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President's Message

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I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and ready to go "back to school". The Ozarks AGA Chapter will have many educational opportunities this coming year to keep you up to date on current topics and issues for a great price. Of course, we will also have many community service and leadership opportunities throughout the year.




Teresa Allen, CGFM

Join us Tuesday, September 14th to hear Assistant City of Springfield Attorney, Nancy Yendes discuss "The Hancock Amendment". Passed by Missouri voters in 1980, this piece of legislation limiting taxation, affects licenses and fees that can be charged by political subdivisions today. If you weren't in the workforce yet or just want a refresher, contact Justin Hill to RSVP at jrhill@greencountymo.org. We will begin at Noon at the Midtown Carnegie Library, a catered lunch will be provided for only \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Don't miss out, register today for the fall ½ day seminar Wednesday, October 20th at the Cooper Tennis Complex. Check out the schedule and registration details within the newsletter.

Teresa Allen, CGFM

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Save the Date-September 14th

September Speaker Biography

Nancy Yendes, Assistant City Attorney

Nancy Yendes is a 1976 graduate from Central Missouri State University with a degree in political science and minor in criminal justice, she graduated in the top 10 percent from the University of Missouri Law School at Columbia in 1979 and has served as an attorney for the City since 1989. Prior to her service with the City, she was a hearing officer for the Missouri State Tax Commission and an Assistant Missouri Attorney General where she represented a variety of agencies including the prison system and the departments of elementary and secondary education and mental health. She also served for a time as an attorney for the Missouri Department of Social Services in the mid-eighties. Nancy received the designation of IMLA Fellow from the International Municipal Lawyer's Association in 2007.

Nancy currently serves as a member of the Local Area Government Employee Retirement System, having first been elected to the board by her fellow local government employees. She has served as the Chair of the retirement board as well as the disability committee. She has also served as the President of the Missouri chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors and as a board member of that organization for a number of years. She has also served as the secretary, vice president and president of the Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association and is a frequent speaker at Missouri Municipal League seminars and functions. Nancy is admitted to practice in Missouri, the Western District Federal Court, Eighth Circuit Appellate Court and U.S. Supreme Court.

Join the Team!

The Ozarks Chapter is "PLANNING" to have a great membership seminar, and we need YOUR help! This year we will form a 3-4 person committee for the Membership Seminar. The seminar will be held in February 2011, this year we will be providing an "early bird" registration discount, so it's not too early to start preparing. Can you help with getting the cater, speaker gifts, or helping setup; maybe lining up a great topic or speaker? The first committee meeting will be the end of September, please contact Teresa Allen at tallen@springfieldmo.gov or at 864-1337 for more information.

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FALL SEMINAR

SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN US WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT COOPER TENNIS COMPLEX FOR OUR FALL SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR. THIS WILL BE A 4 HOUR MORNING SEMINAR THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

DR. JANIS PRUITT WILL DISCUSS "EMPLOYMENT LAW AND CURRENT ISSUES" IT'S NOT JUST HR'S RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

JOHN CUMMINGS WITH DAVIS, LYNN AND MOOTS WILL PRESENT "ARRA-ONE YEAR REMOVED".

CATHERINE DEMES MAYDEW, CPA IS AGA'S MIDWEST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2010-2011 FROM OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HER TOPIC WILL BE "INTERNAL CONTROLS."

MIKE PRESS, JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS ADMINISTRATOR (RETIRED) WILL PRESENT "MANAGING PUBLIC SERVICE IN A SHRINKING FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT."

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CPE.





May 2010 Member Survey Results

The topics of most interest to members were: **Fraud, Forensic Auditing** and **Internal Controls**. Here is a list of the rest of the suggested luncheon/seminar topics in order of preference:

Budgeting	Operational Auditing
Business Law	Teamwork within the Organization
Public Accounting	Reporting and Evaluation Results
Ethical Conduct	Data Security
Financial Reporting	Electronic Commerce
Risk Assessment	COSO
Audit Work papers & Evidence	Disaster Recovery
Performance Auditing	Flow Charting
Leadership	Managing for Results (SEA)
Audit Methods and Techniques	ARRA
Cash Management	Annual Tax Update
Corporate Governance	

Additionally, all but one respondent felt the newsletter provides timely updates for the chapter and all felt it met their needs. The majority were aware of the chapter website and had visited it more than three times in the past year.

The majority of respondents felt the chapter met or exceeded frequency of communication. The same was true for the quality of educational opportunities, frequency of educational opportunities, and for networking opportunities.

According to our survey, members feel the chapter meets or exceeds their expectations. As stated in the last article, all respondents indicated they would recommend the chapter to a friend or colleague.

Thanks to all that participated.



