

State of Arkansas



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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership



Issue 15

March 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have weathered some of the craziest three months to have our meetings and participate in activities! Our February meeting was first postponed due to the weather, and later the make-up date was cancelled when more bad weather hit us. February was also the month for our drive for donations to the Dorcas House; and because of the weather, we extended the drive through March.

The annual membership drive is from January through March and we were able to have a great

January meeting that combined our membership drive with a Pizza lunch for all who attended.

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed all the applications this quarter and made their selections for the awards of our AGA Chapter Student Scholarships.

Our chapter's role is to ensure that we create opportunities for professional development and growth, to provide service to our community and to advance accountability in governmental operations. We also provide networking opportunities for our membership to exchange knowledge and experiences.

Please use our website to keep abreast of our activities.

If you have any questions or comments, or wish to become more involved in AGA, please send me an email at William.Cottrell@dhs.Arkansas.gov



Will Cottrell, Chapter President 2014-2015



MARCH IS CGFM MONTH!

AGA is the only association supporting more than 15,000 professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private, nonprofit and academic sectors.

To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March of each year as "CGFM Month"

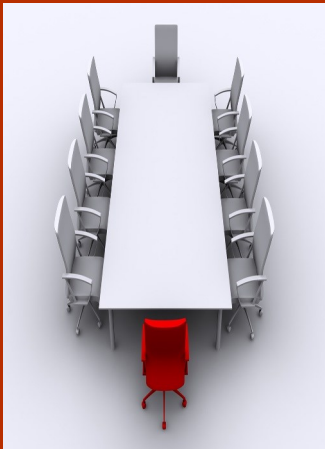


PARKING



Public parking deck available at 6th and Scott or on Main St.

Being educational in nature, each meeting provides attending members with an hour of continuing professional educational credit (CPE).



Monthly Meetings

Noon meetings are held eight times a year on the third Monday of the month and this year the location is on the third floor in the River Room of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Suite 350 at the Main Street Mall! Slick's Restaurant is located on the first floor for anyone to pick up food before the meeting. Main Street Mall is located at 101 E. Capitol in downtown Little Rock. Parking is available on either the street or at 6th and Scott parking deck.



Remaining Monday Meetings



We are collecting can goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts!

April 20, 2015	Tyler Cain, DWS - Finance
May 18, 2015	Pamela Vance, Unemployment Insurance

Thessing & Associates CPA'S

9772 Maumelle Blvd

North Little Rock, AR 72113

(501) 537-1010

"We proudly support the AGA and its activities"

Guest Speakers



The guest speaker for the January 20, 2015, meeting was Gloria Johnson, Equal Opportunity Manager, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. With her varied experiences in Workforce Services, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the United States Navy and

extension training in Equal Opportunity and Grievance/Alternative Dispute Resolution, she held the audience's attention with examples of how not to act in the workplace, emphasizing the current hot topic of bullying.

Due to the icy weather, the February 17, 2015, meeting was rescheduled to the following Monday and then cancelled.

Phillip Harris, Assistant Director, Arkansas Workforce Services spoke at our

March 16, 2015, meeting about the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) programs. These programs are currently being evaluated with the question "Are we doing what we should be doing?" in order to determine future goals and to eliminate current barriers in reducing poverty.

**The Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy has recognized the Association as a CPE Provider exempt from registration with the Board. Our meetings and seminars qualify as CPE for CGFM's and Arkansas CPA's and do not require advance approval by the Board.*

Upcoming Events

SPRING SEMINAR, MAY 15, 2015

**GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
SET THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND COME TO THE AGA
SPRING SEMINAR**



**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET,
JUNE 16, 2015**

**A FUN EVENING FOR ALL AGA
MEMBERS. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

WHAT IS AGA MEMBERSHIP WORTH?

JOIN OR RENEW!
www.agacgfm.org

Your AGA membership dues are a solid investment in your career, now and for the future. With the substantial savings and benefits AGA members receive, you quickly recoup the membership fee with the potential to earn more than a 500 percent return-on-investment! We have calculated some of the benefits, many are inestimable.

