



## March, 2016 Newsletter

# IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

### Chapter President's Letter:

Over the last several years, the governor has graciously declared March as Certified Government Financial Manager Month in Idaho. As an organization, the Idaho Centennial Chapter is grateful to have state leadership who are willing to recognize the importance of the CGFM certification to you as individuals and to the agencies for which you work.

CGFM certification exemplifies experience and proficiency. Earning the certification and obtaining continual professional education help the individual:

1. Increase their knowledge of government financial management at the federal, state, and local levels.
2. Gain a better understanding of the big picture of government and how each individual's role plays a part.
3. Attain greater confidence due to the direct applicability to everyday responsibilities.

Our chapter's annual professional development training (PDT) is coming up on April 19-20, 2016. We will sponsor a CGFM training track during the PDT that will cover course three. If you are working on your certification or have not started, I would encourage you to seriously consider attending the course.

On a side note, I would encourage you to ponder over and submit nominations for our chapter service and financial manager of the year awards. The submission deadline is March 15, 2016, and the awards will be given out during the PDT in April.

Thank you for your wonderful examples of service!

*Chris Stratton, CGFM*

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### About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base including: local, state, and federal government professionals; private sector employees; academics; and retired professionals. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM).

### Our Mission

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

### Goals and Objectives

- Accountability
- Certification
- Education and Research
- Service

# Chapter News

## 2016 Chapter Awards!

Each year our chapter accepts nominations for the Financial Manager of the Year and the Chapter Service Awards. Please take a moment to nominate someone in each of these categories before the deadline on March 15th.

### Financial Manager of the Year

- Criteria:
1. Accomplishments: include education, certifications, & memberships.
  2. Volunteer activity: work related, community focused, etc.
  3. Special projects & offices:
    - \*Task force, committee or work team membership, include their role in the group or organization, and their focus.
    - \*Contribution to the advancement of financial management principles & standards.
  4. Enhancement and/or advancement of governmental accounting:
    - \*Include improvement in government reporting, streamlining processes, & reducing costs.
  5. Contact information for nominee and nominator.

### Chapter Service Award

- Criteria:
1. Nominee must be an active AGA member.
  2. Accomplishments: include education, certifications, & memberships.
  3. Volunteer activity: work related, community focused, etc.
  4. Service activity to the Idaho Centennial Chapter & AGA. This may be a one-time event, multiple less-conspicuous events, or several years of service.
  5. Contact information for nominee & nominator.

Please email your nominations to [idaho.centennial.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:idaho.centennial.chapter@gmail.com) by March 15th.

### Complimentary Member-Only Webinars:

1 CPE each

- May 25, 2016 –  
Green Book\*
- Summer 2016 –  
CAROI Update\*

\*Subject to change

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)



Prepare taxes free of charge - become a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). You will receive training to provide free basic income tax help for low-to-moderate income families who need assistance preparing their tax returns. Training is offered both online and in the classroom.

- As a Tax Volunteer, you'll be assigned to work with a sponsoring organization. First to receive training and then to begin volunteering at a location in your community.
- Tax sites are generally open nights and weekends and the hours are flexible.
- Interested? Access [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) and in the search engine type IRS tax volunteers, this will lead you to the link that allows you to complete the form 14310 and email it to [taxvolunteer@irs.gov](mailto:taxvolunteer@irs.gov).

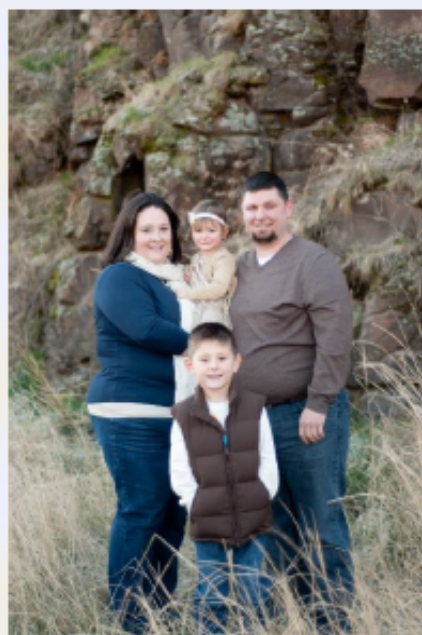


## Save the dates!

### SPRING PDT

### April 19-20, 2016

To be held at the  
**Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel**



**Featured AGA Member: *Rachael Jean Blanc***

**Tell us a little about your family.** My husband, Ronnie, and I have been married for more than 10 years. He was an Idaho State Corrections Officer for over 9 years but has made a career change within the last couple of years and will be finishing a degree in Social Science this May.

