

# **OZARKS CHAPTER**

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# Message from the President

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Happy Spring! I hope the last of the snow has come and gone.

The Spring Seminar was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> and the topics and speakers were excellent. And so were the prizes.

Dr. CJ Huff, Superintendent of the Joplin School District, presented an inspirational timeline of the Joplin tornado, the aftermath, and the unity that allowed the school district to be prepared to open for the next school year in only 84 days!!!! Paul Barr, Chief Financial Officer of the Joplin School District, added to the story with details on the financial aspects of getting payroll out the next day after the tornado and being prepared – with generators and adequate insurance.



Tina McManus

Frank Hill from Commerce Bank gave an excellent talk on the benefits of tax-exempt direct lenderprivate placement leases. With interest rates so low, it can be very advantageous to borrow and lease – rather than purchase.

Bill Miller, President of the National AGA, spoke about "visual writing". He emphasized the need to get your point across clearly and succinctly.

Lastly, Dr. Sandra Byrd spoke on "Ethics". She presented real-life scenarios that were acted out and the audience was asked to respond as to how they would react. She stated that cheating is much more prevalent now with the advent of technology. She feels that students don't feel guilty about cheating.

I want to express a big thanks to John Everest for putting this great seminar together. And a big thanks to Pat Monday for all of her hard work on the scholarship committee and the fundraising for the Relay for Life. And to others for their help – Teresa Allen, Justin Hill, Greg Drake, Brandie Fisher, Julie Ravenscraft, Paul Essel, Lindsey Brownsberger, Bob Wells.....(I know I am forgetting someone....sorry!)

Several of us on the CEC will be attending the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Los Angeles in April. We are looking forward to the professional development and networking.

Looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting in April.

Jina Mc Manus

Tina McManus

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## **Community Service Information**

# Thank you!!!!

Thank you to all who bid at our silent auction during the Spring Membership Seminar. The auction raised \$295 for Relay for Life, which will be matched by Ozarks AGA, <u>and</u> then that total will be matched by National. **SO**, the silent auction raised \$1,180 in total—and that is <u>great!</u>

We also raised \$83 during the Christmas Gift Wrap at Bass Pro, which will also qualify for the Chapter and National match. Thank you for your support of our Relay for Life Team! We will continue to have opportunities for you to offer your support.

## Invitation to Compete in the Chapter CCR Logo Contest

Since the program began in 2006, the interest in the program has increased, as well as, the number of reports submitted. We need to take the program to the next level, and develop the brand. As a result, we need to design a 'good housekeeping seal of approval' logo. The Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) is one of AGA's flagship programs, and our chapters play a large role in the promotion of the initiative. AGA invites all chapters to submit a logo design for the CCR program.

Deadline: March 29, 2013

Click on the title to be linked to the website for more information!

## Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



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## **Regional Training Opportunities**

AGA Audio Conferences

March 13th, 2013—Issues in Government

Contract Management

March 27th, 2013—Effective Popular Reporting

April 17th, 2013 — Internal Controls

## 62nd Annual PDC

Big Challenges, Bigger Thinking
July 14th-17th

Dallas, Tx

## **April Meeting**

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April 9th, 2013

☆ Speaker: Scott Harper—Director of

**Unclaimed Property and** 

General Services, State of

Missouri Treasurers Office

★ Topic: Unclaimed Property

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Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$15

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## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

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Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012		Summer Break	
July	2012		Summer Break	
August	2012	21st	Ryan Nichols/Tour	Public Safety Ctr
September	2012	11th	CU Water Conservation	CU Training Ctr
October	2012	9th	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	13th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
December	2012	11th	Members Social	Springfield Brew Co.
January	2013	29th	Airport Operations/ Financials	Springfield— Branson Airport
February	2013	26th	County/City/School Update	Kraft Admin
March	2013	6th	Spring Seminar	Exec Conf Ctr
April	2013	9th	Scott Harper, Missouri Treasurers Office	Kraft Admin (1359 E. St. Louis)
May	2013	21st	JTEC Power Station Tour— City Utilities	JTEC Power Station

Government Financial Manager (GFM) Training Program-Course 2

## ONE-TIME TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting
November 12-14, 2018
Harry S Truman State Office Building
Room 498/494

This course covers the general principles of governmental accounting, financial reporting, performance measures and budgeting. It also covers the unique aspects of accounting and reporting for the federal government as well as state and local governments. It is designed for accountants, auditors, budget professionals and controllers in government as well as academics and other professionals who have an interest in government. It is particularly appropriate for newly hired professionals. This course is also an aid in studying for the Exam 2 in obtaining a CGFM.

