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April, 2010 **Educational Event**

Topic: Fraud Prevention

Speaker: Dr. Penny Clayton From Drury University

Tuesday April 27, 2010

Noon to @1:00 pm

1 Hour CPE Location: Springfield-Branson National Airport board room Box lunches will be served.

To reserve a seat and your sandwich choice email or call Justin Hill at: jrhill@greenecountymo.org Ph: 417-829-6202

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<u></u> President's Message



Spring has finally sprung! I hope you've had a chance to get out and enjoy it. Speaking of getting out, come and join us at our April meeting; it's a field trip! We will have our meeting on **Tuesday April 27th at Noon**, in the board room at the new Springfield-Branson National Airport. Dr. Penny Clayton will be presenting one hour of CPE on "Fraud Prevention". This is a great opportunity to sharpen your fraud prevention pencil. In these tough economic times, we have to be on our toes to deter fraud in our organizations.

Teresa Allen, CGFM

Please contact Justin Hill to register at jrhill@greenecountymo.org. We will have a catered box

lunch by McAlister's Deli at the airport. Please let Justin know if you would like a turkey, roast beef or tuna salad box lunch when you make your reservation!! The cost is just \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Again that is Tuesday, April 27th at Noon! Directions to the April Meeting: Come out East Division, right on FAA Avenue till it ends, turn left and come up and park in the taxi/limo lot on the east side of the building. From there, there's a covered walkway leading into the terminal, and the Board Room is immediately to the right after entering (right in front of the Bass Pro exhibit).

After the April meeting we will be back at the Midtown Carnigie Library on THURS-DAY, May 13th at noon and we will hear from Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, Darrell Moore. He will be following up Dr. Clayton's discussing on the Fraud Prosecution side. Once fraud has been detected, what happens next? He will provide case studies as well as walk us through the prosecution process. See you then,

Teresa & llen. C.G.F.M.



Updated Chapter Recognition Points are on page four. We have a very good chance of making Platinum this year!! Let's go for it!!

The Ozarks Ledger

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Interested in Studying for the CGFM?

What is CGFM? It is a Certified Government Financial Manager. Want to learn how federal, state and local governments operate (very) differently? What to know ALL the ins and outs of your organization beyond your cubical? Want to become more marketable in this economy? This is just the certification for you!

Ozarks AGA wants to connect like minded, motivated individuals to study for the CGFM exams. Having a group is motivating (because someone else is counting on you) and you work problems out together. You can visit the national website for more information at: <u>www.agacgfm.org/cgfm</u>. You can learn about the requirements, exams, cost, etc. Ozarks AGA does provide scholarships to cover a portion of the exam costs (up to \$200 per person), so what are you waiting for? If you are interested in starting a group, please contact Deb Gillenwaters at dgillenwaters@springfieldmo.gov. The chapter does have limited materials available.

Education Requirement

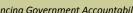
To take any of the Certified Government Financial Manager examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and completion of at least 24 semester credit hours (or 36 quarter credit hours) of study composed of courses in one or more of the following areas:

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Budgeting •
- **Economics**
- . Electronic Data Processing
- Finance .
- Information Resources Management .
- **Public Administration**
- Other Financial Management or Related Topics .

Your degree must be from a U.S. college or university, accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies that accredit colleges and universities or higher education institutions. An evaluation report is required for foreign degrees.

Required Degree Documentation: A copy of your transcript from an accredited college or university. Official transcripts are not required, but your name and the name of the college or university must appear on all transcripts. Please note: CPA card or license is not acceptable as proof of degree.

See the National website for more information: www.agacgfm.org/cgfm



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Ozarks Chapter Scholarship Committee To Make Awards



The AGA Scholarship committee has reviewed eight scholarship applications from four different educational institutions. There were some really great applications and it was a tough decision, but two applicants stood out and were chosen for awards. The first winner is Melissa Hogan who is currently a junior at Evangel University. Melissa is involved in several activities on and off campus including S.I.F.E and working 20 hours per week at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Upon completing her degree at Evangel, Melissa plans to become a C.P.A. and pursue a career with the F.B.I. Melissa will be awarded \$600 at our April Chapter meeting.

