapter

RVP Capital--**Dennis G. Green, CGFM, CPA**, Northern Virginia Chapter

RVP Mid Atlantic--**Denise S. Wu, CGFM, CPA**, Baltimore Chapter

RVP Pacific Rim--**Arnold T. Kishi, CGFM**, Hawaii Chapter

Four RVP positions remain open: Northwestern, California, Northeastern and Texas-Oklahoma. The National Nominating Committee will meet when additional nominees are received after the holidays.

Tax Tips - Roth IRA Conversion

Starting in 2010 and thereafter, you may convert all or part of a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA regardless of your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). Previously, such conversions could only be made if your MAGI was \$100,000 or less. You can also roll over assets from a previous employer's plan to a Roth IRA with no income limitations.

In addition, if you complete a Roth IRA conversion **during 2010**, you may choose to include the taxable portion of your conversion as 2010 income – or split the income equally between 2011 and 2012.

Using a Roth IRA can provide many advantages, including tax-free withdrawals in retirement, no required minimum distributions (RMDs), and estate planning benefits. A key consideration is whether to pay taxes now in order to provide tax-free income potential in the future. [Learn how a Roth IRA compares with a Traditional IRA.](#)

Source: T. Rowe Price <https://www3.troweprice.com/vc2/public/Retail/Retirement/IRA/Roth-IRA-Conversion>

PHOTO OF THE YEAR FOR 2009

“Hundreds Gather To Protest Global Warming”



Regional Training Opportunities

There are other AGA Chapters offering educational opportunities in the coming months:

Mid-Missouri Chapter

Internal Controls
Speaker TBA
Chapter Meeting: Jan 13, 2010
Phone for time & location
Ph: 573-526-3608

Mid-Missouri Chapter

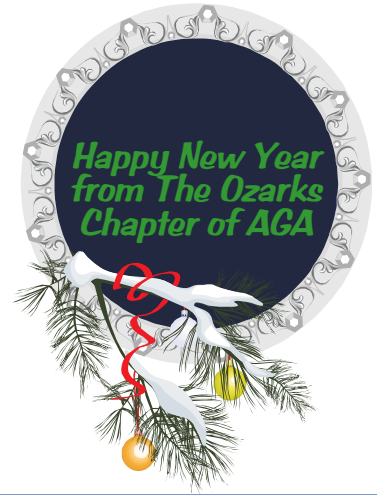
Grants Training from Management Concepts,
April 7 & 8, 2010
Contact Cathy Lucia for more information
Ph: 573-526-3608
Fx: 573-751-7749

Topeka Chapter:

8-hour Seminar in Lawrence,
Kansas, **March 3, 2010**
"Fraud - Identifying It, Under-
standing It, Eliminating It"
For more information:
www.agaks.org

Des Moines Chapter Spring Seminar

May 19, 2010
6 CPE (5 ethics)
For more information:
<http://dsmspringseminar.eventbrite.com>



AGA Grants Management Training Available

Are you receiving ARRA grant funds and struggling with the accounting and financial requirements? AGA's onsite Grants Management training course may help. The course provides a general overview of grants management, including preparation, review and submittal of proposals; negotiation and acceptance of grants; post-award financial and administrative management; closeout and audit; and relevant compliance issues. For more details about this and other AGA-sponsored training courses, including pricing and availability, please contact AGA Education Director [Joe Jozefczyk](#) at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 307, or [Lynn Hoffman](#) at ext. 342.

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