

From Kristy's Desk

I'd like to thank everyone that attended our Spring Seminar in March and remind you that your registration dues included both your AGA National and Chapter membership dues for the 2019-2020 year. I encourage you to visit www.agacgfm.org and put your membership to work for you. There are a variety of free webinars and training opportunities offered by National AGA.

Also, I'd like to invite everyone to our April monthly meeting on April 16. See the details on the right. In May, we will have a non-CPE lunch and tram tour of the Springfield Botanical Gardens on May 16.

Lastly, we are quickly filling up spots on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the 2019-2020 program year, and we have a few spots available. If you would like to be more involved in our local Chapter, please contact me at kbork@flyspringfield.com.



I hope to see everyone in the next couple of months as we close out our 2018-2019 program year.

Kristy

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April 2019 Monthly Meeting

Drew Hilpert, Senior Utility Counsel from Springfield City Utilities, will present

“Medical Marijuana and the Workforce: An Employer’s Perspective”

425 Downtown, 425 Walnut St
April 16, 12 PM – 1 PM

1 hour of CPE is available.

Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Students are always free!

Contact [Tammy Beeman](#) to RSVP.

May 2019 Tour

Springfield Botanical Gardens
Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park
2400 S Scenic, Springfield Mo

May 16, 2019
12 PM —1 PM

No CPE is available for this event.



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Ozarks Chapter Calendar

April 2019 Monthly Meeting
425 Downtown
April 16, 2019
12 PM – 1 PM

May 2019 Monthly Meeting
Springfield Botanical Gardens Tour
May 16, 2019
12 PM – 1 PM

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK!



John Hill, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Innovation and Transformation in the U.S. Dept of the Treasury, stops by to discuss the Vision for the Future of Federal Financial Management in this episode of the “[Accountability Talks](#)” podcast. You don’t want to miss it.



April Reading List

Fisher Phillips LLP, “[Medical Marijuana In Missouri: New Law Brings New Questions For Employers](#)”, November 2018

Meredith Lopez, “[Missouri Goes Green: What Employers Need to Know About the State’s New Medical Marijuana Law](#)”, National Law Review, November 2018

Upcoming AGA Webinars

[Ethics](#)

April 10, 1 PM CDT

[Data Act](#)

April 24, 1 PM CDT

[Fraud/Data Analytics](#)

May 15, 1 PM CDT



[Ozarks Chapter Citizen Centric Report 2017-2018](#)

[AGA Citizen Centric Report 2017-2018](#)





Upcoming Regional Events

GASB Statement 87, *Leases*, was issued in June 2017 with an effective reporting date for periods starting after December 15, 2019. To assist governments with the implementation process, GASB has issued a proposed [Implementation Guide](#). GASB is accepting written comments on this draft guide through April 30, 2019.

[Des Moines AGA Spring Seminar](#)

April 11, 2019

Noah's Event Venue
West Des Moines, IA

[St Louis AGA Spring Seminar](#)

April 18, 2019

Drury Inn & Suites
2111 Sulphur Ave
St Louis, MO



DID YOU KNOW??

Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized the establishment of the U.S. Mint on April 2, 1792.

The first U.S. Social Security checks were distributed on April 27, 1937.



92%
of children who have stayed at Isabel's House go **home** with their families. (FY 15-17)

PARENTS RELY ON US FOR HELP DURING DIFFICULT CRISES, INCLUDING
Homelessness, domestic violence, stress and mental health, unsafe housing and hospital stays.

88%
of parents who have trusted our team during a crisis report **less stress** at discharge. (FY 15-17)

your gifts have provided **26,300+** nights of safe care for more than **3,875 kids** in our community. (since 2007)

Celebrating 10 Years!
isabel's house

Where kids are loved and families are supported

417.865.2273



2750 WEST BENNETT
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802

TOP 33 CAMPAIGN
2015 - 2016 - 2017

CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR
AWARDS 2014

10 years of purpose

The **mission** of Isabel's House is to *provide immediate refuge for children ages birth to 12 whose families are in crisis.* By partnering with families and the community, we will *strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.*

The average length of a child's stay is **12 days**
We have a **1 year** family follow-up program

10 years of impact

"Isabel's House has been an extra support, help, and shoulder for me and my family in my darkest hours. You have taught me there are still loving hearts, good people, and someone who understands. Thank you so much for caring for my daughters. May God bless you always."

