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## Message from the President

Happy New Year! I hope everything is started off well for you. Your AGA leadership have been busy setting up education opportunities and meeting with regional and sectional leadership. I do hope you appreciate all of their hard work.

We have plans for a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. I am sure you will see a summary and the way that you make your reservation for that in this newsletter. Jerry has done an excellent job setting up the educational meetings. This will most assuredly prove to be another good one. Hope you can take advantage of it.



Rick Findley

If anyone has been thinking of being a part of the leadership team and would like more preparation please contact me or any other of the chairs so that we can inform help you get that preparation. There is a day long seminar in KC on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January that several of us will be attending. I know that we will be searching for other people willing to be involved in the Ozarks chapter of AGA leadership.

If anyone would like to nominate someone else for any of the chairs I would be glad to contact them also.

Again thanks for everything you do. Keep up the good work.

*Rick Findley* (rickfindley@yahoo.com)

### Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Julie Vaughan, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



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Check out career  
opportunities on page 7!

**December Minutes****Dec 1, 2011 CEC Meeting**

**12 noon – 1<sup>st</sup>** floor conference room - Busch Building at 840 Boonville

**Attendance:** Teresa Allen, Jerry Lein, Bob Wells, Tina McManus,

**Secretary**

A motion was made and passed to accept the November 2011 CEC meeting minutes (as amended).

**Treasurer**

The treasurer report was approved.

**Communication**

The website link was sent out by Teresa for review.

The newsletter deadline is December 27th.

**Community Service**

We will collect Toys for Tots at our December luncheon. Please bring new unwrapped toys.

**Scholarships**

The scholarship application will be posted on the Website by 5 PM today.

**Early Career**

Brandie has prepared a listing of the e-mails of the students to invite to a luncheon in January (or later) for free (with guest)

**Education**

The Spring seminar will be March 15 – all day. Eight hours of CPE will be offered (2 hours of ethics.) It will be held at the Executive Center again. Jerry Lein spoke with the regional AGA office. They suggested Bill Miller – a former AGA national officer - as a possible speaker. They also mentioned a GASB speaker – who charged \$750. We might be able to get someone from BKD to speak on GASB. Teresa is working on contacting the medical director at Cox to speak. Ryan (from the city) could speak on emergency preparedness.

Jerry Lein will invite the IMA to join us for our January meeting.

**Membership:**

No report

**CGFM:**

No report

**Report from PDC:**

No report

**Old Business:**

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Jimm's Steakhouse on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 for members. We will bring white elephant gifts (wrapped) to exchange and unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots.

**New Business:**

The SLM-R is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites on the Plaza from 10 AM to 4 PM. (The Embassy Suites has given a special rate for Friday and Saturday nights for people to go to Kansas City early to stay over. Current and potential CEC members are encouraged to attend.

Teresa suggested a tour of the Federal Medical Center as a potential meeting.

The NPC is in San Diego this July. Bob Wells will be attending.

**Next CEC meeting:** January 5, 2012 – 12 noon – Busch Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:00 PM



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## CGFM

University of Auburn—Montgomery is offering online courses to prepare for the CGFM. Earn college credit as you study for the CGFM! For more information visit the [website!](#)



## Call for 2011 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today!

Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- Up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship

The deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, **March 31, 2011**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership. [Download a copy of the application](#). Contact [Louise Kapelewski](#) with questions.

## Scholarship time has arrived!!

Applications and instructions are on the website at [www.ozarksaga.org](http://www.ozarksaga.org). Scholarship funds are available for members and non-members, high school seniors and those seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Don't delay, the deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

## Regional Training Opportunities

### GFOA - Southwest Chapter

Date: January 17th, 2012  
 Time: Noon  
 Location: The Library Station—North Kansas Exp.  
 Topic: Group Health Insurance and New Laws  
 To Reserve or ask questions, please contact Mary Edna Wilson at [mwilson@ozarkmissouri.org](mailto:mwilson@ozarkmissouri.org)

### American Society of Women Accountants

Date: January 12th, 2012  
 Time: 11:45 am  
 Location: 425 Downtown—425 W Walnut  
 Topic: Tax Update

### Audio Conference

The house of government is broken, and it needs a serious makeover from top to bottom. So says **Ken Miller**, founder of the Change and Innovation Agency, who is speaking at AGA's **Jan. 25 audio conference**, which is worth 2 CPE hours. Set for 2-3:50 p.m. EST, Miller discusses how the processes of government became so complicated and inefficient and how to start cleaning up the mess. Miller, who wrote *Extreme Government Makeover*, suggests simple ways that public-sector leaders can rebuild government so it is stronger, leaner and better equipped to help citizens. Miller will share clear and concise tips on increasing government's capacity.

