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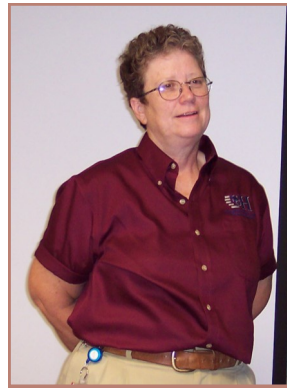
President's Message

The first annual Spring Membership conference was successful. Cookies were served during the afternoon break, thereby averting the incident that occurred during our fall seminar. All the speakers received high marks and even though few participated in Dr Lampe's sing along, he made ethics a whole lot more fun. Sixteen new members signed on during the conference and fifteen members renewed their membership. This will result in a net gain for our chapter this year, something we can all be happy about in these times.

I want to thank Teresa Allen, Deb Fraley, Martha Mundt, Justin Hill, Sally Payne, Julie Vaughan, and Linda Charles for all their work. It most certainly would not have happened without their efforts. If you run into any of them during the course of your day, please do give them a high five for this fine job. We as an organization continue to be in debt to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board for allowing us to use their beautiful facility; this has made a world of difference in what we have been able to do with your dues.

Our slate of officers for the 09-10 chapter year were presented and if there are no other nominations they will all begin serving July first. Four of the officers will be going to the sectional leadership meeting in Denver and I am sure will come home charged with new ideas and energy for our chapter. We will be holding a planning retreat in May and orienting those new to the Chapter Executive Committee.

April we are merging with ASWA and IMA for a meeting April 22nd at the Oasis. Bill Jelen, Mr. Excel will be presenting as will our own Dr Oglesby. Some quality CPE are available at a very reasonable price, I encourage you to take advantage of this offer. Our President-Elect, Teresa Allen has worked on this project along side the leaders of ASWA and IMA to put together this program. If you have not heard Bill Jelen you are in for a treat and will learn more about Excel than you thought possible.



Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM

April 30th we have been invited to provide refreshments and market our chapter to students at Missouri State University. The occasion is a presentation by the New Missouri Taxpayer Advocate Peggy Guinn. I will be representing our chapter, but anyone wanting to join me is more than welcome.

Our May meeting will be an audio conference at the Health Department class room. The topic is "The future of Government Auditing – What Directions Are We Heading?" This is always a timely topic and of interest to all of us in AGA. The cost will be \$10 for 1.5 CPE and you can bring your own lunch. Give me a call to reserve a seat for you.

In June Teresa Allen and Martha Mundt will be attending the annual PDC in New Orleans. As chapter representatives they will be picking up some hardware for us. We are in line to receive the Gold award for Chapter Recognition points and we have been nominated for several others. We will know in the next few weeks where we place and what they will be bringing home. I am hoping they have room in their luggage for it all.

Chapter Executive Committee Minutes Mar 12, 2009

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA held a board meeting on March 12, 2009 in the Springfield-Greene Health Department's first floor conference room.

Board members present were Deb Gillenwaters, Teresa Allen, Deb Fraley, Justin Hill, Martha Mundt and Julie Vaughan.

The Membership seminar to be held at Cooper Tennis Complex scheduled for March 17, 2009 has approximately 30 people registered. Of those 30 people, 15 are new member registrations, giving the chapter a 30% increase.

Responsibilities of the board members for the seminar were reviewed; Deb Frailey will purchase snacks and water at Sam's Club, Martha Mundt will arrange for lunch to be provided from McAllisters and will be responsible for the speakers gifts, Teresa Allen will provide the projector and a laptop for speaker use, Deb Gillenwater will provide the screen. Name tags will be provided and prepared by Teresa Allen. Teresa Allen will also provide information for the Mr. Excel seminar scheduled for April 22, 2009.

Deb Gillenwater presented the list of 2009-2010 Chapter Officers for review. These names will be presented at the March seminar. Wording for the motion to be presented to members regarding a \$1,000 fund to provide a stipend for CEC officers to attend the national AGA Professional Development Conference was included and will also be voted on at the March seminar.

An open discussions regarding possible topics and speakers for the May and June meetings included the purchase of the audio conference scheduled for April 8th, titled "The Future of Government Auditing--What Direction(s) Are We Heading?" Information regarding the conference can be found on the AGA website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/html/030909newsflash.aspx>. The audio conference will provide 2 CPE, the charge will be \$10. The meeting will be May 12, 2009, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, those who wish to bring there lunch are welcome, lunch will not be provided for this meeting.

