



2019 Newsletter Award Winner - Group D

The Ozarks Ledger



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From Josefina's Desk

Hello and welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer and have enjoyed the weather and activities that come with it. As we gear up for another year of AGA activities, allow me to share with you some of the exciting things your AGA Ozark Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) has in store for you.

Due to an increased interest in CPE opportunities, we will be starting our monthly educational meetings a month early with our first meeting August 22nd. We also plan to extend the duration of some of these meetings to allow for networking opportunities and to get to know each other better.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me or other members of the CEC. We value your feedback and engagement with the chapter and look forward to seeing you at our various events!



Josefina García, CMA, CPA

Chapter Meetings

Monthly Meeting

August 22, 2019
425 Downtown

Monthly Meeting

September 12, 2019
425 Downtown

Monthly Meeting

October 17, 2019
425 Downtown

2019 Fall Seminar

November 14, 2019
425 Downtown

No December Meeting

Monthly Meeting

January 16, 2020
425 Downtown

Monthly Meeting

February 20, 2020
425 Downtown

2020 Spring Seminar

March 26, 2020
White River Conference Center

Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2020
425 Downtown

May Meeting - TBD

Summer Break



The speaker is still TBD for the upcoming meeting on August 22nd at 425 Downtown but won't let you down for that CPE. Meeting time is extended for networking so come early (11:40) and catch up with other AGA members and local professionals (networking Bingo game anyone!?).

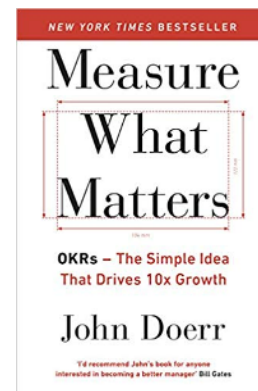


The 2019 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training is September 18-19 in Washington DC and virtual to provide the latest and greatest developments in the field.

- 14 CPEs
- Register by August 31st for Early Bird rate
- [Register Here](#)

Do you want the most hyped up handbook of the year for setting and achieving audacious goals?

Check out "Measure What Matters" by the acclaimed venture capitalist and chairman of Kleiner Perkins, John Doerr. John was an original investor and board member at Google and Amazon.



News from National/NCC Rep

Welcome to our 2019-2020 program year!

As you know, our new National governance structure became effective July 1, 2019. Our National leaders established the National Council of Chapters (NCC) to streamline communications between Chapter and National leaders. Each Chapter has an NCC representative to act as a liaison to other Chapters and as an adviser to the National Governing Board (NGB).

These representatives had the first official NCC meeting on July 21, 2019 at the National Professional Development Training (PDT) in New Orleans. This meeting was a great opportunity to share with and learn from other Chapter and National leaders. Here are a couple of the highlights:

- The NGB wants to expand the Chapter Visit Program to provide CPE presentations, local employer and college visits, and guidance for Chapter CECs. National leaders want to visit as many Chapters as possible in 2019-2020, beginning with the Chapters who haven't had recent visits.
- Ann Ebberts, our National CEO, discussed that National leaders are working on a possible name change for AGA. The plan is to be more inclusive of other government accountability positions (budget, finance, IT, etc) rather than focusing solely on government accountants.

PDT 2019 in New Orleans broke yet another attendance record with over 2,400 attendees from Chapters all over the United States! Attendees were provided with 25 hours of CPE packed into 4 days, and that doesn't include the multiple awards programs and daily networking opportunities. Sessions ranged from a high-level overview of FASAB, FASB and GASB to issues facing state and local governments. Cybersecurity, data analysis, and auditing were some popular session topics. Keep an eye out for some of these topics at our monthly meetings!

Your Chapter President, Josefina Garcia, and I accepted 2 awards on behalf of our Chapter members. We were recognized with a Platinum Chapter award and our Chapter's first ever Newsletter award at the Awards breakfast on July 24. Great work, everyone!

I'll update you next month with more news from National.

Greg Drake
2019-2020 NCC Representative
Ozarks Chapter



Despite being named after a fish, few people have heard of Salmon P. Chase. He ran for presidency in 1860 and lost to the great president Abraham Lincoln who made Mr. Chase Treasury secretary for his cabinet. Chase made himself the face of the first \$1 bill in 1862 and was replaced by George Washington in 1869. Chase was later printed on the \$10,000 bill from 1918-1945.

