

AGA NEWSLETTER

IDAHO
CENTENNIAL
CHAPTER

January, 2015

JANUARY
Update!

Happy New Years! It's that time of year for making resolutions and getting used to writing a new date. Interesting fact: We are as close to the year 2000 as we are to the year 2030! Time flies!



I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year's holiday season! Our December luncheon was a success—**Pam Stratton** educated us on **cyber security** and how big of a threat identity theft is in this day and age. Technology has brought convenience to our lives, but comes with a cost of our information becoming more exposed. Pam encourages us to think of our emails, photos, text messages, and personal information as public knowledge and to always consider what we put out on the internet.

Don't forget, our **Membership Campaign** is running until **January, 30th**. We are offering a **\$10 gift card incentive** for the new member and the recruiter! We have gift cards from See's Candy, Barnes and Noble, and Starbucks!

See you at the January lunch meeting on **Jan. 15, 2015!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS—see page 2 for details...

Audio Conference: Auditing/Internal Controls

January 14, 2014

12:00PM—1:50PM

Two CPE Credits

Luncheon: Neal Custer Post Security Breach

Jan 15, 2015

11:50AM-1:00PM
One CPE Credit

**SCO 4th Floor
Training Room**

Audio Conference: Strengthening Grants Management

January 28, 2015

12:00PM—1:50PM

Two CPE Credits

Scheduled Luncheons & Audio Conferences!



Join us for our monthly luncheon meetings, and **free CPE!!**

When: 3rd Thursday of the month (September through May)

Where: State Controller's Office (4th Floor) 700 W. State Street

Cost: FREE or \$10.00 for Optional Lunch

Lunch: Served from various local restaurants

Speakers: Chosen to provide valuable Free CPE and interesting topics

Luncheon—Jan 15, 2015

SPEAKER: Neal Custer

ORGANIZATION: Custer Security

TOPIC: Post Security Breach

ONE CPE

Luncheon—Feb 19, 2015

SPEAKER: ?

ORGANIZATION: ?

TOPIC: ?

ONE CPE

Audio Conferences Schedule—TWO Free CPE:

Join us for free audio conferences. Bring Lunch!

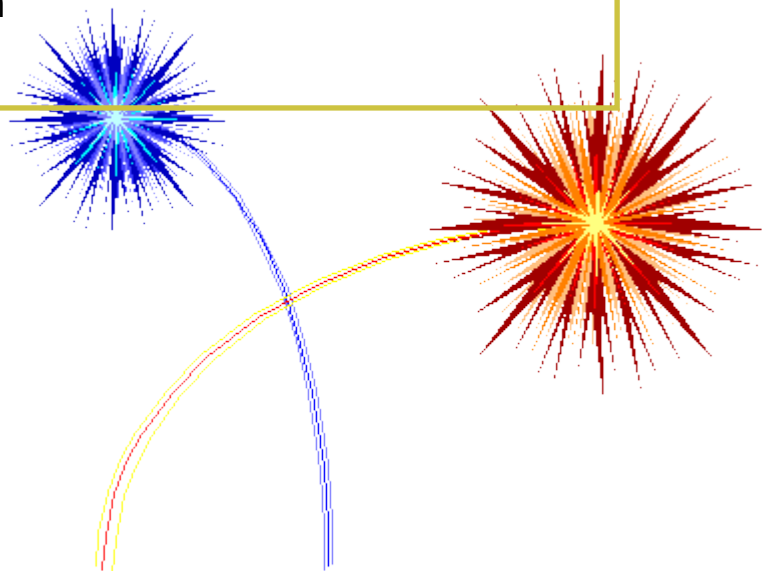
January 14, 2015— Auditing/Internal Controls

January 28, 2015— Strengthening Grants Management

February 4, 2015— Performance Management

Where: JRW 4th Floor Training Room

When: 12:00PM—1:50PM



2014 Membership Campaign



JOIN OR RENEW
www.agacgfm.org

Calling all **current AGA members!!**

We are currently in recruiting mode for building up our current membership and have incentives for **you and your new members.**

GIFT CARDS of \$10 are available for award to BOTH the new AGA member and the recruiter! This would make perfect gifts for yourself as a reward, or for family and friends for birthdays & other special occasions. We have gift cards for Starbucks, Barnes & Noble and See's Candy!

*The gift cards are only available until **January 30th, 2015** due to AGA National processing deadlines.*

Need some selling points or membership benefits information??? See below!

WHAT IS MY MEMBERSHIP WORTH?