Sandra | AN ISABEL'S HOUSE MOM

10 years of success

A crisis can happen to *any family at any time*, and Isabel's House has been here to help - at no cost to families - since June, 2007. **Your contributions** provide *hope* for parents and **24/7/365 complete care** for kids - food, new clothing, safe shelter, nurse needs, transport to school, and so much more.

DONATE
VOLUNTEER
GET INVOLVED

WWW.ISABELSHOUSE.ORG



Support Isabel's House with your Children's Trust Fund "License to Care"



Up to 50% Missouri Tax Credits may be available for qualified \$100+ contributions



A little love each month really adds up: join our monthly giving family!

News from the 2019 National Leadership Training

The Ozarks Chapter was excited to have 3 student members receive the National Collegiate Leadership Program (NCLP) scholarship to attend the February 2019 National Leadership Training in Washington DC. The [Young Professionals Focus Group](#) provided only 10 NCLP scholarships to full-time undergraduate students across the entire country. To have 3 of our students receive these scholarships is quite an honor!

Missouri State University students Connor Hutchison, Michael Nice and Jordan Reynolds were able to attend the event, and all enjoyed their time meeting and learning from leaders in the government accounting field. These students brought back pictures and highlights from their training.

“Attending the AGA NLT was an invaluable experience and it was a pleasure to attend. I have networked with many employees within the government sector. The information I learned will help me grow as a future leader in the government field, and it will be useful when looking for positions with the government. I also enjoyed being able to network with other students that are interested in the governmental accounting field. I hope to attend NLT in the future.” - **Connor Hutchison**



2019 National Collegiate Leadership Program scholarship recipients

News from the 2019 National Leadership Training

“NLT was an amazing experience. I was able to meet so many people and learn about challenging issues facing the government that I will have to take on as I move up into the workforce.

The best part had to be meeting my mentor, Jay. Jay worked in the Department of Education for almost 20 years working on the FAFSA for college students. He knew so many people at this conference and was able to introduce me to a lot of people from different departments across the government. He also knew so much about how the inner working of departments and how to be an effective leader within said department. His knowledge and networking skills really made me feel at home at the conference and showed a more human side of government that most people do not get to experience. It was quite refreshing to meet all of these nice people who care so much for the public good.

I learned a lot about how to be an effective leader in today's workplace. I took a lot of notes on that and saw a great potential to bring those ideas back to become a model campus leader. A lot of the leadership tips were extremely informative and influential. Having completed the conference now I am much more confident in my ability to enter governmental work but also much more comfortable with the environment I will be entering post college.” - **Michael Nice**



Michael Nice and AGA National President John Lynskey pause for a photo during National Leadership Training



Scholarship recipients stop for a photo with some of our AGA National leaders

News from the 2019 National Leadership Training

“Before attending the Association of Government Accountants’ (AGA) National Leadership Training (NLT) I had been interested in governmental accounting but knew very little about it. NLT exposed me to more of what it is practically like to work in the field of governmental accounting, whether that is in the public or private sector. It was also a wonderful networking opportunity where I could talk with firm partners, highly experienced government officials, and fellow students, about the vast and diverse opportunities within the field. Since NLT, I have made meaningful connections with numerous individuals that I am confident will have a positive impact on my future career. I strongly encourage my fellow peers and all accountants in the field, and everyone in between, to consider how you can become a better accountant by joining AGA.” - **Jordan Reynolds**



Jordan Reynolds and AGA National President John Lynskey stop for a photo during National Leadership Training



Scholarship recipients sharing their training experience

Applications for the National Collegiate Leadership Program scholarship to attend the 2020 National Leadership Training will be available in September 2019. The submission deadline is November 8, 2019. To learn more about the scholarship program and its requirements, check out the [National Collegiate Leadership Program](#) website.

