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## Message from the President

Can you believe it? The holiday season is almost here! It hardly seems possible that Thanksgiving is right around the corner, especially since the leaf raking season has only just begun. I grew up in Wisconsin and remember many snowy and frigid Thanksgivings where we were shoveling snow instead of raking leaves (it was hot chocolate instead of ice tea for us). No matter if our associations are snow or leaves, hot chocolate or ice tea, Thanksgiving is such a great time of year. I love the traditions that surface and the gratitude expressed for all that is going well in peoples' lives. It's a cup half full (not empty) time of year. Because this Thanksgiving I have the pleasure of serving as AGA President, I prepared a short list of AGA-related items for which I am thankful:



- For the opportunity to associate with so many fine professionals in this organization
- For a Chapter Executive Committee that works very hard to make the chapter successful
- For the excellent turnout at this year's Fall Seminar (we had 40 participants!)
- For the knowledge acquired at the monthly meetings and seminars
- For the community service opportunities this organization provides

On a grander scale, I'm thankful that we are fortunate to live during a time when despite tremendous challenges we also have individuals who make incredible humanitarian contributions. Two men in particular fit this profile. Even though they walked different paths during their lifetimes (one was dedicated to national leadership and one to teaching children) their messages are remarkably complimentary and relevant during this season of Thanksgiving.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John F. Kennedy

"Anything that we can do to help foster the intellect and spirit and emotional growth of our fellow human beings, that is our job. Those of us who have this particular vision must continue against all odds. Life is for service." -Fred Rogers

I chose these quotes because it seems that these are sentiments that can inspire us not only on a personal level but on an AGA chapter level as well. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*Debra Burling*

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**CGFM News****Interested in the CGFM Certification?**

The Ozarks AGA has a set of current study guides available for checkout—one book at a time for 2 months at a time. They are in three separate three-ring binders – one for each section. If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, please notify Tina McManus at [tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu](mailto:tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu) and she will arrange for you to check it out when it becomes available.

One of the benefits of being a member of our Ozarks Chapter is that we will reimburse you for the successful passing of the CGFM exam in its entirety.

**During the Month of December...**

Candidates for the CGFM Examinations receive a \$20 discount for *EACH* CGFM examination taken in December.

**\*\*Congratulations to Brandie Fisher on earning her CGFM certification!\*\***

**Interested in the CGFM?**

**Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.**

**Fall/Winter Membership Drive**

Enjoy the benefits of AGA membership—Join Today!

New members who join AGA now through the January meeting will receive a \$10 gift card. Members who encourage others to join will receive a \$5 gift card for each new member he or she recruits now through the January meeting.

Membership materials are available online at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/overview.aspx> or through Jody Vernon, Membership Chair.

**National/Regional Training Opportunities**

AGA Events & Conferences

Mid Missouri—Membership Development

Meeting

December 2, 2014 7:30-4:15

8 CPE

200 Madison Street, Jeff City

Earn CPE Online!

AGA Journal CPE Quizzes

Becker Educational Programs

**November Meeting**

November 20th, 2014

12:00-1:00

Topic: Behavioral/Competency based interviews and talent selection

1 CPE

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10, Non-Members \$15

Cooper Tennis Complex

RSVP to Jody Vernon by 5:00, on Wednesday the 18th.

**Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development**

| Month     | Year | Date | Topic/Speaker                 | Location                    |
|-----------|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| June      | 2014 | 19th | Summer Break                  |                             |
| July      | 2014 | 17th | Summer Break                  |                             |
| August    | 2014 | 14st | GASB 65 and 67                | Tower Club                  |
| September | 2014 | 24th | Single Audit                  | Cooper Tennis               |
| October   | 2014 | 23th | 8hr Fall Seminar              | White River Conference Ctr. |
| November  | 2014 | 20th | Talent Selection/Interviewing | Cooper Tennis               |
| December  | 2014 | 11th | Member Social                 | Jimms                       |
| January   | 2015 | 15th | TBD                           | TBD                         |
| February  | 2015 | 19th | TBD                           | TBD                         |
| March     | 2015 | 19th | TBD                           | TBD                         |
| April     | 2015 | 16th | TBD                           | TBD                         |
| May       | 2015 | 21st | TBD                           | TBD                         |

