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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

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Each year we think we will get more things done than when we started.

Well, this year we actually got more done than we hoped for.

Everyone on the Board helped to make this a fantastic year by their efforts and successes in their areas of responsibility. I want to thank all of you for your dedication and service this past year. This has led to a number of National awards for our Chapter and its members.

Jessica Primm prepared our Member Centric Report this year detailing our operations and accomplishments, and has received the national award of Certificate of Excellence for the report.

Chandria Willis provided a wonderful foundation for our Newsletter, and Linda Bouillon took this foundation, added to it to make it an award winning newsletter. Linda will receive the National AGA Chapter Newsletter Award at the PDT in Nashville for this accomplishment in July.

Brenda Jackson has served as the Regional Vice President for our AGA Region this past year, and for her outstanding efforts, she has received the Regional Vice-President Platinum Award.

For our Chapter efforts this year, we have achieved the National AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition Award. This is this highest Award given to a chapter.

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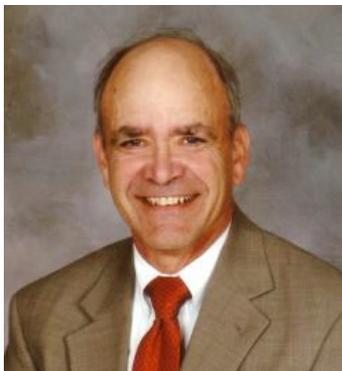


Will Cottrell, Chapter President 2014-2015



## From the National President...

*(reprinted from AGA April 13, 2105, Topics Newsletter)*



Well, spring is here and we at AGA are anxiously awaiting PDT 2015 in Nashville, this July. This is a cornerstone event for this organization each year. I have attended many over the years, and they just keep getting better and better. If you have never attended one, you must find a way. The CPE hours mount up

for you and the knowledge exchange is incredible. Our keynote speakers are prestigious, and give advice and consult on a lot of issues. Some are especially heartwarming. Such as the young man who shared his story last year; he was born in Africa, migrated to the U.S. at a very young age without his

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**PARKING**



Public parking is available around the Capital Complex at the new 2015-16 Membership Meeting place.

*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 was on the third floor in the River Room of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Suite 350 at the Main Street Mall.

For the new 2015-16 Year, the membership meetings will be held at Workforce Services in the 5th Floor Conference Room at the State Capitol Complex. Parking is available around the Complex.

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*"We proudly support the AGA and its activities"*

## Recap of 2014-15 Membership Meetings



*We collected canned goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts and will continue to do so in 2015-16!!*



September	Angela Thomas, COSO, Internal Controls
October	Phyllis Dills, Social Security Retirement
November	Benjamin R Rugg, CPA, Internal Controls
January	Gloria Johnson, EEOC
February	Rescheduled, then Canceled due to Weather
March	Phillip Harris, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
April	Tyler Cain, Leadership
May	Tim Montgomery, CPA, CISA, ASBPA Ethics



The guest speaker for the April 20, 2015, meeting was Tyler Cain, Division Chief, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. He challenged the audience to attain Exemplary Leadership with 5 Models to follow and reminded us that the most important leaders in an organization are the leaders closest

## Guest Speakers

to us. We need to continue to be honest, forward-looking, inspirational and competent. “Good is the Enemy to Great.”

The guest speaker for the May 18, 2015, meeting was Tim Montgomery, CPA, CISA, investigator with the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy. This was a great opportunity for the membership to obtain the newly required ethic hour from a course about Board statutes

and rules. The topic was ASBPA Ethics and Tim reminded the audience of the importance of following Board Rules 13, 301, 302, 404, 405, and 411. He provided many good examples of how not to follow the rules that were entertaining yet hit home where one recognized the significance of keeping informed of Board rule making, policies and requests.

*\*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:



*This upcoming National AGA event will be held in Nashville, TN. Go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/PDT2015/PDT-Home.aspx> to find out more info.*

## First 2015-16 Membership Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2015

Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars!!

Note the new location of the 5th floor Conference Room of Workforce Services!

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Further, in recognition of all our efforts, Bill Miller, the AGA National President will present me with the AGA National President's Award at the PDT in Nashville in July. This is not an individual award, but one in recognition of how special our chapter has been this past year.

As a recap of our activities this year, we have held seven monthly meetings (February was snowed out), and two seminars offering 21 hours of continuing education credits. The two seminars had top level speakers from GASB, the Department of Defense, the National AGA President Bill Miller, the Attorney General's office, and several wonderful local speakers. Joshua Walker was outstanding in his efforts as Education Chair in putting on these seminars.

