

Message From The President

The next few weeks will be very busy for our officers as we finalize the Fall Seminar set for October 25 from 1pm to 5pm at Cooper Tennis Complex. Please make plans to attend. Cost for this year's seminar is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

We will also be having a "Social/Membership Drive event after the seminar. It will be held at University Plaza Hotel and will begin right after the seminar.



We are excited to have Dr. Kelly Still, Professor from Drury University to speak at our September 11 lunch meeting. This will be a two-hour ethics lunch meeting with Dr. Still starting at 11:30, a break at 12:20 for a short business meeting, and then Dr. Still will continue her presentation until approximately 1:30. The cost remains \$18 but the meeting will qualify for two hours of CPE and will meet the State's annual ethics requirements for CPAs.

I look forward to seeing a lot of people on September 11.

Thanks
Jerry



The Ozarks Chapter September Meeting Event

Meeting Location: The Tower Club

21st Floor

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

This month's Speaker:



Dr. Kelley Still, CPA
Associate Professor of Accounting
Breech School of Business Administration
Drury University

Topic: Ethics – two hours CPE

Dr. Kelley Still is in her 13th year at Drury University. Prior to that, Kelley worked in public accounting, corporate accounting, and as a consultant, during which time she attended Drury University as a graduate student in the MBA program. Dr. Curt Strube, the late director of the business school, encouraged her to obtain her PhD and return to Drury as faculty. Kelley's teaching areas are in tax, auditing, financial statement analysis and nonprofit organizations. Her scholarly interests have centered on tax policy and the development and use of integrative cases in the classroom. Kelley is currently chairing the Student Engagement piece of the strategic planning process for Drury. Kelley serves on the task force for the Drury Habitat for Humanity Sustainable House that will be built in Fall, 2007. She continues to serve as the advising and transfer student liaison to the business school. Kelley has three children, Leah, Logan and Lucas and is an active volunteer in her church and community, currently on the Board of Directors of the Springfield Regional Opera.

RSVP:

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by Monday, Sep. 10, 3:00 PM

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

AGA

Internal Control & Fraud Conference



Earn 14 CPE hours, enhance your existing skills and gain a deeper understanding of fraud, ethics, risk management and internal controls by attending AGA's Second National Internal Control & Fraud Conference, to be held **September 10 - 11, 2007** at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

With the theme, "Combating Fraud & Minimizing Risk," this event focuses on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Earn 14 CPE hours, discuss the latest discovery techniques, and learn how different levels of government are cooperating.

Register online:

<https://members.agacqfm.org/source/security/member-logon.cfm?origin=meetings>

Agenda:

http://www.agacqfm.org/fraud_2007/agenda_sessions.htm

Registration Fees

After Aug. 17: **AGA MEMBER** - \$550
NONMEMBER - \$650

Hyatt Regency Atlanta

265 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia USA
Reservations: 404.577.1234 or 800.233.1234
AGA Room Rate: \$115 (Plus Tax)

NEW! AGA's Audio Conference Schedule for 2007-2008

AUDIO CONFERENCE	EVENT DATE
Making the Transition to Management: What It Takes to Succeed	Sept. 20, 2007
Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency	Nov. 14, 2007
Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed, Collusion & Override of Controls	Dec. 12, 2007
Internal Controls	Feb. 6, 2008
Environmental Fraud	Mar. 5, 2008
GASB/FASAB Update	Mar. 26, 2008
Ethics	May 7, 2008

PMC Registration Deadline Extended to September 7!

Take advantage of the registration deadline extension and join us for AGA's Third Annual National Performance Management Conference (PMC) to sharpen your performance reporting techniques. Don't miss this once a year opportunity to network with industry experts, learn from speakers honored with AGA's Certificate of Achievement in SEA Reporting and earn 14 CPE hours.

View the agenda:

http://www.agacqfm.org/PMC2007/agenda_sessions.htm

Book a room:

http://www.agacqfm.org/PMC2007/hotel_travel.htm

IMA

Institute of Management Accountants Seventh Annual Professional Education Seminar

Location: University Plaza Hotel,

Date: September 12 - 14, 2007

CPE: Earn up to a total of 17 CPE hours (including the Kick-off).

Registration fees:

After August 24, 2007: \$325.00
Student Fee: \$40.00

Contact Terry Jones for more information:

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"Power Tips and Tricks for Microsoft Excel"

By Mr. Excel: Bill Jelen

A Professional Educational Seminar hosted by The GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER OF I.M.A.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

OASIS HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER

Located at 2550 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri

4 hours of CPE Credit Available

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.-Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Excel Seminar

Full Package – 4 CPE Registration - \$90

Full package discount for companies with five or more attendees:

\$72 before Nov. 1

\$82 after Nov. 1

Full-time college student sponsorship - \$30 (limited number available)

For more info contact: terryj@custom-metalcraft.com

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CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2007



Jerry Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. There were 11 members present along with our guest speaker, Stacy Pittsenbarger.