Everyone, meet Nathan Ziegler



When he isn't accounting for gas and water assets at City Utilities or getting jumped on by his super cute son, he tries to make time for lake days, cycling, and garage gym CrossFit but in reality spends most his time just crushing being a dad, husband, and whatever his friends and family need him to be. With a new CPA title and family-man heart, he hopes his family can grow as fast as his gargantuan salary. Likely. He's an outrageous type 1 who may offend you but his true motives are genuine and pure, just be patient.

Strictly Business:

What energizes you at work?

Getting the job done right (And paychecks..)

A Little More Personal:

Where would we most likely find you on the weekend?

Mowing the lawn while dreaming about wakeboarding.

Just For Fun:

What's one artist you're embarrassed to admit you like?

Justin Bieber

"Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "We crushed it this quarter!"

They mean: "We met the budget objective this quarter!"

They "really" mean: "We're switching to three-ply, everybody!"



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- AGA Ozarks Chapter was recognized with two awards for the 2018-2019 year!
 - Chapter Recognized as a **PLATINUM CHAPTER**
 - Chapter Newsletter awarded **FIRST PLACE** for Group D (well done Greg and contributors!)

Here's the proof



Job Opportunities

- Senior Accountant at Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Springfield, MO
 - [View Details Here](#)
- Accounting Technician III/IV at City of Lebanon
 - Closes August 9th
 - [View Details Here](#)
- Accounting Clerk at State of Missouri Dept of Corrections in Joplin, MO
 - [View Details Here](#)
- US Army - Several accounting jobs needing filled
 - [View Details Here](#)

Quote of the Month

"True Democracy makes no inquiry about the color of the skin, or the place of nativity. Wherever it sees a man, it recognizes a being endowed by his Creator with original inalienable rights." - Salmon P. Chase



Ernie Almonte - The new AGA National President speaking at PDT 2019 in New Orleans. Ernie was a terrific speaker at our Spring Conference (*remember that Boston accent!*)

Josefina Garcia - Your very own Ozarks Chapter President accepting the Platinum Chapter Award



Greg Drake - Ozarks Chapter NCC Rep accepting the 1st Place Chapter Newsletter Award. Greg is the former Communications Chair.



Take action. Take control of your career. Take the next step.



GET STARTED TODAY!

Contact Monica to see how the Ozarks Chapter AGA can support you! - mrobinson@marshfieldmo.gov



**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2020
July 1, 2019 Through July 31, 2019**

Revenues:	FY20 Budget Revenue	FY20 Actual Revenue	July '19 Revenue
Chapter Dues	322.00	60.00	60.00
Monthly meetings	1,500.00	-	-
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	4,087.00	-	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar	13,240.00	-	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	-	-	-
Charity Fundraiser	418.00	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	-	-	-
SLMR Event	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	0.82	0.82
Total Revenues	\$ 21,597.00	\$ 60.82	\$ 60.82

Expenses:	FY20 Budget Expense	FY20 Actual Expense	July '19 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,500.00	-	-
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	2,700.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	3,604.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	7,507.00	-	-
Community Service Expense	418.00	-	-
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	3,000.00	-	-
Membership Drive Expense	-	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	250.00	-	-
Replenish speaker gifts	230.00	-	-
SLMR Event	200.00	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense	480.00	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 21,514.00	\$ -	\$ -

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	16,006.16
Revenue	21,597.00	60.82	60.82
Expenses	(21,514.00)	-	-
Net Change	83.00	60.82	60.82
Ending	\$ 16,089.16	\$ 16,066.98	\$ 16,066.98



Chapter Recognition Program

2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	0
Certification	0
Education	0
Communications	0
Membership	0
Accountability	0
Community	0
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Credits	0

The objective of the Chapter Recognition Program is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission.

These categories and their subcategories provide guidelines and suggestions for activities to create a more well-rounded Chapter.

Each Chapter, along with the National office, selects their annual level goal. The Chapters that reach their goal earn recognition and a plaque at the National Professional Development Conference.

For more information on these categories and the Chapter Recognition Program, take a look at the [Program Handbook](#).

<u>Recognition Level</u>	<u>Credits Needed</u>
Platinum	19,501 - 25,000
Gold	17,001 - 19,500
Silver	14,501 - 17,000
Bronze	12,000 - 14,500
None	0 - 11,999



Ozarks Chapter Recognition History

<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
2018 - 2019	Platinum
2017 - 2018	Silver
2016 - 2017	Platinum
2015 - 2016	Platinum
2014 - 2015	Platinum

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