Our second winner is Angela Fisher a graduate student at Missouri State University in the accelerated program. Angela is planning on passing her C.P.A. exam and pursuing a career in government. Angela is very interested in applying her high level of ethics to any career she may pursue. Angela will be awarded \$400 at our April meeting.

I would like to thank the committee members that worked hard and under some time constraints to review the applications. We all wish to thank all the applicants and ask them to begin considering applying again next year. Nancy Weems

Committee Members, Deb Gillenwaters, Springfield-Greene County Health Department, John Everest, Springfield Public Schools, and Teresa Allen, Springfield-Greene County Parks Department.





April 27, 2010 - Meet the Speaker

Penny Clayton is a CPA, CFE and full professor of accounting at Drury University. She also serves as the accounting program's coordinator. A lifelong resident of Springfield, Penny holds a doctorate in accounting from Oklahoma State University and is a past recipient of the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award. She is also a member of both the MSU athletic hall of fame and the Springfield softball hall of fame. Her interests outside of teaching include biking, roller blading, ice skating, and drawing.

Penny is also a former president of our Ozarks Chapter of AGA!

Last minute help for tax preparers! In an effort to continue to improve the quality of products, IRS is making the <u>tax centers</u> available directly on IRS.gov. The new IRS online Tax Center will give you the assurance of having the most accurate and up to date version of the tax center at all times. A full listing of the industry and profession related sites can be found at the following link:

http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/industries/index.html

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Ozarks Chapter Recognition Points

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The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is a noncompetitive program recognizing a chapter's performance in relation to a standard linked to AGA's mission.

<mark>Gold: 17,001 - 19,500</mark>

Platinum: 19,501 - 22,000

Category:	Max to be earned	Eearned thru 03/31/09	<u>%earned</u>
Chapter Leadership	3,000	2,775	92%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	3,675	91%
Certifications	4,000	3,100	77%
Communications	3,000	3,000	100%
Memberships	3,000	2,775	92%
Early Career & Student Memberships	2,000	1,350	67%
Community Service	2,000	800	40%
Awards	1,000	600	60%
	22,000	18,075	82%

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Apr	04/27/2010 Note date change!	"Fraud Prevention" Dr. Penny Clayton, Drury University	Springfield National Airport Noon to 1pm 1 hour CPE Box lunches from McAlisters
Мау	05/13/2010 Thursday	"The Fraud Prosecution Process" Darrell Moore, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney	The Midtown Library Noon to 1:00 1 Hour CPE Lunch provided
Jun	06/08/2010 Tuesday	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
July & Aug		To Be Announced	To Be Announced

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Ozarks Chapter CEC Meeting March 9, 2010

Attendees:

Teresa Allen, President Bob Wells, Treasurer Deb Fraley, Newsletter Editor Julie Vaughan, Secretary Justin Hill, Director of Chapter Recognition

Deb Gillenwater, Past President Linda Charles, Webmaster

Order of Business

CEC minutes February 2, 2010 were approved.

Next Treasurer's Report will be in the March Newsletter

The Member meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2010 will be an Audio Conference at the Health Department and will be worth 1 CPE.

Five applications for scholarships were received. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and awards will be given in March.

CEC Members interested in attending the SLM need to register by March 19, 2010.

The Survey Monkey will be available in April/May.

Relay for life is May 14 and 15. Teresa Allen will contact National to confirm if they will match funds for Relay for Life. The Ozarks Chapter of AGA will review their budget to determine if the budget will allow for a match of funds at the local level.

A notice for Members interested in participating in a CGFM Study Group will be included in the Newsletter. Any member interested in participating in a study group can contact Deb Gillenwaters.

The meeting scheduled with Paul Kohler, originally scheduled for May 2010, has been cancelled.

The April Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the Springfield-Branson Airport. The speaker will be Dr. Penny Clayton discussing the topic of Fraud Prevention.

