

From Kristy's Desk

I want to welcome everyone back from a busy Summer! I am again working with a great group of volunteer AGA members to run the local Ozarks Chapter Executive Committee. AGA runs monthly meetings in September, November, January, February, April and May. We have full day seminars in October and March.

We will continue to use 425 Downtown in Springfield for our monthly meetings and the Fall Seminar in October. We will find another location for our Spring Seminar that will be announced in January.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. I hope everyone has a wonderful day. We'll see you all in September!



Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
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September 2018 Meeting

It seems everyone is talking about the Blockchain technology these days. What is it? How does it work? Can and should governmental entities use it?

To learn more about Blockchain, join us as we kick off our 2018-2019 program year on TUESDAY, September 18. Garry Farrar, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer from BKD, will present

“Blockchain-Current State and Possibilities for the Future”

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 —12 PM
425 Downtown
425 W Walnut
Springfield, Mo 65802
\$10 cost for members

Bring a non-member guest, and they can attend this meeting for free!

Contact [Tammy Beeman](#) to RSVP
1 hour of CPE is available



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National and Regional Events

[Communicating Effectively](#)
September 12, 2018 — 2 CPE credits
Webinar — 2 PM EST

[Internal Control and Fraud Prevention](#)
September 20—21, 2018 — 14 CPE credits
Washington DC

[Internal Control](#)
October 10, 2018 — 2 CPE credits
Webinar — 2 PM EST

Local Chapter Events

2018 Fall Seminar
425 Downtown
October 18, 2018

November 2018 Monthly Meeting
425 Downtown
November 13, 2018

January 2019 Monthly Meeting
425 Downtown
January 15, 2019

Are you getting bored with your old podcasts? Do you need a new one for the daily commute and want to learn more about AGA and government accountability?

Tune in to “[Accountability Talks](#)” for some great conversations with AGA leaders and other leaders in the accountability community.



September Reading List

Kirk Phillips, “[Focus on Blockchain’s Risks before the Rewards](#)”, FM magazine, August 2018.

Natalia Maslova, “[Blockchain: Disruption and Opportunity](#)”, Strategic Finance magazine, July 2018.

Steve Cox, “[What is Blockchain? A Primer for Finance Professionals](#)”, Forbes magazine, August 2017

Local Job Postings

[Controller, Evangel University](#)

[Financial Aid Processing Specialist, Evangel University](#)

[Payroll Technician, Missouri State University](#)

[Accountant—Licensing, City of Branson](#)

[Isabel's House](#) was chosen as our Chapter's not-for-profit organization to support for the 2018-2019 program year. Isabel's House provides immediate refuge for children ages birth to 12 whose families are in crisis. They create an action plan specific to each situation and work to connect families with the right resources to address their crises and build up the family.



Take a look at their [Wish List](#) to see how you can help!

Community Service Work Project

Our Chapter's CEC selected the United Way's "[Hands on for Seniors](#)" program as our community service project for this Fall. The program matches seniors in need of home maintenance with community volunteers that can get the jobs done. Shari Wyly, our Community Service Chair, will send out more information in the next couple of months.



Welcome to our new members!

Tracy Slagle — City of Bolivar
Jimmy Laughlin — Camden County
Yan Gao — Missouri State University
Amy Dent — Christian County

Congratulations to Shari Wyly on her new position as the Chief Financial Officer at the United Way of the Ozarks!!

Read the Summer 2018 issue of the AGA's [Journal of Government Financial Management](#) online.



With the start of the Ozarks Chapter's new program year, there is a lot to look forward to! The Chapter Executive Committee has been busy planning meetings and seminars to provide education and insight on relevant topics. It is also a time to look ahead and set some goals.

If one of those goals is to become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), the Ozarks Chapter can help you. Of the chapter's 86 members, there are 20 CGFMs. What is stopping you? For me personally, the benefits of becoming a CGFM have far outweighed the costs.

If you are on the fence about starting down the path of becoming a CGFM, feel free to contact me. I will explain those benefits as well as how the Ozarks Chapter can help you reach your goal.

Monica Robinson, CGFM
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Certified Government Financial Manager[®] (CGFM[®])

- A professional certification awarded by AGA.
- Specialized focus on government financial management.
- Broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at all levels of government.
- AGA Ozarks Chapter has the resources to help you achieve certification.
- For more information contact Monica Robinson at mrobinson@marshfieldmo.gov





92% of children who have stayed at Isabel's House go home with their families. (7/15-17)

PARENTS RELY ON US FOR HELP DURING DIFFICULT CRISES, INCLUDING
Homelessness, domestic violence, stress and mental health, unsafe housing, and hospital stays.