To develop and recognize the Ozarks Chapter of AGA, Deb Gillenwaters and Teresa Allen submitted the application for the Community Service Award. The application for the Chapter Education Award is to be completed today and additional awards are being considered.

At the Membership Seminar on March 17, 2009 the list of nominated officers were presented to the members of the Ozark Chapter of AGA, they were confirmed and are as follows:

President – Teresa Allen	Director of Membership/Early Career – Sally Payne
President Elect -	Newsletter Editor – Deb Fraley
Past/President/GGFM Program –Deb Gillenwaters	Director of Community Service – Jerry Mitchell
Secretary – Julie Vaughan	Chapter Recognition Chair - Justin Hill
Treasurer – Robert Wells	Director of Education- Martha Mundt
Director of Communication – Linda Charles	

On March 17, 2009 the motion to provide a stipend for CEC officers was presented to the members and approved. The motion reads as follow: "A \$1,000 fund to provide a stipend for CEC officers to attend the National AGA Annual Professional Development Conference shall be established in the annual chapter budget."

Submitted by,

Julie A. Vaughan

Secretary Elect, Ozarks Chapter Secretary

May Chapter Meeting Information

The Future of Government Auditing— What Direction(s) Are We Heading?

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule—the future of government auditing.

Auditing has evolved over the years with many different types of audits being developed— financial, performance, follow-up, managerial, operational, etc. Some believe auditors have become too cozy with the auditees and have sacrificed their independence for cooperation and expediency, while others view auditing from a “gotcha” mentality whereby it is the role of the auditor to find as many things wrong as necessary and catch the bad guys.

Listen as a group of experienced, audit executives from each level of government address specific questions regarding the direction auditing is taking and what the audit industry must do to maintain its credibility. Learn the differences—and similarities—in the perspectives these experts bring to the table.

To share their practical experiences in auditing and views towards the future of government auditing are **Jeanette M. Franzel, CGFM, CPA**, Director of Financial

Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office; **David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA**, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York; and **Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA**, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic.

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Time: Noon to 1:30 pm CDT

Location: Spfd/Greene Co. Health Dept. 1st floor classroom

Learning Objectives: To learn how auditing has evolved and which direction(s) it’s heading

Prerequisite: Some familiarity with auditing

CPE: 1.5 hours

Field of Study: Auditing

Cost: \$10

Those who wish to bring their lunch may do so. Lunch will not be provided for this meeting, however, there will be snacks! The new Health Dept. classroom has very comfortable tiered seating. For your additional comfort please bring a sweater or jacket. Call or email Deb Gillenwaters to reserve a seat.

dgillenwaters@springfieldmo.gov

Phone: 864-1896



Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
April	04/22/2009	Greater Ozarks IMA Seminar Co-sponsored by Ozarks AGA and Springfield ASWA Excel expert Bill Jelen and Dr Rod Oglesby	Ramada Oasis and Convention Center, 2550 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri
May	05/12/2009	Audio Conference: The Future of Government Auditing—What Direction(s) Are We Heading?	Springfield/Greene County Health Dept. first floor classroom
June	TBA	TBA	TBA

Welcome New Ozarks Chapter Members!!



The Ozarks Chapter's first annual Spring Membership Conference was a tremendous success! In addition to fifteen renewing members, the Chapter gained sixteen new members. We would like to welcome all the new members and invite them to take advantage of AGA's economically priced continuing education.



Sharla Bailey	SW Baptist University	Assistant Professor of Accounting
Tammy Beeman	City of Springfield	Accounting Services Rep.
Candi Copley	State Auditor's Office	Senior Auditor I
Michelle Crawford	State Auditor's Office	Staff Auditor II
John Everest	Springfield Public Schools	Director of Finance
Leah Ann Iaguessa	Penmac	CFO
Connie James	State Auditor's Office	Staff Auditor II
April Lathrom	City of Springfield	Internal Auditor
David Olson	State Auditor's Office	Auditor
Sally Payne	City of Springfield	Accounting Supervisor
Jennifer Severson	City of Springfield	Financial Analyst
Julie Vaughan	Springfield-Greene County Park Bd.	Accounting Services Coordinator
Toni Wade	State Auditor's Office	Staff Auditor II
Nancy Weems	City of Springfield	Accounting Technician
Robert Wells	Springfield Public Schools	Investments Manager
Craig Woycheese	High Street Baptist Church	Accountant