We now have an active formal Scholarship Committee to evaluate and recommend candidates for our Student Scholarships, and I commend them on their work this year, and congratulate out two award winners of the scholarships.

We have revived the CGFM scholarships this year and two members have passed the exams and received their Certificates, along with the scholarship award. Jami Fisher has been a tireless proponent for the certification and the scholarships

We are slowly increasing our membership, in spite of budget cutbacks, which shows the value that our organization provides, and have Angela Thomas, the Membership Chair to applaud for her efforts this year, especially the pizza lunch meeting.

The Meetings and Awards Committee with Terri Baca, Shauna Galbert and formerly Shirley Jackson have been outstanding in organizing our Holiday dinner at the Capital Club and the Awards Banquet.

And what a year we have had with our Community Service projects which Brenda Jackson and Elouise Evans have engaged us with. I am with the Department of Human Services and I look at these projects as a supplement to the work that our agency provides to the citizens of Arkansas. This year we participated in:

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance – Southern Legislative Conference event to bag 50,000 meals for the hungry.

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance – Watermelon Crawl in Scott to pick watermelons for the food bank.

Our monthly solicitation of canned food for the Arkansas Food Bank.

Sponsoring two children on the DHS Foster Care Angel Tree to buy them Christmas presents.

Sponsoring the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree project to provide calling cards for children of incarcerated parents to talk with their parents over Christmas.

Supporting the seasonal Red Cross Blood drive by encouraging our members to participate.

Sponsoring a team for the annual Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, and having a tent on the sideline with treats to encourage participants in the race.

A soup kitchen event at Our House to feed the residents.

Solicited donations for supplies for the Dorcas House.

Initiated a Chapter Program to provide Chapter AGA logo T-shirts to those who volunteer for one of our community service events.

The incoming Board should have a good year ahead and I have every hope that our efforts can help you, our members, and our community. Looking ahead, there will soon be a new chapter website with more current information available for you. There are plans for increased education opportunities with our seminars. And I encourage you to get involved in any of our community service events. Thank you all for your help through this wonderful year.

Will Cottrell, CPA, CGMA, MBA, MS Tax  
2014 –2015 AGA Central Arkansas Chapter President

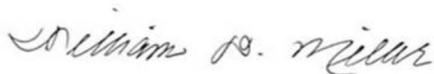
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parents, and succeeded the way most entrepreneurs do in this wonderful country of ours. He found a niche, a need for soap back in his home country. So, what did he do? He started collecting the soap bars at hotels left by guests. By, reprocessing these little soap bars he was able to send new soap bars to the homeland. He MADE a difference.

As I have journeyed this year with AGA, I have seen magnificent examples of our members making a difference. The community service events at a lot of the PDTs are unique and driven towards the real needs of the community within their reach. The quality of the training sessions has been outstanding and that's not just my opinion; the reviews by the participants rave about AGA's efforts. So, we are making a difference in the development and training of our leaders in Federal, State, and Local organizations. Our National-level focus is to keep AGA relevant. We are a leader in assisting and shaping the financial management arena.

Our National staff keeps the finger on the pulse of the newest initiatives and develops plans for AGA to aid and assist development. We can do this because of our members. Our members come from so many backgrounds that we are well-rounded and prepared to study and opine on almost any issue.

We are making a difference, individually and collectively; and I congratulate all of our leaders and members.



William D. Miller, CGFM, CIA  
2014–2015 AGA National President



**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](mailto: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  
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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.

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## AGA CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER SPRING 2015 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

### 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 Llelena 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: SOC1, 2 & 3; 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

University of Arkansas at Monticello – Bachelor of Business Administration

#### **Certifications, Memberships and Civic Involvement**

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP)

