



# Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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## Newsletter – September, 2019

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### Presidents Message

No one understands *Nebraska weather* – It's cool one day and everyone is sure it's fall and the next day it is hot, so maybe it's still summer!! We talk about the weather all the time and all we know for sure is that it will change. Though it must be fall because there's VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL!!!

I feel our first Chapter Meeting was a success – great topic and Tico's is a great location. Several attendees have commented that they learned a lot. I know I did. Weights and Measures at the national and state level is way more than just fuel pumps or scales in the grocery store. They are responsible for a lot more to protect consumers – is the weight of the container the deli put your potato salad deleted from the weight you were charged for? What about the packaging your steaks were in? Another check point for example is salad dressing or a gallon of milk – is the manufacture giving you the amount you are paying for? What about your Thanksgiving turkey? Testing as part of an inspection found that the weight of a number of turkeys was short. The store agreed to return the whole semitrailer load. They are also checking if the price on the shelf is the price charged at the register. A new area is working with Uber and other providers to make sure the GPS information being used is accurate.

Another great start to our 19-20 Program Year was the Fall PDT. Once again great training at a very reasonable price was provided by a variety of presenters from State Government, UNL, Creighton and the private sector. Innovation Campus provides a great facility and lots of close, free parking.

If you have an idea for a topic, a speaker or location for a Chapter Meeting or PDT let us know. The CEC member's names and contact information is always in the newsletter or on the website.

The Chapter will sponsor AGA Web Conferences again this year. Each webinar provides 2 CPE's. They are free to members and \$25 for non-members (not a member contact a CEC member). The first one is titled – Internal Controls and is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th from 1:00-2:50 at the 1526 Bldg., LL Training Room. More information and how to register to come.

Ann Martinez - 19-20 President

## **AGA Lincoln October 2019 Chapter Meeting**

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 2

**Time:** 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

**Location:** Misty's Downtown

**Speaker:** Dovi Mueller – Administrative Services Training and Development Administrator. While attending UNL to become a Physical Education teacher Dovi got a part-time job as a receptionist in the front office of State Personnel. Dovi has now worked 38 years at State Personnel. With her years of experience she will be able to share her career path in Nebraska State Government.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2019**

October 2 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location Misty's Downtown  
October 16 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B  
November 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
November 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B  
December 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
December 11 – Wednesday – Webinar – 1526 Bldg. LL Conference Room  
December 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B  
December 18 – Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar

### **2020**

January 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
March 18 - Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar  
April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD  
June 26 - Thursday - AGA National Free Webinar

## **Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies**

The Director of Professional Certification and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

## **Lincoln Chapter 2019 Citizen Centric (CCR) Report**

The AGA Lincoln Chapter 2019 Citizen Centric Report has been issued and can be viewed on the Chapter website. [https://www.agacgfm.org/CMSiteImages/Chapters/Chapters/Lincoln-Chapter/libraries/files/Chapter%20CCR%202019\(1\).pdf](https://www.agacgfm.org/CMSiteImages/Chapters/Chapters/Lincoln-Chapter/libraries/files/Chapter%20CCR%202019(1).pdf)

## **AGA Lincoln Chapter Web Conference (Audio Conference)**

The Lincoln Chapter will sponsor an AGA Web Conference in December. More information and how to register to come.

Date: Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1:00-2:50

CPE: 2 CPE's

Title: Internal Controls

Location: 1526 Bldg LL Training Room

Cost: Free to members and \$25 for non-members

## **AGA National Free Webinars**

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. AGA National is offering free webinars to members. The dates are December 18, 2019, March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about topics, registration, and credit at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

## **Lincoln Chapter Facebook**

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

## **Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2019**

The meeting was held at Tico's. Ann Martinez, President, called the meeting to order at 12:03.

This was the first Chapter meeting of the 2019-2020 year.

The first order of business was to introduce any visitors. Mike Johnson was introduced as a guest of Patty Richard. He is Program Manager at the Department of Agriculture.

Next, Ann introduced the members of the Chapter Executive Committee. She mentioned the offices of President-elect and Director of Professional Certification are vacant for the time being and invited members to consider serving.

Next, Ann presented the Platinum Award to Adam Brown who was President of the Lincoln Chapter last year. Ann received this award at the PDT last July on behalf of our Chapter. The Platinum Award is the highest which a Chapter may receive and recognizes excellence in Chapter operations.