Scenes from Spring Seminar 2019



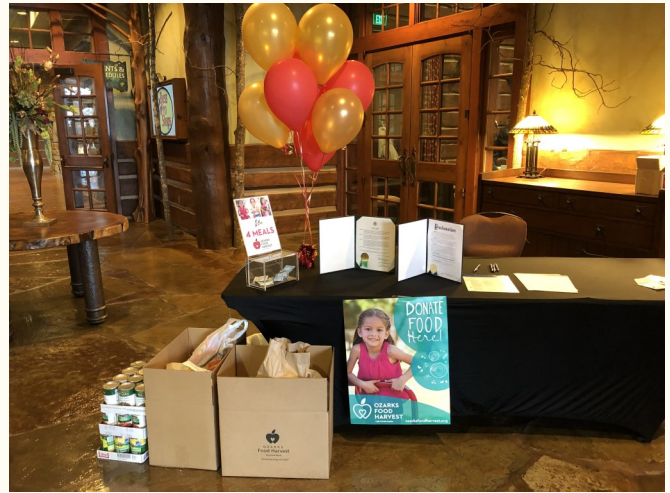
A few guests arrived early and started with some continental breakfast.



National President-Elect, Ernie Almonte, gave a great session on leadership.



Patrick Smith from Bank of Oklahoma brought our 2019 economic update.



Our food drive for the Ozarks Food Harvest was a HUGE success. We collected 99 pounds of food!

Thanks to everyone for making this another great Ozarks Chapter event!

CGFM News

Are you considering the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification?
Here is a list of things you need to know:

- The CGFM certification is 100% focused on government financial management with a broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at the federal, state and local levels.
- The CGFM certification benefits you as an employee by increasing your knowledge of government financial management.
- The CGFM certification benefits your employer as you have a better understanding of how the different government financial management components fit together.
- The initial CGFM requirements are
 - [Ethics](#)—Read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*.
 - [Education](#)—Have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
 - [Examinations](#)—Pass all 3 comprehensive CGFM examinations.
 - [Experience](#)—Complete at least 2 years of professional-level experience in the U.S. government financial management field (exams may be scheduled and taken before the 2 years have been completed).
- Your Ozarks Chapter is here to help! Study guides for each of the exams can be checked out at no cost, and the Chapter offers CPE to help meet your requirement of 80 CPE hours every two years.
- If your employer did not pay for the exams, an Ozarks Chapter scholarship is available for the cost of the application and exam fees after passing all 3 exams.
- Contact [Monica Robinson](#) or go to [CGFM Certification](#) for more information.



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***Greene County
PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of more than 14,000 members in 102 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 86 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in the Springfield area; and

WHEREAS, AGA Ozarks Chapter 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 of Springfield 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 educational and employment history, 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 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, the Greene County Commission hereby proclaims the month of March 2019 as
Certified Government Financial Manager Month

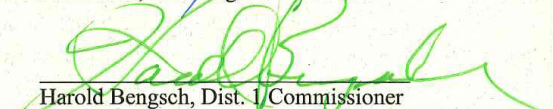
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the seal of the County of Greene, Springfield, Missouri, and this 28th day of March in the year of 2019.



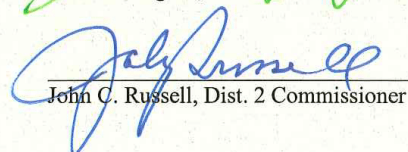
THE GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION



Bob Dixon, Presiding Commissioner



Harold Bengsch, Dist. 1 Commissioner



John C. Russell, Dist. 2 Commissioner

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming March 2019, as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

In the City of Marshfield, Missouri

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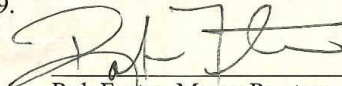
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob Foster, Mayor Pro-tem of the City of Marshfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

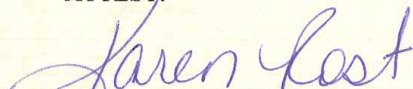
CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Marshfield, this 28th day of March 2019.