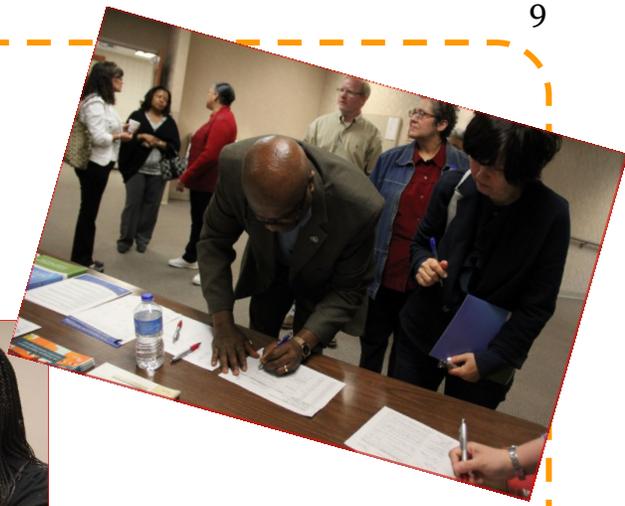
Licensed Attorney, State of Arkansas

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

InfraGard – Arkansas Chapter

Energy Bar Association





# CGFM News



## The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)



**The Mark of Excellence for Government  
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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.



## CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER CGFM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



Nick Freyaldenhoven



Linda Bouillon

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: June 2, 2015  
 Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.  
 Meeting Location: Franke's Cafeteria, Regions Bank Building

Members Present:  
 Will Cottrell Chandria Willis Steve Petersen  
 Linda Bouillon Joshua Walker Shaunda Galbert  
 Jami Fisher Brenda Jackson Elouise Evans  
 Richard Drilling Terri Baca Sandy Becker

Upcoming Board Member: Lanetra Griffin-Jackson

The meeting was called to order by Will Cottrell at 12:00 p.m., immediately following lunch. He welcomed Lanetra Griffin-Jackson to the meeting as an upcoming new board member for FY 2015-16.

## **Old Business**

Linda Bouillon made a motion to accept the April 7, 2015, minutes as printed and e-mail vote to award the second \$200.00 CGFM Scholarship to Nick Freyaldenhoven (the nomination was from Jami Fisher, seconded by Angela Thomas and carried with 9 Yes and 0 No e-mail votes). Richard Drilling seconded and the motion carried.

Steve Petersen informed the Board that we paid \$1,500 for the annual 2013-14 audit and thought we should retain L. Cotton Thomas, Co., again to perform the 2014-15 one. Richard Drilling made the motion, Brenda Jackson seconded and the motion carried.

The April and May 2015 Treasurer Reports were handed out. Steve Petersen informed the Board that the only pending item for the Spring Seminar was around \$700 from GASB, otherwise the Reports were up-to-date. Sandy Becker made a motion to approve the April and May 2015 Treasurer's Reports as submitted and Brenda Jackson seconded. The motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Chapter Recognition***

Chandria Willis gave her thanks to everyone for all their hard work as the Chapter made the **Platinum** level!

### ***Education Chair***

Joshua Walker informed the Board that there was a good turnout for the Spring Seminar and all certificates have been sent. Everyone agreed that it was very informative.

There is going to be a need to replace the newly elected 2015-16 Chair. Will Cottrell will send a notice to the membership for anyone interested in filling the position.

### ***Membership & Early Career***

Angela Thomas was not at the meeting but asked Chandria Willis to inform the Board that we have four new members and welcome e-mails have been sent to them.

### ***Programs***

Lateisha Moore was not at the meeting. Her Chair will become vacant on July 1. One person has already expressed interest but it was decided that Will Cottrell would send a notice to the membership for any other possible candidates in order to make it fair.

### ***Meetings & Award***

Terri Baca informed the Board that there weren't enough people signed up for the Awards Banquet yet. Several Board members mentioned they had not signed up so a list was passed around. It was agreed that Will Cottrell should also resend the flyer announcing the Banquet with parking instructions.

There is also a need for more recommendations for the various awards. The Board discussed a couple of people for the Financial Manager of the Year and, by vote, John Selig was selected.

**Accountability**

Will Cottrell informed the Board that the CCR submitted by Jessica Primm earned a National AGA Certificate of Excellence for our chapter! Good work, Jessica!

**CGFM**

Jami Fisher informed the Board that with the e-mail vote both CGFM scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Banquet: one to Nick Freyaldenhoven and the other to Linda Bouillon. A third member also attained the CGFM status this fiscal year: Marjorie Leong.

The Governor's Office sent over some of the pictures taken at the March photo shoot. Jami Fisher had them at the meeting for anyone to take and pass around.

**Community Service**

Elouise Evans informed the Board that the canned food and items for the Dorcas House will be delivered in June after the Awards Banquet. This will give one last chance to donate to these causes for the 2014-15 year. Will Cottrell is to add this information to the notice when resending the flyer for the Awards Banquet.