Continuing Professional Education

Federal Financial Systems Summit | 6 CPEs
 CFO-CIO Summit | 4 CPEs
 Webinars | 1 CPE each

UP TO

14 CPEs FREE

**Career Center and
 Online Mentoring**

FREE

Online ToolKits and Thought Leadership Library

Fraud Prevention
 Risk Assessment Monitoring
 Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative
 Candidate Assessment for Grants Managers
 Annual CFO, CIO and IG Survey Results
 Research and Intergovernmental Reports

INVALUABLE

Connecting

Networking
 Engaging in Leadership Opportunities

Working as a neutral third party, fostering cooperation and communication among different levels of government as well as with the private sector

Commenting on standards and to policymakers on behalf of government financial management

IMMEASURABLE

Event Registration Discounts

Web Conferences | \$20 each
 National Leadership Training | \$175
 Government Performance Summit | \$100
 Professional Development Training | \$200
 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | \$175

UP TO **\$670**

CGFM® Renewal

Discount on the Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) renewal fee

\$35

Publications

Journal of Government Financial Management | \$95 value
 Topics weekly e-newsletter | \$52 value

\$147 VALUE





A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of 14,000 members in the United States and around the world representing state, federal, local and private sector government accountability professionals, and

WHEREAS, AGA members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character in its *Code of Ethics*, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate education and professional experience, to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics* and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, William L. Taylor, CGFM, Chair of the Professional Certification Board, and Sam M. McCall, CGFM, AGA National President, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2006 and the month of March of each year going forward as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, CGFM
CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD

SAM M. MCCALL, CGFM
AGA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization that is part of the Association of Government Accountants, a network of more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 200 active members who represent state, federal, municipal and private-sector accountants, auditors and financial managers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Arkansas Chapter have responded to the AGA's mission by advancing governmental accountability and by continuing broad educational efforts emphasizing the high standards of conduct, honor and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS: The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter is making significant strides in both its professional ability and its service to the citizens of Arkansas through mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS: The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring that each CGFM candidate has an appropriate educational and employment history, abides by AGA's Code of Ethics and passes a rigorous examination requiring expertise in all facets of government management, accounting and budgeting. All CGFM holders must also maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all citizens to recognize the dedicated efforts put forth by financial managers in our communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2015.




 ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:


 MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE



Proclamation

Know Ye All People By These Presents Greetings:

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WHEREAS, there are approximately 200 active members who represent state, federal, municipal, and private-sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, members of the Arkansas Chapter have responded to the AGA's mission by advancing governmental accountability and by continuing broad educational efforts that emphasize high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter is making significant strides in both its professional ability and its service to the citizens of Arkansas through mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring that each CGFM candidate has an appropriate educational and employment history, abides by AGA's Code of Ethics, and passes a rigorous examination requiring expertise in all facets of government management, accounting, and budgeting. All CGFM holders must also maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Stodola, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Little Rock, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as

“CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH”

across the City of Little Rock, and I urge all citizens to recognize the dedicated efforts put forth by financial managers in our communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock to be affixed on this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord, 2015.

Mark Stodola,
Mayor



CGFM News



The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)



The Mark of Excellence for Government Financial Professionals

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

Initial Certification Requirements

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics—read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.

Education—have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Examinations— pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.

Experience— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

CGFM Candidates:

The Central Arkansas AGA Chapter is pleased to announce a new CGFM scholarship opportunity for this program year (July 2014 – June 2015).

We are offering **TWO \$200** scholarships to go towards covering the cost of examination fees and preparation materials.

Go to the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter website www.centralaraga.org to find the scholarship details as well as a fillable PDF application.

Qualifications include the following:

- Active Central AR AGA member in good standing

- Must be employed as a governmental accountant

- Must pass all three parts of the exam prior to application submission

The third and final exam must be passed within this fiscal year

- The exam and application test fees must be incurred and paid by the applicant

After passing the third and final portion of the exam this program year, return the completed application via email or to the address provided.

The deadline for application submission is May 31, 2015; however scholarships will be awarded to the first two completed applications received. May 31 is not far away and one candidate has already met the above requirement. YOU can be the recipient of the second scholarship if you start now!

