



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants

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Newsletter – March, 2018

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Presidents Message

Happy Spring, hope that you have a great Easter Weekend!

Buckle up and hold on, we are wrapping up the 2017-2018 AGA year and beginning the next. Have you renewed your AGA membership? There is still time. Please join us for another fun filled year. AGA is important. It provides inexpensive continuing education, networking and social opportunities, community service, and more.

While you are at it, would you like to serve on the CEC? We have some openings and would love to have you as a member of the board. Please consider helping with Meetings and Events or another position as a “Co”. Fresh new ideas are desired, you could help do this and even make it better! The rest of our CEC members would help.

The list of nominations is listed further down in this newsletter and I am super excited to be voting on the CEC slate at the next chapter meeting. Please join us in voting. Thank you!

Chapter President - Chris Barber

AGA Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, April 4

Time: 11:45 am -1:00 pm

Location: Tico's – 17th & M

Speaker: David L. Bracht - David is Director of the Nebraska Energy Office (NEO) and a member of the Cabinet of Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts. Appointed in 2015, Bracht leads agency operations including the Weatherization Assistance Program, the state's \$48 million Revolving Energy Loan Program and implementation of the State Energy Program, as well as other federal & state energy-related programs. Bracht is also a board member of the National Association of State Energy Officials. Prior to appointment, Bracht co-founded and co-lead the renewable energy practice groups at two midwestern-based law firms and has more than 30 years senior management experience in agriculture, business, government and law.

Calendar of Events

2018

April 4 - Wednesday – Monthly Chapter Meeting – Location TBD – Speaker: David Bracht –Director Nebraska Energy Office

April 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

April 19-21 - SLM - Kansas City

April 25 – Wednesday – Professional Development Training – Country Inn and Suites

May 2 - Wednesday – Monthly Chapter Meeting – Location conference room (D – Hearing Room) on the 4th Floor of the 1526 Bldg – Speaker: Gerry Oligmueller - Administrative Services Budget Division Administrator

May 9 – Wednesday - Free National AGA Webinar 1–2:50 p.m. CDT - 2 CPEs

May 16 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

June 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

July 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

August 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

AGA Lincoln Spring Professional Development Training

The Lincoln Chapter 2018 Spring Professional Development Training is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at Country Inn and Suites. Details will be provided as soon as they are available and registration will be available on the Chapter website at that time.

AGA Lincoln Chapter Scholarship

The University of Nebraska Foundation paid out two scholarships from the Lincoln Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund. See the attached file for details of the scholarships awarded.

Free National AGA Webinar

National AGA is sponsoring a free webinar to members and nonmembers. The link for registration is <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/2017–2018-Webinars/050918-presentation-skills.aspx>

Polishing Your Presentation Skills

May 9 | 1–2:50 p.m. CDT | 2 CPEs | FOS: PD

You can have the best idea or product to accomplish an important goal, but if you cannot communicate your ideas clearly, then nobody will ever know. Whether you are working with your own team, pitching an idea to upper management, meeting with a client or delivering a workshop or keynote presentation, public speaking skills are an integral part of our professional lives. At the same time, public speaking can provoke great anxiety and is often said to be feared more than death. This webinar will help you build your public speaking skills so that you can become a confident speaker capable of communicating clear messages in any context.

Key takeaways:

- Learn about some of the most important elements of a successful presentation.
- Learn to organize presentations to best communicate the particular type of content being shared while also keeping the needs of the audience in mind.
- Learn strategies for communicating complex ideas clearly to nonexpert audiences, while also checking for understanding.
- Learn delivery and language skills to keep the audience engaged throughout the presentation and make the message memorable long after the presentation has ended.

Learning objectives

Participants will learn to:

- Organize ideas into a cohesive speaking plan that accounts for content and the needs of the audience.
- Communicate complex ideas clearly so they can be understood by a nonexpert audience. Use dynamic delivery and memorable messages to command attention and keep the audience engaged throughout the presentation.