Cindy Stein moved the treasurer's report and the July meeting minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jerry Mitchell and approved by voice vote.

Jerry spoke about the Ozarks Literacy Council event and encouraged us to plan for this event next year; it was a lot of fun for those involved.

Jerry opened the floor to discuss moving the fall seminar time. AGA regional Vice President, Walt Darling will be in attendance and in order to accommodate having a hospitality reception at the University Plaza; it was suggested we move the meeting to the afternoon from 1:00-5:00. Cindy Stein would contact University Plaza to see about having a reception in the atrium or getting a suite. She will also find out about us providing the food or purchasing the food from University Plaza. The recommendation is we have the reception immediately following the seminar until 6:00 or 6:30, then having an evening social, for those interested, in the downtown area, possibly Ernie Biggs.

There is an officers meeting Friday August 17th at Cooper Tennis Complex to finalize the fall seminar details.

September will be a 2-hour meeting on Ethics presented by Dr Kelly Still. The fraud meeting will have to be after the end of October, possibly in December.

Jerry wanted input on possible future community service projects. He mentioned doing something for Weller Elementary for Christmas. He would appreciate any other suggestions.

Teresa introduced the speaker, Stacy Pittsenbarger, Human Resource Specialist with the City of Springfield. Stacy spoke about interview techniques and the behavioral interview process. She gave us tips on interviewing and using the S.T.A.R. response (Situation, Task, Action, Result).

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

**GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTANTS
Chapter Executive
Committee (CEC)**

**August 17, 2007
11:45 AM
COOPER TENNIS COMPLEX**



Attendees: Jerry Mitchell, Linda Charles, Teresa Allen, Vicki Franke, Deb Gillenwaters, Deb Fraley, Cindy Stein and Justin Hill.

Before the meeting was called to order the officers spent a few minutes speaking with Larry Haugness, the Administrator of Cooper Tennis Complex, about seating arrangements in the atrium conference room. The room will provide ample space, with tables similar to those at the Tower Club. Since the tables are round, seating may need to be restricted to a portion of each table in order to afford adequate viewing of the projector screen.

The meeting came to order at 12:10 PM.

The main discussion was the fall seminar speakers and possible future speakers. Cindy Stein provided a list of interesting topics to choose from.

Clay Goddard with the City of Springfield would be asked to fill the 1:00 hour to discuss "GIS and its uses". We would invite employees that work in the Information Systems divisions of local government agencies to attend, if interested.

Stacy Trewatha-Bach with MSU will be asked to speak in the 4:00 hour about "motivating your workforce". We would invite employees that work in the Human Resources divisions of local government agencies to attend, if interested.

These two sessions could provide CPE hours for these employees if applicable. Vicki Franke was going to pursue a speaker from CU on security issues and/or federal grant/single audit compliance review. Jerry was going to ask Tom Cramer with the auditor office or seek another speaker that could provide additional interested.

Cindy Stein will contact University Plaza about reserving an area in the atrium or getting a suite to host the "meet and greet" after the seminar. She

will find out about the food and drink arrangements and cost.

Neither Dr Greer nor Dr. Ewer will be available to perform the audit of the Ozark AGA financial statements. Justin will ask Gordon Elliott if he would provide this service to us.

The fee for the seminar will be \$50.00 for members; \$60.00 for non-members; or \$15.00 (per person) for the specific groups (either in the computer field or HR field). It will continue be free to college students.

A change in the regular monthly meeting place (the Tower Club) will be asked in the survey to be presented to the members at a future date.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM.



The **Light The Night Walk** is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide walk to raise awareness and funds to

cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Team CU, with Sharon Gott as captain, is participating in the walk in honor of all individuals who are battling blood cancer. These people are the real heroes, and we need your support to help accelerate cures and give hope to patients and their families. Although survival rates are increasing, the battle is far from over. Did you know that:

- Every five minutes, someone in this country is diagnosed with blood cancer: Every ten minutes, someone loses the fight.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children.
- Lymphomas are the most common blood cancers.
- The myeloma survival rate is only 32 percent.