Rob Foster, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Karen Rost, City Clerk



Proclamation

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken McClure, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby recognize proclaim March 2019 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions Certified Government Financial Managers make in advancing transparency in government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.




Ken McClure, Mayor

CEC Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

**Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave
1st floor conference room**

Members Present:

Kristy Bork, President; Jo Garcia, President-Elect; Teresa Allen, Webmaster; Greg Drake, Communications; Brandie Fisher, Accountability; Renee Vines, Education; Sarah Burrows, Secretary/Treasurer; Tammy Beeman, Membership; Monica Robinson, CGFM; Jennifer Schatzer, Education

Members Absent:

Julie Ravenscraft, Early Careers

Call to Order

President Kristy Bork called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM

Approval of March 1, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Greg Drake Second Motion: Teresa Allen Motion Passed 10-0

Approval of Financials

None—All financials were approved in prior meetings.

Discussions

Discussion regarding upcoming Spring Seminar: Finalizing speaker gifts, items for tables, food drive, table tents, and who will introduce each speaker. Renee noted that “Thank You” notes will be prepared for each speaker. Renee mentioned that there will need to be additional Innovation Tournament information sent out to attendees. Monica has picked up items from the Ozarks Food Harvest for the food drive in honor of the 25th CGFM anniversary. She will be responsible for the balloons for the table as well.

CEC Meeting Minutes, continued

March 21, 2019

**Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave
1st floor conference room**

Discussions-continued

Discussion on who will join Ernie Almonte for dinner on the night before seminar: Kristy, Jo, Greg, Teresa and Brandie will join Ernie for dinner.

Discussion on what time the Mayor should be at Spring Seminar for the CGFM proclamation.

It was noted that we are still attempting to get a speaker on a Grants topic for the April monthly meeting. Contact information will be forwarded to Jennifer Schatzer. May will possibly be a Hammons Field tour. Kristy will contact someone there for additional information.

Near year CEC discussion: Sarah will continue as Treasurer. Jennifer will move to Community Service. Kristy may move into Teresa's role. We still need volunteers for Accountability, CGFM, Communications and Co-Education.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:31 PM

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

Revenues:	FY19 Budget Revenue	FY19 Actual Revenue	Mar '19 Revenue
Chapter Dues	383.05	55.00	-
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	795.00	-
Seminars:		-	
Fall Seminar	3,905.00	3,300.00	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	666.67	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar	12,688.33	5,120.00	3,460.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Other Revenues:		-	
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	8.33	-	-
Charity Fundraiser	479.00	125.00	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	65.33	-	-
SLMR Event	207.11	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	21.67	-	-
Interest	7.73	6.86	0.80
Total Revenues	\$ 20,832.22	\$ 10,401.86	\$ 3,460.80

Expenses:	FY19 Budget Expense	FY19 Actual Expense	Mar '19 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,476.63	1,197.87	245.52
Seminar Expenses:		-	
Fall Seminar	2,376.54	1,802.71	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	3,500.20	500.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	7,575.00	2,645.00	2,545.00
Community Service Expense	696.26	125.00	-
Scholarships:		-	
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	250.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,464.00	2,972.19	-
Membership Drive Expense	-	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	222.33	-	-
Replenish speaker gifts	394.67	-	-
SLMR Event	215.44	165.68	-
Miscellaneous Expense	1,247.09	397.41	-
Total Expenses	\$ 19,918.16	\$ 9,805.86	\$ 2,790.52

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	14,923.35	14,923.35	14,849.07
Revenue	20,832.22	10,401.86	3,460.80
Expenses	(19,918.16)	(9,805.86)	(2,790.52)
Net Change	914.06	596.00	670.28
Ending	\$ 15,837.41	\$ 15,519.35	\$ 15,519.35

Ozarks AGA Executive Committee

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Budget Coordinator
City of Springfield

If you have any suggestions for topics for educational events, please let us know! We want to hear from you!