Feel free to contact Jami Fisher at (501)682-7833 for further information. Good luck!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: February 3, 2015
 Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Meeting Location: Franke's Cafeteria, Regions Bank Building

Members Present: Will Cottrell Chandria Willis
 DeeVee Pearson Linda Bouillon Joshua Walker
 Angela Thomas Jami Fisher Brenda Jackson
 Elouise Evans Richard Drilling Terri Baca

Jessica Primm

The meeting was called to order by Will Cottrell at 12:05 p.m., immediately following lunch.

Old Business

Linda Bouillon made a motion to accept the December 2, 2014, minutes as printed as well as the two interim motions and votes using e-mail on the January 6-7, 2015, Membership Drive Lunch and on the January 7, 2015, Scholarship Awards. Richard Drilling seconded and the motion carried.

Chandria Willis made a motion to approve the December 2014 and January 2015 Treasurer's Report as submitted and Richard Drilling seconded. The motion carried.

The Audit Report was distributed and the consensus was to delay voting on it until it could be properly reviewed by the Board and then vote on it via e-mail. It was noted that on page 6 under Membership in Note 1 the auditor stated "Full membership requires six or more years...." This should really be "...three or more years...."

Committee Reports

Chapter Recognition

Chandria Willis informed the Board that the Chapter just needs 3,526 more points to reach Platinum:

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP	3,000
EDUCATION	2,250
CERTIFICATION	1,000
COMMUNICATIONS	3,000
MEMBERSHIP	3,225
ACCOUNTABILITY	1,400
COMMUNITY SERVICE	1,100
AWARDS	1,000
TOTAL	15,975

She is confident that we will exceed this by the end of May.

Education Chair

Joshua Walker informed the Board that the Spring Seminar is still scheduled for May 15, 2015. It will be at the UALR Co-op Building and he is working on getting a flyer ready. Will Cottrell suggested that he contact Jimmy Corley or Mike Watts in presenting an hour of Ethics.

Joshua also stated that National did cut the Audio Webinar CPE program for this Fiscal Year and did not know what they were planning about it for the next year.

Membership & Early Career

Angela Thomas reported that the Membership Lunch Drive was a success with over 40 in attendance at the January 20, 2015, General Membership Meeting. She made sure that each member who brought a guest received an AGA gift bag and stylus/ink pen. Each guest received AGA material and an application form. One guest joined on the spot so the member received a portfolio pad. She has sent 8 welcome letters to new members since our last meeting and one UALR professor has joined the Chapter.

Programs

Lateisha Moore was not at the meeting. Will Cottrell reported that she had sent him photocopies of attendance sheets for him to include in the binders that he and Joshua Walker were compiling to document all attendance each year to put in Dale Edge's (Investigator for the Arkansas State Board Accountancy) office for his reference in documentation of CPE hours/attendance.

Meetings & Award

Terri Baca reported that the Chapter had a Great Holiday Dinner. She is looking around for a venue for the Annual Awards Dinner which is expected to now be on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

Accountability

No update.

CGFM

Jami Fisher reminded the Board that March is coming up and it is CGFM month. She has sent proclamations to both the State Governor and the Little Rock Mayor. Mayor Stodola's office has scheduled us at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16th, for a photo shoot. She is following up with the Governor's Office to schedule a photo shoot at the Capitol.

Jami then made a motion to award one of the two CGFM scholarships to Linda Bouillon who met the requirements in December and is now the newest CGFM in the Chapter. Richard Drilling seconded and the motion carried. Jami will be presenting the \$200 scholarship to Linda at the June Awards Meeting.

Community Service

Brenda Jackson announced the following community service opportunities:

Collecting items for the Dorcas House (a flyer will be sent out later this week)

Blood Drive at DHS, 700 West Main in Little Rock on February 19, 2015

Food drive for Our House (collections each membership meeting) to include serving pizza (a date to be determined and a flyer sent then)

VITA volunteers for rest of tax season

Riverfest in May

She reminded the Board that she and Elouise Evans are open to any ideas and would like to do joint activities with the Membership. Contact either her

(Brenda.jackson@dhs.arkansas.gov 501-682-6250) or

Elouise Evans (Elouise.evans@dhs.arkansas.gov 501-683-1560).