CGFM Renewal

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

\$35

Continuing Professional Education

Annual Federal Financial Systems Summit | 6 CPEs
Annual CFO-CIO Summit | 4 CPEs
Quarterly Webinar(s) | 1 CPE each

UP TO

14 CPEs FREE

Connecting

To Leadership Opportunities
Growing your professional and personal networks
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

Events

Registration Discounts:
National Leadership Training | \$175
Government Performance Summit | \$100
Professional Development Training | \$200
Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | \$175

UP TO

\$650

January

Luncheon Summary!

Our December luncheon hosted guest speaker, **Pam Stratton**, who oversees enterprise security for the Office of the Information Officer at the Department of Administration.

Pam Stratton educated us on **cyber security** and how public our information is on the internet. With technology becoming more mobile and convenient, people are getting more comfortable and open about what

they share on their devices. Pam encourages you to be cautious about what you share in an email or on a social networking site, as it is permanently stored in cyber space. She also gave us some ideas for how to privatize our devices and monitor what children have access to.

The information we put out there can be seen and used against us by employers, friends, family and criminals. It is extremely easy to find the information



Speaker: Pam Stratton



and there is always a risk of exposure, no matter the device or website. To help prevent most attacks, we can ramp up our passwords and use an app like KeyPass, to store them. If you use social networking sites, consider reviewing your privacy settings to make sure your accounts are locked down. Thanks Pam, for sharing such relevant information! Hopefully the audience will implement some of these tips!!

Get to Know a Board Member!



Featured AGA Board Member: Katie Curran, Newsletter Editor & Co-Historian/Photographer



Who do you work for and what do you do? I work for the State Controller's office in the IT department. I assist management with the department finances and software/hardware contracts.

Tell us a little about your family. I've been married to my best friend, Matt, for about 6 years which has been a blast! We currently don't have any pets or children, but hope to adopt a pet once we've moved into a pet friendly house, or convince our current land lord.

What are your hobbies and interests? My passions are running and hiking in the great outdoors. If I can mix the two, the better! I have a love for destination runs and going long distances, usually 20-30 miles. This next year Matt and I have plans to road trip to 10 different out of state places to let me run in national parks such as Bryce, Zion, the Grand Canyon, Moab, and run along mountain peaks in Washington, Montana, and Arizona.

Why did you join AGA? I joined AGA for networking reasons and to learn more about the government accounting profession. I love being a part of clubs and organizations that have a cause I care about, even something as serious as Accounting. I've found it to be a great way to get to know fellow colleagues, make friends, and learn something new at the monthly luncheons from some very smart people!

What has been your favorite place to visit? For exotic locations – England & Scotland. There were so many beautiful old castles and landscapes to see. It was a dream come true to go around London and see the Stonehenge. I also enjoy all the food and that it is an English speaking country. (Good practice for future foreign trips right?)

What are your goals? (Professional, AGA, hobbies) I have a very immediate goal of starting and completing my CPA courses in the next 8-9 months! I'm also hoping to try and run multiple 50K (30 mile) trail races in the future.

What do you love about Idaho? I love Boise for having the city vibe but being small town. Idaho has an abundance of outdoor activities and places to visit. Southwest Idaho is also strategically located in the middle of so many amazing national parks in surrounding states!



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CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

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As of November 30, 2014

Beginning Cash Balance, July 1, 2014 \$ 21,811.70

Beginning Monthly Balance - November 1, 2014 \$18,453.49

| Deposits | Year to Date | Current Month | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Scholarships | 249.00 | | |
| Luncheon Meals | 728.88 | 258.88 | |
| AGA National Dues | - | | |
| Charitable Donations | - | | |
| Web Conferences | 2,064.00 | | |
| Other | - | | |
| Training Registrations | - | | |
| Spring 2015 PDC | - | | |
| Total Deposits | \$ 3,041.88 | | \$ 258.88 |

Beginning Monthly Balance + Total Deposits \$18,712.37

| Withdrawals | Year to Date | Current Month | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Scholarships | - | | |
| Luncheon Meals | (1,271.25) | (283.27) | |
| AGA National Dues | - | | |
| Charitable Donations | (38.32) | | |
| Web Conferences | (2,580.00) | | |
| Other (Misc Exp) | (413.25) | | |
| Training Registrations | - | | |
| Spring 2015 PDC | - | | |
| ACFE Fraud Conf | - | | |
| Community Service | (17.02) | | |
| Officer Conferences | (1,507.00) | | |
| Board Meeting Expense | (223.19) | | |
| Membership Chair | (100.00) | | |
| CGFM | (274.45) | | |
| Total Withdrawals | \$ (6,424.48) | | \$ (283.27) |

Ending Cash Balance, November 30, 2014 \$18,429.10



Nov 20, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes



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Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President, Judy Shock.