**Newsletter**

Linda Bouillon informed the Board that the Third Quarter 2015 Newsletter was sent out in early April and the Fourth Quarter 2015 one is expected to go out before the Nashville PDT in July.

There was no word yet from National on the Second Quarter 2015 Newsletter that was submitted for an award. Brenda Jackson said that it would probably be in June before we heard anything.

**Website**

Sandy Becker informed the Board that he had two proposals for transferring the Chapter Website to a different platform/application and on-going services:

- ◆ one with no transition cost but ongoing monthly cost to the webmaster and
- ◆ one with a transition cost to the webmaster followed by a small monthly application cost to the domain carrier.

After discussion, it was determined he would get more detailed information of the costs and forward to Will Cottrell who will forward to the Board to get a motion, second and e-mail vote.

**Historian**

Richard Drilling informed the Board that pictures of the Spring Seminar have been delivered to Sandy Becker and Linda Bouillon for inclusion into the Chapter Website and Fourth Quarter 2015 Newsletter, respectively.

**Nominations**

No update.

**Student Scholarship Committee**

No update.

**New Business**

Bill Miller will be presenting the President's Awards at the Nashville PDT in July to Will Cottrell.

Chandria Willis informed the Board that at the SLM meeting in Kansas City last month National was asking why our Chapter is filed as a 501-(c)6 instead of a 501-(c)3. Richard Drilling gave some history of conversations with the IRS and stated that the Chapter should remain as it is. (The IRS was insistent that our Chapter was a 501-(c)6 by definition.)

**Next Meetings**

The next Membership meeting will be in the new Fiscal Year and held at Workforce Services in their 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room on Monday, September 21, 2015.

The next Executive Committee meeting will also be in the new Fiscal Year but remain meeting at Franke's bi-monthly, beginning Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

	Unrestricted
Revenue	
Education Seminars	6,232
Donations	2
Banquets	475
Chapter Sponsorships	2,750
Dues	2,170
AGA National	241
Interest Income	11
Miscellaneous Income	3
Total Revenues	11,883
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
Fall Seminar	789
Spring Seminar	490
Audioconference Expenses	-
PDC Expense	1,586
Holiday Party	2,203
Awards Banquet	200
Awards	-
Speaker Expense	617
Scholarships/Memorials	1,000
Community Service	994
Promotional Supplies	-
Recruitment	181
Website	188
Total Program Expenses	8,248
Management and Administrative Expenses	
Professional Fees	1,500
Post Office Box Rent	92
Executive Committee meeting expense	652
Banking Fees	-
Miscellaneous	-
Total Management and Administrative Expenses	2,244
Total Expenses	10,492
Change in Net Assets	1,391
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	27,577
Net Assets - End of Year	28,968

## QUARTER ACTIVITIES– COMMUNITY SERVICE



### 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.*

**OUR HOUSE**  
Hope for the Working Homeless



The Central Arkansas AGA Chapter served 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! These volunteers learned about the mission and met most of the fifty (50) people who reside there. The pizzas and drinks were donated by the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Elouise Evans and Brenda Jackson for organizing the event!



## QUARTER ACTIVITIES– COMMUNITY SERVICE



### AGA MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE DHS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 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.



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.



# 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.

Up until the Awards Banquet on June 16, 2015, 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:



Special thanks to Sandy and Patricia Becker for their donation of gift cards totaling \$200 on behalf of the Central Arkansas AGA Chapter during this Dorcas House Drive!



Items were brought to the monthly Chapter meetings on April 16th, May 18th, and the June 16th Awards Banquet. Also, members contacted Brenda Jackson or Elouise Evans to make other arrangements to drop off items.

### *FEED THE HUNGRY*

*We collected can goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts!*



# CHAPTER AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY NATIONAL!

Subject: RE: AGA National President's Award

To members of the Board,

When I returned this morning from vacation, I found this surprise in my inbox. A notice of presentation of the AGA's 2015 National President's Award to take place at the PDT in Nashville.

While I am thrilled at the award, I look at the award as a recognition of all the effort and hard work that the members of our chapter have done through the year.

We received the award of excellence for the Citizen Centric Report that Jessica prepared; our first.

We have submitted the Newsletter for a national award and will find out the result in Nashville. Our membership is starting to increase with Angela efforts.

We have a formal process for reviewing and rewarding scholarships now.

The CGFM scholarships are a great incentive, and they would probably be in limbo if not for Jami efforts.

The two seminars have had a great lineup of speakers thanks to Joshua, including our national AGA President, Bill Miller.