Ann then announced the AGA Chapter members who were selected as the most active of last year, excluding CEC members. These were Curt Youngman and Heidi Wallace. They were awarded certificates and \$25.00 in cash. Non CEC members earn credits when they attend the Monthly Chapter Meetings, webinars and participate in the Chapter's Community Service Projects.

The next order of business was to conduct the raffle. The winner was Ann.

After this business was conducted, Ann introduced Jeff Filbert, Chapter Director of Meetings. Jeff introduced our speaker for the meeting. Our Speaker was Don Onwiler, Executive Director at the National Committee of Weights and Measures. Jeff also announced that the next Chapter meeting will be held October 2 at Misty's and the speaker will be Dovi Mueller. Dovi is with DAS State Personnel in the Training Department.

Don gave a very interesting presentation on the history and evolution of his organization. He included many pictures of staff members conducting various forms of their work. Also, he explained how the responsibilities of the Committee and the scope of their work has expanded over the years.

After Don's presentation the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Ann Martinez, President, at 12:05. Members attending included Dan Albrecht, Jeff Filbert, Staci Bolton, Char Scott, Tim Channer, Frank Faughn, Tim Baker, Ralene Cheng, and Ken Rouch. A quorum was present.

Ann announced the first quarter Chapter Recognition Program report is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. She is entering the CRP information. Ann recounted that the award recipients, as the most active of the last membership year, were Curt Youngman and Heidi Wallace. They received a certificate and \$25 cash.

Ann asked Char to review how the PDT went on 9-12-19. We made a profit. There were lots of positive comments about the PDT. The sessions were good and diverse. Certificates have been distributed for continuing education. The Chapter Sponsor, Infor, did a nice job with the hour they were allowed. Ann reported there is a national webinar available

December 11, 1:00 to 3:00. The subject is Internal Control. She has gone ahead and reserved the training room at 1526 K St. By consensus it was decided to go ahead and pay for it and have the Chapter participate in this. The other free webinar to be conducted by national AGA is December 16, 12:00 to 1:00 – Failing Forward. For this, members can sign in remotely from their own computers.

The next item of business was Meetings. Jeff reported that the next meeting is October 2 at Misty's. The speaker will be Dovi Mueller, State Personnel – Training. She will talk about her work. Jeff also reported that The Egg and I will no longer have a meeting room to use.

The next item was Membership and Early Careers. Frank led the discussion. Information was shared about UNL's Beta Alpha Psi opportunities. It was decided not to participate at this time.

Next, Ralene reported that the Chapter Citizen Centric Report has been completed. She will be uploading this to the national website before the September 30 deadline.

Next, Tim Channer reminded that the Chapter meeting is next week so articles for the newsletter are due very soon, in just a day or so.

For Professional Certification, Ann brought the new study guide Part 2 which the Chapter recently bought along with Parts 1 and 3. Discussion followed how to make this available to members. The Part 2 volume is huge. No decision was made.

No report was made for Community Service. Tim C made the motion that a gift card given to the Chapter last spring will be given to a family from the Adopt-a-Family program during the holidays. Frank seconded the motion which passed.

Tim B had no report regarding Sponsorships.

Dan presented the Treasurer's Report. It was mentioned that the September 12 PDT generated a profit for the Chapter. Frank moved to accept the report, Tim C seconded, and the motion passed.

Ken reported that the August CEC meeting minutes were published in the newsletter. Char moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter, Jeff seconded the motion, which passed.

Ann had distributed the new bylaws template which national is asking Chapters to use and accept. This template will be given to Ron Carlson, Chapter Bylaws Director and Historian, who will review the template and bring back to the CEC for approval. It will then need to be accepted by the Chapter membership.

It was decided the fundraising strategy brought to the CEC by Ken will not be undertaken. According to national there is the concern about jeopardizing our nonprofit status.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## Members in the News

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at [frank.faughn@nebraska.gov](mailto:frank.faughn@nebraska.gov)

## CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

## CGFM Study Guides

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

## Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 [Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov](mailto:Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov) or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 [Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov)

## Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

## Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

### TREASURER'S REPORT

2019-2020

Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				August 1, 2019	\$11,432.64
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$780.00	(\$6,610.00)	Fall PDT	\$780.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00

Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$830.00</u>	<u>(\$16,550.00)</u>
Disbursements:			
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,409.32	\$340.68
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$30.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$2,479.32</u>	<u>\$15,370.68</u>

Interest Income	\$0.00
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Total Receipts	\$780.00
Disbursements:	
spring PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$150.00
Member Support	\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$152.00</u>
August 31, 2019	<u>\$12,060.64</u>
Checking	\$12,060.64
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$12,060.64</u>

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