Newsletter

Linda Bouillon informed the Board that the Second Quarter 2015 Issue is 95% complete as it just needs tweaking with picture placement.

Website

Sandy Becker informed the Board that the web-site password will not be given as it is for all the sites that the administrator has set up. Will Cottrell and Linda Bouillon volunteered to look for other alternatives.

Historian

Richard Drilling informed the Board that pictures were now available from the Holiday Dinner. He had already given a disc to Linda Bouillon for the Newsletter and gave another disc to Sandy Becker for the website.

Nominations

Chandria Willis informed the Board that the Nominating Committee including herself, DeeVee Pearson, Shannon Todd, Steven Petersen, Cyndi West, Gerald Plafcan and Alma Valley has made the following Nominations for the membership to vote on at the next General Membership Meeting on February 17, 2015:

Position	Nominees
President Elect	Joshua Walker
Secretary	Linda Bouillon
Treasurer	Steven Petersen
Director of Accountability & By-laws	Jessica Primm
Director of Professional Certification	Jeff Mascagni
Director of Membership and Early Career	Angela Thomas
Director of Programs/Technical Meetings	Lateisha Moore
	Brenda Jackson
Director of Community Service	Elouise Evans
Director of Communications (Newsletter)	LaNetra Jackson
Director of Education*	James Christopher

*This position was to fill an upcoming vacancy.

Student Scholarship Committee

Angela Thomas informed the Board that the Student scholarships were scored on January 6, 2015, by the Scholarship Committee and the two qualified student applicants were notified after the Board approved them in the January 7, 2015, e-mail vote. Class schedules were given to Steve Petersen for audit verification to issue each a \$500 scholarship award. Angela will be getting pictures for Linda Bouillon to place in the next newsletter.

New Business

Brenda Jackson informed the Board that National will again provide scholarships for rooms and expenses for two Chapter officers/directors to attend the Nashville 2015 Professional Development Training July 12-15. The Chapter will provide the registration and travel expenses for these two to attend.

She also informed the Board that she should hear in late February, early March when and where the annual Sectional Leadership Meeting will be held. National will provide scholarships for rooms and expenses for the President-elect and one other officer/director.

Next Meetings

The next Membership meeting is Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Joshua Walker made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard Drilling seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Association of Government Accountants
Central Arkansas Chapter
FY 2015 Statement of Activities
March 31, 2015**

Revenue	<u>Unrestricted</u>
Education Seminars	3,297
Donations	2
Banquets	475
Chapter Sponsorships	2,750
Dues	544
AGA National	241
Interest Income	10
Miscellaneous Income	3
Total Revenues	<u>7,322</u>
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
Fall Seminar	789
Spring Seminar	-
Audioconference Expenses	-
PDC Expense	36
Holiday Party	2,203
Awards Banquet	-
Awards	-
Speaker Expense	-
Scholarships/Memorials	1,000
Community Service	795
Promotional Supplies	-
Recruitment	181
Website	188
Total Program Expenses	<u>5,191</u>
Management and Administrative Expenses	
Professional Fees	-
Post Office Box Rent	92
Executive Committee meeting expense	514
Banking Fees	-
Miscellaneous	-
Total Management and Administrative Expenses	<u>606</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,797</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,526
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	<u>27,577</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>29,103</u>

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY!



And the Recipients Are:



Meet Robert Jones, Jr..

Robert is a Senior completing his last semester at Philander Smith College for his Business Management/ Business Administration degree.

He is an AGA member in our Central Arkansas Chapter.



Meet Shena Lloyd

Shena is a Senior completing her last semester at Arkansas Baptist College for her Business Administration degree.

She is the daughter of one of our Central Arkansas Chapter members.



Scholarship Committee Members:

Angela Thomas, Committee Chair

Melanie Hazeslip

Stacey Hogue

Kaki Roberts

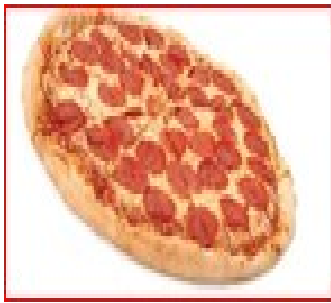
Chandria Willis

QUARTER ACTIVITIES– MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**The Annual Membership Drive
Was Held on January 20, 2015,
At the Monthly Membership Meeting**

Over 40 people were in attendance and one became a new member on site allowing her sponsor to receive an AGA portfolio pad!

