



The Ozarks Ledger



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From Nathan's Desk

I want to thank our Education Chairs and the partnership with Dallas AGA and Oklahoma City AGA for providing a successful Spring Seminar. Two half-days for a virtual seminar was definitely a great choice. There were 84 total attendees. Also a big thanks to everyone on the CEC who makes these events possible!

Membership dues and CGFM dues were paid for anyone who was up for renewal if you registered for the Spring Seminar. If you didn't attend and do not plan to renew membership, please let us know how we can provide a more valuable membership to you in the survey! During your next membership year we plan to provide CPE webinars, blended seminars, and National AGA has 12 free CPE that will be provided to members.

The annual survey hit your in-box and closes April 23rd. We value your input!

Best,

Nathan Ziegler, CPA



Ozark Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting - April 15

- Tentative in Person, TBD

Ozarks Chapter Scholarship - April 30

Chapter Meeting - May 20, TBD

Other Chapters' Events

Kansas City Chapter - April 21

- It's Different This Time

Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter - May 19

- Virtual PDT

Boston Chapter - May 20

- Virtual PDT

National Events

CGFM Live, Virtual- April 20

- Governmental Financial Management and Control

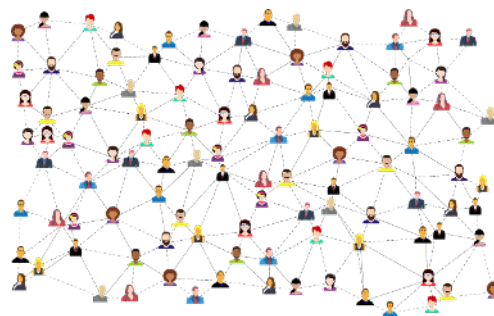
Webinar - April 21

- CARES Act

Webinar - May 12

- Fraud/Data Analytics

Visit **AGA Events Calendar** for more Chapter and National Events!



Networking in a Social Distance World

While 2020 challenged everyone to step outside of their comfort zones, the Association of Governmental Accountants was provided the chance to enhance our educational and networking opportunities through chapter partnerships. The Ozarks Chapter has been grateful for the chance to partner with other regions such as the Oklahoma City and Dallas Chapters for our Fall and Spring PDT Events. We have also worked with other Chapters such as Des Moines, St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, and Mid-Ohio Chapter to provide monthly webinar options.

By providing these opportunities through our partnerships with other chapters, the Ozarks Chapter hopes to provide benefits such as an expanded network of professional peers, learning processes, technologies, as well as other developmental skills that may be available in other parts of the country that we do not have access to in our area. We encourage our members to review the upcoming events provided in membership emails, newsletters, and the Training and Events page on the AGA National website.

Tip: Be sure to connect with other AGA members and professionals you meet through LinkedIn. This will help you grow your professional base as well as gain access to other resources and articles your contacts may find useful!

Please visit **AGA Ozarks - Monthly Meeting Minutes** to review the monthly CEC Chair Meeting Minutes.

PDT 21



Virtual Event
 July 19 - 21, 2021
 21 CPEs Available

PDT Sessions

Participants will have the ability to choose three to four breakout sessions during the 2021 PDT. There will be five minutes at the start of each session to switch to another session before you miss the alertness checks, which help qualify for CPE credit.

Please click on the Registration Button below for more Registration Information.



PDT 2021 Agenda

In progress

	Online	Email/Mail/PO/SF-182
AGA Member (Early Bird - Prior to June 18)	\$500	\$525
AGA Member (After June 18)	\$550	\$575
Non-AGA Member (Early Bird - Prior to June 18)	\$600	\$625
Non-AGA Member (After June 18)	\$650	\$675

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello, everyone!

We are nearing the end of our 2020-2021 program year, and I want to give you an update on our Awards for Chapter Excellence (ACE) award progress.

As you may know, a chapter has 9 requirements to complete before it is eligible for an ACE award. Some of those requirements include electing chapter officers, submitting annual chapter plans to the National office, filing the necessary forms with the IRS and state offices and engaging in an annual review of the chapter's finances.