Cost: \$249 per site, After 1/20/2012 \$299

## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
December	13th	Member Appreciation Luncheon	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	10th	Joint Meeting with IMA/ASWA	TBD
February	14th	An Introduction to the Missouri Quality Award Process	TBD
March	15th	8 Hour Membership Seminar	910 Ballroom
April	TBD	TBD	TBD

### Like Starbucks?

Join us this Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon for a 1 hour IRA Update on 2011 Form W-2 Changes, Form 1099 and other current employer related subjects presented by Sharon Boone. We will be back at the Springfield Public Schools, Kraft Administration Building located at 1359 E ST Louis, lunch will be provided.

We have a few remaining recruitment/retention scholarship dollars left SO we again have "member bring a potential member for free" offer. Member lunches are only \$10.00 for 1-hour of CPE and lunch! You can bring a guest for free and YOU get a Starbucks gift card for introducing someone to Ozarks AGA. It's a win-win situation!!

Please RSVP to Justin Hill, membership chair at: [jrhill@greencountymo.org](mailto:jrhill@greencountymo.org) by Monday at 5PM.

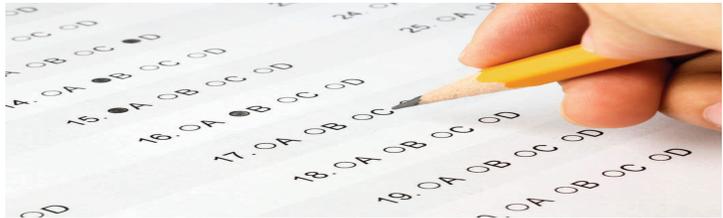
<b>OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA</b>		
<b>2011-2012 Statement of Operations</b>		
<b>10/31/2011</b>		
	<b>Projected Revenue</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Revenue</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Chapter Dues	\$ 600.00	604.65
Monthly meetings	1,000.00	270.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	2,000.00	1,420.00
Spring Membership Seminar	9,000.00	-
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	500.00	-
Misc Revenue	50.00	-
Interest income	100.00	37.44
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,482.09</b>
	<b>Projected Expenses</b>	<b>FYTD Actual Expense</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,200.00	386.28
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	132.43
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,600.00	513.50
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,300.00	-
Community Service Expense	600.00	-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	2,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC Travel Stipend	1,000.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	200.00	-
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	317.87
Misc Expense	300.00	92.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,442.08</b>
Fund Balance: Beginning		
		8,077.87
	Revenue	\$ 2,482.09
	Expended	\$ (1,442.08)

## Earn Your CGFM in February, Examinations are Free!

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM at the next Intensive Review Course event in February. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Monday, Feb. 27, 2012** and **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **Feb. 29–March 2, 2012**. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. **Special Bonus:** The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

Click [here](#) for more information!



## Ozarks Chapter AGA—Community Service Project

We are still taking donations for the Family Violence Center in Springfield and guess what, it won't cost you a thing (unless of course you want to make a monetary donation)!!! You know when you go on vacation or a business trip and you snag the hotel shampoo, conditioner and soap before leaving... come on, we all have that stuff in a travel bag somewhere. Well, the Family Violence Center would LOVE to have them. Many of their clients come to them, having left everything behind but the clothes on their back! Well, the Ozarks Chapter of AGA will be taking your unused hotel samples at the November, December and January meetings and dropping them off at the Family Violence Center (don't worry we will be reminding you every month in case you forget)! Pitch in, clean out that travel bag and help someone in need. For more information contact Community Service Director, Nancy Weems.



### Ozarks Chapter needs your participation!

Are you curious about what how the chapter operates? Maybe you've thought about serving but it sounds intimidating and you don't know what would be expected? Well there is an opportunity to learn about how AGA operates and how easy and exciting it is to participate. Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> there is a Regional AGA meeting to discuss just this opportunity. We will have current chapter officers; along with potential chapter officers attend the regional meeting in Kansas City. It's a terrific opportunity to meet people already serving AGA leadership positions from around the area and a chance to discuss what you could do to keep the Ozarks Chapter active next year. For more information contact Bob Wells at [rwells496@spsmail.org](mailto:rwells496@spsmail.org) or Teresa Allen at [tallen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:tallen@springfieldmo.gov).