Attendees: Carol Bearce, Chris Floyd, Chris Stratton, Donna Holbrook, Joey Sanchez, Judy Shock, Katie Curran, Kean Miller, Lori Hendon, Marion Demer, Marsi Woody, Matt McBride, Matt Orem, Sandra Healy, Shannon Chapman, Steve Bellomy.

Minutes from previous meeting: Kean Miller moved and Shannon Chapman seconded the motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes after a correction of the date. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Stratton moved and Marsi Woody seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. Matt McBride reported that J. E. Bowden with Legislative Audit had finished the review of the Chapter's prior year financials with only a few minor recommendations. The RegOnline demo was very good. We can create our own webpage for a conference. Email notifications of the conference would include a link to the webpage with a Register Now button. RegOnline can be accessed with a smartphone. Attendees will be able to register and pay with a credit card or register and pay with warrant or check at a later time.

President's Update: Judy Shock suggested that the Chapter do our normal Food Bank drive at the December luncheon. A donation of three cans of food will pay for the lunch. Any cash received that day will also be donated to the Food Bank. Chris Stratton moved and Carol Bearce seconded the motion to accept the suggestion. The motion passed.

President-Elect's Update: Chris Stratton reported that the quarterly chapter point recognition submissions are due.

Education Report: Matt Orem reported that the speaker list has been updated. February and May are the only months without a confirmed speaker. Possible speakers were discussed.

Communications/Website: Carol Bearce and Joey Sanchez reported that there was nothing new to discuss.

Membership Update: Sandra Healy reported that the membership campaign has resulted in no new members. We discussed options for the scholarship program.

Award Nominations: Steve Bellomy reported that he had received a nomination for the National AGA William R Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award. The nomination was distributed and any recommendations should be to Steve Bellomy and Donna Holbrook by close of business Monday, November 24.

Community Service: Carol Bearce reported that Rake Up Meridian was cancelled due to snow. She also recommended that the Chapter look for new community services ideas as the Rake Up event has very little membership participation. The Food Bank and Useful Glassworks were discussed as possibilities.

Early Careers: Shannon Chapman reported that she is retiring and a replacement is needed. Shannon is trying to recruit other CWI faculty to step into this position. Her last day is January 15.

CGFM: Judy Sargent at Idaho Liquor Division has passed the CGFM and will receive a certificate at the luncheon. Providing CGFM training in the Spring was discussed and cost breakdowns will be provided to Lori Hendon.

Matt Orem moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt McBride seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Minutes prepared and submitted by Marion Demer

Nov 20, 2014 Luncheon Minutes



Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.

Announcements: A visitor from Health and Welfare was introduced. The December meeting will feature a food drive for the Idaho Food Bank. Members bringing three cans of food will not have to pay for their lunch. All cash received that day will be donated to the Idaho Food Bank. Attendees were reminded about the membership drive and getting a gift card for any sponsored paid new member.

Speaker: Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Idaho Department of Administration

Topic: Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator

The **Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator** was created with the enacting of the Administrative Procedure Act in Title 67, Chapter 452 of Idaho Code. **The Idaho Administrative Bulletin** is published on the web the first Wednesday of each month and includes:

- All agency rulemaking notices and rule text
- Governor's executive orders
- Public hearing notices
- Legislative documents affecting final rules
- Other required legal documents

A rule is an agency statement that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or the procedure or practice requirements of the agency. Administrative rules have the force and effect of law.

The Idaho Administrative Bulletin used to be sold, but the Office was required to provide 66 free copies. Idaho Code was changed to allow online publication in an electronic format.

Negotiated Rulemaking is a process in which interested persons and the agency seek consensus on the content of a rule and is generally required as part of the rulemaking procedure.

A **Proposed Rule** is also a required step that includes publication of the rulemaking notice and rule text in the Administrative Bulletin. The notice must include the following:

- Citation(s) to all legal authority (state and federal)
- Descriptive summary of the changes
- Fiscal impact statement
- Fee summary if imposing or changing fees or charges
- Information on negotiated rulemaking
- Information on Incorporation by Reference
- Instructions on public participation
- Agency contact information

Temporary rules are generally adopted to cover an 'emergency' contingency, must meet at least one of three statutory criteria and may be made effective immediately upon adoption without public input or legislative approval.

Pending Rule is the second step in the rulemaking process. The notice must be published in the Bulletin and becomes final only after legislative review and approval.

Final rule is one that has been adopted in accordance with the APA and is currently in effect. Rules are available on the web.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Minutes prepared by Marion Demer

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