Ozark's Chapter CEC Meeting August 3, 2010

Attendees:

Teresa Allen, President

Nancy Weems, Community Service Chair

Linda Charles, CGFM Chair

Caitlyn Greene, Newsletter Editor

1. The June-July Secretary's minutes were approved. The motion was made by Caitlyn Greene and seconded by Nancy Weems.
2. The Treasurer's report will be available in September 2010 due to the transfer of the records to the new Treasurer, Deb Gillenwaters.
3. The deadline for submitting articles to the Newsletter editor, Caitlyn Greene is two weeks before the chapter's monthly meeting.
4. The chapter's Community Service projects are:
 - a. The chapter received two prizes from the Relay for Life Fund Raiser: Deb Gillenwaters, the chapter's top fund raiser, was awarded one and the other prize will be part of the next year's Relay for Life challenge.
 - b. The Fall seminar will raise funds for scholarship and collect cans of soup for goodwill.
5. All of the speakers have committed to the Fall Seminar.
6. An article will be submitted to the Newsletter editor on the important of a CGFM certification in next month's issue.

Old Business:

1. Deb Gillenwaters is in the process of ordering speaker gifts.

New Business:

The Ozark Chapter will participate as a sponsor in IMA. Two attendees, individually, will reimburse the chapter for the registration cost of \$335 at no cost to the chapter. The registration was reduced from \$350 due to the chapter's sponsorship in the IMA conference. A packet will be assembled with an AGA pen, a National Flyer and a Fall Seminar Brochure to be distributed at the conference.

With no further business, the CEC meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Linda Charles

Acting Secretary



Ozark's Chapter Member Meeting August 17, 2010

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA monthly meeting was held at the Springfield-Greene first floor conference room from noon to 2 p.m. on August 17, 2010. The program was audio conference on Performance Measures -- the city and county of Nashville, Tennessee & Pennsylvania.

The business meeting was conducted by the chapter's President, Teresa Allen.

1. Deb Gillenwaters made a motion to pay \$40 for a Plant, given to Martha Mundt in remembrance of her father, Lawrence Mundt who died on Friday, August 13th. Seconded by Justin Hill.
2. The meeting in September will be on the Hancock Amendment. The speaker Nancy Yendes will speak on the effect of this amendment on governments across the state of Missouri.
3. An invitation was given to the attendees on participating in the IMA conference by taking advantage of the chapter's discounted rate. The attendees would reimburse the chapter for the registration. Next year the chapter could thrive for five registration, which would award a table to promote the AGA literature to the attendees of the IMA conference.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned after the audio conference.

Submitted by,

Linda Charles

Acting Secretary

Take it Easy

Everyone deals with stress in a different way. This is a new segment providing different ways to deal with the stress we all face.

***Focus on the positive.** When stress is getting you down, take a moment to reflect on all the things you appreciate in your life, including your own positive qualities and gifts. This simple strategy can help you keep things in perspective.

http://helpguide.org/mental/stress_management_relief_coping.htm

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
9/14/2010	Hancock Amendment	Nancy Yendes, Assistant City Attorney	Carnegie Library
10/20/2010	Fall Seminar	See Page 3	See Page 3
11/9/2010	60/65 MoDOT Project	Kirk Juranas, District Engineer	Carnegie Library
December	Fun Luncheon and Charity Benefit		TBA

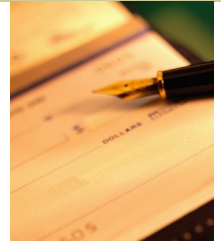
CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Our current standing as of **August 31, 2010**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	1,750	3,000	58%
Education and Professional Development	0	4,000	0%
Certification	0	4,000	0%
Communications	250	3,000	8%
Membership	0	3,000	0%
Early Careers and Student Members	250	2,000	13%
Community Service	0	2,000	0%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	2,250	22,000	10%



OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA
2010-2011 Statement of Operations



		Budget	8/31/2010
Revenues:			
	Dues	\$ 200.00	
	Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 100.00
	Seminars	\$ 6,000.00	
	Other	\$ 650.00	
	Total	<u>\$ 8,650.00</u>	\$ 100.00
Expenses:			
	Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	
	Seminars	\$ 3,450.00	
	Scholarships	\$ 1,400.00	
	Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 625.88
	Other	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 770.00
	Total	<u>\$ 8,650.00</u>	\$ 1,395.88
Beginning Fund Balance			6591.45
Ending Fund Balance			5295.57

Want to Get Your CGFM Certification?

To learn more about the workings of government entities, think about studying for the CGFM. For details go to the AGA website and look at the CGFM section.

Linda Charles
CGFM Chair



Other Great CPE Opportunities:

10th Annual IMA Education Conference will be September 16-17 at the University Plaza Hotel. This 16 hours of CPE will include many national speakers such as Mr. Excel, Bill Jelen; Motivational Speakers, John O'Leary and Rich Armstrong. See attached brochure for more details. This has always been a terrific conference right here in Springfield, don't miss out!

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Caitlyn Greene, Editor

Deadline for articles: Two weeks prior to meeting date.

Send articles to: cgreene@springfieldmo.gov

CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

The sky is the limit.