Many of us have family members or friends who have lost their lives to these diseases. Join us to walk in their honor. Anyone can take part—children, adults and seniors are all welcome. This is a casual Walk with no fitness requirements. There are [incentives](#) that can be earned for different fundraising levels. Learn more about the Walk at: <http://www.lightthenight.org/>





Stay tuned for more detailed information on the Ozarks Chapter Fall Educational Seminar to be held October 25, 2007 at Cooper Tennis Complex



Speakers will include: Clay Goddard, Assistant Director of Health for the City of Springfield, Bill Deal, the Manager of Security at City Utilities of Springfield, and Stacy Trewatha-Bach from Missouri State University. The seminar hours will be 1:00 to 5:00 PM with a social/networking gathering to follow at University Plaza Hotel. Fees are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members and free to college students.

Understanding of Finances

Each year, Saco, Maine, publishes voluminous 100-plus page reports on its finances, including an operating budget, performance measurement report, and comprehensive annual financial report.

But few of the city's 18,000 residents read these statements, and knowledge of Saco's finances is limited despite the rivers of ink devoted to them, said finance director **Lisa Parker**, a member of AGA's Maine Chapter.

"Realistically, the average citizen is not going to read hundreds and hundreds of pages of reports," Parker said.

To make the financial information more accessible, the town helped develop one of the first prototypes of a four-page "citizen-centric" report that summarizes the information in all three financial reports and directs residents to the town's website, where they can "drill down and learn more about the stuff they're interested in," Parker said. Read the entire article. -- Andrew Ackerman, *The Bond Buyer*.



National Headquarters to Offer CGFM Application Fee Rebate This Fall

AGA National Headquarters is going to offer again this year the "\$20 rebate" promotion for the CGFM \$85 application fee during **September 1, 07 through November 30, 2007**. Chapters also get "50 chapter points" for each application during this period, and if a chapter has the most applications during this period the chapter also gets a \$20 award for each application.

GAO Issues Final 2007 Revision to Government Auditing Standards

On July 27, the Government Accountability Office released *Government Auditing Standards, July 2007 Revision*. In Jan., the GAO announced the issuance of a revision to the "Yellow Book," but at that time it indicated the revision would not be complete until final changes were made to chapter 3 regarding quality control and assurance.

The quality control and peer review section of chapter 3 had been re-exposed by the GAO based on comments they received from the due process review of the original draft revisions. The issuance of the July 2007 Yellow Book now completes the revision to the standards, including the sections on quality control and peer review and a number of technical changes to the Jan. revision. More information appears in this month's supplement for members in government. To access the revised edition and a summary of the technical changes, go to:

www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm

**OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA
CASH REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2007**

Beginning Balance July 31, 2006 \$ 2,973.92

Income:

Chapter Dues	\$ 200.00
Meetings	3,945.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00
Seminar (fall \$3105 spring \$1675)	<u>4,780.00</u>

Total Income \$ 8,925.00

Expenses:

Board Meetings	79.63
Check Printing	0.00
Gifts	799.76
Meetings	3,468.36
Membership Drive	0.00
Newsletter	0.00
Scholarship Awards	3,000.00
Sponsorships	75.00
Spring Seminar (\$150.00 food, \$16.38 misc supplies)	166.38
Seminar (ROOM 906.88, MOVIE 28.77, CAL LEMON 200, MISC 27.15)	1,162.80
Website	<u>0.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 8,751.93

Ending Balance June 30, 2007 \$ 3,146.99 **

SUMMARY:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,973.92
Ending Balance	<u>3,146.99</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ 173.07

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Receipts	\$ 4,780.00
Disbursements	<u>1,162.80</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,617.20

MEETINGS:

Receipts	\$ 3,945.00
Disbursements	<u>3,468.36</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 476.64

Notes and reminders:

- Reservations are now being accepted for **AGA's 57th Annual PDC** to be held July 27-30, 2008 in Atlanta. Contact the Atlanta Marriott Marquis at 888.829.1396 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC". Room rates are \$129.
- Take 10% Off Your **Quickfinder®** Order of \$99 or More When You Call 800.510.8997 by September 14 and use Code **EQ907J**.
- **Luciano Pavarotti**, the Italian singer whose ringing, pristine sound set a standard for operatic tenors of the postwar era, died at his home in Modena, in northern Italy. He was 71.

Technology Tip of the Month

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Format with shortcut keys

Use shortcut keys to apply basic number formats in Excel. With 12345 as an example:

Ctrl+Shift+! formats as 12,345.00 (number format)

Ctrl+Shift+\$ formats as \$12,345.00 (currency format)

Ctrl+Shift+% formats as 1234500% (percentage format)

Ctrl+Shift+^ formats as 1.23E+04 (scientific format)

The "Mr. Excel" website features a message board on which you can post your Excel questions. Be sure and check out the website, registration is free: www.mrexcel.com



Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating in September!!



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Deb Fraley, CPA, Editor

Deadline for articles: Friday-eleven days prior to meeting date

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