We have a 5 year old son, Gavin, and a 2 year old daughter, Gabby. Our son started Kindergarten this September which has made it a fun and exciting year. He enjoys many sports but excelled in wrestling only losing to 1 opponent all season. Our daughter Gabby is full of life and very strong willed, which we love, but she keeps us on our toes.

**Who do you work for and what do you do?**

I currently work at Public Health – Idaho North Central District in Lewiston as the Financial Manager. Some of my duties include budget development, internal controls, financial statements, cash management, and supervising our finance staff.

**Why did you join AGA?** I joined AGA to become part of a synergistic group that allowed me to connect with my peers. I was looking to access resource information to broaden my knowledge and stay informed about developments in governmental accounting.

**What are your goals?** I believe that we have to continuously learn to be successful, and one of the best things about life, is the many opportunities to grow. There are always new skills to learn and techniques for us to adopt. To continue my knowledge of Governmental Finance, I will soon be preparing for the Certified Government Financial Manager professional certification. My overall professional goal is to consistently maintain a high performance in my work and empower those around me to champion their professional development.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** My family and I enjoy traveling and the outdoors. We vacation every summer to the Oregon Coast and Washington Puget Sound areas. We often spend weekends fishing the lakes at our family's homes in Harrison and Twin Lakes or camping and walking nature trails throughout Idaho. I enjoy volunteering in my community and have a passion for helping others. My family provides services to many local organizations like the Boys and Girls Club and Relay for Life. I also serve on an event committee for the Gina Quesenberry Foundation which is a local charity that provides financial assistance to area breast cancer patients in need. In January, I joined the Board of Directors for Idaho's only YWCA.

**What do you love about Idaho?** I love Idaho's seasons with gorgeous summers on the lake, fall colors, winter snow, and spring growth. We are fortunate to have boundless opportunities for outdoor activities and forests that just go on for miles and miles.



# Upcoming Events



## IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** **April 19-20, 2016**

The 2016 Professional Development Training of the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will be held at The Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel in Boise on April 19-20.

We have an outstanding program lined up for you including John Homan, the National AGA President; David Bean, GASB; Connie Miller, ICON Credit Union; Gerry Boaz from Tennessee Division of State Audit; Anders Erickson from Eide Bailly; and Brandon Woolf, Idaho State Controller.

## **Save the Date!**

**April 19-20, 2016**

**Boise, Idaho  
for the annual  
Professional Development Training**

**Sponsored by the  
Idaho Centennial Chapter of the  
Association of Government Accountants**

The training offers 16 hours of continuing professional education.

Some of the topics to be covered include:

- **GASB Update**
- **Internal Controls**
- **Drama in the Workplace**
- **Ethics**
- **Continuity of Business Operations**

The registration fee for government sector members is only \$305 and \$365 for private sector members. The registration fee for CGFM Course 3 is \$350 for government sector members and \$400 for private sector members. See the next page for the agenda.

# 2016 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Tuesday 4/19

7:30-8:00	Continental Breakfast/Registration
8:00-8:10	Opening Remarks
8:10-9:00	John Homan - AGA National President TBD
9:00-9:50	TBD Ethics
9:50-10:10	Break
10:10-11:50	Gerry Boaz, Technical Review Officer, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit Internal Controls
11:50-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:40	Gerry Boaz, Technical Review Officer, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit Internal Controls
2:40-3:00	Break
3:00-4:40	Connie Miller, President and CEO, ICON Credit Union Drama in the Workplace

### Wednesday 4/20

7:30-8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:10	Announcements
8:10-9:50	Brandon Woolf - Idaho State Controller Dan Goicoechea - Chief Deputy Controller, Idaho State Controller's Office Business Continuity
9:50-10:10	Break
10:10-11:50	David Bean, Director of Research and Technical Activities, GASB GASB Update
11:50-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:40	Anders Erickson, Senior Manager, Eide Bailly IT
2:40-3:00	Break
3:00-4:40	TBD

