



# The Ozarks Ledger



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## From Nathan's Desk

It's exciting for me to see all of the introductions our terrific Communications Chair, Melody Ownby, has included in our newsletters. I hope we will all get to network together again soon but this definitely offers a bit of personality for our local members!

March is CGFM month and we have our Spring Seminar! The seminar is a two-day (both half days) virtual seminar with great topics and includes your membership dues for the year. Membership provides you access to all of the free CPE we will offer with monthly webinars and the minimum 12 free CPE National will provide as well.

Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFMs) are so important for managing the accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and internal controls of government. Thank you CGFMs!

Best,

Nathan Ziegler, CPA



## Ozark Chapter Events

### Spring Seminar

- March 24 - Half Day
- March 25 - Half Day

### Chapter Meeting - April 15

- Tentative in Person, TBD

### Chapter Meeting - May 20, TBD

## Other

## Chapters' Events

### Mid-MO Chapter - March 17

- 2021 Winter Professional Development

### Boston Chapter - March 19th

- CGFM Panel Discussion

## National Events

### Virtual Course - March 17th - 18th

- CGFM Live: Governmental Environment

### Webinar - March 24th

- Cybersecurity/ERM

### Virtual Course - April 6th-9th

- CGFM Live: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

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



## 2021 Spring Seminar

Presented by Ozarks, Dallas, and Oklahoma City Chapters

March 24, 2021

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Central

March 25, 2021

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Central

Trivia & Networking - March 25, 2021

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Up to 8 CPE Credits Available

Two-Day Ticket: \$165

Two-Day Ticket w/ CGFM Renewal: \$195

One-Day Ticket: \$145

One-Day Ticket w/ CGFM Renewal: \$175

For more information and registration, visit **2021 Spring Seminar**.



## We now accept Paypal!

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

# March is



# Month



## CGFM Certification Courses

These classes are to assist in CGFM Certification preparation for individual participants. Registration includes 6 months of access to the AGA CGFM study guide. Please visit the link below to read more about the courses and to register.

### CGFM Certification - Live, Virtual Classes

#### *Course 1*

*Governmental Environment*

*March 17 - 18, 2021*

*10:30 am - 2:15 pm ET*

*\$325 Per Person*

*8 CPE Credits*

#### *Course 2*

*Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting*

*April 6 - 9, 2021*

*10:30 am - 3:30 pm ET*

*\$725 per person*

*21 CPE Credits*

# 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!

Did you know that approximately 70% of all AGA members were CGFMs, as of March 2020?

Join the club! Your Ozarks Chapter wants to help. We offer CGFM study guides for members to borrow and CGFM exam scholarships to help offset the cost for those who want to earn their certification. Contact Daphne Pevahouse for more information.

As part of our celebration of CGFM month, I would like to recognize and congratulate all of our Chapter's CGFMs.

Teresa Allen

Brandie Fisher

Sharla Bailey

Kat Gill

Tammy Beeman

Kim Hamm

Donna Christian

Rachel McGinnis

Rhonda Christopher

Jerry Mitchell

Joyce Coates

Daphne Pevahouse

Larry Cox

Marian Rader

John Delzell

Melissa Robbins

Greg Drake

Monica Robinson

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

Greg Drake, 2019-2021 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative



### March is Women's History Month

AGA encourages gender diversity through The Council for the Advancement of Women. Please visit **AGA Leadership - The Council for the Advancement of Women** for more information on the Council.

# Everyone meet, Wayland Mueller

This month we are excited to introduce Wayland Mueller who has been a great resource to the Ozarks Chapter. Wayland is from Las Cruces, New Mexico. He attended Missouri State University and The University of Arizona. If you attended MSU, and were ever on the 3rd floor of Freddy, you may have witnessed the scars of his stay. Wayland has been a member of AGA off and on since 2004.

He has been employed at OTC for three years where he enjoys being part of an organization with a mission he can get behind. There are also many interesting and smart co-workers that have made his experience with OTC even better.

Wayland wants to make positive contributions at work, be a good dad and husband, and an overall decent fellow (not necessarily in that order). He enjoys playing the French Horn, especially in the MSU Community Band. If you need help with trivia questions related to gangster movies and documentaries about the mob, Wayland is your man!



## Strictly Business:

What was your first job?

I worked at Hastings here in Springfield. While working in their music department, I correctly predicted that *No Doubt* would have a smash hit with "Don't Speak."

## A Little More Personal:

What advice would you give your teenage self?

Hit the gym every now and again. It's much harder to grow enormous biceps later in life.

## Just for Fun:

If you could trade places with anyone for a day, who would you choose?

Lebron James. I would spend the entire day dunking while Greg Drake threw me alley-oops.