Speaker: Melissa A. Broeckelman-Post, Ph.D., **Assistant Professor and Basic Course Director**, Department of Communication, Senior Scholar, Center for the Advancement of Well-Being, George Mason University

Moderator: **Kia Lor, PMP, CMP**, meetings and CEAR Program manager

Program level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance preparation: None required

Field of study: Professional development (PD)

Registration fees: Complimentary for both members and nonmembers

CEC Slate

Adam Brown – President Elect has been working on a slate of officers for next year. While a number of CEC members have agreed to serve for another year there are vacancies that need to be filled. The main position available is Co-Director of Meetings. Contact Adam Brown

(adam.brown@nebraska.gov or 402-471-6822) to discuss any position you would like to volunteer for.

The following slate will be voted on at the April Chapter meeting.

Board Position	Next year
President Elect	Ann Martinez
President	Adam Brown
Secretary	Ken Rouch
Treasurer	Dan Albrecht
Accountability Outreach	Ralene Cheng
CGFM/Professional Certification	Candace Meredith
Community Service	Jessica Elliott
Education	Ralene Cheng
Membership & Early Careers Programs	Frank Faughn
Meetings & Events	Jeff Filbert
Meetings & Events	Vacant
Chapter Historian	Ron Carlson
Bylaws & Procedures	Ron Carlson
Newsletter Editor	Tim Channer
Technical PDT/Seminars	Char Scott
Webmaster	Staci Bolton
Sponsorships	Tim Baker

AGA Membership Renewal Time

You should have received an email reminding you that it is time to renew your membership. A link in the email will take you to the AGA website. You can also go to the website. The RENEW button is on the top-right corner – www.agacgfm.org

There are many values offered to AGA members;

Community: Networking, leadership and volunteer opportunities, awards and scholarships

Professional development, training and career resources: members only webinars, member discounts on CPE opportunities and CGFM renewal, online job bank and education

Research and Publications – Quarterly journals, subscription to Topics and other reports

Free Tools – Prevent Fraud, Improve Outcomes, Mitigate Risk, Enhance Collaboration

National academic and Training Scholarships

The Lincoln Chapter doesn't have Chapter Dues. National membership is \$100.

If you have forgotten your AGA ID number please contact me - ann.martinez@nebraska.gov

You can change or reset your password using the link under the login area on the website.

Once you've logged in you'll see your membership renewal. Then proceed to checkout. You can renew using a PCard or other credit card. You will receive an invoice with a zero balance to support your transaction.

You can also print out an invoice and send a payment. If your invoice is wrong contact Julia Robinson jrobinson@agacgfm.org Send your payment with the remittance portion of the dues invoice to this lockbox:

PO Box 615146
Washington DC 20061-5146

You can also set up an ACH payment - finance@agacgfm.org. Provide your name and AGA ID # when making your ACH payment.

Group renewals (5 or more people) can only be done by check. The group will receive an invoice for all people in the group. A copy of the invoice should be included with the check.

Three Membership Types:

Young Professional – is for those individuals entering the workplace in any capacity in the past three years.

Student Membership - is for full-time students who are not professionally/gainfully employed.

Retired Status – Individuals who have permanently retired from and are not working in the field of financial management. Contact agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain to change your status.

You can also renew your CFM membership at the same time. The amount will be included on your invoice.

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 Ann Martinez – Chapter Membership Director at ann.martinez@nebraska.gov

CGFM News

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>

AGA Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President-elect Adam Brown at 12:07. He welcomed everyone.

No new members were present. Ken Rouch introduced his guest. His guest was Teresa Neal. Ms. Neal stepped out of the work force to raise her two children and is now seeking employment in accounting or related fields.

Adam invited announcements to be made. Frank Faughn announced that plans are coming together for the April 25 Professional Development Training. This will be held at Country Inn & Suites at 5353 N. 27th St in Lincoln. Watch the Chapter website for further announcements and registration.

Adam introduced the speaker. Our speaker was Josh Eickmeier. Mr. Eickmeier is General Counsel for the Nebraska Legislature's General Affairs Committee as well as the mayor of Seward. This committee is responsible for monitoring legislation which effects smoking, gambling, alcohol, etc. The presentation was interesting. Numerous questions were asked.

