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Wow, it's February already, how did that happen??  
Thank you for those that joined us in January for a great speaker and topic, Dr. Les Heitger from Missouri State. I think he could have provided at least 2 hours of CPE on Forensic Accounting!



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The Membership seminar is just around the corner. If you are already a member, you should have received your electronic invoice for dues from National AGA. Don't pay for your membership dues! Come to the seminar and your membership dues will be paid for you. Don't delay, the final deadline to register for the Membership Seminar is February 24<sup>th</sup> (the form is enclosed in the newsletter)!

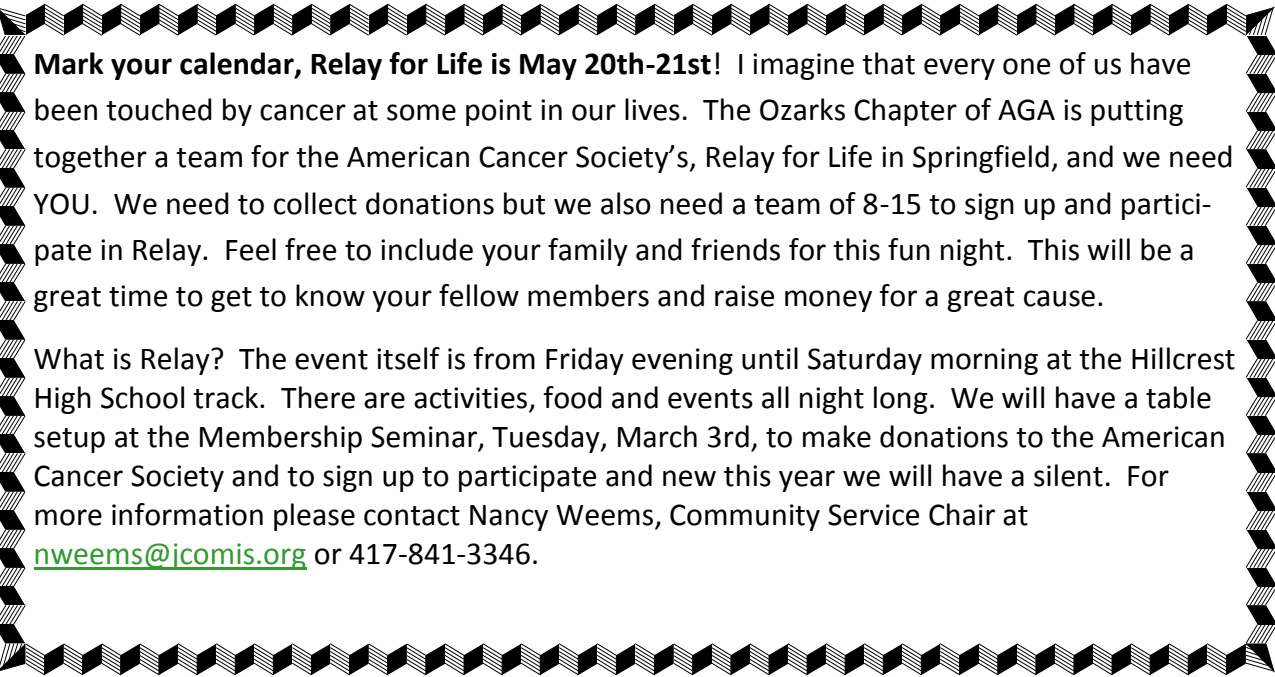
Join us Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Springfield-Greene County Health Department Conference room for the audio conference "Achieving Transparency-The Next Step to Integrating Your Data". Earn 2 hours of CPE for only \$10 (members and non-members). Lunch is not provided, but feel free to bring your lunch to the meeting. Please register with Justin Hill at [jrhill@greenecountymo.org](mailto:jrhill@greenecountymo.org) by Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## Community Service



**Mark your calendar, Relay for Life is May 20th-21st!** I imagine that every one of us have been touched by cancer at some point in our lives. The Ozarks Chapter of AGA is putting together a team for the American Cancer Society's, Relay for Life in Springfield, and we need YOU. We need to collect donations but we also need a team of 8-15 to sign up and participate in Relay. Feel free to include your family and friends for this fun night. This will be a great time to get to know your fellow members and raise money for a great cause.

What is Relay? The event itself is from Friday evening until Saturday morning at the Hillcrest High School track. There are activities, food and events all night long. We will have a table setup at the Membership Seminar, Tuesday, March 3rd, to make donations to the American Cancer Society and to sign up to participate and new this year we will have a silent. For more information please contact Nancy Weems, Community Service Chair at [nweems@jcomis.org](mailto:nweems@jcomis.org) or 417-841-3346.



**Sectional Leadership Meeting-Dallas TX May 13-14!** It's that time of year to look towards a new year in AGA. Currently we have volunteers for about half of our 2011-12 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) positions. Even if you are a new member, we have the resources for all the "on the job" training you will need!! Offices are encouraged to attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Dallas TX May 13th and 14th. Completely paid by National AGA to get offices up and running in their positions.

