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November Professional Development Meeting

Topic:

Grants Management in Today's Environment Tuesday November 10, 2009

This is an AGA Audio Conference and features three speakers plus a live moderator:

Thomas A. Cooley, MS, National Science Foundation

W. Scott Erwin, CGFM, Texas State University

Joseph L. Kull, CGFM, CPA, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Moderator: Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM

Time: Noon to 2:00 pm

2 hours CPE

Location: Springfield/Greene County Health Department, 227 E. Chestnut Expy.,

lower level Conference Room. Use door on northwest side of building and take stairwell down.

To reserve a seat email or call Justin Hill:

jrhill@greenecountymo.org

829-6206

President's Message



Teresa Allen, CGFM

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Fall Seminar and thank you to the CEC that made it go off without a hitch. We were very pleased to have Past Regional Vice President Janice Jensen, from Des Moines, Iowa, join us for the seminar.

For those that didn't make it to the fall seminar, donations for the Underprivileged School Children's fund are still being accepted. We would like to see the entire match, from both our chapter and from National AGA utilized. For every \$10 donated, they will receive \$40 due to the match! Donations are due a week from today's newsletter release. You can send a donation (made out to the United Way) to treasurer Bob Wells at Springfield Public Schools. Please contact him at: rwells496@spsmail.org.

This month's meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10th from Noon-2:00 in the Springfield-Greene County Health Department**. This 2-hr CPE meeting will be a National AGA audio conference on **"Grants Management in Today's Environment"**. Our chapter's past president, Deb Gillenwaters, will be moderating this meeting. Deb is the Fiscal Administrator for the Health Department and manages 13 grants totaling over \$3.3 Million. If you have any grants management questions, Deb will be an excellent source of information.

The fee is only \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, lunch will not be provided but feel free to bring your lunch with you. Please contact Justin Hill to reserve a seat. He can be reached at: jrhill@greenecountymo.org and 829-6202.

See you then!

Teresa

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The Scholarship Committee will be meeting soon to make arrangements for next year's student scholarship awards. The committee consists of John Everest, Springfield Schools, Nancy Weems, City of Springfield, Deb Gillenwaters, Springfield/Greene Co. Health Dept., and Teresa Allen, Springfield/Greene Co. Park Board. The committee will compile the items on which the chapter members will be voting.



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CEC Minutes October Meeting Minutes



There was a short meeting of the CEC following the Oct. 13th Fall Seminar. This special meeting was called to discuss a potential speaker from "Truth in Accounting" and the cost associated with bringing in this speaker for the Spring Seminar. Since there was a verbal commitment of \$250-500 from Drury University toward this, and a potential donation by another outside organization, it was a unanimous vote of the 6 members of the CEC to contract/schedule the speaker to come for the Spring Seminar. Martha agreed to contact Cassie Meschke from KPMG about their willingness to make a donation.

CEC members in attendance: Teresa Allen, Deb Gillenwaters, Bob Wells, Deb Fraley, Linda Charles and Martha Mundt.

Submitted by: Martha Mundt, CGFM

Registration & Housing Now Open for AGA National Leadership Conference



February 18-19
Washington, D.C.

Make plans now to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference (NLC), to be held **Feb. 18-19, 2010** in Washington, D.C.

Join us to hear from high-level government officials and industry leaders, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

Technical education sessions will focus on hot topics in government financial management and accountability, current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions and what the future holds. The NLC also features an exhibit hall showcasing the newest tools and innovations to help agencies do their jobs more easily and effectively.

In addition to an outstanding technical education program, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours, AGA's NLC is packed with opportunities to network, make professional connections and meet new friends.

Visit the AGA website for more information. Show your commitment to a more accountable future: [register by fax](#) or [online](#) today!

NLC Hotel Accommodations: We have reserved a block of rooms at the JW Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue to accommodate NLC attendees. The rate is \$207 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, rates are only guaranteed until **Friday, January 29**, or until the room block is sold out.

Reservations received after Jan. 29, *or after the room block has been filled*, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly...we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

- To make a reservation, please call the JW Marriott at 800.393.2503 and mention you are attending the "AGA NLC" to receive the discounted rate.

Welcome Nancy Weems as Chapter Community Service Director

Hello fellow AGA members! I am Nancy Weems; I have just been appointed to Director of Community Services for our chapter. I want to tell you a little about myself. I am a stay put kind of gal. I was born and went through school here in Springfield (Pershing, Greenwood, and MSU). We lived in Ozark, in my Grandparent's farmhouse, for a few years when we were poor newlyweds. I worked in a bank when I was in college and only wrecked one bank car. After college I went into the moving and storage business and then into real estate. There are some stories that I almost ran a forklift off the dock, but I don't remember that. I count myself as fortunate to have been with the city for 20 years. All 20 years have been in the Workforce Development Department.



