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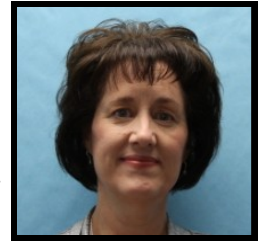
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Message from the President

Greetings! My term on the Chapter Executive Committee is over and this is my final President's Message. I have enjoyed my time as Chapter President and the prior year as President-Elect. It was a privilege to serve with the talented people on the CEC and I thank them for making this a great experience filled with wonderful learning opportunities. To provide closure for this chapter year and to remind us of the benefits we received from our AGA participation, here's a brief glance back at some program year highlights:



- A well-attended Fall seminar
- A really well-attended Spring seminar
- Interesting and relevant monthly meeting topics
- An informative monthly newsletter
- An opportunity to award three \$600 scholarships to deserving students
- Monthly community service projects
- A member satisfaction survey
- An opportunity to assist low income and elderly citizens with property tax credit preparation
- AGA logo umbrellas for members who attended the Spring seminar

After this month, the Chapter Presidential torch passes to Wayland Mueller. Wayland will be a great Chapter President. His professional path and mine have crossed a couple of times over the last decade and it was always a pleasure when that happened. In fact, he and I are currently colleagues at Springfield Public Schools where he serves as the District's Internal Auditor. The Chapter will be fortunate to have Wayland at the helm!

As you may have noticed, quotes have been a staple in my monthly President's Message this past year. I like those clever little nuggets of knowledge and I would be remiss if I did not leave you with one final take-away quote. This one may be my all-time favorite not only for its message, but for its wit and humor as well:

"Legacy Accounting: Will you have been an asset or a liability on the world's balance sheet?" –Ryan Lilly

See you next year at the monthly meetings! Peace. :)

Debra Burling

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CGFM News

Interested in the CGFM Certification?

The Ozarks AGA has a set of current study guides available for checkout—one book at a time for 2 months at a time. They are in three separate three-ring binders – one for each setion. If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, please notify Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu and she will arrange for you to check it out when it becomes available.

One of the benefits of being a member of our Ozarks Chapter is that we will reimburse you for the successful passing of the CGFM exam in its entirety.

Maintaining CGFM Certifications

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee of \$30 for members and \$65 for non-members, by March 31st.
- Complete at least 80 hours of CPE every 2 years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

If retired or inactive, contact a CEC member or the national AGA office to inquire about CGFM renewal requirements.

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



 A circular badge with a white border and a dark background. The text "AGM MEMBERS ONLY" is written in a white, stylized font, with "AGM" at the top, "MEMBERS" in the middle, and "ONLY" at the bottom.

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National/Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Events & Conferences

AGA Web Conference

Beyond the Code: Ethical Decision Making in the Real World

May 13, 2015 2:00-3:50 ET

2 CPE

Complementary Members Only: Appropriations Law; Impact on Contract Funding & Formation

May 19, 2015 2:00-3:50 ET

2 CPE

May Meeting

May 7th, 2015

12:00-1:00

Topic: Springfield Job Market Overview

Members: \$10, Non-Members \$15

Cooper Tennis Complex
2331 E. Pythian St, Springfield

RSVP to Jody Vernon ASAP

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2014	19th	Summer Break	
July	2014	17th	Summer Break	
August	2014	14st	GASB 65 and 67	Tower Club
September	2014	24th	Single Audit	Cooper Tennis
October	2014	23th	8hr Fall Seminar	White River Conference Ctr.
November	2014	20th	Talent Selection/Interviewing	Cooper Tennis
December	2014	11th	Member Social	Jimms
January	2015	15th	IRS Update	Panera
February	2015	17th	Election Process/Local Stats	Kraft Admin
March	2015	26h	Spring Seminar	Bass Pro
April	2015	15th	Field Trip—Grant Funding	Convoy of Hope
May	2015	7th	MSU Career Center	Cooper Tennis

Treasurer Report Not Included—To be sent at a later date



Attention AGA members! Would you like to become more involved in your Ozarks AGA Chapter? In our recent member survey some of you noted that you would be interested in serving on the Chapter Executive Board – here is your chance! We are currently looking to fill Chapter Executive Positions for our program year starting in August.