The monthly meetings have always been interesting with good speakers.

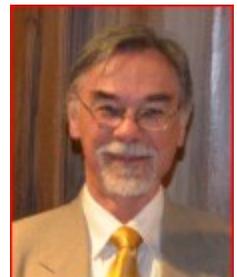
We have pushed our community service projects well past the levels of prior years, reaching more people in our community.

A long overdue transfer of our website to a new provider has begun.

This is only a partial list of all that we have done through the year.

Thanks to you all. You have earned this award.

Will Cottrell  
Chapter President FY 2014-2015  
Central Arkansas Chapter



**From:** Christy Herz [<mailto:cherz@agacgfm.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2015 10:05 AM

**To:** William Cottrell

**Cc:** Bill Miller

**Subject:** AGA National President's Award

Will,

Please see the attached email from AGA National President Bill Miller about the 2015 National President's Award. *Congratulations!*

**Christy Herz**

Executive Assistant to the CEO / Governance Manager

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# CHAPTER AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY NATIONAL! (continued)

Subject: RE: Announcement - National AGA Award Winners for our Chapter

From: Jessica Jones [mailto:JJones@agacgfm.org]  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:53 AM  
 Subject: AGA Platinum RVP Award

Good morning! I want to congratulate you on winning a Platinum AGA Regional Vice President award! Your award will be presented during the PDT at lunch on Tuesday, July 14 in Nashville. If you will be in attendance, please reply to this e-mail and include the number of guests (if any) that will join you at the lunch. I will have tables reserved at the front of the room during Tuesday's lunch; please look for me (or the tables) and I will show you where to sit. If you are unable to make it, just let me know and I will mail your award to you. Thanks and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Congratulations again and I hope to see you in Nashville!

Jessica



Subject: RE: Central Arkansas Chapter -Award for Citizen-Centric Reporting

To all the Central Chapter Board members, and incoming Board members.

We just received a letter notifying us that we have been awarded the Certificate of Excellence for our Citizen-Centric Report.

Congratulations to Jessica for all her hard work in preparing the report. I felt that it was outstanding and well deserving of this award.

The attached letter sent from Evie Barry is a copy without the official letterhead, so I am not sending a scan of that to the membership yet.

Once the certificate has arrived, I will send a scan of the award to the chapter members.

And Chandria should be able to take the Certificate to the May meeting which I will unfortunately miss.

Thanks again Jessica, Great Job!

From: Evie Barry [mailto:ebarry@agacgfm.org]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 7:23 AM  
 To: William Cottrell  
 Subject: Central Arkansas Chapter

Will,  
 The letter and certificate are being mailed today.  
 Sorry for the delay!  
 Evie



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# CHAPTER AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY NATIONAL! (continued)

Subject: RE: AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition Award

Formal notice that we reached platinum and will receive the award.

**From:** Jessica Jones [<mailto:JJones@agacgfm.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 8:42 AM

**Subject:** AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition Award

Good morning and congratulations on winning an AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition award for meeting your annual credit goal! In honor of your accomplishment, we would like to present you with a plaque at the Wednesday morning (July 17) awards breakfast at the PDT in Nashville. Please respond to this e-mail before June 26 and let me know if you or a chapter representative will be attending the PDT and will be able to receive the award. If you are unable to make it to the PDT and no one will accept on your behalf, please let me know and I will mail the award to you shortly after the PDT.

Further details will follow over the next few weeks with particulars on the Wednesday morning awards breakfast. If you do not reply prior to June 26, your chapter and name will not be read during the breakfast ceremony.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Congratulations again and I'll see you in Nashville!

Jessica



Subject: FW: AGA Chapter Newsletter Award Winners

**From:** Jessica Jones [<mailto:JJones@agacgfm.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2015 1:32 PM

**Subject:** AGA Chapter Newsletter Award Winners

Congratulations! Your chapter has been selected by your peers as an award winner for your tremendous newsletter! As chapter president, I am contacting you to request the name of your newsletter editor or the individual you would like listed on the award and in the PDT award program. I will reach out to the award winners with more information, but I just wanted to make sure we have the correct information listed in our database.

Thanks so much in advance and if you have any questions, please let me know!