Filter By Selection in Excel



by Bill Jelen – MrExcel

Have you ever used the Access feature called "Filter by Selection"? Select a value in a column and click the Filter by Selection icon, and Access will filter that column to the selected value. I always wondered why Excel doesn't offer similar functionality. Are you ready for an amazing secret? Both Excel 2003 and Excel 2007 offer Filter by Selection icons! Microsoft mislabeled the icon -- Instead of calling the icon "Filter by Selection," they erroneously labeled it "AutoFilter."

In Excel 2007, right-click the Quick Access Toolbar, then choose Customize Quick Access Toolbar. In the left dropdown, choose All Commands. Scroll down until you see the AutoFilter icon. Choose the icon and then click the Add>> button. Click OK.

Here's how to find the icon in Excel 2003: In the Tools menu, select Customize. Click on the Commands tab. In the left list box, choose Data. In the right list box, the fourth icon is labeled "AutoFilter." Drag this icon to any visible toolbar, then click the Close button to close the Customize dialog box.

You can now choose any cell in your data set. Click the AutoFilter icon, and Excel will turn on the AutoFilter dropdowns and choose the selected cell's value from the dropdown at the top of the column. You've now filtered by selection in Excel!

Bill Jelen is the author of the upcoming book, *Excel Gurus Gone Wild*, with dozens more amazing tricks like this one. Hear Bill and get a free copy of the book by attending the **IMA Professional Development Seminar April 22, 2009 at Ramada Oasis & Convention Ctr., 2550 N. Glenstone.**

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SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Greater Ozarks DMA Presented by: Springfield ASWA Ozarks AGA

April 22, 2009

Morning Session: 8:00-12:00
Advanced Excel Formulas, Mr. Excel, Bill Jelen
4 CPE available

Afternoon Session #1: 1:00-5:00
Power Tips and Tricks for Excel, Mr. Excel, Bill Jelen
4 CPE available

OR

Afternoon Session # 2: 1:00-5:00
IFRS vs GAAP, Dr. Rod Oglesby, Drury University
Business Ethics, Dr. Rod Oglesby, Drury University

Location:
Ramada Oasis and Convention Center
2550 N Glenstone, Springfield Missouri

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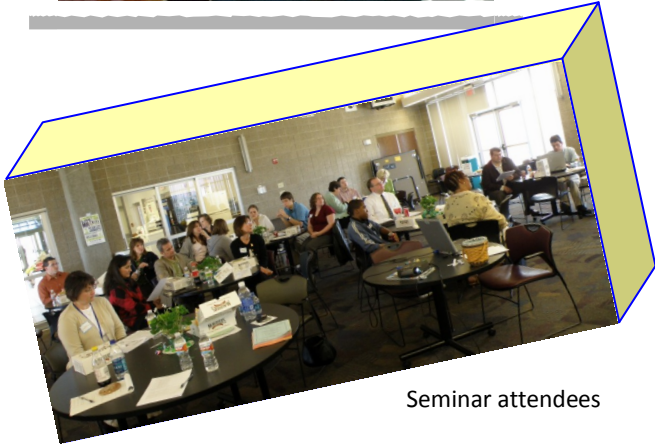


Dr. Jim Lampe

Annual Spring Membership Seminar 03-17-09



Deb Gillenwaters
Anita Santiago



Seminar attendees



Kyle Brice



President-Elect
Teresa Allen

Angela Morelock



Kyle Brice & Julie Vaughan

2009-2010
Officers



You are invited to meet the New Missouri Taxpayer Advocate Peggy Guinn

When: April 30, 2009 at 6:30 pm

Where: Missouri State University
Glass Hall Room 101

Free parking is available in the parking garage at the
corner of Grand and Holland

Ms. Guinn will make a presentation about the way the
Taxpayer Advocate's office can assist you with tax
problems and she will then be available to answer your
individual questions.