YouTube Video:

**The Power of Inclusive Leadership**

Bonnie St. John



## Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- March Anniversaries:
  - Eric Biring, CU
  - Kathryn Craft
  - Brandie Fisher, CU
  - Aaron Fortson, CU
  - Haley Gatewood, CU
  - Leslie Haase, City of Joplin
  - Carolyn Halverson, City of Willard
  - Leah Iaguessa, Penmac
  - James Kayser, Missouri State Auditor's Office
  - Deborah Lawrence, COS
  - Shirley Mitchell, MSU
  - Monica Robinson, City of Marshfield
  - Cindy Stein, Greene County
  - Deborah Underwood, MSU
- Email Melody Ownby with any Anniversaries, Milestones, or Achievements

## Job

### Opportunities

- City Utilities of Springfield
  - Chief Internal Auditor
  - Finance Co-op
    - Accounts Payable
    - Financial Technology
- Springfield Public Schools
  - Coordinator I, Payroll
- 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





## 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

### PDT Awards of Distinction

- Due March 29
- Multiple Awards Available such as Chapter Education, Community Service, and more.

### Other National and Local Awards

- Chapter Communication - March 29
- Volunteer of the Year - May 31

Please visit **AGA - National Awards** to view each of the Awards Available for Nomination.



## National Collegiate Leadership Program - 2021 Recipient

### Austin Kays

My leadership experience starts in 2010 after graduating high school I enlisted in the U.S Navy. Like most who try and assume a leadership role the first step is always learning from leaders. I was very fortunate to have a great leader who instructed me at an early age that the amount of work you put into something yields an equal result in reward. My first few years in the Navy afforded me the opportunity to lead in any role I could by the only way I could, from the front. Volunteer programs like Habitat for Humanity, local kids' sports leagues, highway clean up crews, food drives, and local outreach for veterans were some of the many programs I would get involved and tried to influence others to join with me. After being honorably discharged from the Navy I ended up going to school at Missouri State University where I felt



connected to the veteran's programs there and annually volunteered to help with their Veterans Day football game program. My future career goals are to obtain work with the DOD, while also continuing to give my time and resources to local programs such as the ones I mentioned earlier.

A fun fact about myself is that I enjoy lifting. Not just the picking things up and setting them down but the whole package, the feeling of bettering myself with determination and grit. The feeling you get when achieving a goal after months of dedication.

## Austin's Thoughts on his 2021 National Training Experience

"I enjoyed this experience very much. The connections made were invaluable. I would highly recommend fellow classmates and future students to apply to this even if their goals do not involve governmental entities."

# 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:

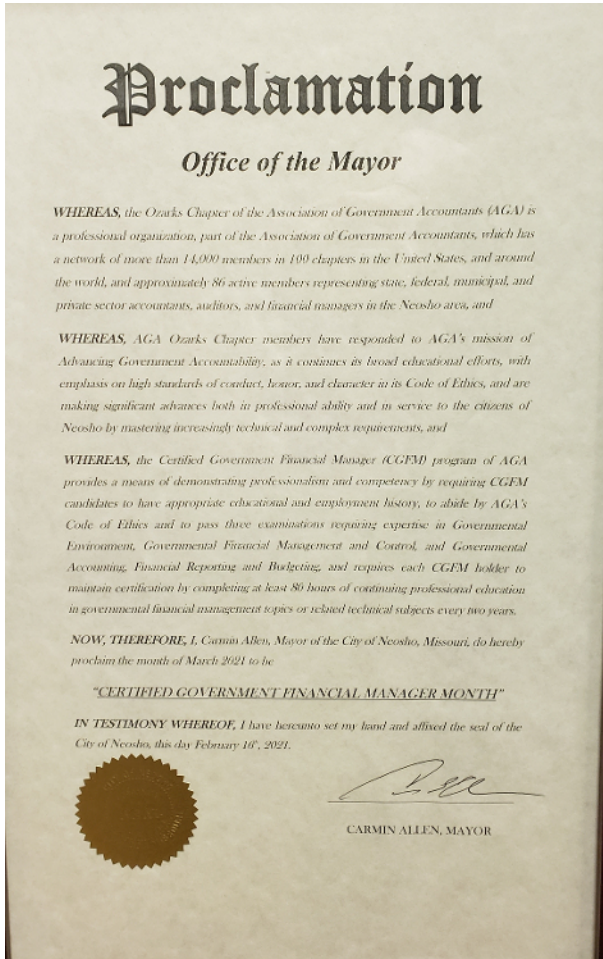
1. Must be a resident of Springfield, MO for at least three (3) years.
2. Meetings take place at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

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

**May your work be as precise as PI!**

# 2021 CGFM PROCLAMATIONS



City of Neosho



Missouri House of Representatives



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](mailto:dpevahouse@neoshomo.org)**

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