Jessica

Group A:

First Place- Nashville

Group B:

First Place- Central Arkansas

Honorable Mention- New York Capital

Group C:

First Place- Baton Rouge

Honorable Mention- Inland Empire of CA

Group D:

First Place- Albuquerque

Honorable Mention- Austin

Group E:

First Place- West Central Mississippi

Honorable Mention- Shenandoah Valley



# CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER AWARDS



## Annual Awards Banquet



### **RSVP Deadline**

**Noon**

**Thursday,**

**June 11**

**June 16, 2015**

**6:30 pm**

**Copper Grill**

**3rd & Cumberland Streets**

**Little Rock, AR 72201**

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*Cash Bar*

**\$5 for Members**

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**RSVP to Shaunda Galbert, [Shaunda.Galbert@arkansas.gov](mailto:Shaunda.Galbert@arkansas.gov)**

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## Central Arkansas Chapter Association of Government Accountants



**2014-2015  
Awards Banquet  
Copper's Grill**

**June 16, 2015**

### Central Arkansas Chapter Association of Government Accountants 2014-2015 Awards Banquet Program of Events

- 6:30 Dinner  
Blessing of the Meal..... Bryan Hicks, CPA, CGMA
- 7:15 Opening Remarks..... Will Cottrell, CPA, CGMA, MBA, MsTx
- Recognition of Current Board Members  
Recognition of Committee Members
- Presentation of Awards**
- Professional Development Award  
Community Service Award  
Outstanding CGFM Award  
Financial Manager of the Year Award  
President's Award  
Student Scholarships  
CGFM Scholarships
- Recognition of National Awards  
AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition Award  
Regional Vice-President Platinum Award  
AGA National President's Award  
Member Centric Report-Certificate of Excellence  
National AGA Chapter Newsletter Award
- 8:00 Passing of the Gavel
- 8:05 Presentation of Incoming  
Board Members..... Chandria Willis, MBA
- 8:15 Closing Remarks..... Chandria Willis, MBA

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Chapter President Will Cottrell presented the Chapter Professional Development Award to Joshua Walker.



Chapter President Will Cottrell presented the Chapter Community Service Award to Gwen Jones.



Chapter Director of Education Joshua Walker presented the Chapter Outstanding CGFM Award to Kris Jones.



John Selig, right, was selected as the 2014/15 AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Financial Manager of the Year for his major initiatives that have included overhauling the child welfare and juvenile justice systems; designing a multi-payer, episode-based health payment system; implementing a private-sector approach to Medicaid Expansion; and automating and integrating operations across the Department of Human Services. Below is Chapter President Will Cottrell presenting the Award at the June 16, 2015, Awards Banquet.



Chapter President Will Cottrell presented the President's Award to Brenda Jackson.



# CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER AWARDS



Good food and great company was enjoyed by all as Awards and Certificates of Achievement, Recognition, and Appreciation were handed out and the Passing of the Gavel occurred. Top left is Terri Baca who, with Shaunda Galbert, organized the successful event of 41 attendees. The remaining three pictures are of Robert Jones, Jr., receiving a Certificate of Achievement, Jessica Primm a Certificate of Recognition, and LaNetra Griffin-Jackson a Certificate of Appreciation. Below is Chandria Willis graciously receiving the Gavel. She gave an exciting view of the new year to come and a well-deserved round of applause went to out-going President Will Cottrell. WHAT A YEAR!!



# NEXT QUARTER UPCOMING EVENTS

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Shh, It may or may not be a secret, but

## EXCITING CHANGES ARE IN THE WORKS FOR OUR CHAPTER WEBSITE!

Mark your calendar for the first general membership meeting of the new 2015-16 AGA Central Arkansas Chapter year!

The Program Directors are already working hard to provide us with excellent speakers!

SEPTEMBER 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30			

NOON! At Workforce Service in their 5th Floor Conference Room at the State Capitol Complex



## ***NEW MEMBERS 2014-2015!***



**Mr. Walter J. Allen**

**Ms. Sharon Bogard**

**Ms. Janice M. Butler-McGowan**

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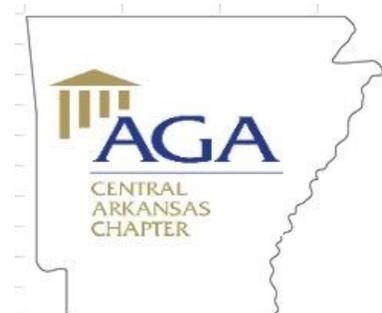
**Ms. Angela Y. Thomas**

**Ms. Tracie Thomas**

**Mr. David Tures**

If you have any questions or comments, or wish to become more involved in AGA, please send an email to our Chapter President at

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