The May meeting will be held Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Midtown Library. The speaker will be Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, Darrell Moore. He will speak on the Prosecution of Fraud cases.

Consideration is being given to take the summer months off as in years past. A June meeting has not been scheduled, however a joint meeting is being considered for June with IMA. If the June meeting is not scheduled, the CEC and Membership meetings could be removed from the schedule through June and July, with CEC and Membership meetings resuming in August.

The 2010-11 New-Board CEC Members will join the Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 meeting. A CEC Retreat is not scheduled at this time. There are available positions on the CEC for those members who are interested.

Meeting adjourned 12:51pm



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Excitement Builds For Relay For Life

A Celebration of Cancer Survivorship

Cancer is indiscriminate and knows no boundaries. Relay For Life is a moving celebration of cancer survivorship. The event begins with a Survivors Lap in which cancer survivors take a victory lap around the track. A candlelight ceremony is held later in the evening to honor cancer survivors and remember those who we've lost to this disease.



It's not too late to join the AGA Team for Relay for Life walk on May 14th. We are now heavy into the fund raising portion of the walk. We are asking team members and others who wish to help to just do something fun to raise money at your office or neighborhood or organization. Get the kids involved... it is great fun. Or just let people know you are walking or supporting a team... they will probably just donate; that has happened to me. Or get some printed

stars for donating in remembrance of someone, or printed feet or moons to donate in honor of a current patient. Or dedicate a luminary bag to someone for only \$5. Remember, all the money goes to research that helps develop improved screening and treatment options.

See me at our next chapter meeting for supplies or donations, or email or call me or Julie if you have any questions. Thanks for making it possible for more birthdays to be celebrated!

Nancy Weems

841-3346 or email <u>nweems@jcocmis.org</u>

If you would like just drop off your bag of money at the Missouri Career Center, 1514 S. Glenstone

Or

Julie Vaughan

864-1334 or email jvaughan@springfieldmo.gov

Thanks, Nancy Weems

To donate or join the team online go to: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=23888&pg=teamlist



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Regional Conference Call Minutes

Every month the Mid-Western Region and Chapter officers meet via conference call. In March, the Chapter officers from Des Moines, Kansas City, Lincoln, Mid-MO, Omaha, and Ozark had the opportunity to converse with regional team members Tim Baker, Janice Jensen, and Catherine Demes-Maydew.

Representing the Mid-MO Chapter on the call were Carol Blecha and Robin Burkhart.

Membership dues renewal time by the end of March. Remind members of dues renewal time.

March is CGFM month – all 4 states in Mid-Western Region had their governor declaring this month as CGFM month. Make sure to scan the proclamation and share with regional team and National. City of Omaha Mayor also signed proclamation.

March 25 CGFM class in Omaha at Bellevue University. 18 registered with 13 AGA members. Opportunity for local chapters to provide monetary scholarship for the 5 non-members if they join AGA that day: St. Louis, Lenexa KS, Kansas City, Lincoln and Omaha. Kansas City Chapter will follow up with the Lenexa and KC attendees. Non-members will be priced \$25 more than the other attendees once the final fees are determined and refunded.

National is accepting National award nominations through 4/16/10. Encourage chapters to submit nominations. Lots of great awards for chapters to receive: education, CGFM, community service, etc. Simple to nominate someone and great work being done in Mid-Western Region to recognize our efforts. Check out web-site for all the possible awards at: http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/default.aspx

National PDC (Professional Development Conference) in Orlando scheduled for July 11-14, 2010. Book hotel room now even if tentatively thinking of attending as can always cancel. The room block is already 65% sold out. Chapter Presidents should be already getting emails about chapter hotel scholarships from national – 2 per chapter.

SLM (Sectional Leadership Meeting) is set for May 14-15 in Kansas City at Embassy Suites Airport covering Sections II and III. Mid-Western Region is in Section II. 140 have registered so far. On April call Catherine will be informing all about what she'll cover in her time during the regional breakout. If you have more wanting to register after this just contact Jessica Jones.

