



2019 Newsletter Award Winner - Group D

The Ozarks Ledger



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Communications Chair Message

Hello Ozarks Chapter AGA member!

I hope you have been enjoying fall and cooler weather in the Ozarks as much as I have.

Have you heard the news? You can now register online for local AGA events, and pay via credit card. Your local chapter values continual improvement to offer the most efficient and effective education and networking opportunities, so making these options available to you was another important step. You can follow the registration link on page 2, "Upcoming Events" and pay at the event or email Tammy for an invoice to pay online.

We are only one month away from the annual fall seminar on November 14th, which is a full day away from the office to earn 8 CPE. Your education chairs, Renee Vines and Kristy Bork, are working away at planning this event with great speakers.

You still have time to register for the October meeting on Thursday the 17th, so don't delay!

-Nathan Ziegler, CPA

Chapter Meetings

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



October Joint Meeting with GFOA - 1.5 CPE

This month is a special joint meeting between the Southwest GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) and Ozarks Chapter AGA

- 11:45 at 425 Downtown
- Randall Gordon, Audit Director for the State Auditor's Office, speaking on fraud
- **Online Registration** now available! (Deadline 10/15/19 @ 4:00pm)
- Cost: \$15 (\$16 via credit card)

Ozarks Chapter AGA Fall Seminar - Mark Your Calendars

- November 14, 2019
- Full Day - 8 CPE
- 425 Downtown (425 W Walnut St)
- Speakers & Topics will be announced soon

AGA Kansas City Chapter - Fall Professional Development Seminar - 8 CPE

Much like your very own local Ozark Chapter AGA hosts a fall seminar (see calendar), the KC chapter is hosting a full day of CPE on Thursday, November 7th at Johnson County Community College. You may contact [Erin Given](#) for more information or [Register Here](#).

Mid-MO AGA - GASB Boot Camp - 4 CPE

You can join the Mid-MO AGA for a half-day boot camp refresher and training on GASB Pronouncements with Dean Mead on Wednesday, October 30th in Jefferson City. [Register Here](#).

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello everyone!

Have you ever wondered what influences a Chapter Executive Committee's management and activity plans? How do chapters measure success in a program year?

All chapter objectives flow from the AGA's mission statement: AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

National and chapter leaders have expanded on these objectives of leadership, education, certification and collaboration in the Chapter Recognition Program (CRP). The CRP is a planning guide to assist chapters with annual management and activity plans. The CRP and chapter plans are divided into 8 categories:

- Leadership activities focus on chapter management such as bylaws, strategic plans, financials.
- Certification activities involve the CGFM and supporting members working on the certification.
- Education encourages chapters to provide high-quality CPE and professional development.
- Communications includes the newsletter, social media and providing members with important chapter information.
- Membership promotes membership growth and supporting the needs of our members.
- Accountability is dedicated to improving the performance and accountability of the chapters and all levels of government.
- Community Service encourages chapters to be active and have a positive social impact in the community.
- Awards acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of the chapter members.

Each of these broad categories include supporting activities that earn chapters credits toward the Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze chapter recognition awards. Watch the Chapter Recognition Program page in this newsletter as your Ozarks Chapter CEC works toward another Platinum award in 2019-2020!

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

Greg Drake, 2019-2020 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative



The Kansas City Chiefs attorneys argued before the Missouri Supreme Court last month over a current court tax battle which started in 2014 when the Missouri Department of Revenue decided the Chiefs should have paid sales taxes on \$23 million in purchases during the 2010 stadium renovation. The amount in question is over \$1 million.

Everyone, meet Greg Drake



Greg graduated from SMS (that is MSU for any Gen Z'ers reading this) in 1995 (Go Bears!) but he most definitely did not stop there when it came to learning. One could say learning is what makes him tick. He is a real sports fan and his favorite pastime is watching as many St. Louis Cardinals, MSU Bears, and Kansas City Chiefs games as possible. While he isn't learning and catching games, you can find him at ARC of the Ozarks where he is a Senior Accountant (well, probably learning there too).

Strictly Business:

How do you prefer to start your day?

Coffee, and lots of it

A Little More Personal:

What energizes you outside of work?

Naps!

Just For Fun:

If you had to pick one age to be permanently, which age would you be?

35

"Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "Let's circle back to this"

They mean: "Let's revisit this topic at a later time"

They "really" mean: "Brain overload, I don't want to think about this right now"



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- AGA Ozarks Chapter is on the path to success for another Platinum year! September 30th marked the end of the 1st quarter in which your chapter racked up 6,450 points.
- Check out the Chapter Recognition Program on page 8 for more info.

