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I want to welcome our new members to Ozarks AGA; we had 7 new members join us for the seminar this year (list enclosed)! We hope to see you throughout the upcoming year.



Teresa Allen, CGFM

I want to thank the Chapter Executive Committee members that made the Membership Seminar possible. Many hands make light work; it's so true for the time volunteered to put together this event as well as the entire chapter year!

We still need ONE more volunteer to fill for next year's CEC board and that is Community Service Chair. This position is so rewarding and can really be whatever the chairperson wants it to be! We've done Relay for Life the past couple of years, can food drives, Toys for Tots; in the past we've collected school supplies, raised money for the Underprivileged School Children's Fund, served at The Kitchen, etc. The needs and opportunities are endless.

In this month's newsletter; look for information on Relay for Life and the education scholarships that are now available. Application deadline is March 31st, so don't delay.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 21st at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center. Located at 2400 S Scenic (across from Horton Smith Golf Course). We will hear from Ted Hillmer, Superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. He will be discussing their role as a federal agency. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, including lunch for 1 hour of CPE. Please register with Justin Hill at jrhill@greencountymo.org by Monday, April 18th at 5PM. After the meeting; if you would like a quick orientation of the gardens for you to explore on your own, a Botanical Garden staff member will be available.

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Community Service

The silent auction at the Membership Seminar on March 3rd raised \$340, with the chapter's match and National AGA's match we are at \$1,360. This is a GREAT start BUT let's maximize the match...and beyond. Last year we raised \$2,500, our goal is to at least match last year if not exceed it. We of course will take donations made out to the American Cancer Society at any time. You can go online at: <http://relay.acsevents.org> look for High Plains event search for Hillcrest High school May 20, 2011, make donations as well, just put in our team "Ozarks AGA". We need team members, if you sign up by April 1st and raise \$100 you will get a t-shirt, so don't delay!!

Welcome New Members!

Ozarks AGA would like to welcome our new members:

- *Janet Price
- *Gina McClure
- *Kristy Bork
- *Bill Compere
- *Karen Robson
- *Megan Haahr
- *Vickie Harris

Welcome everyone! We look forward to seeing you at future events!

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National PDC Hotel Scholarship Available:

Are you interested in attending the National AGA Professional Development Conference in Atlanta this year? Well the Ozarks AGA chapter can help you or your organization with the hotel costs. The Ozarks Chapter has ONE room scholarship available saving you \$132/night for up to 5 nights. This year's conference is July 10-13th. It is 24 hours of fantastic CPE. First one to respond can have it, contact Teresa Allen if you are interested at tallen@springfieldmo.gov.

For more information on the 60th annual PDC go to www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011.

Ozarks AGA academic scholarships now available! Applications are due March 31st. Our scholarships are not JUST for full time students, it includes our AGA members that are taking classes. All the information about the scholarship program and the application are available on our website at www.ozarksaga.org. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Sectional Leadership Meeting-Dallas TX May 13-14! It's that time of year to look towards a new year in AGA. Currently we have volunteers for about half of our 2011-12 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) positions. Even if you are a new member, we have the resources for all the "on the job" training you will need!! Offices are encouraged to attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Dallas TX May 13th and 14th. Completely paid by National AGA to get offices up and running in their positions.

To join the CEC, please contact Teresa Allen at tallen@springfieldmo.gov or at (417)864-1631.

The Ozarks AGA CEC Meeting was held on February 10, 2010 at the lower level conference room at the Springfield-Greene Health department.

CEC members in attendance were: Deb Gillenwaters, Teresa Allen, Linda Charles, Justin Hill, attending member Bob Wells.

1. A motion was made by Deb Gillenwaters and seconded by Justin Hill to approve the January CEC minutes.
2. The motion was made by Justin Hill and seconded by Teresa Allen to approve the January 2011 Treasurer's report.
3. National office has committed to \$1000 in matching the donations to this year's Relay for Life. The chapter's members are collecting items for the silent auction held at the relay rally. There will a gardening basket, fitness center membership, Teahouse gift and a Dillon's gift card.
4. Computer lights will be distributed to the attendees as registration gift. At this time fifty-one individuals have registered to attend the seminar. The CEC will ask Caitlyn Greene to update the e-mail addresses from the registration forms.
5. Linda Charles volunteered to pick up Richardson chocolates for the seminar speakers at the Candy House in the Parkcrest Shopping Center. The Teresa Allen will contact Deb Fraley to oversee the ordering of the food and the delivery to the Executive Center on March 3rd.
6. Bob Wells and Caitlyn Greene are planning on attending the SLM. The chapter needs to send four CEC board members to SLM in May; deadline for registration is March 11th.
7. Next year's board still seeking a Community Service and Education chairs.
8. Linda Charles and Teresa Allen will contact the proper organization in order to receive the Proclamation awards.