Hosted by the Missouri State University Low Income Tax Clinic, School
of Accountancy, Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Club

Refreshments provided by the SWMSCPA, AGA, MSA and IMA

Questions—Call 417-836-4181

Missouri State University Job Opportunity

Position Announcement Date: April 3, 2009

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT/ANALYST

Missouri State University is accepting applications for a Senior Accountant/Analyst in the Financial Services Department. Responsibilities include performing professional accounting and administrative work involved in the daily organization, operation, and supervision of the University's accounting and budgeting system; exercising independent judgment and discretion in planning and carrying out the details of work procedures and methods; and work is primarily reviewed through normal accounting and budgeting systems and audits.

Bachelor's degree in Accounting or a related field is required. Additional requirements include three years experience in Accounting, Business Planning/Operations, or Financial Analysis; high aptitude in accountancy; and a good understanding of computers and their functions in accounting. Certification as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is preferred. Pay Grade: 44. Salary: \$33,000-\$48,000/annually.

Submit letter of interest, resume, online application, copy of transcript, and name, address, and phone number of three professional references by April 24, 2009 to:

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Jazz It Up with AGA...Get Ready for PDC 2009: New Orleans!

Join us in the "Big Easy" **June 21-24** for AGA's 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)--*the* education and networking event of the year!

The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today's constantly changing environment. Hear from top-notch speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can advance government accountability.

AGA has been a leader in providing the best training for government financial management and accountability professionals, and this is the place where it all comes together. Offering 24 CPE hours, timely topics and an impressive lineup of speakers, PDC 2009 promises to be one of the Association's best.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions will help attendees hone their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and technology to help your agency achieve its mission. The Exhibit Hall is a hub of activity and offers an environment dedicated to networking and the sharing of ideas.

One of the best reasons to attend is the unprecedented gathering of top-notch speakers and financial management experts. This year's dynamic, high-profile keynote speakers include:

- **James Carville** and **Mary Matalin**, Washington's best-loved political couple
- **Earl E. Devaney**, Chairman, Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board
- **Gene L. Dodaro**, **CGFM**, Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- **John Edward Hasse, Ph.D.**, Author, Curator, Music Historian and Leadership Expert
- **Bobby Jindal**, Governor of Louisiana (Invited)

Details about the agenda and the complete list of speakers are coming soon. Check our website for more information.

PDC 2009 swings with smooth jazz, Creole hospitality, networking and fun! In addition to an outstanding technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues and meet new friends. While you're here, be sure to step to the rhythm and experience the music, arts, culture, history, fine dining and nightlife New Orleans has to offer.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez--Register today!

Visit the website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2009/index.htm>

Missouri Society Conferences

If you work for or with the government, a school district, or another not-for-profit entity, MSCPA has two ***MUST ATTEND*** conferences for you:

Governmental Accounting Conference (GAS)

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

8:40 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Columbia

<http://www.mocpa.org/public/Catalog/CourseDirections.aspx?CourseID=09GAS>

CPE Credit: 12 hours

Fees: \$269 (MSCPA members) \$319 (non-members)

Major Topics:

- GASB updates
- Fraud vs. poor audit quality
- Major facets of peer review
- Basics of court accounting

Ethics in state and local government financial reporting (fulfills the 2-hour ethics requirement!)

... and more

Click here to view the full-color brochure.

<http://www.mocpa.org/content/files/pdfs/gas09color.pdf>

Our team of speakers will deliver a combined wealth of expertise from both the government and not-for-profit sectors, including representatives from the GAO, GASB, and the Missouri and Kansas State Auditor's Offices.

School Audit Conference (SAS)

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

8:25 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

<http://www.mocpa.org/public/Catalog/CourseDirections.aspx?CourseID=09SAS>

CPE Credit: 8 hours

Fees: \$250 (MSCPA members) \$300 (non-members)

EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL! REGISTER BY APRIL 22 AND SAVE \$20 PER REGISTRANT!

Major Topics:

- GASB/SAS Update
- Section 281 agreements
- Attendance/MoSIS/Core Data
- Special Ed and Title 1

Looking at the Big Picture: A Statewide Perspective

... and more

Click here to view the full-color brochure.:

<http://www.mocpa.org/content/files/pdfs/sas09color.pdf>

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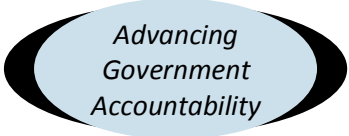
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*Happy Birthday
to all those
celebrating in
April*

