



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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Newsletter – November, 2019

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Presidents Message

The holiday season is here!! I know that everyone's schedule is very full at this time of the year, but I hope that you will find time to fit upcoming AGA events/projects into your already busy schedule.

December's Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, December 4 from 11:45-1:00 at Tico's. Sue Krogman - Statewide Interoperability Coordinator with the Military Department will be our speaker. More details can always be found in the newsletter and on the website.

Mark your calendars - the January 2020 Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th. This will allow time for members to return to work after the holidays and be caught up. Please contact any board member if you have a speaker and/or meeting location suggestion.

It isn't too late to sponsor a wreath as part of National Wreaths Across America Day, which is Saturday, December 14th. Again, this year the Chapter sponsored four wreaths and several members have sponsored additional wreaths. If you do sponsor a wreath(s) please let Jessica

Elliott know. The Chapter can receive Chapter Recognition Credits under the Community Service Goal. More information can be found at - <https://www.wreathssacrossamerica.org/Select a Group to Support> and look for AGA Lincoln. You can also select another cemetery.

The Chapter is still working on a project to Adopt a Family. More information is coming and donations will be accepted at the December Chapter Meeting.

The Chapter has a Scholarship Fund at the University of Nebraska. During fiscal year 18-19 a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to a Junior Accounting Major – Alexis Anderson from Ponca, Nebraska. Alexis is a student auditor at the Nebraska Department Transportation and hopes to continue to work at NDOT.

In closing – to all my AGA friends – I hope that you all take time to enjoy your family and friends, have a Merry Christmas and ring in a Happy New Year.

Ann Martinez - 19-20 Chapter President

AGA Lincoln December 2019 Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, December 4

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Tico's - 317 South 17th Street

Speaker: Sue Krogman- Statewide Interoperability Coordinator with Military

Calendar of Events

2019

December 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location Tico's
December 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
December 18 – Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar

2020

January 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
January 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
March 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
March 18 - Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar
March 25 – Wednesday – Webinar – Cybersecurity – 1526 LL
April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
April 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
May 14 – Thursday – Spring Professional Development Training At Innovation Campus
May 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
June 26 - Thursday - AGA National Free Webinar

Lincoln City Library Foundation Thank You Letter

See the attached thank you letter from the Lincoln City Library Foundation for the Chapter's help on their recent Book sale.

AGA Lincoln Chapter Scholarship Information

See the attached statement from the University of Nebraska Foundation for the AGA Lincoln Chapter scholarship.

See also attached a thank you letter from the scholarship recipient in 2018-19.

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies

The Director of Professional Certification and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

AGA Membership Value – Free CPE's / PDU's

The Financial Systems Summit 2020 will be January 9th in Washington D.C. FSS will bring together government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment. Topics will include emerging technologies, organizational change management, cloud technologies, data analytics and cyber security. Registration is free to those attending live in D.C., but more importantly for Lincoln AGA Chapter members is that you can stream the summit online at your home or office also for FREE. The training is worth up to 6 CPE's or 4.5 PDU's.

Why choose the virtual attendee option?

- **No travel required.** Watch key educational sessions in the comfort and convenience of your home or office.
- **Participate despite busy schedule or budget restraints.** If your schedule or budget does not allow for a trip to Washington DC, the virtual attendee option provides a full-scale online educational experience.
- **Earn 6 CPEs & 4.5 PDUs.** All general sessions and selected breakout sessions are available via live stream for a total of 6 CPEs & 4.5 PDUs.
- **View on-demand recordings.** In person and virtual option attendees have access to on-demand recordings of the sessions for up to one year after the event at no additional cost. No need to re-arrange your schedule to view a particular session...access the recording at your leisure!
- **Be a true participant.** Virtual attendees will be able to post questions in each session and participate in polling and discussions in real-time via chat rooms.

Use the link below for more information and to register.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx>

Community Service

Toyland for Kids

Center for People in Need would like help with their “**Toyland for Kids**” event at 3901 N. 27th St. Days and times they are needing help for this event are,

- Saturday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Adopt a Family

AGA will be adopting a family this Christmas time. This is a family of three children and their mom. This is their wishes:

- 3 year old girl – likes anything related to “Frozen
- 9 year old boy – likes anything to do with basketball – he wasn’t able to take his basketball with him
- 14 year old boy – likes video games, but we don’t know what system he has – suggestion was gift card to Target
- Mom – blanket and cleaning supplies

If you would like to donate, please bring to the next AGA meeting or contact Jessica Elliott. jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov.