Course materials/study guide will be provided to each participant (an \$89 value!). Course is led by Pete Rose, course developer and prior Professional Certification Board Member. Upon completion of this course, you will have an understanding of:

- the characteristics and differences of the government environment that necessitate the unique accounting and financial reporting;
- the process of setting accounting and financial reporting standards for government entities;
- the bases of accounting and measurement focuses used by governments;
- fiscal accountability;
- exchange and non-exchange transactions;
- the uses of cost accounting in government;
- performancemeasures;
- budgeting in government;

- accounting andreporting in Federal, State and Local governments, including:
  - determining the financial reporting entity;
  - fund accounting andreporting;
  - government wide accounting andreporting;
  - accounting andreporting for specific transactions.
  - federal budgeting:
  - budgetary accounting;
  - federal financial accounting foundations;
  - the federal financial statements, notes, and supplementary reporting;

## Registration Fee and Information

A minimum of 20 participants is required before the course can be offered. Space is limited for this program, so register early. The first 10 CGFM candidates to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for one part of the CGFM Exam at no charge which is a \$109 savings. The training event is being offered at a cost of \$450 per attendee. This is a bargain at \$18.75 per CPE hour, which includes the \$89 study guides.

No payment is expected at this time—only the commitment to the event. Sign up by contacting Vandee DeVore, at 573-751-1987or email at <a href="mailto:education@midmoaga.org">education@midmoaga.org</a> no later than September 16, 2013. Our online registration system is not available for this event but credit card payments will be accepted. Meals will not be provided at this event. A hotel room block is being coordinated.

Refund Policy: Refunds will not be given on an individual basis, however substitution is allowed. If the course must be cancelled due to lack of participation, a full refund will be given to each individual.

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		2/28/2013
	2012-13	FYTD
Revenues:	Budget	Actual Revenue
Chapter Dues	\$ 350.00	124.60
Monthly meetings	1,750.00	765.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	1,800.00	1,153.00
Spring Membership Seminar	7,500.00	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	-	90.00
Misc Revenue	50.00	-
Interest income	50.00	16.54
Total Revenues	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 2,299.14
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Expenses:	Projected Expenses	Actual Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,500.00	391.74
Seminar Expenses:	7 1,500.00	331.74
Fall Seminar	500.00	155.10
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,700.00	95.00
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	4,750.00	-
Community Service Expense	600.00	_
Scholarships:	000.00	
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	4,000.00	_
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	_
PDC - CEC Travel Stipend	1,875.00	_
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	35.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	-
Misc Expense	300.00	53.99
Total Expenses	\$ 16,075.00	\$ 730.83
Change In Fund Balance:		
Beginning		7,351.21
Revenue		1,248.52
Expended		(213.09)
Ending		\$8,386.64

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## **CEC Minutes**

**AGA CEC Meeting Minutes** 

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February 28, 2013

Officers, Tina McManus (Interim President), Brandie Fisher, John Everest, Pat Monday, Justin Hill and Teresa Allen were in attendance. Meeting called to order 12:00.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

- The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the CEC meeting. Lindsey will not be able to make the seminar; Tina will have checks available at the seminar to pay members and other bills.
- The Chapter received a donation of a full set of CGFM study guides from Deb Gillenwaters as she is retiring from the City of Springfield. The books will be given to Jon Cummings to lend out to members as they study for the exams.
- Communications deadline is 3/8/13 by 5:00PM. Sending final seminar email March 1<sup>st</sup>, must be registered by March 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon.
- No report for Early Career and Accountability.
- Pat acquired multiple donations from Branson attractions. Brandie will contact the Springfield Greene County Park Board for golf rounds and we have received a donation from Grips Golf and Club Repair. Since we have so many donations this year we will be able to have at least one door prize drawing this year. Scholarship deadline was February 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet during lunch at the seminar to finalize the award list. Award winners will be invited to the April meeting, along with their sponsors. Due to low turnout we may try to do a fall scholarship.
- The details for the 8 hour member seminar were finalized. April's member meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kraft Admin. Building. The speaker will be Scott Harper, Director of Unclaimed Property and General Services from the State Treasurer's Office.
- The new projector was presented to the CEC and give to the Education Chair. It will be used for the member seminar.
- Tina discussed the chapter chairs need to enter the Chapter Recognition Program credits in March to get caught up for the year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Search for a President Elect for next year continue. Brandi Richmond accepted a nomination to serve as Secretary.

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## **Ozarks Chapter News**

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# Ozarks AGA Chapter CGFM's

Teresa Allen, CGFM
Donna Christian, CGFM
Rhonda Christopher, CGFM
Larry Cox, CGFM
John Delzell, CGFM
Max Ellis, CGFM
Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM
Jennifer Gruener, CGFM
Kimberly Hamm, CGFM

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Tina McManus, CGFM
Jerry Mitchell, CGFM
Martha Mundt, CGFM
Dr. Richard Nichols, CGFM
Rodney Oglesby, CGFM





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

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

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**Brandie Fisher, Editor** 

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**Missouri State University** 

**Procurement Technician** 

**City of Springfield** 

**Assistant Director of Aviation, Administration** 





## A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of 14,000 members in the United States and around the world representing state, federal, local and private sector government accountability professionals, and

WHEREAS, AGA members 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 are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens 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 CGFM candidates to have appropriate education and professional experience, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM 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, William L. Taylor, CGFM, Chair of the Professional Certification Board, and Sam M. McCall, CGFM, AGA National President, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2006 and the month of March of each year going forward as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, CGFM

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CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD

SAM M. McCall, CGFM AGA National President

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