**Association of Government Accountants  
Ozarks Chapter  
Fiscal Year 2015  
July 1, 2014 Through October 31, 2014**

|                                              | FY15 Budget<br>Revenue | FY15 Actual<br>Revenue | October 2014<br>Revenue |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                             |                        |                        |                         |
| Chapter Dues                                 | 415.00                 | \$ 75.00               | \$ 10.00                |
| Monthly meetings                             | 1,530.00               | \$ 1,090.00            | \$ -                    |
| <b>Seminars:</b>                             |                        |                        |                         |
| Fall Seminar                                 | 2,400.00               | \$ 3,335.00            | \$ 3,335.00             |
| Fall Seminar Sponsorships                    | 1,500.00               | \$ 1,500.00            | \$ 1,500.00             |
| Spring Membership Seminar                    | 6,800.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Spring Seminar Sponsorships                  | 1,500.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| <b>Other Revenues:</b>                       |                        |                        |                         |
| Recruiting stipend from National AGA         | 164.00                 | \$ 164.00              | \$ -                    |
| Charity Fundraisers                          | -                      | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                        | 283.00                 | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Interest                                     | 5.00                   | \$ 1.48                | \$ 0.42                 |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                        | <b>\$ 14,597.00</b>    | <b>\$ 6,165.48</b>     | <b>\$ 4,845.42</b>      |
|                                              |                        |                        |                         |
|                                              | FY15 Budget<br>Expense | FY15 Actual<br>Expense | October 2014<br>Expense |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                             |                        |                        |                         |
| Monthly Meeting Expenses:                    | 1,463.00               | \$ 1,125.56            | \$ -                    |
| <b>Seminar Expenses:</b>                     |                        |                        |                         |
| Fall Seminar                                 | 2,500.00               | \$ 1,830.77            | \$ 1,830.77             |
| Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses           | 2,100.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Spring Membership Seminar-Dues               | 3,600.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Community Service Expense                    | 500.00                 | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| <b>Scholarships:</b>                         |                        |                        |                         |
| Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships | 1,800.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| CGFM (Member) scholarships                   | 400.00                 | \$ 400.00              | \$ 400.00               |
| PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend                      | 1,750.00               | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Membership Drive Expense                     | 164.00                 | \$ 30.00               | \$ 30.00                |
| Replenish speaker gifts                      | -                      | \$ -                   | \$ -                    |
| Miscellaneous Expense                        | 320.00                 | \$ 34.04               | \$ -                    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                        | <b>\$ 14,597.00</b>    | <b>\$ 3,420.37</b>     | <b>\$ 2,260.77</b>      |
|                                              |                        |                        |                         |
| <b>Change in Fund Balance:</b>               | <b>Projected</b>       | <b>Actual</b>          | <b>Actual</b>           |
| Beginning                                    | 6,950.92               | 6,950.92               | \$ 7,111.38             |
| Revenue                                      | 14,597.00              | 6,165.48               | \$ 4,845.42             |
| Expenses                                     | (14,597.00)            | (3,420.37)             | \$ (2,260.77)           |
| Net Change                                   | -                      | 2,745.11               | \$ 2,584.65             |
| Ending                                       | <u>\$ 6,950.92</u>     | <u>\$ 9,696.03</u>     | <u>\$ 9,696.03</u>      |

11/3/2014

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## CEC Minutes

**October 30, 2014 CEC Meeting** 12:00 PM – 1st floor conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

**Attendance:** Debra Burling, Jody Vernon, Brandie Fisher, Teresa Allen, Greg Drake, Pam Cox, Paul Essel

**Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:**

The minutes of the September 24, 2014 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

**Treasurer-Greg Drake:**

The treasurer's report was distributed; Brandie made a motion to pass and the motion passed.

The Fall Seminar brought in more money than budgeted. We are still waiting on a check from the sponsor.

**Education-Teresa Allen and Mary Jo Kerringer:**

The next member meeting will be held at Cooper Tennis on 11/20/2014. The speaker will be the HR Director from Ollis & Co. She will speak on talent selection and interviewing.

The Fall Seminar was successful and many people commented they would like to continue to use Bass Pro. CEC will consider raising the Fall Seminar fee by \$20 next year to cover the cost of the Bass Pro rental.

The Spring Seminar will be scheduled for March 26 at Bass Pro.

**Professional Certification-Sharla Bailey:**

Tina will continue to track the sign out of the CGFM study guides.

**Communication-Brandie Fisher:**

The deadline for newsletter submissions is November 6th. The newsletter is distributed on Friday of the first full week of the month.

**Community Service-Pam Cox:**

The community service organization November and December will be Toys for Tots. A potential community service project for the future would be Career Closet. There was discussion regarding low participation for community service donations at the monthly meetings. It was suggested that a reminder be included in the monthly meeting announcement indicating the nature of the community service donation for the month. Pam will start to run community service projects for consecutive months to increase participation.

An opportunity to serve lunch at The Kitchen was discussed.

**Early Career-Paul Essel:**

Paul has been speaking to students about AGA. Brandie recommended that he reach out to local government organizations and try to speak with their new employees in entry level jobs.

**Membership-Jody Vernon:**

Jody has been using the AGA National Recruitment Scholarship money to give non members a free monthly meeting. The non members in attendance are placed into a drawing for the free monthly meeting.

**Accountability - Vacant:**

Brandie submitted the CCR – she expects to have feedback from National by the end of the year.

**Old Business-**

Debra will follow up with Dr. Byrd on her community service proposal.

**New Business-**

None

**Adjourn at 12:52; Next CEC meeting:** December 4th, 2014, 12pm

# Ozarks Chapter News

## Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

Our Fall Seminar had **40 attendees!** I was great to see everyone!

Congratulations to Brandie Fisher—our newest CGFM.



A group works together on the collective bargaining activity.

Everyone listens intently to one of the many great speakers.

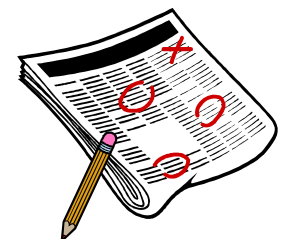
Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.

Visit us at: [www.ozarksaga.org](http://www.ozarksaga.org)

### Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

[Ozarks Technical College](#)

Accounting Technician



The Ozarks Ledger is a publication of the Ozarks Chapter of The Association of Government Accountants

**Brandie Fisher, Editor**

Deadline for articles: **30th** of each month

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Please help your AGA Ozarks Chapter gather toys for children ages 12 and under so they can have something under the tree this Christmas.

We will be collecting toys during our November and December meetings and donating them to Toys For Tots.

Let's help them have a very Merry Christmas!

Please contact Pam Cox, [pcox@Springfieldmo.gov](mailto:pcox@Springfieldmo.gov), 417-864-1886, for additional information.