AGA Compensation Survey – reminder to members as it takes less than 15 Minutes to complete and to thank you for giving your valuable time, survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a free PDC 2010 registration or one of five \$100 American Express gift cards. Industry Insights will conduct the drawing. Purpose of the survey is to help National learn more about AGA members and CGFMs and better serve us. This is AGA's first Compensation Survey. This survey is being administered and tabulated by Industry Insights, Inc., an independent research firm. Your survey submission will go directly to Industry Insights. All responses are completely confidential and will be reported only in composite. Please respond by March 31, 2010.

To access the survey, either click on the link below or paste the entire link into your web browser. (If the link breaks across a line, please be sure to include the entire link.) https://www.iisecure.com/AGA/LoginLink.asp?AGxr=xqs6a1xe0s

Members Who Made a Difference – The March 15 TOPICS electronic newsletter had the following opportunity to recognize chapter members:

In recognition of AGA's 60th Anniversary this September, we will issue a special issue of the Journal of Government Financial Management to commemorate the occasion. We'd like to feature a cross-section of members who contributed to AGA's success over the last 10 years. Whether on the national, regional or local level, members are hard at work every day to ensure AGA's continued success. Please help us to recognize deserving members by suggesting them for our "Members Who Made a Difference" profiles in the Fall 2010 issue of The Journal. We're looking for the foot soldiers and unsung heroes who have served AGA faithfully during the 2000s. Please return this form to Marie Force by **April 15, 2010.** Thank you in advance for your participation!

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Office of the Governor State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Kansas City, Mid-Missouri, St. Louis and Ozark chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) belong to a professional organization with a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 552 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, members in the Kansas City, Mid-Missouri, St. Louis and Ozark chapters have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, these chapters are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Missouri by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in a wide variety of Governmental Accounting areas; and

WHEREAS, the CGFM program also requires each holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2010 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

throughout the state of Missouri, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 24th day of February, 2010.



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National News

Take the CGFM Exams before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Exams and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Orlando. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 and an opportunity to take CGFM Exams on July 10–11. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Exams are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Exams, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on the AGA website.

Last Call for National Awards Nominations—Due Friday, April 16

These awards will be presented at AGA's Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition, July 11–14, 2010 in Orlando, FL.

<u>Chapter Education Award</u>—Recognizes chapters that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment providing one or more educational events.

<u>**Community Service Award**</u>—Recognizes chapters that have done an outstanding job in community service projects.

<u>Chapter CGFM Award</u>—Recognizes chapters that have done an outstanding job in promoting the CGFM Program to their members, other accountability professionals and their community.

<u>Regional Coordinator Award</u>—Recognizes Regional Coordinators who have done an outstanding job in assisting chapters in the areas of certification, chapter assistance and development, education and membership/early careers.

<u>Chapter Service Award</u>—Recognizes individuals who, for example, played a key role in establishing new chapters, revitalizing old chapters, developing innovative programs, promoting significantly increased attendance and participation, bringing substantive recognition and credit to chapter activities, or substantially improving communications with chapter members

Emerging Leader Award of Excellence—Recognizes younger government financial managers for notable contributions toward excellence in financial management. It is hoped that this recognition will encourage others to achieve early in their professional lives.

<u>Robert W. King Award</u>—Recognizes an AGA member, except individuals serving on the National Executive Committee or AGA employees at the time the award is presented, whose superior service has enhanced the AGA's national prestige and stature.

<u>Einhorn-Gary Award</u>—Recognizes an AGA member or organization that has, over a sustained period of time, made major contributions to advancing government accountability at the federal , state and/or local level.

See National's website for other award possibilities. AGA website



National News

Our Mission: AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Be part of something larger than yourself—AGA. With 14,000 members from all three levels of government, nonprofits, private sector organizations and academia, AGA offers a diverse network of professionals. Get involved. AGA members can support your career and provide opportunities for professional growth that you can't find at your job alone.

