

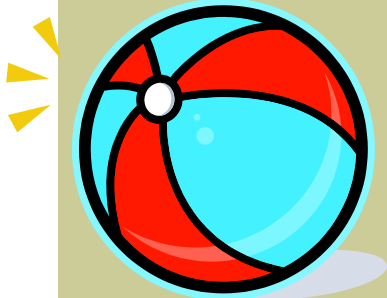
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Message from the President

"In the summertime when the weather is high, You can stretch right up and touch the sky . . ." Remember that 1970 golden oldie song by the one-hit wonder Mungo Jerry? Whenever I heard that song growing up, regardless of the season, it always felt like summer because of its happy upbeat melody. Well, summer has finally arrived and with it comes change and transition for our AGA chapter. "Change" and "transition" are fascinating concepts that we frequently struggle to understand. William Bridges in his book Managing Transitions makes a nice distinction between the two when he says "change emphasizes what is happening TO us while transition emphasizes opportunity for growth within." I like this interpretation and think it applicable in an AGA chapter context as we say good bye and thank you for the past year of service to the following members who are rotating off the Chapter Executive Committee this month (change):

- Tina McManus, President
- Justin Hill, Membership Chair,
- John Everest, Education Chair

- Pat Monday, Community Service Chair
- Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair
- Rick Findley, Accountability Chair

AND as we welcome and thank the members who are stepping into new leadership roles (transition):

- Wayland Mueller, President-Elect
- Jody Vernon, Membership Chair
- Teresa Allen and MaryJo Kerringer, Education Co-Chairs
- Pam Cox, Community Service Chair
- Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair

Thank you one and all. During my year as President-Elect, I became acquainted with all of the amazing people on the CEC. I learned much about the AGA organizational structure through the CEC meetings and much about Springfield through the excellent seminars/field trips. In my new role as chapter President, I look forward equally to serving with returning CEC members and with members assuming new CEC roles. We have a fine organization and I feel privileged to be in the company of such intelligent and talented people. I am confident that together in this new chapter year we will continue to explore opportunities for professional and personal growth with the same awesome results that prior leadership has provided. Since we will not have another newsletter until August/September, I wish you a most enjoyable summer! "Sing along with us, dee-dee-dee-dee-dee, Da doo da-da da, yeah, we're hap-pap-py. . ." (more Mungo Jerry—it IS summertime after all!) J Best Wishes!

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May MoDOT Update



Our May MoDOT Update meeting with Becky Baltz, was a huge success with 27 attending members and guests.

Nancy Weems, a previous member of the CEC and a current member of the Ozarks AGA, recently announced her retirement and was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her time served on the CEC and contributions that she had made to the chapter.



Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



2014-15 Ozarks AGA Tentative Educational Topics

GASB 65/67 Update—BKD
 Convoy of Hope CPE and Tour
 Employment and Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
 E-Payments
 Employment Landscape and Opportunities
 Succession Planning
 Technology Update—Cloud Computing/Data Management/IT Security
 CGFM Certification—Speaker from National AGA
 Effective Written and Verbal Communication
 Common Audit Issues and How to Avoid Them
 Fraud Detection/Prevention

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2014	19th	Summer Break	
July	2014	17th	Summer Break	
August	2014	21st	TBD	TBD
September	2014	18th	TBD	TBD
October	2014	16th	TBD	TBD
November	2014	20th	TBD	TBD
December	2014	18th	TBD	TBD
January	2015	15th	TBD	TBD
February	2015	19th	TBD	TBD
March	2015	19th	TBD	TBD
April	2015	16th	TBD	TBD
May	2015	21st	TBD	TBD



CEC Minutes

May 29, 2014 CEC Meeting

12:00 PM – 1st floor conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Tina McManus, Debra Burling, Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, Greg Drake, Bob Wells, Pam Cox, Wayland Mueller, Jody Vernon, and Brandi Aldridge

Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:

The minutes of the March 27, 2014 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

Treasurer-Greg Drake:

The treasurer's report was distributed; Bob made a motion to pass and the motion passed.

Education-John Everest:

Teresa Allen and Mary Jo Kerringer will be co-chairs next year. Teresa spoke in John's absence. Several members have requested that the fall seminar be extended to 8 hours. This will require a fee increase and an adjustment to the budget to reflect the increase. Teresa and Mary Jo will work on the seminar over the summer break.

Professional Certification:

Sharla Bailey will be the CGFM chair for next year. Tina has the sign out sheet for the CGFM study guides. A time limit of 2 months has been imposed to keep the books circulating.

Communication-Brandie Fisher:

All information for the newsletter needs to be submitted by Thursday, June 5 at noon. Brandie will update the newsletter to reflect the CEC changes and Teresa will update the website.

Community Service/Scholarships-Pat Monday:

Tina spoke in Pat's absence. Pam will be the chair next year. The contribution has been made to Relay for Life but donations can still be made online.

Membership-Justin Hill:

Tina spoke in Justin's absence. Jody Vernon will be the membership chair next year. Tina will receive an award for recruiting the most new members.

Old Business-

Tina will be reviewing the bylaws.

New Business-

- The budget will be voted on after a decision has been made for the fall seminar.
- Wayland reviewed some key points from the SLM he attended in April.
- The meeting room location has been changed to the 1st floor conference room, behind the Citizen Resource Center in the Busch Building. The meetings will continue to be held on the last Thursday of the month.
- Debra passed out the new directory of officers. The plans were passed out for each chair to review and return to Debra by June 23.

Next CEC meeting: August 28, 2014, 12pm

Meeting adjourned.

Ozarks Chapter News

Our Chapter is Winning National Awards!!!!

We have just received some very exciting news!!! Our Ozarks chapter has been awarded the **Platinum Chapter Recognition Award** again this year – the highest award! The Platinum Chapter Designation will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 22,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status. A Bronze Chapter Designation will be presented to any chapter that attains between 12,000 and 14,500 credits for the year. A Silver Chapter Designation will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000 credits for the year. A Gold Chapter Designation will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500 credits for the year. The purpose of the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations is to encourage chapters to participate in the Chapter Recognition Points at the level they feel comfortable with and to develop a continuity of sound leadership and programs. We have worked hard and have been able to achieve and maintain this level of achievement for several years. This requires the work of all of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to pull it all together. In addition, our chapter newsletter received **Honorable Mention** from the National organization. This is all due to our wonderful newsletter editor, Brandie Fisher. We were selected by our peers for our tremendous newsletter. Our newsletter has received awards for several consecutive years. Tina McManus of our chapter earned the **Top Recruiter Award** from the National organization for recruiting 15 new members this year. We think this is the first time our chapter has received this honor. Recruitment and retention is a main focus of AGA National right now so this is very respectable.

Wow – What a year!!!!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.

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