The raffle was then conducted. The winner was Jason Walters.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2018

In attendance Ann Martinez, Staci Bolton, Adam Brown, Tim Channer, Dan Albrecht, and Chris Barber.

President - Chris called the meeting to order at 12:07. We discussed national AGA contests for newsletters and website. Staci will submit our website. Also, award nominations are due by March 31. It was announced the SLM attendees has changed to Tim Baker and Adam Brown.

Education – Speakers for the April 25 PDT will be: James Arnette CGFM CISA, national AGA President, speaking on Auditor and Auditee Relations as well as Internal Control; Mike Foley, Nebraska Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Legislature, sharing his insights and experiences in his roles; Rob Lynch, North Dakota State University Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, speaking on Ethics and Workplace Behavior; Lincoln Police Department's Forensics Unit covering white collar crime cases and their investigations; finally, Scott Keane, Ameritas, will speak on either investment accounting or SEC financial requirements. The PDT will be held at Country Inn & Suites. An audio conference is scheduled on March 28 entitled CyberSecurity.

Chapter Meetings – For the April 4th Chapter meeting we will meet at Tico's. The speaker will be David L. Bracht, Director of the Nebraska Energy Office. He will be speaking on their work at Energy. The May meeting will be held at 1526 Building 4th floor and the speaker will be Gerry Oligmueller, Director of the Nebraska Budget Office. For the May 2 Chapter meeting pizza and water will be provided free of charge to attendees. There are vending machines for other beverages.

Membership – Ann reported that of our total membership of 87 that 49 have renewed but the deadline is the end of March. There is a grace period for another month.

Accountability and Outreach – No update.

Communications – Tim announced he was informed by national AGA there will be free webinar on May9. Those interested should register on national website.

Professional Certification – Governor and City proclamations have been received. CGFM members of our Chapter were given \$5 gift cards to Dairy Queen. Another successful CGFM month!

Community Service – Bowl-a-thon was discussed. Some shifts were left without volunteers.

Treasurer – Dan presented the report. Ken moved and Tim seconded to approve the report, which passed. Dan mentioned the University Foundation informed him that two scholarships were paid from our Chapter endowment totaling \$2,500. Recipients were Sydney Sackmaster and Cassie Gill.

Secretary – Ken announced that February Chapter and CEC meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter. He asked for any corrections. Hearing none, Ken moved their acceptance and Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sponsors – No report.

President-elect – Adam reported the 2018-2019 CEC slate is nearly completed. Two vacancies are co-director of meetings and education director – PDT. Tim moved to approve the slate and Staci seconded the motion, which passed. Adam said he is prepared to submit updates to the CRP by March 31. .

Past President – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00. Ken Rouch, Secretary

CGFM Study Guides

New CGFM study guides are available. The Chapter is willing to purchase the new guides if anyone is interested in using them. We have 2014 CGFM Study Guides and they are available for you today. Please contact Candace Meredith for more information. cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov

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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 402-471-1017 Jeffery.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					
				2017-2018	
Year 6-2017 to 5-2018	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				February 1, 2018	\$7,064.67
Receipts:				Receipts:	
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Fall PDT	\$180.00
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,170.00	(\$3,220.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$1,500.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$5.00	\$1.12	(\$3.88)		
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$500.00)		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$1,680.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,385.00</u>	<u>\$5,761.12</u>	<u>(\$11,623.88)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				Fall PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$80.00	\$6,140.00	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$5,020.27	\$1,199.73	Member Support	\$60.99
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$977.74	\$1,127.26	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$3,077.57	(\$327.57)	Chapter Leadership	\$0.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$274.98	\$525.02	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Early Careers	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	\$598.74
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$136.14	(\$36.14)	Total Disbursements	<u>\$659.73</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00		
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	February 28, 2018	<u>\$8,084.94</u>
Community Service	\$100.00	\$110.00	(\$10.00)	Checking	\$8,084.94
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	<u>\$8,084.94</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$20,045.00</u>	<u>\$9,751.70</u>	<u>\$10,293.30</u>		

2017-2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:	Name	Phone #	Email
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