



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

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#### **Presidents Message**

Greetings, members and friends of the Lincoln Chapter of AGA.

This is the final President’s Message I will be writing. Our new President, Adam Brown, will write the next one. Oh my, the year has gone by very quickly.

I am excited about the upcoming year with Adam’s direction and with the strong CEC board that is in place. It is wonderful to have so many who are willing to serve. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Lincoln AGA ChapterCEC!

In addition, I would like to give a special “shout-out” to all of you AGA members. Thank you for your involvement whether it be in volunteering for the community service opportunities, attending the meetings/huddles, etc. I would also like to encourage each of you to spend some time on the CEC to get a better understanding of Chapter operations. It is a great way to meet other members and your participation makes all the effort worthwhile.

Reflecting back on this past year, the new position, Director of Sponsors, was added. Tim Baker is already off and running and this has led to some great opportunities including the National AGA President, Jim Arnette, visiting Nebraska and speaking at our PDT that was in April. Jim and his wife came from Nashville, TN and was an absolute joy to have dinner with them the evening before the PDT.

Culminating our 2017-2018 AGA year will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party celebrating our 40 years as an AGA chapter. Please join in the fun and festivities by serving on the committee that brings it all together. Reach out to Ken Rouch with your ideas to help.

Thank you again for a fantastic year!

Chris Barber, Chapter President

## **AGA Chapter Meeting**

**Lunch is being provided by the Chapter. Registration is required so we know how much food to get. Lunch will be Pizza and Salad. Water will be provided but if you want something else to drink please bring it. Guests are OK but need to be registered. Register the Chapter website. [www.agacgfm.org/lincolnebraska](http://www.agacgfm.org/lincolnebraska)**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 2

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

**Location:** Conference room (D – Hearing Room) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the 1526 Bldg:

**Speaker:** Gerry Oligmueller - Administrative Services Budget Division Administrator. Gerry has served as State Budget Administrator for the State of Nebraska since September 1995. Gerry has responsibility for assisting the Governor in the preparation of the Governor's budget recommendations and management oversight of the use of state and federal funds by State agencies. He directs the executive fiscal planning and fiscal policy process.

Gerry has also served as Acting Director of the Department of Administrative Services simultaneous to his duties as State Budget Administrator on three different occasions since 1995.

Gerry's prior service in state government has included Deputy Director of the former Nebraska Department of Social Services, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Legislative Fiscal Office, and Deputy Commissioner of the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management.

Gerry has served in the administration of nine Governors since beginning his career in public service with the South Dakota budget office.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2018**

May 2 - Wednesday – Monthly Chapter Meeting – Location conference room (D – Hearing Room) on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
June 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
July 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
August 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

## **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

## **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](mailto: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 - April 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Barber at 12:05. She welcomed everyone. The meeting was held at Tico's at 17<sup>th</sup> and M Streets.

There were no guests or new members to introduce.

Chris asked for announcements. She shared information on the PDT to be held April 25. It will be held at the Country Inn & Suites from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Speakers 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, perspectives and experiences in his leadership roles; Robert Lynch, Training Coordinator, 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 Investigation Techniques; and, Scott Keane, Vice President/Manager at Ameritas, will speak on Municipal Financing Projects.

Chris then asked Jeff Filbert to announce the May meeting then introduce our speaker. The May meeting will be held at 1526 Building 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

The speaker was David L. Bracht. Mr. Bracht is Director of the Nebraska Energy Office. He spoke on the diverse programs being conducted at Energy.

The raffle was then conducted. The winner was Adam Brown.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2018**

In attendance: Chris Barber, Ann Martinez, Adam Brown, Tim Channer, Dan Albrecht, and Jeff Filbert. We had a quorum.

**President** - Chris called the meeting to order at 12:01.

**Education** – We began by discussing the upcoming PDT. We have 36 registered to date. The question arose whether or not Char Scott needs to pay for her registration. She is attending to observe and help Frank conduct the PDT. She will succeed Frank as Director of Education – PDT starting next year. It was moved by Ann and seconded by Adam that Char’s registration fee be waived. The motion passed.

**Chapter Meetings** – For the May 2nd Chapter meeting we will meet at the 1526 Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The speaker will be Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Officer. He will speak on the budget matters as a result of this year’s legislative session. The Chapter will provide free pizza and water. There are vending machines for other beverages.

**Membership** – Ann reported that of our total membership of 87 that 70 have renewed. The deadline was the end of March but there is a grace period for renewals.

**Accountability and Outreach** – No update.

**Communications** – Tim announced he was informed by national AGA there will be free webinar on May 9. Those interested should register on national website.

**Professional Certification** – No update. The CEC discussed having Candace upload the State and City proclamations to our Chapter website.

**Community Service** – No update.

**Treasurer** – Dan presented the Treasurer’s report. Tim moved approval and Ann seconded the motion, which passed. Discussion ensued regarding whom should attend the national AGA PDT and what financial support should be provided. This matter is tabled till the May CEC meeting.

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

**Sponsors** – No report.

**President-elect** – Adam reported the 2018-2019 CEC slate was submitted to national which earned us 50 bonus points of CRP.

**Past President** – Ken reported that, as appointed by Chris, he will convene a committee formed of past chapter presidents. This committee will be meeting to plan the 40<sup>th</sup>



anniversary celebration of the founding of the Lincoln Chapter. The first meeting is scheduled for April 25, 5:30, at The Grata.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

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](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 402-471-1017 [Jeffery.Filbert@nebraska.gov](mailto: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		
				March 1, 2018	\$8,084.94
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,170.00	(\$3,220.00)	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$5.00	\$1.12	(\$3.88)	Interest Income	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$500.00)		

		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$0.00
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	\$64.80
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	\$339.78	\$460.22		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	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$136.14	(\$36.14)		Total Disbursements	<u>\$64.80</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00		March 31, 2018	<u>\$8,020.14</u>
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Checking	\$8,020.14
Community Service	\$100.00	\$110.00	(\$10.00)		Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00		Total	<u>\$8,020.14</u>
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	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>			
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$20,045.00</u>	<u>\$9,816.50</u>	<u>\$10,228.50</u>			

### 2017-2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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