AGA members come from many different discipline areas – accounting, auditing, budgeting, consulting, finance, grants, investigation, management and systems. Your Association is here to provide professional networking, mentoring, access to career opportunities and educational resources to help ensure success and continued professional development of younger members.

Reason No. 4 to be an AGA Member:

Earn Professional Recognition. Invest in yourself. Earn the recognition you deserve. You've put a lot of hard work into getting where you are today. Enhance your credentials as government accountability professional by choosing to have your unique skills and knowledge recognized through professional certification as a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). AGA's CGFM designation is proof of a broad range of government financial management expertise--an attribute most sought after by government employers as well as the private sector. The CGFM demonstrates your ability to keep abreast of change and enhances your credibility to the government accountability community.



Join AGA

Connect to the World of Government Accountability **In Their Own Words: AGA Members Tell Us What's In It For Them:** "The most tangible benefit I receive as part of my AGA membership is affordable governmental CPE. AGA offers the most relevant CPE for my needs as a state government financial manager."

--Cindy Johnson, CPA, Accounting Manager, State of Michigan

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Mentoring Program

What is Mentoring?

Mentoring gets its name from Mentor, the advisor who attempted to help Telemachus, the son of Odysseus, through the period of Odysseus' absence as depicted in the *Odyssey*.

Mentoring today is multifaceted and can occur in the workplace, community group, and/or other organization. Mentoring is about learning, growth, and improvement through the support of others. At its heart, mentoring helps someone, often called a mentee, set, pursue, and attain goals through the help and advice of a mentor. However, learning is not a one-way street in mentoring. Often, a mentor learns just as much from the mentoring relationship as the mentee.

The Ozarks AGA Mentoring Program

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA takes its mission of advancing government accountability very seriously. Not only do chapter members serve in the accountability profession, they are keenly interested in attracting people to the field and in the process showing them the unequaled rewards of a career keeping government in-line with citizen expectations.

How it works?

The Mentoring Program is open to all AGA members and students at Springfield area post-secondary educational institutions. The program is especially focused on providing students and those new to the government accountability profession with an experienced professional with whom they can discuss topics like career growth and goals, education, and work/life balance issues. People seeking a mentor need to fill out the attached form and submit it to the Ozarks Chapter (follow the instructions at the bottom of the form). Although not required, the Chapter Executive Committee would very much like to receive brief updates on mentoring engagements and how they are meeting the goals of all parties involved.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board

NEWS RELEASE 03/26/10

GASB Proposes to Amend Financial Reporting Entity Requirements

*****Comments on Proposed Statement Are Due by June 30, 2010**

Norwalk, CT, March 26, 2010—The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) today issued an Exposure Draft (ED) of a proposed Statement, *The Financial Reporting Entity,* an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34. The proposed Statement is intended to improve guidance for including, presenting, and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions of a financial reporting entity.

The proposed Statement is intended to improve financial reporting of **component units**, which are legally separate organizations that state and local governments include in their financial reports. It would modify the existing criteria for inclusion of organizations that are "fiscally dependent" on a government by adding a requirement that the potential component unit and the primary government also have a financial benefit or burden relationship. In cases where the government determines it would be misleading to exclude an organization that does not meet the financial accountability concept from its financial reports, the proposed Statement would clarify the manner in which that determination should be made.

"Our re-examination of Statement 14 showed that it is generally effective, but that there is a need for greater clarity on certain issues," states Robert H. Attmore, chairman of the GASB. "This proposed Statement would enhance the public's ability to assess accountability by ensuring that a government's financial report includes all of the appropriate organizations and by enhancing consistency and comparability across governments."

The proposed Statement also would amend the criteria for "blending," or the reporting of component units as if they were part of the primary government. Finally, it would clarify the reporting of equity interests in legally separate organizations. Provisions of the proposed Statement would be effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2012, with earlier application encouraged.

GASB constituents are asked to review the ED and provide written comment by June 30, 2010. The ED may be downloaded from the GASB's website at <u>www.gasb.org/exp</u>. Instructions on how to submit comments are contained in the ED.