The Vacant Positions:

- **President-Elect:** Serve as Chapter President in absence of President. Assist Chapter President as needed. Serve on the Scholarship Committee and Nominating Committee.
- **Education Co-Chairs:** Develop an Education Plan outlining events for the coming year. Plan, coordinate, and manage the Fall and Spring Seminars. Arrange speakers, location, menu, and required equipment for the monthly membership meetings.

What's In It For You?

- Meet and work with interesting and talented professionals.
- Build your network.
- Help shape the direction of the Chapter.
- Hone leadership and team work skills.
- Have a really great time!

If you have any questions, we would love to talk to you! Just email me, or give me a call at the number below and I can put you into contact with the CEC member who can best answer your questions.

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CEC Minutes

April 30, 2015 CEC Meeting Minutes

12:00 PM – 1st floor conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Debra Burling, Brandie Fisher, Pam Cox, Wayland Mueller, Tina McManus, Jody Vernon, Greg Drake, Mary Jo Kerringer, and Brandi Aldridge

Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:

The minutes of the March 19, 2015 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

Treasurer-Greg Drake:

The treasurer's report was distributed.

The Dropbox file storage option is being reviewed.

Once a president-elect is decided, Greg will work with the new CEC members to update the signatures on the bank account.

Education-Teresa Allen (absent) and Mary Jo Kerringer:

The next member meeting will be held on May 7 at Cooper Tennis Complex.

Professional Certification-Sharla Bailey (absent):

Communication-Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is May 5 and the newsletter will be distributed on May 6.

The Mail Chimp results for the April newsletter were reviewed. Over 36% of those receiving the email opened the newsletter which is above the industry average.

Community Service-Pam Cox:

The April community service project raised \$60 for Convoy of Hope.

There will not be a community service project in May but rather the balance remaining in the community service fund will be given to Convoy of Hope and if permissible will use AGA matching funds.

Pam will send out more information about the Convoy of Hope yearly banquet.

Early Career-Paul Essel (absent):

Membership-Jody Vernon:

CEC Minutes



The member survey results were reviewed. Overall, members are satisfied with the local AGA chapter and find the seminars and meetings beneficial.

Old Business-Debra Burling:

Wayland reported the scholarship applications have been reviewed and three winners were chosen to each receive a \$600 scholarship. The checks will be distributed to the winning applicants during the next member meeting. The checks will be mailed to those who can't attend.

Tina is reviewing the policies and procedures manual. Debra will review emails regarding CEC job descriptions and determine if we need to meet to revise the descriptions.

Debra hasn't received information from National yet regarding updating chapter bylaws to reflect National changes.

The CEC nominations for the new year were reviewed

President Elect - ?	Professional Certification CGFM - Tina
President - Wayland	Communication - Brandie
Secretary - Jody	Community Service - Pam
Treasurer - Justin Dement	Early Career - ?
Accountability - Jamie Rouch	Membership - Greg + Co-Chair?
Education - MaryJo + Co-Chair?	Website - Teresa

Debra reminded everyone that the CRP points are due 5/31/2015.

New Business-

Wayland will submit next year's CEC directory to National by 4/30/2015 for points.

Next CEC meeting: May 28, 2015, 12pm

Meeting adjourned.

Ozarks Chapter News

Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

AGA Members Who Attended the Most Events for Program Year 2015

Nine Events

- Teresa Allen
- Linda Charles
- Greg Drake

Eight Events

- Debra Burling
- Pam Cox
- Justin Dement
- Brandie Fisher
- Maryjo Kerringer
- Greg Rainwater
- Jody Vernon

Six Events

- David Holtmann
- Jerry Mitchell
- Wayland Mueller
- Bob Wells

Five Events

- John Everest
- Rachel McGinnis
- Kate Mendenhall
- Shirley Mitchell

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

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

Visit National at: www.agacgfm.org

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Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

Greene County

Tax Collection Specialist, I

Jordan Valley Community Health Center

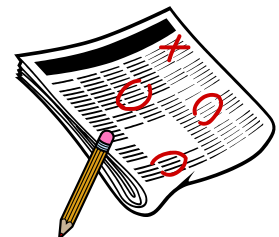
Staff Accountant

Senior Financial Analyst

City of Springfield

Purchasing Agent

Accounting Clerk I



May Tour—Convoy of Hope, Springfield MO