There was enough pizza, cookies and bottled water for everyone.



Each member who brought a guest received an AGA bag containing a stylus/ink pen.

Each guest was given the “What Is My Membership Worth” flyer, along with a copy of our latest Journal, AGA application, CGFM pamphlet, and other AGA documentation .

The membership drive continued through March 31, 2015. Anyone sponsoring a new member between January and the end of March 2015, is to let Angela Thomas know with an email of the new member’s name and AGA number in order to receive their AGA portfolio pad.

SUPER RECRUITERS CLUB

When you recruit 10 members, you become part of the Super Recruiters Club!

Super Recruiter status affords many exclusive rewards, including recognition at a private reception at the annual PDT. Other rewards include: a lapel pin, certificate, VIP status at all national events and logo wear apparel.



QUARTER ACTIVITIES– COMMUNITY SERVICE



AGA MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE DHS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

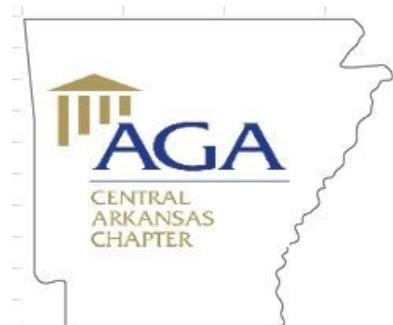
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015



ABOUT 5 MILLION PATIENTS RECEIVE BLOOD EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.—AND THAT BLOOD CAN ONLY COME FROM DONORS LIKE AGA MEMBERS. BRENDA JACKSON AND ELOUISE EVANS COORDINATED THE SCHEDULING.



Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others.



QUARTER ACTIVITIES– COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dorcas House Drive



The Dorcas House provides Outreach to women and children. It provides emergency services, food, shelter, clothing and crisis intervention to more than 400 women and children annually.

During the months of February and March members collected and donated items that are needed at the Dorcas House for the many women and children that need help to change their lives. The following ten most wanted items were donated for the women and children at the Dorcas House:



Items were brought to the monthly Chapter meeting on March 16th as the February 17th meeting was changed to February 23rd and then cancelled due to weather.

Also, members could contact Brenda Jackson or Elouise Evans to make other arrangements to drop off items.

QUARTER ACTIVITIES-Community Service

Our Central Chapter is involving more of its members in community service with new volunteer red T-Shirts. Many were given away for joining the Central Arkansas AGA Team for their participation in the various volunteer events led by our Directors of Community Service. These shirts will also be worn at future volunteer events.



FEED THE HUNGRY

We are collecting can goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts!



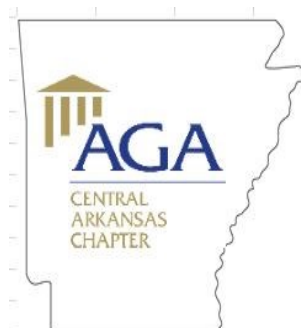
QUARTER ACTIVITIES-Community Service



AGA members have the opportunity to volunteer their accounting skills by becoming Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers.

VITA volunteers provide FREE Income Tax Preparation Assistance to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people.

Volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS. Go to www.vita-volunteers.org for information about training and assignment sites.



NEXT QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: PIZZA DAY AT OUR HOUSE

**Saturday,
April 11, 2015**



Our House empowers homeless and near-homeless families and individuals to succeed in the workforce, in school, and in life through hard work, wise decision-making, and active participation in the community.

Join your fellow members of the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter in serving pizza and drinks on **Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at Our House** which is located at 302 E. Roosevelt Road in Little Rock, Arkansas! Volunteers are needed to greet and serve pizza and drinks to fifty (50) people who reside at **Our House**. **All volunteers are to arrive at Our House approximately between 11:30 am and 11:45am.**

Pizzas and drinks will be donated by the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter.

Please contact Elouise Evans at Elouise.Evans@dhs.arkansas.gov or Brenda Jackson at Brenda.Jackson@dhs.arkansas.gov if you are interested in supporting your Chapter by volunteering for this fun community service event!