88% of parents who have trusted our team during a crisis report **Less stress** at discharge. (7/15-17)

your gifts have provided 26,300+ nights of safe care for more than **3,875 kids** in our community. (since 2007)

Celebrating 10 Years!
isabel's house

Where kids are loved and families are supported

417.865.2273  2750 WEST BENNETT SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802

 **TOP 30 CAMPAIGN** 2015 - 2016 - 2017
 **CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR**

10 years of purpose	10 years of impact	10 years of success
<p>The mission of Isabel's House is to provide immediate refuge for children ages birth to 12 whose families are in crisis. By partnering with families and the community, we will strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.</p> <p><i>The average length of a child's stay is 12 days. We have a 1 year family follow-up program.</i></p>	<p><i>"Isabel's House has been an extra support, help, and shoulder for me and my family in my darkest hours. You have taught me there are still loving hearts, good people, and someone who understands. Thank you so much for caring for my daughters. May God bless you always."</i></p> <p><i>Sandra AN ISABEL'S HOUSE MOM</i></p>	<p>A crisis can happen to any family at any time, and Isabel's House has been here to help - at no cost to families - since June, 2007. Your contributions provide hope for parents and 24/7/365 complete care for kids - food, new clothing, safe shelter, nurse needs, transport to school, and so much more.</p>

DONATE VOLUNTEER GET INVOLVED **WWW.ISABELSHOUSE.ORG**  



Support Isabel's House with your Children's Trust Fund "License to Care"



Up to 50% Missouri Tax Credits may be available for qualified \$100+ contributions



A little love each month really adds up: join our monthly giving family!

CEC Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2018

**Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave
1st floor conference room**

Members Present:

Kristy Bork, President; Sarah Burrows, Treasurer/Secretary; Greg Drake, Communications; Shari Wyly, Community Service; Jo Garcia, President-Elect; Tammy Beeman, Membership; Renee Vines, Education; Monica Robinson, CGFM

Members Absent:

Jennifer Schatzer, Education; Teresa Allen, Webmaster; Julie Ravenscraft, Early Careers; Brandie Fisher, Accountability

Call to Order

President Kristy Bork called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

Approval of July 2018 Financials

Motion: Greg Drake. 2nd: Shari Wyly.

Motion Carried: 8-0

Budget approved for 2018-2019

Noted the community service event will not be the Ronald McDonald house (further discussion later)

Motion: Shari Wyly. 2nd: Monica Robinson.

Motion Carried: 8-0

CEC Meeting Minutes, continued

August 23, 2018

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1st floor conference room**

Discussions

Discussion regarding quarterly chapter recognition points and block chain RSVP email will be sent.

It was also noted that members will be allowed to bring a non-member, but it cannot be the same guest for each meeting.

Monica Robinson can be contacted for any interest in the CGFM certification.

Tammy Beeman will be looking into free online event registration to help reduce multiple email registrations.

Renee Vines entered the meeting at 12:22 PM.

Invoices for 425 Downtown will be sent to the Treasurer for payment.

Community Service

Shari Wyly presented two items for the annual community service projects. The first being Hands On For Seniors that would be a participation event. It was noted that AGA could combine with students or another group to help with this project. Shari is looking into an October or November date after the Fall Seminar. The second not-for-profit would be a fundraiser for Isabel's House. Further information will be gathered for Isabel's House.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2019
August 1, 2018 Through August 31, 2018**

	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	August 2018
Revenues:	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Chapter Dues	383.05	45.00	-
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	-	-
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	3,905.00	-	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	666.67	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar	12,688.33	-	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	-	-
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	8.33	-	-
Charity Fundraiser	479.00	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	65.33	-	-
SLMR Event	207.11	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	21.67	-	-
Interest	7.73	1.56	0.82
Total Revenues	\$ 20,832.22	\$ 46.56	\$ 0.82

	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	August 2018
Expenses:	Expense	Expense	Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,476.63	-	-
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	2,376.54	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	3,500.20	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	7,575.00	100.00	-
Community Service Expense	696.26	-	-
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarshi	500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	250.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,464.00	217.60	217.60
Membership Drive Expense	-	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	222.33	-	-
Replenish speaker gifts	394.67	-	-
SLMR Event	215.44	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense	1,247.09	220.41	-
Total Expenses	\$ 19,918.16	\$ 538.01	\$ 217.60

Change in Fund Balance:	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Beginning	14,923.35	14,923.35	14,648.68
Revenue	20,832.22	46.56	0.82
Expenses	(19,918.16)	(538.01)	(217.60)
Net Change	914.06	(491.45)	(216.78)
Ending	\$ 15,837.41	\$ 14,431.90	\$ 14,431.90

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If you have any suggestions for topics for educational events, please let us know! We want to hear from you!