



## **Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants**

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#### **Presidents Message**

##### President's Message

The holidays are a wonderful time of the year! I always love the food that comes out during the holidays and the people that bring it. It is great that such a cold time of year also brings such warmth.

The holidays are often a time we think of others and their needs. If you are interested and are able to participate, we will again participate in community service events. I have already done some bell ringing for the Salvation Army and I know there is still a need for the family we adopted. If you can donate items or money please contact Jessica Elliott. Thank you for considering these opportunities.

There will be a regional leadership training event in January in Kansas City. Our Midwest Region has been conducting this event for years. Our region is the only region, of a total of 14, which conducts its own such event. It is an excellent opportunity to gain a more in-depth understanding of AGA, our new organization nationally and regionally, and how our Chapter fits in. This event is excellent training for current and future CEC/board members as well as orientation for new AGA members. If interested in attending, let me know or one of our CEC members.

Enjoy this holiday season!

Adam Brown, Chapter President

## **AGA Lincoln December Chapter Meeting**

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 12

**Time:** 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

**Location:** Tico's

**Topic:** **Nebraska Innovation Campus:** Spaces and Culture that Inspire Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) is connecting the talents of experts, companies and the university to create a unique culture of innovation. NIC is a research campus designed to facilitate new and in-depth partnerships between the University of Nebraska and private sector businesses. NIC is adjacent to the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (UNL) and strategically provides access to research faculty, facilities and students. At full build-out, NIC will be a 2.2-million square-foot campus with uniquely designed buildings and amenities that inspire creative activity and engagement, transforming ideas into global innovation. Engel's presentation will provide you with an in-depth look at all of the remarkable spaces and innovations taking shape at NIC.

**Speaker: KATE ENGEL - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE - Nebraska Innovation Campus**

Kate A. Engel is the director of communication and culture for Nebraska Innovation Campus. Kate is responsible for developing and implementing programs for NIC aimed at creating a culture that encourages collaboration and partnerships between NIC, the university and the community. NIC programs are focused on creating opportunities for people with different skill sets to meet and socialize, a critical aspect in developing a culture on NIC that embraces and sparks innovation. Kate grew up on a farm near Red Oak, IA. She is a 2006 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and earned a Master of Arts in Management from Doane College in 2011. Kate is currently working on a PhD in human sciences with a specialization in leadership studies at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2018**

December 12 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting – 11:45 – Tico's

December 19 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room B

December 20 – Thursday – Free AGA National Webinar

### **2019**

January 9 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting – 11:45 - The Egg & I - Scott Weiskamp - Director of Operations with Lincoln Public Schools

January 16 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C

February 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C

March 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

March 7 – Thursday – AGA Lincoln Chapter Spring PDT

March 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Location: TBD  
April 3 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD  
April 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Location: TBD  
May 1 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD  
May 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Location: TBD

## **Free AGA Webinar**

AGA National is presenting a free Webinar for members.

### **Social Media**

Social Media, Which One is Best for Your Career

December 20 | 12:00–1:00 PM CT | 1 CPEs | FOS: PD

**Program Level:** Overview

**Prerequisite:** None

**Advance Preparation:** None required

**Field of Study:** Personal Development (PD)

### **Speakers**

- KiKi L'Italien, Digital marketing consultant on social media and search engine optimization of Amplified Growth
- Amanda Horn, AGA Digital Communications Manager

### **Moderator**

Cherry Ung, AGA Membership Manager

### **Register at:**

<https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/utilities/Sign-in.aspx?RET=/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=354>

## **AGA Lincoln Chapter Community Service Activities:**

### **Adopt a Family**

AGA needs your help in showing support for a family in need this holiday season. We have adopted a single mom with 3 children and time is growing short. Our last meeting before we need to have our money and presents to the Salvation Army is December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Salvation Army would like to have at least \$100.00 for the parent to spend on groceries and \$35.00 or more, spent on each child. The deadline to have our donations to the Salvation Army is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

What we have so far is, \$56.00 and one LOL Surprise item.

See the wish list for our family below,

8 year old girl-Lyla wishes for, LOL Surprise items, slime, remote control car, coat size 10, leggings with matching long sleeve tops- size 10 or 8/10.

3 year old boy-Beau wishes for, trucks with backs or with trailer, fire truck, tractor, police car, age appropriate learning toys, pants-size 4T and long sleeve shirts-size 5T, and socks- (shoe size 3).

4 month old boy-T.J., wishes for, Anything age appropriate, warm sleepers 6-9mo, Size 2 diapers.

Mom's wish is cleaning supplies.

If you are not able to make it to the monthly meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> but would like to donate, please contact Jessica Elliott at 402-430-9658 or at [Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov).

Happy Holiday's and thank you for supporting a Nebraska family in need.

### **Center For People In Need**

The Center For People In Need wants volunteers to help with their Toyland event. If you are able to help, please sign up on their website at [centerforpeopleinneed.org](http://centerforpeopleinneed.org)

Shifts they need help with are:

Saturday December 8, 2018 from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

Sunday December 9, 2018 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm

So AGA receives credit for our volunteer hours, if you are volunteering for any of these events, please contact Jessica Elliott at the email address listed above so she can log your hours.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES IN NEED.

Jessica Elliott – AGA Lincoln Chapter Director of Community Service

### **Blockchain Presentation**

Bernard A. Wieger - IT Advisory Partner - KPMG LLP – Kansas City spoke on the risk surrounding Blockchain at the chapter's November chapter meeting. He provided an electronic copy of this presentation and it is attached to the email of the November chapter newsletter.