Your Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) has completed 7 of the 9 requirements, while maintaining an update chapter website and using the correct AGA logos in all communications are an on-going process.

Currently, your CEC has earned 3,125 points toward the ACE award, which puts our chapter in the Gold Award category. Several of our ACE award goals won't be measurable until we receive the results from our annual membership survey. **We need your feedback to help determine our award for 2020-2021 and plan for our 2021-2022 program year. Please have the survey completed by April 23, 2021!**

The upcoming award levels are below:

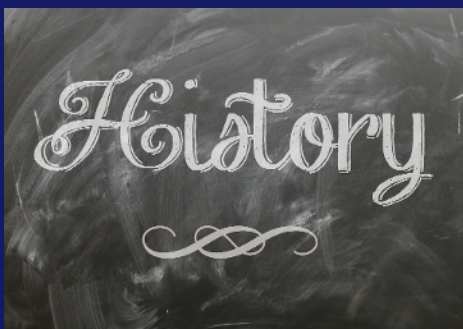
Platinum: 4,400 - 5,500 points

Gold: 3,000 - 4,399 points

For more information, don't hesitate to contact me at gdrake@thearcoftheozarks.org.

I will update you next month with more news from National.

Greg Drake, 2019-2021 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative



COVID-19 and Spring Break Revenues

The May 2020 Office of Economic & Demographic Research Monthly Revenue Report shows that Florida experienced a \$695.4 million loss which was greatly due to the drop in tourism and hospitality, but all industries were affected.



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- April Anniversaries (see next page)
- 2020 CCR Recognition of Excellence
- Email Melody Ownby with any Anniversaries, Milestones, or Achievements



Job

Opportunities

- Ozarks Technical Community College
 - Senior Accountant
- Penmac Staffing
 - Corporate Accountant
- Burrell Behavioral Health
 - Accountant
- City of Republic
 - City Accountant
- Email Melody Ownby with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

Volunteer Opportunities

- City of Springfield
 - Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee
- **AGA Mentoring Program**
- Email Melody Ownby with any volunteer opportunities in the Ozarks



Anniversaries

- April Anniversaries:
 - Sharla Bailey , Retired
 - Tammy Beeman, City of Springfield
 - Sarah Burrows, City Utilities
 - Debora Cornell, City of Carterville
 - Larry Cox, City Utilities
 - Angela Crews, Greene County
 - Greg Drake, The Arc of the Ozarks
 - Pamela Elsaesser, City Utilities
 - John Everest, The Arc of the Ozarks
 - Terry Forshee, City of Willard
 - Kathryn Gill, City of Lebanon
 - Justin Hill, Greene County
 - Rachel Hogrefe, MO DHEWD
 - Connie James, State Auditor's Office
 - Natalie McNish, MSU
 - Madison Moore, KPM
 - Melody Ownby, City of Springfield
 - Daphne Pevahouse, City of Neosho
 - Marian Rader, State Auditor's office
 - Julie Ravenscraft, MSU
 - Renee Vines, City Utilities
 - Ross Wiseman, KPM
 - Craig Woycheese, Toth and Associates
 - Nathan Ziegler, City Utilities

Please be sure to complete the
2021 - 2022 Member Survey
by April 23rd.



2021 National Scholarships

Rising college freshmen

- One full-time (\$3,000)
- One part-time (\$1,500)

Current Undergraduates

- Three full-time (\$3,000)
- Two part-time (\$1,500)

Graduate Students

- Two full-time (\$3,000)
- One part-time (\$1,500)

Community Service

- Open to all three categories.
- Two \$1,500

Visit [2021 National Academic Scholarships](#) for more information and to apply. Due April 16, 2021.

Award Nominations and Scholarships

Ozarks Chapter Scholarships

- Two individual scholarships available
- Due April 30

Other National and Local Awards

- Young Professionals PDT Scholarship - May 24
- Volunteer of the Year - May 31



2020 Ozarks Chapter CCR



Recognition *of* Excellence 2020

Congratulations to Sarah Burrows on the Recognition of Excellence for her work on the 2020 Citizen-Centric Report. This report provides details highlighting the Ozark Chapter.