Job Opportunities

- Accounting Services Representative at City of Springfield, MO
 - [View Details Here](#)
- Accounting Technician III/IV at City of Lebanon
 - [View Details Here](#)

Quote of the Month

"Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants."

- Epictetus



AGA wants to partner with you. Start studying this fall!



GET MORE INFORMATION TODAY!

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

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2020
Sept 1, 2019 Through Sept 30, 2019**

	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Sept '19
<u>General Operating Activities:</u>			
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	322.00	60.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Annual Choice	418.00	-	-
Other Misc Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	2.39	0.71
Expenses:			
Community Service	418.00	-	-
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) Scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC) Travel Stipend	3,000.00	458.15	254.15
Speaker Gifts	230.00	-	-
Other Misc Expense	480.00	249.80	-
Net Revenue	<u>(4,983.00)</u>	<u>(645.56)</u>	<u>(253.44)</u>
<u>Monthly Meetings:</u>			
Revenue	1,500.00	-	-
Expense	1,500.00	298.65	298.65
Net Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>(298.65)</u>	<u>(298.65)</u>
<u>Fall Seminar:</u>			
Registrations	4,087.00	-	-
Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Expenses	2,700.00	-	-
Net Revenue	<u>1,887.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Spring Seminar:</u>			
Registrations	13,240.00	-	-
Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Expenses	3,604.00	-	-
Dues (remitted to National)	7,507.00	-	-
Net Revenue	<u>3,629.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Member Appreciation Night(s):</u>			
Revenue	-	-	-
Expense	250.00	-	-
Net Revenue	<u>(250.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Membership Drive/Recruiting:</u>			
Revenue (received from National)	-	-	-
Expense	-	-	-
Net Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Lead Event</u>			
Revenue (fees received from Attendees)	-	-	-
Expense	200.00	-	-
Net Revenue	<u>(200.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Revenue:	<u>\$ 83.00</u>	<u>\$ (944.21)</u>	<u>\$ (552.09)</u>
Change in Fund Balance:	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	15,614.04
Net Change	83.00	(944.21)	(552.09)
Ending	<u>\$ 16,089.16</u>	<u>\$ 15,061.95</u>	<u>\$ 15,061.95</u>



Chapter Recognition Program

2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	650
Certification	475
Education	750
Communications	1,975
Membership	1,650
Accountability	950
Community	0
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Credits	6,450

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

CEC Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2019

Busch Municipal Building, 840 N Boonville Ave

Name of Attendees and Absentees

Attendees:

- Josefina Garcia, CPA - President
- Greg Drake, CGFM - National Council of Chapters Representative
- Nathan Ziegler, CPA - Communications Chair
- Renee Vines, CPA - Education Co-Chair
- Tammy Beeman, CGFM - Membership Chair
- Brandie Fisher, CGFM - Accountability Chair
- Kristy Bork, CPA - Education Co-Chair
- Shika Morgan - Secretary

Absentees:

- Sarah Burrows, CPA -Treasurer
- Julie Ravenscraft, CPA - Early Careers Chair
- Jennifer Schatzer, CPA-Community Service Chair
- Teresa Allen, CGFM – Historian
- Monica Robinson, CGFM - Professional Certification

Order of Business

- Welcome - Josefina Garcia, President welcomed everyone, and introductions were made.
- Secretary Vacancy - Shika Morgan has indicated she would like to hold the office of Secretary for the Ozarks Chapter of AGA.

o **MOTION: Tammy Beeman made a motion to install Shika as secretary and Brandie Fisher seconded it. There were no opposing votes.**

· Treasurer report. Sarah Burrows, Treasurer, was absent but submitted the monthly financials for July 2019 and 2019-2020 budget for review and approval to CEC and Josefina Garcia, President, presented them.

o **425 Costs and Fees Charged:** The costs associated with using the 425 location were discussed. The cost per person increased last year although the fees charged have remained the same. CEC discussed the best time to make fee changes and the amount of notification the membership would need. It was recommended to change at either the first of the calendar or fiscal year.

