



2019 Newsletter Award Winner - Group D

The Ozarks Ledger



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From Josefina's Desk

Hello, fellow AGA Members!

It feels like the last time we reached out to all of you was last year. Wow, how time flies!

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season among family and loved ones. Best of luck to each of you with your New Year's resolutions.

I look forward to seeing you during our next monthly meeting on January 16th. For more information see page 2 of this newsletter.

Best wishes,
Josefina Garcia



Josefina García, CMA, CPA



Chapter Meetings

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



AGA Ozarks Chapter January Meeting

- Join us on January 16 to hear a very exciting speaker!
- Topic: Effective Leadership: Theory and Practice
- Dean Thompson, Associate General Manager at City Utilities of Springfield
- Dean has over 30 years of leadership and management experience
- Register [here](#)

National Leadership Training (NLT 2020)

- NLT is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market
- Opportunity to learn best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers, and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts
- 14 CPE hours
- Feb 12-13, 2020 in Washington, D.C. or virtual
- Keynote Speakers - Brett Culp "Superhero Leadership" and Jen Shirvani "Brain Power: The Science of Successful Leadership"
- Registration details [here](#)

News from National/NCC Rep

Hello, everyone!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families! The start of 2020 is coming fast. Is earning the CGFM certification on your list of New Year's resolutions?

Here are some 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 Bachelors' 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 two 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 requirements of 80 CPE hours every two years.
- If your employer did not pay for your exams, an Ozarks Chapter scholarship is available for the cost of the program application and exam fees after passing all 3 exams.

Contact Monica Robinson, CGFM Chair, for more information.

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

Greg Drake, 2019-2020 Ozarks Chapter NCC Representative



The holiday season is what many think of as the season for giving. Reflecting on the 2018 statistics from the National Philanthropic Trust is heart-warming. Americans gave \$427.71 billion to charity in 2018. 30% of the adult population volunteers their time, talents, and energy to make a difference with an estimated value of \$167 billion.

Everyone, meet Julie Ravenscraft



Introducing the newlywed from the quaint town of Festus, Missouri, Julie married in July to her husband James. Their rescued fur-ball, Winston, looks like a very well loved family member and there are plans for another adopted fur-ball sibling. Julie teaches accounting at MSU where she teaches Not-for-Profit and Professionalism in Accountancy. Pursuing her Ph.D. in Business Administration at Oklahoma State University, in addition to her BS in Accounting and MAcc from Missouri State University. She has been a member of AGA for 8 years and serves as the Early Careers Chair for the Chapter Executive Committee.

Strictly Business:

What led you to this career?

The wonderful faculty I had during my education. The students I have the opportunity to teach and mentor are the best part of my job!

A Little More Personal:

What's a thing most people don't know about you?

In kindergarten her teacher asked what comes after 10? Jack, Queen, King, Ace!

Just For Fun:

If you could trade places with anyone for a day, who would you chose? *Warren Buffet*

"Breaking Buzzwords"

They say: "Happy Holidays!"

They mean: "Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, Happy New Year" - as a show of respect for different religious faiths or secular beliefs

They "really" mean: "I hope you find some cheer during this cold, dark season!"



Anniversaries, Milestones & Achievements

- 3 NLT Scholarships were awarded to MSU students!
 - Caleb Gussner
 - Qiruo Wang
 - Sierra Weidner
- AGA Ozarks Chapter is on the path to success for another Platinum year! As of December, your chapter has a total of 11,675 credits. (over half the annual goal!)

Job Opportunities

- Email Nathan Ziegler with any governmental accounting opportunities in the Ozarks

Quote of the Month

"Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have"
-Jim Rohn



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



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
Nov 1, 2019 Through Nov 30, 2019**

	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Nov '19
<u>General Operating Activities:</u>			
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	322.00	70.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Annual Choice	418.00	-	-
Other Misc Revenue	22.00	-	-
Interest	8.00	3.97	0.80
Expenses:			
Community Service	418.00	-	-
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	139.49	139.49
CGFM (Member) Scholarships	125.00	-	-
PDC (CEC) Travel Stipend	3,000.00	458.15	-
Speaker Gifts	230.00	-	-
Other Misc Expense	480.00	367.86	118.00
Net Revenue	(4,983.00)	(891.53)	(256.69)
<u>Monthly Meetings:</u>			
Revenue	1,500.00	644.28	224.28
Expense	1,500.00	895.95	358.38
Net Revenue	-	(251.67)	(134.10)
<u>Fall Seminar:</u>			
Registrations	4,087.00	3,062.33	3,062.33
Sponsorships	500.00	-	-
Expenses	2,700.00	1,003.25	1,003.25
Net Revenue	1,887.00	2,059.08	2,059.08
<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	3,629.00	-	-
<u>Member Appreciation Night(s):</u>			
Revenue	-	-	-
Expense	250.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(250.00)	-	-
<u>Membership Drive/Recruiting:</u>			
Revenue (received from National)	-	-	-
Expense	-	-	-
Net Revenue	-	-	-
<u>Lead Event</u>			
Revenue (fees received from Attendees)	-	-	-
Expense	200.00	-	-
Net Revenue	(200.00)	-	-
Total Net Revenue:	\$ 83.00	\$ 915.88	\$ 1,668.29
Change in Fund Balance:			
	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	16,006.16	16,006.16	15,253.75
Net Change	83.00	915.88	1,668.29
Ending	\$ 16,089.16	\$ 16,922.04	\$ 16,922.04



Chapter Recognition Program

2019 - 2020 Chapter Recognition Program Credits

<u>Program Category</u>	<u>Credits Earned</u>
Leadership	1,250
Certification	700
Education	2,500
Communications	3,775
Membership	2,400
Accountability	950
Community	100
<u>Awards</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Credits	11,675

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

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