If you haven't already received your Central Arkansas AGA Chapter Volunteer's T-shirt, make arrangements with Elouise or Brenda to get one on or before the event!

NEXT QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Another Red Cross Blood Drive

from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 23, 2015

It's Spring and time to start new! Most people never think they'll ever need blood, but many do and that blood needs to be ready and waiting. To do that, it needs to come from you. Science has made a lot of advances, but creating blood isn't one of them. Blood can't be manufactured, so it has to be available on the spot when needed. It can only come from donors like you.

If you've never given blood before, we invite you to sign up and give. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing you did something great for your community! Less than 38 percent of people in the U.S. are eligible to give blood -- so your donation is a precious gift! It can mean the difference between life and death for someone. Your donation can help as many as three people.

Giving blood is easy to do and it's easy to sign up!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A DONOR AT THIS DHS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, CONTACT BRENDA JACKSON AT 682-6250 OR ELOUISE EVANS AT 683-1560 TO COORDINATE YOUR SCHEDULING

Join the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter in taking a trip to the Library!

Many hands are needed to sort books and the satisfaction of giving back to the community is PRICELESS!

Be looking for an announcement of date, time and details!



If you haven't already received your Central Arkansas AGA Chapter Volunteer's T-shirt, make arrangements with Elouise or Brenda to get one on or before any of the planned events!

NEXT QUARTER UPCOMING EVENTS



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTANTS

SPRING SEMINAR

May 15, 2015



Updates and Emerging Issues for Accountability Professionals

- 1hr ½ GASB Updates
- 2hr Fraud Assessment
- 2hr Consumer Fraud
- 1hr ½ Technology Risk Compliance

The spring seminar will be held at the **University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium** (2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204). Lunch and refreshments will be provided in the cost of the seminar. Seven (7) hours of Continuing Professional Education will be available to attendees.

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a qualifying continuing education organization and an approved sponsor pursuant to Board Rule 13.4(f)(1) of the Arkansas State Board of Accountancy.

For more information, contact Joshua Walker at (501) 682-5772 or Email: joshua.walker@arkansas.gov

Registration Form (Please make photocopy of this page and return)

PLEASE CHECK OFF YOUR PAYMENT STATUS IN THE BOXES BELOW

Please check the seminars you are attending:	AGA Member (CGFM)	AGA Member	non-AGA Member	PAYMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> GASB Updates	\$30	\$ 35	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud Assessment	\$30	\$ 35	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud	\$30	\$ 35	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Risk Compliance	\$30	\$ 35	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL DAY	\$90	\$100	\$ 150	_____

Make checks payable to: AGA Central Arkansas Chapter
P O Box 27
Little Rock, AR 72203-0027

Registration fees are non-refundable. However, another person can be substituted, or a paid registration can be used toward another Central Arkansas AGA seminar offered during the same program year. Central Arkansas AGA must be notified of such changes no later than the commencement of the seminar. A 10% group discount is available for retirees or for groups of 10 or more from the same agency/company.

Name _____ Firm _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

NEXT QUARTER UPCOMING EVENTS

AGA CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER SPRING 2015 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15th, 2015

- 8:30 – 10:00 **Paulina Haro-Camm**, Assistant Project Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
"GASB Updates" – **1 ½ Hour CPE**
- 10:00 – 12:00 **Lauren McLean**, Internal Audit Technical Specialist, (Office of the Inspector General), Department of Defense (DOD-OIG)
"Fraud Assessment" – **2 Hour CPE**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 – 3:00 **Mariel Henderson-Santamaria**, Investigator in the Department of Public Protection & Hispanic Liaison, Attorney General's Office
"Consumer Fraud" – **2 Hour CPE**
- 3:00 – 4:30 **Tyler Morgan**, Manager of Technology Risk Assurance, Frost LLP
"Technology Risk Compliance" – **1 ½ Hour CPE**

GASB Updates

Paulina Haro, Assistant Project Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Paulina Haro is a project manager with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk, Connecticut. Her current project assignments include Irrevocable Charitable Trusts, Blending Requirements for Certain BTAs, and Fair Value. Before joining the GASB staff in 2014, Paulina worked as Financial Analyst, Cash Manager and subsequently as Treasurer for the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and CIP Fiscal Manager for the City of Raleigh.