### **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](mailto:frank.faughn@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>

## **Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2018**

The November Chapter meeting was held at Hop Cat, 601 P St, Lincoln. There were 25 people in attendance including three guests.

Adam Brown, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Adam mentioned the need for a volunteer to fill one open timeslot with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and passed around the sign-up sheet. He also mentioned the “Adopt a Family” donation box and that this is a great way to give back to the community.

Jeff Filbert reminded the members of the December Chapter meeting at Tico's on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Kate Engel, Director of Communications & Culture Nebraska Innovation Campus, will be the speaker. In January, the Chapter meeting will be at The Egg & I with Scott Weiskamp speaking. He is the Director of Operations with Lincoln Public Schools.

Tim Baker went on to introduce Bernie Wieger. He is the IT Advisory Partner for KPMG LLP in Kansas City. Bernie enlightened the group to Blockchains, what are they and how they are beneficial for businesses. Blockchains has the potential to radically change traditional business models and business practices across a variety of industries. Blockchain technology has evolved far beyond Bitcoin and is now being tested in a broad range of business and financial applications. It is important for the audit and assurance profession to stay aware of this and other emerging technologies. Bernie explained Blockchain technology and outlined unique risks with this technology.

Presented by Chris Barber, Secretary and Past President

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2018**

In attendance Jeff Filbert, Ralene Cheng, Adam Brown, Tim Channer, r, Jessica Elliott, and Staci Bolton.

**President** - Adam called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

We discussed that National AGA had asked Adam if there was anything AGA National could do for the Lincoln Chapter. We discussed that they could provide more free training events. Adam said he would forward that to National.

**Education** – Discussed the location and speakers for the spring PDT. Char had provided information that the Fireman’s hall was more expensive but the food was cheaper than the Country Inn & Suites Conference Center.

Speakers: John Lynskey (AGA National President) – confirmed – John will also be the speaker for the monthly lunch the day before. Elayne Saejung – Assistant Director with The Center of Preparedness Education with UNMC – in the process Dr. Joanne Owens-Nauslar – Workplace Adjustments – In the process

**Audio/Webinar** – A webinar is scheduled on Wednesday November 28 at 1:00 pm. Staci noted there were 18 registered and said she would send a list of registrants to Ralene. Ralene noted the location had changed to the 1526 building.

**Chapter Meetings** – The December 5 chapter meeting is at Tico’s and the speaker is Kate Engel who works for UNL Innovation Campus. The January chapter meeting will on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Scott Weiscamp at the Egg and I downtown. Scott is the Director of Operations for Lincoln Public Schools.

**Young Professionals** – No Update.

**Accountability and Outreach** – No Update.

**Communications** – Tim noted that the due date for items going in the newsletter is November 27.

**Professional Certification** – No update.

**Community Service** – Jessica gave a reminder that there are 2 days of volunteer opportunities for the Bell Ringing and that each volunteer will receive a free AGA shirt. Also, the Lincoln Chapter is committed to “Adopt a Family”. See her for more details. In regards to the Center for People in Need and Bowl-a-thon, more details will come in the near future.

**Sponsors** – Tim Baker continues to work on sponsorships.

**Treasurer** – The Treasurers report for August, September, and October were approved. Tim made a motion to approve and Jeff seconded the motion. All voted yes.

**Secretary** – October chapter and CEC meetings minutes were approved. Staci made a motion to approve and Jessica seconded the motion. All voted yes.

**President-elect** – No update.

**Other** – Pictures of the bellringing community service will be put on Facebook. Ralene also asked for any pictures of events for the next Citizen’ Centric Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Tim Channer – Co Director of Communications

## **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](mailto:cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov)

## Network with AGA Online Anytime

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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](mailto:Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov) or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 [Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov](mailto: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					
2018-2019					
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				August 1, 2018	\$9,559.66
Receipts:				Receipts:	
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Spring PDT	\$0.00
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Misc. 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	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	\$17,380.00	\$0.00	(\$17,380.00)	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				Fall PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00	National-PDT	\$2,947.62
Fall Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,700.00	Member Support	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)	Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Certification	\$0.00
				Early Careers	\$0.00

Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$68.00	\$32.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$3,315.62</b>	<b>\$14,534.38</b>

Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,949.62
August 31, 2018	\$6,610.04
Checking	\$6,610.04
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
Total	\$6,610.04

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
2018-2019

Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$960.00	(\$6,430.00)
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$17,380.00</b>	<b>\$960.00</b>	<b>(\$16,420.00)</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,700.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$30.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$3,317.62</b>	<b>\$14,532.38</b>

September 1, 2018 \$6,610.04

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Fall PDT	\$960.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$960.00</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

September 30, 2018 \$7,568.04

Checking	\$7,568.04
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,568.04</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
2018-2019

Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining
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Receipts:

Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$3,015.00	(\$4,375.00)
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$17,380.00</b>	<b>\$3,015.00</b>	<b>(\$14,365.00)</b>

Disbursements:

Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$3,461.61	\$538.39
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$179.61	\$620.39
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$72.00	\$28.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$6,660.84</b>	<b>\$11,189.16</b>

Receipts:

Fall PDT	\$2,055.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,055.00</b>

Disbursements:

Fall PDT	\$3,161.61
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$179.61
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$3,343.22</b>
October 31, 2018	<b>\$6,279.82</b>
Checking	\$6,279.82
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,279.82</b>

**2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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