With no further business, the CEC meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Linda Charles

Acting Secretary

National News

Volunteer Opportunities at AGA's PDC

AGA is seeking PDC 2011 Atlanta Host Committee volunteers to share their time and talents by providing assistance at the conference. The Host Committee plays an essential role by helping with bag stuffing, registration, session monitoring and other tasks.

In appreciation for your time, AGA will provide volunteers with a complimentary conference registration. AGA does not reimburse for airfare, hotel accommodations, parking, bus fare, taxi or any other travel expenses incurred by getting to and from the PDC.

The Host Committee is limited to 35 individuals. Preference is given to AGA members who are able to work multiple shifts during the week. Great care will be taken to ensure the committee is diverse, includes both new/past participants, various agencies/organizations, and represents all AGA chapters and regions.

If you're interested in volunteering, please complete and e-mail the Host Committee Application to meetings@agacgfm.org by **April 18**. Selection and notification will be made on **May 12**. Even if you are not selected, you will be notified and added to our waiting list.

This is a very popular program. Submitting an application does not guarantee you will be selected; however, we appreciate your interest and willingness to help.

PDC Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction

AGA is proud to once again sponsor the National Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction. During the PDC, we'll be selling raffle tickets and hosting a silent auction for great prizes such as gift certificates, regional gift baskets, sports memorabilia and lots more. Proceeds will support the AGA National Community Service Fund as well as a charity selected by participants. Chapters are asked to donate prizes (gift baskets, T-shirts, etc.) from their local areas. Contact raffle coordinator [Renee Gilman, CGFM](#) to donate

Meet the Member

Name: Nancy Weems

Where do you work? City of Springfield Finance at The Missouri Career Center-this is a federally funded grant department

Job Title: Accounting Technician

Where are you from? Springfield MO

What was your first job? Gopher and floater at Farmers and Merchants Bank

What did you want to be when you grew up? I thought that the checkout ladies at the grocery store were so talented entering prices on that big cash register without even looking at their fingers...so I wanted to do that too.

What are you most proud of? My Birth Family and my Faith Family

What is your favorite restaurant? Landry's in Branson

What do you do in your free time? Run the cash register for my sister's gift and antique store, The Persimmon Tree, in downtown Ozark.

What has been your most interesting work experience? All the people that need help from time to time restarting their careers-make me appreciate my job even more.

What is your favorite part about being an AGA member? Getting to know the people that I have the privilege to work with on the AGA Board and having fun with them at Relay for Life. It is a hoot. (Shameless plug---sorry).

What might people not know about you? I am an excellent driver (except backing up...look out!)



Take it Easy

Everyone deals with stress in a different way. This is a segment providing different ways to deal with the stress we all face.

***Plan something fun**

Is there a trip you want to take but never had time to get it together? Or a dinner you've always wanted to make? Now's the time. Not only will you take your mind off things, but you'll be spending time eagerly anticipating a great getaway or meal later. It's a win-win situation.

http://www.sparkpeople.com/resource/wellness_articles.asp?id=185&page=2

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
4/21/2011	Wilson's Creek National Battlefield-A Federal Government Agency	Ted Hillmer, Superintendent	Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center

CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Our current standing as of **February 28, 2011**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,200	3,000	73%
Education and Professional Development	600	4,000	15%
Certification	750	4,000	19%
Communications	3,455	3,000	115%
Membership	150	3,000	5%
Early Careers and Student Members	1,075	2,000	54%
Community Service	700	2,000	35%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	8,930	22,000	41%

Want to Get Your CGFM Certification?

To learn more about the workings of government entities, think about studying for the CGFM. For details go to the AGA website and look at the CGFM section.

Linda Charles
CGFM Chair



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Additional training opportunities: Please see the attached brochure and registration form for the Greater Kansas City Chapter's 17th Annual White Collar Crime Seminar.
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Caitlyn Greene, Editor

Deadline for articles: Two weeks prior to meeting date.

Send articles to: cgreene@springfieldmo.gov

CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

"Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep at night."

—Marian Wright Edelman