

CHAPTER NEWS

Welcome New Members!

Join the Idaho Centennial Chapter as we extend a warm welcome to our newest chapter members. We are glad to have you and look forward to serving you throughout the years to come!

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Sr. Financial Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department

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Kim May

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About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base of both active and retired professionals from local, state, and federal government; the private sector; and academia. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Manager (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, as well as supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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Goals & Objectives

Accountability
Certification
Education
Research
Service

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AGA Board Positions

Join us in welcoming our newest Board Member:

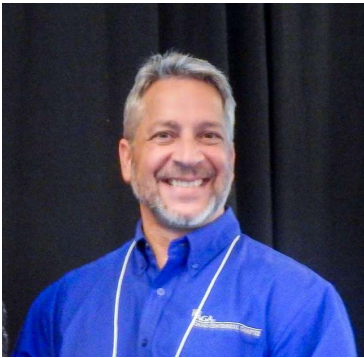
Christy Anderson
who will be serving as
our new **Awards Chair!**

We still have four (4)
open board positions:

Accountability
Community Service
Education
Historian

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a supportive organization. If you are interested in serving on our board, please contact Michael Pearson at 208-287-2800 or michael.pearson@idfg.idaho.gov

Congratulations National PDT Representatives!



Steve Bellomy, Amanda Miller, & Rahim Osman

Representing the Idaho Centennial Chapter at this year's National AGA Professional Development Training in Orlando, Florida, are Steve Bellomy from the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Amanda Miller from Boise State University, and Rahim Osman from KPMG. In fact, both Amanda and Rahim were awarded the 2018 AGA Young Professionals PDT Scholarship out of only five nationwide recipients. These distinguished professionals will enjoy complimentary roundtrip airfare, lodging, and conference registration to attend the July conference. We look forward to hearing what Steve, Amanda, and Rahim learned in our next newsletter!

Annual Election Results

In case you missed it, the votes have been tallied and the newly elected board members are:

President-Elect: Aimee Hayes
Treasurer: Judy Sargent, CGFM
Secretary: Roni Harlan

Service in their new term with President, CGFM & CPA Michael Pearson at the helm begins July 1, 2018. We're looking forward to a great year!

Reports

For those of you who like to keep informed of our Chapter Meetings and ongoing financial condition, we update our website each month with:

Board Meeting Minutes
 &
Treasurer Reports

From our homepage, select Our Chapter, navigate to Chapter Board Reports, and select the 'Minutes' or 'Treasurer' link next to the Month-Year of your choice.



WE ARE ALL AGA!

Presidential Note

The time has come for me to pass the president's gavel to Michael Pearson. Thank you all for another successful year. Furthermore, I want to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for the board's help this year as well as the entire Idaho Centennial membership for a job well done. We are all members of a professional organization that works diligently at promoting selflessness through training, scholarship, and good will. I am very proud of our chapter and I wish you all the best!

Matt Orem

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/IdahoCentennial/Home.aspx>

CGFM Study Group

The Idaho Centennial Chapter is in the process of putting together a study group for anyone in the process of studying for the CGFM tests. If you are interested in being part of a study group or looking for more information about the CGFM, please email Raelynn North at raelynn.north@isp.idaho.gov or Roni Harlan at rharlan@sco.idaho.gov.

Also, we will be hosting a CGFM question and answer session in September. So, look for more information in the upcoming newsletters and on the website for dates and times.



Calendar of Events

We are taking a break for the Summer and will be back in September with more events. In the meantime don't forget the:

**National AGA Professional
 Development Training**
 24 CPE's

Orlando, Florida
July 22 - 25, 2018

[Registration is Due by June 29, 2018]

Until we return, you can always check out the Training & Events section on our website.

LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Crime Scene Investigation & Property Management Audit

Brent & Natasha provided an informative and engaging lunch presentation on the management of personal property held by the Ada County Sheriff's Office and the costs associated with forensic investigation. Brent explained that Ada County not only maintains chain-of-custody for property used as evidence in legal proceedings, but also acts as custodian for lost, stolen, and inmate property. As custodians, every effort is made to return property to the rightful owners. When owners cannot be located or do not want the property returned, the property is sold at public auction. It's a big job tracking and securing all that stuff, but they do it well and within budget.



Brent Wilkes

Brent has worked at the Ada County Sheriff's Office for over four years as the Property & Evidence Supervisor. During his 21-year tenure as a government contractor in the Offender Monitoring Industry working at G4S Justice Services, Brent worked in various leadership roles within the organization such as Project Manager, Operations & Inventory Control Manager, and Director of Operations.

Although Forensic Science is often misrepresented on television, costs associated with an investigation include personnel, instrumentation, and supplies. While costs tend to vary, qualified personnel is usually the greatest cost. In fact, individual forensic tests range from \$47 to \$781 depending on the type of service needed. Since Ada County has a well-equipped Forensic Lab with an experienced staff they often provide services to local law enforcement which ultimately benefits taxpayers with increased efficiency and shared resources. Available services include DNA, drug chemistry, impressions, firearms, toxicology, fingerprints, etc. But unlike television, Ada County Forensic Scientists must often explain to expectant jurors why fingerprints are not always found at crime scenes and the limitations of such evidence when fingerprints are discovered.



Natasha Wheatley

Natasha has been the Forensic Lab Manager at the Ada County Sheriff's Office for the past three years. Previously, she worked for both the Oregon State Police and Idaho State Police. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and a Master's Degree in Public Administration and her previous positions include work as a Forensic Lab Manager and Forensic Scientist.



Fun Fact: *Alvin from the Chipmunks served as a temporary member of the Ada County Sheriff's Office where he scared kids during Halloween. He was eventually sold at auction for \$350 since the Movie Theater who reported him missing did not want him back. Apparently, he really is more trouble than he is worth!*

PDT HIGHLIGHTS

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/IdahoCentennial/Training-Events/PDT-2018.aspx>

For those of you who were unable to attend our Professional Development Training in April, Reference Materials including Speaker Presentations are posted in the Training & Events section of our website. Over 175 AGA Members attended to hear our excellent speaker content sponsored by Infor and the Idaho State Liquor Division. We are continuing our April coverage with highlights from the second day of training.



CPA Kurt Schlicker from Eide Bailly, LLP kicked off the second day of training by 'Diving' into Uniform Guidance. He covered a lot of invaluable information including an overview of regulations, changes under Uniform Guidance, and common auditor/auditee findings.

Josh Sears with The Murray Group, provided ethical insight with his signature presentation style and legal background. After explaining ethics from a legal perspective, he focused on gender roles and their influence on ethical perspectives within the Accounting profession in light of the Me Too Movement.



From CliftonLarsenAllen [CLA], Paul Niedermuller reminded us that Capital Assets have not been getting 'enough love' lately. He discussed the complexities involved with capital asset accounting including the best practices for internal controls and policy considerations for capital planning.



Idaho Deputy Attorney General, Colleen Zahn, defined workplace harassment and explained the difference between harassment and a hostile work environment. After emphasizing local and national trends, she provided best practices for maintaining a respectful work environment.

In a fascinating presentation, Executive V.P. and Publisher Alan Cox from Government Technology explored the current and future roles of Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Vehicles, Blockchain, Drones, and Robotics in Government Affairs.



Our final speaker, Eric Aroca, not only motivated us to connect with one another through clear, complete, and concise communication but also encouraged us to 'Dream, Learn, and Do More' in order to 'Become More' as leaders in our profession.