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Newsletter – June, 2019

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Presidents Message

Summer is definitely here!

Thanks to the CEC members for giving up a Saturday morning to attend a planning retreat on June 15th. We reviewed and approved the individual 2019-2020 Plans and the Budget. I will be submitting the plans to AGA National. Plans are under way to provide you with another outstanding year of programs, training and activities.

Ken Rouch who is with NDOT has agreed to serve on the CEC as the Secretary. I want to thank Ken for volunteering and to welcome him back to the CEC. Ken is a past Chapter President and a Regional Vice President.

Keep checking the website and upcoming newsletters for announcements and events. Monthly Chapter meetings will resume in September. If you have a speaker suggestion and/or a meeting location please contact any CEC member. A list of the current CEC members and their contact information can always be found in the newsletter or on the Chapter’s website.

The Lincoln Chapter was one of four chapters nationwide that meet the goal of renewing 75% of those members that hadn’t renewed as of March 31st by May 31st. The other three Chapters were Columbia, SC., Des Moines and Northwest Inland Empire. By meeting this goal the Lincoln Chapter received a registration scholarship to the 2019 PDT.

Ann Martinez, Lincoln Chapter President

AGA Lincoln Chapter Meetings

There are no Chapter meetings during the summer. The next Chapter meeting will be on September 18.

Calendar of Events

2019

July 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room C
August 21 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
September 12 – Thursday – Fall PDT – Location TBD
September 18 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
September 25 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
October 2 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
November 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
December 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
January 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

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 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 CEC Retreat Minutes –June 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Ann Martinez, President. Other members attending included: Dan Albrecht, Tim Baker, Frank Faughn, Ron Carlson, Tim Channer, Staci Bolton, Char Scott, Jessica Elliott, and Ken Rouch. A quorum was established.

The first order of business was to vote on the new Secretary. Ken Rouch had offered to serve. Baker moved this motion, Char seconded, and the motion carried.

The agenda was reviewed with no changes. Ann announced the Lincoln Chapter had won a scholarship for the July PDT because of membership retainage. Frank moved, and Jessica seconded, that the PDT registration scholarship be used by Ann. Baker had already paid his registration. Ann and Baker were already planning to attend the PDT. The motion passed.

The Administration Plan was reviewed. During this discussion Ann mentioned that the headline of our website specifies how many successive years the Chapter had received the Platinum level. Without knowing the correct number of years, it was decided by consensus that we can change the wording to say the Chapter had reached the highest level of achievement for many, many years without being specific. Ron moved and Frank seconded to approve the Administration Plan as submitted, which passed.

The Accountability & Outreach Plan was discussed. It was noted that Ralene will be gone during the month of July. This should not hinder her completion of the CCR (Citizens Centric Report) report due September 30, 2019, however. Frank moved and Tim seconded approval of the Plan which passed.

The CGFM Plan was discussed. No changes were made to the Plan. It is unclear if Candace Meredith will continue on the CEC. Channer moved its approval, Baker seconded, and the motion passed.

The Communications Plan was discussed. Staci stated that the national website platform has a new feature for registering for events. We will use as needed and if Google Docs is occasionally needed then we can use that, too. Jessica moved approval of the Plan, Char seconded, and the motion passed.

The Community Service Plan was discussed. The St. Jude card donation program is no longer operational. The Note regarding December opt-out of activities was deleted. A new event could be helping at the City of Lincoln's Annual Book Sale. The total budgeted points will stand at 2,000. Staci moved acceptance of the revised Plan, Ken seconded, and the motion passed.

The Education Plan was discussed. It was decided not to specify how many national webinars the Chapter will use. The CEC will continue to review the topics and presenters. Also, the paragraph about conducting surveys using Survey Monkey was removed as the Chapter can survey members using other means and as needed. Baker moved and Staci seconded approval of the revised Plan, which was approved.

The Meetings Plan was discussed. It was noted that its best to avoid the first Wednesday of the month for a Chapter meeting, if it falls on the 1st of the month, since many AGA members are working to close out monthly business within their respective offices. Frank moved acceptance of the Plan, Char seconded, and the motion passed.

The Membership and Young Professionals Plan was discussed. Frank has added the word "sectors" following non-profit at the bottom of the title page. It was agreed by consensus that this should be uniform for all submitted Plans. Discussed was the need to write UNL and ask for real-time notification of the names of students receiving the Lincoln Chapter Foundation Scholarship so that our Chapter can recognize them. It was decided to remove Chapter involvement in higher education Beta Alpha Psi and other activities because of cost at this time. The reference to APA members dropping membership was removed. And reference to the survey, RVP and SVPRs was removed since those titles no longer exist and the survey will no longer be conducted. With these changes, Ron moved acceptance of the Plan, Staci seconded, and the motion passed.

Approval of the minutes of the May Chapter and CEC meetings, as published in the newsletter, was moved by Char, seconded by Frank, and passed.

Dan submitted the final Treasurer's Report for FY 2019. It was noted that \$3,784.30 was received in excess of disbursements for the program year that just ended. Tim moved acceptance of the report, Char seconded, and the motion passed.

Dan then submitted his proposal for the Budget for FY 2020. This includes budgeted receipts of \$17,380 and budgeted disbursements of \$17,850. Frank moved approval as submitted, Staci seconded, and the motion passed.

Ann asked the CEC if our usual \$50 to national for the PDT fund raiser be done. Ron moved to approve this donation, Baker seconded, and the motion passed.

Ann will edit and update the 19-20 Plans and submit them to AGA National.

Ken then led discussion on his proposal to participate in a fundraising strategy. He would setup the Lincoln Chapter with its own website for members and others to shop. Gross Profits would go to the Chapter. Much discussion ensued. Concern was expressed about this strategy being consistent with the 501c status. It was decided by consensus that Ken would contact the national office of AGA to learn their interpretation. It was moved by Ann, seconded by Jessica, that this matter be tabled till the next meeting when the response from national can be shared.

With no objections Ann adjourned the meeting.

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

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

New CGFM study guides are available. The Chapter is willing to purchase the new guides if anyone is interested in using them. We have 2014 CGFM Study Guides and they are available for you today. Please contact Candace Meredith for more information. cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov

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 or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 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					
				2018-2019	
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				May 1, 2019	\$14,149.16
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$7,520.00	\$130.00	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$3,455.00	(\$3,935.00)	Spring PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$75.00	(\$525.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$15,550.00</u>	<u>(\$1,830.00)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				spring PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$3,788.86	\$211.14	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$3,461.61	\$2,758.39	Member Support	\$148.20
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$728.00	\$1,377.00	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,947.62	(\$197.62)	Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$686.95	\$113.05	Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	\$289.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$102.66	(\$2.66)	Total Disbursements	<u>\$439.20</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00		
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	May 31, 2019	<u>\$13,709.96</u>
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	Checking	\$13,709.96
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	<u>\$13,709.96</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$11,765.70</u>	<u>\$6,084.30</u>		

2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:	Name		Email
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