To join the CEC, please contact Teresa Allen at [tallen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:tallen@springfieldmo.gov) or at (417) 864-1631.



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**National PDC Hotel Scholarship Available:**

Are you interested in attending the National AGA Professional Development Conference in Atlanta this year? Well the Ozarks AGA chapter can help you or your organization with the hotel costs. The Ozarks Chapter has ONE room scholarship available saving you \$132/night for up to 5 nights. This year's conference is July 10-13<sup>th</sup>. It is 24 hours of fantastic CPE. First one to respond can have it, contact Teresa Allen if you are interested at [tallen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:tallen@springfieldmo.gov).

For more information on the 60<sup>th</sup> annual PDC go to [www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011).

**Ozarks AGA academic scholarships now available!** Applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Our scholarships are not JUST for full time students, it includes our AGA members that are taking classes. All the information about the scholarship program and the application are available on our website at [www.ozarksga.org](http://www.ozarksga.org). Don't miss this great opportunity!

**Employment Law Update:** Last October, Janis Prewitt Auner spoke to our group about employment law. She has provided new information about a case she discussed. You can read the case at: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=43942>.

**January 4, 2011 CEC Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Teresa Allen, Deb Gillenwaters, Linda Charles, Deb Frailey, Caitlyn Greene, Justin Hill, Julie Vaughan  
**Secretary**

A motion was made and passed to accept the October and November 2010 minutes.

**Treasurer**

A motion was made and passed to approve Treasurer's report for October, November and December 2010.

**Communication:**

The deadline for articles or information included in the newsletter is two weeks before the Member meeting.

**Community Service:**

Thank you to Glenda Hudson for your donation to the Chapter Relay for Life Basket to be auctioned at Relay for Life.

Members are encouraged to prepare a basket or donate to the AGA Chapter Garden Basket to be included in the Silent Auction at Relay for Life. Gardening items such as "How to" books or seeds are requested.

The CEC will request a dollar for dollar match from AGA National, up to \$500 for all cash donations received.

**Early Career:**

AGA Chapter will not participate in the job fair this year.

A motion to approve the gifting of Student AGA memberships with annual scholarships was made and passed.

**Education:**

Bill Miller, Kansas City has offered to speak to our chapter. The final speaker for the seminar is set, a speaker from Jefferson City, MoDESA office will present the 2010 Census and discuss utilizing data.

**Membership:**

The Spring Seminar is at the Executive Center on Battlefield, Thursday March 3, 2011. Catering provided by Simply Delicious.

Early bird registration for the spring seminar ends January 31, 2011, all registration paid for after that date will be subject to the late registration fees. Payment is required for all registrations.

The Speaker Gifts this year will include a portable USB Travel Light.

Copies of the speakers presentations will be e-mailed this year, those who want a printed copy will need to print a copy before attending the seminar.

**CGFM:**

March is CGFM month, the CEC will work on a proclamation to gain recognition for the designation.

The goal of the CGFM Chair this year is to set a scheduled study group having the details in place by March 2011.

**Past President:****New Business:**

The SLMR Meeting in Kansas City is rescheduled to January 29, 2011. Current Chapter Executive Committee members, Chapter subcommittee chairs and Regional Team members are encouraged to attend.

The SLM-2 in Dallas is scheduled from May 12-14, 2011. AGA will cover all reasonable expenses associated with your travel to Dallas, TX, including hotel accommodations, parking, mileage reimbursement and taxi fare. New CEC members for the 2011-2012 CEC Board are encouraged to attend.

The Board for 2011-2012 has filled the positions of Treasurer, Early Careers, Scholarships Committee, Membership and CGFM. The Goal is to get the Board filled by the end of February, before the SLM deadlines in March.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:00pm

# Take it Easy

Everyone deals with stress in a different way. This is a segment providing different ways to deal with the stress we all face.

\*Exercise is a great stress management technique. Non-competitive forms involving mindfulness like yoga, tai chi, and aikido are especially beneficial. Other exercises outside and in nature, such as golf and hill-walking, are good too.

<http://www.accountingweb.com/topic/fitness/stress-management-tips-better-worklife-balance>

## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
2/17/2011	Achieving Transparency-The Next Step to Integrating Your Data (2 hours CPE)	Audio Conference Presented by National AGA	Springfield-Greene County Health Department
3/3/2011	Spring Membership Seminar	See attached brochure	See attached brochure
4/21/2011	Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield-A Federal Government Agency	Ted Hillmer, Superintendent	Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center

### CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Our current standing as of **December 31, 2010**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,200	3,000	73%
Education and Professional Development	600	4,000	15%
Certification	750	4,000	19%
Communications	3,455	3,000	115%
Membership	150	3,000	5%
Early Careers and Student Members	1,075	2,000	54%
Community Service	700	2,000	35%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,930</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>41%</b>



## Want to Get Your CGFM Certification?

To learn more about the workings of government entities, think about studying for the CGFM. For details go to the AGA website and look at the CGFM section.

Linda Charles  
CGFM Chair



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*CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.*

*"Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep at night."*

**—Marian Wright Edelman**