Please visit [2020 Ozarks Chapter CCR](#) to view the report.

MENTORING PROGRAM

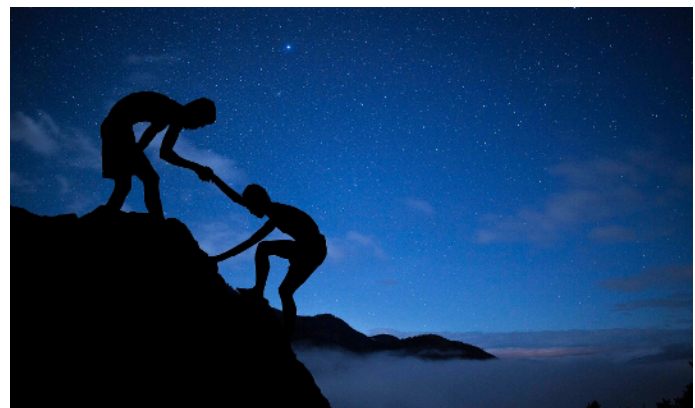
Mentoring is important when establishing relationships with peers who will help you grow in your career and accomplish your future goals. You can be both a mentor and mentee at any point of your career. Please visit [AGA's Mentoring Program](#) for more information.

Mentor:

- Offer Guidance, Advice, Support, etc.
- Boost Confidence
- Help Set Career Goals

Mentee:

- Receive Objective Feedback
- Expand Professional Network
- Improve Skills and Career Progression



Citizens Tax Oversight Committee

City of Springfield



Description:

Review and monitor the collection of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax revenues, the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax revenues, the 3/4-cent Police and Fire Fighters Pension Fund Sales Tax revenues, the Hotel/Motel Tax revenues, and the Level Property Tax revenues. In addition the committee may evaluate any proposed reduction or enhancement to pension benefits before presentation to City Council.

Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Springfield, MO for at least three (3) years.
2. Meetings take place at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

There are currently multiple chairs available for the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee in Springfield, MO.

If you are not a resident of Springfield, MO, please feel free to pass on this information to any Springfield residents who may be interested.

**April Fools! - YouTube Video:
Ellen's in Your Accountant's Ear**

Why the CGFM?

Jerry Mitchell

Q: What prompted you to begin the process of obtaining your CGFM?

A: To gain additional knowledge and information regarding financial management as it pertained to governmental agencies.

Q: Has it helped your confidence?

A: Yes, by obtaining the education and certification needed, and in particular gaining additional knowledge with regards to overall financial accounting and budgeting requirements of governmental organizations, it has helped me in my current role as Superintendent of Business Operations for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Q: How do you feel it has helped you in performing your job duties?

A: Same as number 2.

Q: Has networking with other CGFM holders helped you?

A: Yes, every few weeks or so I am in contact with other CGFMs in other organizations discussing how they have handled or treated certain matters regarding accounting, budgeting, or other financial

management decisions pertinent to my position.

Q: What did you find helpful in studying for the CGFM Certification?

A: In particular, I found it very helpful and interesting to learn more about capital asset management and the different kinds of debt structuring that takes place within governmental organizations.

Q: What would you suggest to candidates to help them pass the exams?

A: To take online study classes that provide examples or past questions and answers from actual exams.

Q: What resources did you use to help prepare?

A: At the time, I utilized paper study materials ordered through AGA.

Q: Did you know that Ozarks Chapter will reimburse you for the application and exams once all exams have been passed if your employer has not paid for them?

A: I did not.

Q: How long did it take you from when you started the application process to complete the certification process?

A: Approximately one year.



The AGA Podcast "**Accountability Talks**" brings topics to the governmental accounting community in an insightful and modern way. Each episode covers a different topic related to the field.

Recent Episodes:

Episode 62: FM QSMO with Amy Edwards

Episode 63: Women's History Month with Wendy Morton-Huddleston and Tracey Walker



AGA wants to partner with you.



GET MORE INFORMATION TODAY!

Contact Daphne to see how the AGA Ozarks Chapter can support you! - dpevahouse@neoshomo.org

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