CEC Meeting Minutes, Continued

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o **425 Costs and Fees Charged - Continued:** Current costs per person are \$12 and the fees charged to each member are \$10 per person. We are not losing any money as the monies collected for seminars offset the difference.

o **PayPal:** The registered parties pay for all fees associated with PayPal. There is a 2.2% discounted fee for fundraisers and a 2.9% fee for regular transactions such as meetings, seminars, or CPE events. In addition to the percentage fee, there is a flat transaction fee of \$0.30. Members will be able to access and pay for through their AGA logon via the Ozark AGA website. If an individual would like to pay for more than one person, an invoice can be sent from Tammy Beeman, Membership Chair, with a link to pay through PayPal.

o **Current Fees Charged:**

· Monthly Meetings

1. 1-hour CPE \$10/members and \$15/non-members

2. 1.5 hours CPE \$15/members and \$20/non-members

· Fall Seminar: \$85/member and \$100 non-members

o **Motion: Kristy Bork made a motion that approval the 2019-2010 budget, accept the PayPal electronic registration, fall meeting and seminar costs remain the same. Greg Drake seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all ayes and there were no opposing votes.**

· Membership. Tammy Beeman indicate there was no update on the survey.

o **PayPal and Electronic Registration:** The only items that membership needed to discuss were PayPal and electronic registration. Kristy Bork indicated she would stop by Tammy's office to preview and test out the PayPal.

· Communication. Nathan Ziegler discussed the recent changes made to the monthly newsletter.

o **Monthly Newsletter:** September's monthly newsletter will be distributed on September 4th. Add 1440 and 15 Time Management highlight to newsletter from the August regular meeting. In the August newsletter, a "Get to Know Me" section was added which showcased Nathan. Nathan will conduct five-minute interviews each month for this. It was suggested that this showcase new members and members who were part of the club during the first couple of years such as Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor. Shika Morgan will be showcased in September's newsletter.

· Historian. Teresa Allen was not present.

o **Website:** Nathan and Teresa have access to update the website per national. We logged onto the national website and review the sections where items can be submitted toward the Chapter recognition award.

· Accountability. Brandie Fisher gave an overview of the CCR.

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- o **Citizen-Centric Reporting:** The CCR, Citizen-Centric Reporting, is due at the end of September. This needs to be emailed to Louise at AGA National. It was explained how the chapter could get additional points from other entities compiling a CCR for submission to AGA national. The max additional CCR that can be submitted per year is two.
- National Council of Chapters. Greg Drake provided updates on GFOA, NGB, and NCC.
- o **GFOA:** We discussed the October joint meeting with GFOA, Government Finance Officers Association. We would like to play BINGO to get to know each other. The document layout in LucidPress will need to be approved by Louise at nationals before we can print or save the document.
- o **Fall Seminar:** We will determined at the next meeting if we will use the BINGO questions at the Fall Seminar. We will provide name tags for the fall seminar to help get to know each other. We discussed providing two name tags: one that identifies CEC members and another for the rest of Ozark AGA. This will help regular members identify CEC members.
- o **Future CEC and Regular Meetings:** We will use name tags going forward at each meeting.
- o **Upcoming NGB Meeting:** NGB, National Governing Board, next meeting is September 17.
- o **Upcoming NCC Meeting:** Greg represents Ozarks AGA on the National Council of Chapters. There is a virtual meeting on November 7.
- Professional Certification. Monica Robinson was not present. There is no update.
- Education. Renee Vines and Kristy Bork discussed the upcoming general meetings in addition to the fall seminar.
- o **September Meeting:** The speaker for September's meeting is Sarah Kerner, Economic Development Director for the City of Springfield. She will discuss "Economic Development and Vision for Springfield, MO".
- o **October's Meeting:** October's meeting will be held with GFOA and will provide 1.5 CPE.
- o **Fall Seminar:** The education committee is currently working on the fall seminar which will be held in November. They will be an update at the next CEC meeting.
- Early Career. Julie Ravenscraft was not present. Nathan has been invited to participate as part of a panel of 4 for the Missouri State University student group. They would like us to sponsor dinner for their upcoming meeting. A portion of the scholarship budget can be used for this. The date will be announced later. There will be a set of prepared questions so that the panel can research in advance.
- Community Service. Jennifer Schatzer is not present. There were no updates.
- President, Josefina García, discusses chapter recognition points, succession planning for vacancies. The secretary's position has been filled. Chapter needs to search for President-Elect.

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o **Succession Planning:** We discussed term limits and ways to get others involved. Co-chair or co-positions is a way to introduce potential new CEC members to various roles and provide training accordingly.

o **Chapter Recognition Points:** Josefina reminded us to log into the National AGA website and submit documents no later than September 30.

· Final comments: Josefina made final comments and the meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

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