# Upcoming Events for Program Year 2015-16

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Estimated CPE</u>
9/2/15	Webinar: Cyber Security	2
9/17/15	Luncheon: Jim Stephens, Sandler Training	1
9/23/15	Webinar: Human Capital	2
10/7/15	Webinar: Innovations Lab	2
10/15/15	Luncheon: Nathan Clayville, DFM Economist	1
10/20/15	CGFM Course 1	8
10/21/15	Webinar: Fraud Prevention	2
11/4/15	Webinar: OMB Omni-Circular	2
11/19/15	Luncheon: Kevin Kempf, Director, Dept. of Correction	1
12/2/15	Webinar: Ethics	2
12/17/15	Luncheon: Connie Miller, ICON Credit Union	1
1/13/16	Webinar: Evidence Based Policy Making	2
1/21/16	Luncheon: Dean Cameron, Director, Dept. of Insurance	1
1/27/16	Webinar: GASB 68	2
2/17/16	Audio Conference: Fraud Prevention	2
2/18/16	Luncheon: Maxine Bell & Shawn Keough, JFAC Co-Chairs	1
3/9/16	Webinar: Grants	2
3/17/16	Luncheon: Steve Bartlett, Ada County Sheriff	1
3/23/16	Webinar: Internal Controls	2
4/19-20/16	Professional Development Training	16
5/11/16	Webinar: Ethics	2
5/19/16	Luncheon: To Be Determined	1

If you would like more information about our AGA chapter, please visit our website at [idahoaga.org](http://idahoaga.org). You may contact one of the board officers by email, phone, or mail if you have any questions.

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# Our Finances

## CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

**As of January 31, 2016**

<b>Beginning Cash Balance, July 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 25,101.71</b>
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<b>Beginning Monthly Balance - January 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 16,618.69</b>
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Deposits	Year to Date	Current Month	
Scholarships	-		
Luncheon Meals	1,120.00	280.00	
AGA National Dues	-		
Charitable Donations	-		
AGA Webinars	1,545.00		
Spring 2016 PDT	-		
CGFM	750.00		
Other	90.28		
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 3,505.28</b>		<b>\$ 280.00</b>

<b>Beginning Monthly Balance + Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 16,898.69</b>
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Withdrawals	Year to Date		
Scholarships	-		
Luncheon Meals	(1,860.99)	(817.00)	
AGA National Dues	-		
Charitable Donations	(180.00)		
AGA Webinars	(2,580.00)		
Spring 2016 PDT	-		
Community Service	(81.87)		
Officer Conferences	(1,832.84)		
Chapter Board Meetings	(206.58)		
Membership	-		
Thrive Web Designs	(1,800.00)		
CGFM	(3,644.28)		
Other	(338.74)		
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ (12,525.30)</b>		<b>\$ (817.00)</b>

<b>Ending Cash Balance, January 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 16,081.69</b>
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# Meeting Minutes & Agenda



## Board Meeting Minutes

JRW Building, Conference Room A

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Call to order by President Chris Stratton at 11:05

**Attendees:** Chris Stratton, Michael Pearson, Lori Hendon, Steve Bellomy, Judy Shock, Chris Floyd, Sandra Healy, Matt Orem, Matt McBride

**Treasurer's report:** Michael Pearson moves to accept, Sandra Healy seconds. Motion passes.

**Awards:** An announcement will go out that March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for awards nominations as they must be submitted to National by March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will use the same National and board awards.

**PDT:** Decided on rates of \$305 for government and \$365 for private sector. These are the same rates as last year. Michael Pearson moves, Chris Floyd seconds. Motion passes.

The due date for sign up will be March 25<sup>th</sup> with a \$25 late fee thereafter.

Chris Floyd will ask Tiffini LeJeune for the cost of offering CGFM courses at the PDT. If the costs are under \$4,000 we will offer the 3<sup>rd</sup> exam course with a price of \$350 for government and \$400 for private sector. Matt Orem moves, Michael Pearson seconds. Motion passes.

**Membership:** We will commence playing the AGA video at the beginning of a luncheon once a quarter to obtain 50 points.

**President:** We need to update bylaws by the end of May.

Meeting adjourn at 11:55

*Minutes prepared by Chelsea Avery*

## Board Meeting Agenda JRW Building, Conference Room A February 18, 2016 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
4. Treasurer's Report (Matt McBride)
5. 2016 PDT (Marsi Woody/Lori Hendon)
6. Historian (Donna Holbrook)
7. CGFM (Tiffini LeJeune)
8. Community Service (Debbie Spence)
  - a. Next service opportunity is the basket raffle fundraiser at the PDT.
9. Education (Matt Orem)
10. Membership (Sandra Healy)
11. Early Careers (Brian Smith)
  - a. Membership scholarships
12. President-Elect (Steve Bellomy)
  - a. Chapter recognition category assignments
13. President's Update (Chris Stratton)
  - a. Updated by-laws from National
  - b. Speaker gifts
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment





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