Paulina received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration–Accounting with Summa Cum Laude honors from Campbell University. She also holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of North Carolina.

FRAUD ASSESSMENT

Lauren McLean, Internal Audit Technical Specialist for the Office of the Attorney General – Department of Defense

Ms. McLean's twenty years of auditing experience includes developing fraud training resources, leading peer reviews of DoD audit organizations, and conducting operational and financial audits. She has worked as an Internal Audit Technical Specialist, Office of Inspector General DoD (DoD OIG), Audit Policy and Oversight since March 2006. In 2011, she completed a seven month training detail to the Government Accountability Office. During this time, she participated in revising the 2007 version of Government Auditing Standards. Ms. McLean's diverse background also includes experience as a senior auditor at two public accounting firms, where she performed financial audits of healthcare organizations and local school districts.

Ms. McLean received the DoD OIG's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for her contributions to establishing the Fraud Indicators in Procurement and Other Defense Activities Webpage and the Superior Civilian Service Award for her work in leading a DoD entity-wide fraud seminar, where she assisted with developing fraud training videos and related resources. She has also coauthored several articles on fraud for DoD publications.

Ms. McLean received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Regis College in Weston Massachusetts, and in May 2008 received her Master's Degree in Public Policy Management from Georgetown University. She is a Certified Internal Auditor and past President of the DC Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors. Ms. McLean is currently a member of the Chapter's Board of Governors and serves as District Representative for the third Mid-Atlantic Region.

CONSUMER FRAUD

Mariel Henderson-Santamaria, Investigator in the Department of Public Protection & Hispanic Liaison – Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

Mariel Lilelana Henderson-Santamaria is an investigator in the Department of Public Protection and Hispanic Liaison of the Attorney General of Arkansas. Born in Panama City, came to live in Arkansas in February 2005. She attended Saint Vincent of Paul Catholic School in Panama City. Through a grant from the Panamanian government enrolled the Law School at the University of Panama where she earned a Bachelor of Law and Political Sciences. At the same time she studied English as a second language in the extension of the University of Florida in Panama, "Florida State University." In 2001 she obtained a postgraduate degree in Business Administration and in 2003 a MBA with emphasis in Human Resources.

She worked seven years in the Panamanian judicial system, holding various positions in the Panamanian judicial career. In the United States, she has worked as an interpreter for the company Arkansas Spanish Interpreters, in the Law Firm of Wilson & Associates, PLLC, and works since February 2007 for the Office of the Attorney General.

TECHNOLOGY RISK COMPLIANCE

Tyler Morgan, CISA, CISSP, JD – Manager of Technology Risk Assurance– Frost LLP

Tyler Morgan is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), and a Licensed Attorney with over 8 years of Information Technology Security, Operations, and Compliance experience. Prior to joining Frost, Tyler was involved in the audit and enforcement of federal cyber security regulations/requirements within the energy industry. Tyler manages Frost, PLLC's Technology Risk Assurance services, which includes the following service areas: SOX 404; HIPPA; FFEIC; SOX 404; NERC CIP; Penetration Testing & Vulnerability Assessment; Food Defense; and General Technology Assurance Services.

Education

University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Juris Doctorate

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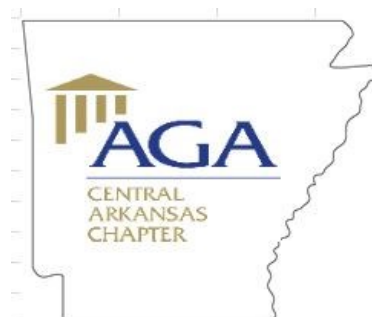
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What’s the definition of an accountant?

“Someone who solves a problem you didn’t know you had, in a way you don’t understand.”

Why did the auditor cross the road?

“Because he looked in the file and that’s what they did last year.”

What do call a Trial Balance that doesn’t balance?

“A late night.”

What do accountants suffer from that ordinary people don’t?

“Depreciation.”

Where do homeless accountants live?

“In a tax shelter.”