Nancy Weems, Community Service Director

We are funded by the Workforce Investment Act and provide job training, labor matching, and job placement. We serve seven counties including the cities of Springfield, Branson, and Bolivar. We maintain two one-stop offices, one

here in Springfield and one in Branson. We soon will be adding a mobile career center to better serve the surrounding communities. We share our one-stop centers with seven other organizations, including our major partner the State of Missouri. We each provide something a little different to our customers but strive to provide seamless services to them. A few years ago our funding regulations changed and my section became a part of the Department of Finance. So now I work with Sally Payne, Supervisor, Tammy Beeman, and Vickie Harris as a part of the Department of Finance assigned to Workforce Development



My primary duties include team leader, general ledger, billing partners and lead Financial Monitor to our sub-contractors such as Alternative Opportunities, Inc., Cox Health, and Webster County. I am a team member in contract development and grant budget applications. Most recently we have been heavily involved in a summer youth employment program funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This was challenging to determine the proper reporting formats and information required.

I am a member of the National Workforce Development Professionals through which I have earned a Certified Workforce Development Professional designation.

I look forward to working with your AGA Executive Committee and hope current and past leaders will be there to help me learn what to do to best serve you and our community. Thank you for this opportunity.

Nancy



Look for announcements in future newsletters from the scholarship committee and for the community service event in the spring, Relay for Life. If you would like to volunteer for either of these projects, please contact Nancy at: nweems@jcomis.org or at 841-3346.

Thank you Nancy for giving your time to enhance the Chapter's Community Service Program!



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Take the CGFM Examinations After the NLC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, Feb. 22, and Tuesday, Feb. 23, and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on Feb. 24-25. The cost of the course is only \$249 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.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx>

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

| Month | Date | Description | Location |
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| Nov | 11/10/09 |  Audio Conference: "Grants Management in Today's Environment" . Moderated by Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM, Fiscal Administrator for the Springfield/Greene County Health Department. <small>Speakers include: Thomas A. Cooley, MS, National Science Foundation W. Scott Erwin, CGFM, CPA, Texas State University Joseph L. Kull, CGFM, CPA, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP</small> | Springfield-Greene County Health Department lower-level conference room. Use northwest entrance. 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM—2 CPE Cost: Members & Non-members only \$10 Feel free to bring your own lunch |
| Dec | 12/10/09 Thursday | Speaker to be announced | Mid-Town Library |
| Jan | 01/12/2010 | Dr. Olen Greer, Missouri State University "How IFRS will effect government entities" | Mid-Town Library Noon to 1:00 PM |
| Feb | 02/23/2010 | February Spring Seminar "Truth In Accounting," Ethics, Employment Law, Capital Planning/Debt Issuance, The Audit Process. | Cooper Tennis Complex 8 hours CPE |
| Mar | 03/09/2010 | Audio Conference: "Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud" | Springfield-Greene County Health Department |
| Apr | 04/13/2010 | To Be Announced | Springfield National Airport |
| May | 05/26/2010 Wednesday | GASB or Auditing Update Speaker to be announced | Cooper Tennis Complex Breakfast meeting—8:00-10:00 AM |

Regional Training Opportunities



There are other AGA Chapters offering educational seminars this fall. Anyone up for a road trip in this beautiful fall weather?

Kansas City Chapter

Professional Development Seminar, Wednesday, **November 18, 2009** 8:00 - 5:00, \$80 member/\$160 non-member
 For more information email: Rhonda.Lucas@one.usda.gov
 Credit card payments accepted: Oscar.Williams2@va.gov or call 816-997-6939, fax 816-997-6954

Omaha Metro Area Chapter:

2009 Fall Professional Development Conference, **November 20, 2009** 8:00 - 5:00, \$150 member/\$200 non-member
 (Add \$20 if register after November 15)
 For more information: www.omahaaga.org

Mid-Missouri Chapter

Grants Training from Management Concepts, April 7 & 8, 2010
 Contact Cathy Lucia for more information
 Ph: 573-526-3608
 Fx: 573-751-7749

Topeka Chapter:

8-hour Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas, **March 3, 2010**
 "Fraud - Identifying It, Understanding It, Eliminating It"
 For more information: www.agaks.org



Fall Seminar Gains for Scholarships

The Ozarks Chapter Fall Seminar was held on October 13 at Cooper Tennis Complex. There were sixteen registered attendees (15 members and 1 non-member) and numerous students attending various sessions.

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| Registration fees | \$980.00 |
| Expenses | 40.34 |
| Net profit | \$ 939.66 |



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Ozarks Chapter Spring Membership Seminar will be held **Tuesday, February 23, 2010**. This **8-hour seminar** looks to be terrific, and remember that the seminar fee will cover your 2010-11 membership dues! We will have a national keynote speaker that you will not want to miss, so open up your calendar and save the date!

A special congratulations and words of encouragement go to **Sharla Bailey from Southwest Baptist University**. Sharla has passed two of the three exams for CGFM certification. **Go Sharla!! Two down, one to go!**

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Deb Fraley, CPA, Editor

Deadline for articles: Two weeks prior to meeting date.

Send articles to: dfraley@springfieldmo.gov

CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