The GASB plans to have a public hearing at its regular meeting on August 3, 2010, beginning at 1 p.m. at its offices in Norwalk, Connecticut. Interested parties may attend in person or participate by telephone. Details on how to participate are available at: <u>www.gasb.org/exp</u>.

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	OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA 2009-2010 Statement of Operations		
	For Nine Months Ended March 31, 2010		
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		FY2010 Budget	FYTD 12/31/09
Revenues:		Revenues	Actual
Chapter Dues		\$ 200.00	190.00
Monthly meeting	gs	1,600.00	1,015.00
Audio Cont	-	200.00	125.00
Seminars:			
Fall Semina	ar	2,400.00	920.00
	nbership Seminar	3,600.00	8,390.00
Other Revenues:	•	2,000.00	0,000100
	stipend from National AGA	150.00	137.00
Charity Fur		500.00	250.00
Interest in		-	65.75
Total Revenues		\$ 8,650.00	\$ 11,092.75
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Expenses:		Expenses	FYTD 01/31/2010
Monthly Meeting	g Expenses:	\$ 1,600.00	101.18
Audio Cont	ference expense	200.00	287.85
Food, drinks	, location & speaker expense (if applic	able)	462.70
Seminar Expense	es:		
Fall Semina	ar	100.00	135.34
Spring Mer	nbership Seminar-Expenses	500.00	927.31
	nbership Seminar-Dues	2,850.00	4,360.00
	and speaker expenses (if applicable)		
	inks, supplies, door prizes, etc.		
Community Serv		500.00	-
National A	GA will match funds for nationally	recognized charit	250.00
Scholarships:			
Educationa	ll (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,000.00	-
CGFM (Me	mber) scholarships	400.00	200.00
PDC Travel	Stipend-Not to exceed \$1,000 per		
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Total Expenses		\$ 8,650.00	\$ 6,923.45
Beginning fund b	alance	6,591.45	6,591.45
Ending fund bala	lite	6,591.45	10,760.75

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Regional Training Opportunities

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

Mid-Missouri Chapter April 21, 2010 Audio Conference 1:00 - 2:50 Location: Governor's Office Bldg Call for details: 573-526.3608 Kansas City Chapter April 14 PDC

Location: Johnson County Community College 8 CPE Contact Rhonda Lucas, Seminar Coordinator for additional information: 816-926-7935 Rhonda.Lucas@one.usda.gov

> Des Moines Chapter Spring Seminar May 19, 2010 Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus 6 CPE (5 ethics) For more information: http://dsmspringseminar.eventbrite.com

Topeka Chapter

2010 PDC May 19, 2010 Eight Hours CPE For more information: Sandra Dreasher <u>dreashe@cox.net</u>

Kansas City Chapter

Chapter Meeting: May 12, 2010 Speaker: AGA Nat'l President, Dr. Billy Morehead Location: TBD Phone: 913-551-7232 <u>Teopaco.julius@epa.gov</u>

Lincoln Chapter Spring Professional Development Conf. April 20, 2010 8:00 - 4:30 Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska To register: <u>http://www.lincolnneaga.org/</u> pdc/04202010/pdc 04202010.php

AGA Releases National Survey Results—The survey, *Public Attitudes Toward Government Accountability and Transparency 2010*, measured attitudes and opinions towards government financial management and accountability to taxpayers. AGA first polled Americans on the subject in 2008. The findings show an expectations gap between what taxpayers expect and what they get. The public overwhelmingly believes that government has the obligation to report and explain how it generates and spends its money, but that that it is failing to meet expectations in any area included in the survey. *Learn more*.

http://www.agacgfm.org/poll.aspx

Accounting, finance majors see higher entry-level salaries

The average college graduate will earn an entry-level salary of \$47,673, down 1.7% from \$48,515 a year ago, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Finance majors, however, fare better, with average starting salaries up 1.6%. Accounting majors saw their average starting salaries rise 0.4%. See the full article at:

http://money.cnn.com/2010/04/08/news/economy/college_graduates_starting_salary/ index.htm

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