Jessica Elliott- Lincoln Chapter AGA Community Service Director

AGA National Free Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. AGA National is offering free webinars to members. The dates are December 18, 2019, March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about topics, registration, and credit at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Ann Martinez, President. This meeting was held at the HopCat, 601 P St.

Ann first asked if there were any guests to introduce. Michelle Raphael introduced her two guests, Roger Kucera and Al Koontz.

Ann asked CEC members if there were any reports. There were none. Sign-up sheets were passed around for Salvation Army Bell Ringing and the Center for People in Need.

Donations were also accepted for the Chapter's Adopt a Family project and additional Wreaths across America.

The raffle was then conducted. Tim Baker was the winner.

Ann then asked Jeff Filbert to announce the next meetings. The December meeting will be the 4th at Tico's. The speaker is yet to be determined. The January Chapter meeting will be the 8th since the 1st is New Years. Speaker and location are yet to be determined.

Jeff then introduced the speaker for the day. He was John Mallery, of Technical Training and Consulting, Inc. John spoke about his company's work in the area of computer forensics. John did an excellent job of presenting his technical information in an understandable way and engaging the audience.

After the speaker concluded, Ann adjourned the meeting.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm by Ann Martinez, President. A quorum was present.

Ann announced that a national outreach call was conducted November 5th in which she participated and talked about the Lincoln Chapter There will be a Lead! 2020 learning session conducted April 30 to May 2 in Dallas. More information will come in December. On December 12, 1:00-2:00, will be an AGA Leaders Webinar – Communication with Style. On December 18 a free one-hour webinar will be available to all AGA members concerning professional development.

The next item discussed was Education – Webinars. The training room has been cancelled for the December webinar on Internal Control. For Education – Meetings, the December Chapter meeting will be the 4th and held at Tico's. The speaker is yet to be determined. The January Chapter meeting will be the 8th since the 1st is a holiday. Both location and speaker for January are yet to be determined.

For Membership and Young Professionals there was no report. For Accountability & Outreach the FY 2019 Chapter CCR was submitted to national by the September 30 deadline and is posted on the Chapter and national websites. If Ralene or another could present the CCR to a Chapter meeting, then the Chapter would get extra credit for it.

For Communications, reports for the newsletter need to be given to Tim C by 11/26. For Professional Certification the Chapter has the study guides but no one has expressed any interest in using them for now. For Community Service, Jessica explained she has been having difficulty reaching the Adopt-a-Family organization. So, she will contact another agency for our holiday philanthropy. For the Chapter activity of assisting with the City Library Foundation fundraiser a letter of appreciation has been received. The bell ringing schedule is complete and ready to go for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Tim B spoke about Chapter Sponsorships. A new company, Galvanize, has expressed an interest in supporting the Chapter. Baker will follow through and get them engaged. Ann and Tim met with them last week when they were in Lincoln. They are interested in providing speakers and support for the Spring 2020 PDT.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dan. Ken moved and Frank seconded approval of the report which passed. For, the Secretary's report Rouch commented that the minutes for the October Chapter and CEC meetings were published in the newsletter. Char moved and Tim B seconded the approval of the minutes which passed.

As there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Members in the News

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at frank.faughn@nebraska.gov

CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

CGFM Study Guides

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov

Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019-2020

Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				October 1, 2019	\$13,364.52
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,430.00	(\$2,960.00)	Fall PDT	\$130.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$130.00
Total Receipts:	\$17,380.00	\$4,480.00	(\$12,900.00)	Disbursements:	
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Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$1,794.64	\$4,425.36	National-PDT	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	Member Support	\$71.65
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,409.32	\$340.68	Community Service	\$0.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$86.65	\$713.35	Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Certification	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$74.00	\$26.00	Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$338.44	\$511.56	Total Disbursements	\$73.65
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	October 31, 2019	\$13,420.87
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	Checking	\$13,420.87
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$66.04	\$33.96	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	\$13,420.87
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	\$17,850.00	\$4,769.09	\$13,080.91		

2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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