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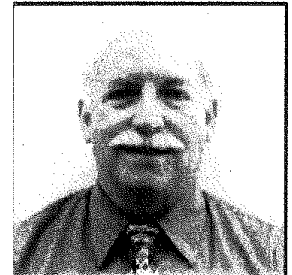
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our May
Meeting!

Message from the President

Thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers for my successful surgery and recovery. It is great to be back and the new knee is working just fine. I especially want to thank Tina McManus, President-Elect for taking over my duties during my absence. You can see that our next Chapter year will be a good one under Tina's leadership.



Bob Wells

At our regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday April 9, Mr. Scott Harper, Director of Unclaimed Property and General Services for the Missouri Treasurers Office gave a very interesting and informative presentation on unclaimed property. He outlined the requirements this 1984 law places on holders of unclaimed property, types of property covered and the process for getting it into the state's treasury. The meeting was well attended by members and guests and the number of attendees questioning Mr. Harper during the Q&A about specific requirements of the law indicated this was a timely subject to bring to our members.

Tina McManus, chair of our nominating committee presented the committee's slate of nominees for officers and directors who were duly elected to serve in their respective offices and on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the Chapter's 2013-2014 year beginning July 1. Congratulations to you and thank you for accepting leadership roles. Those of you who will be new CEC members are invited to attend the April and May CEC meetings held on the last Thursday of each month.

Two of our scholarship recipients were in attendance and received their awards. The remaining recipients will be presented at our May meeting. Thank you Pat Monday and scholarship committee members for your time and the fine job you do in managing our scholarship program. I also want to thank Commerce Bank for underwriting this year's spring seminar which is the primary source of funding scholarships.

Information on our May meeting is included in this newsletter. I look forward to meeting you there.

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Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Community Service Information

Congratulations to the first round of the 2013-2014 Ozarks Chapter Scholarship Award winners!

- Melania Schrag
- Maura Sturguess
- Jenna Durnell
- Dayela DuVall
- Carly Jelinek
- Dallas Williams

American Cancer Society - Relay for Life May, 31th

The Ozarks Chapter AGA will match up to \$50 for each AGA member that joins the AGA team. The deadline to turn in your registration to receive a t-shirt has been extended to April 19th. (AGA pays \$50 and you pay \$50 - Total \$100 Donations commitments can be paid anytime, before, during, or shortly after the May 31th event)

Join the AGA Relay for Life Team "AGA ADDS UP"

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Audio Conferences

April 17th, 2013— Internal Controls—2 CPE

April 23rd, 2013—CGFM Preparation & Q&A

May 8th, 2013—Fraud Prevention—2 CPE

62nd Annual pDC

Big Challenges, Bigger Thinking

July 14th-17th

Dallas, Tx

May Meeting

May 21th, 2013

Tour: Southwest Power Plant/ John Twitty Energy Center

Topic: JTEC Tour

1CPE

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$15

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012		Summer Break	
July	2012		Summer Break	
August	2012	21st	Ryan Nichols/Tour	Public Safety Ctr
September	2012	11th	CU Water Conservation	CU Training Ctr
October	2012	9th	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	13th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
December	2012	11th	Members Social	Springfield Brew Co.
January	2013	29th	Airport Operations/ Financials	Springfield— Branson Airport
February	2013	26th	County/City/School Update	Kraft Admin
March	2013	6th	Spring Seminar	Exec Conf Ctr
April	2013	9th	Scott Harper, Missouri Treasurers Office	Kraft Admin (1359 E. St. Louis)
May	2013	21st	JTEC Power Station Tour— City Utilities	5050 FR 164

Government Financial
Manager (GFM) Training
Program-Course 2

**ONE-TIME
TRAINING
OPPORTUNITY**



AGA Mid-Missouri Chapter

Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting
November 12-14, 2013
Harry S Truman State Office Building
Room 493/494

This course covers the general principles of governmental accounting, financial reporting, performance measures and budgeting. It also covers the unique aspects of accounting and reporting for the federal government as well as state and local governments. It is designed for accountants, auditors, budget professionals and controllers in government as well as academics and other professionals who have an interest in government. It is particularly appropriate for newly hired professionals. **This course is also an aid in studying for the Exam 2 in obtaining a CGFM.**

Course materials/study guide will be provided to each participant (an \$89 value!). Course is led by Pete Rose, course developer and prior Professional Certification Board Member. Upon completion of this course, you will have an understanding of:

- the characteristics and differences of the government environment that necessitate the unique accounting and financial reporting;
- the process of setting accounting and financial reporting standards for government entities;
- the bases of accounting and measurement focuses used by governments;
- fiscal accountability;
- exchange and non-exchange transactions;
- the uses of cost accounting in government;
- performance measures;
- budgeting in government;
- accounting and reporting in Federal, State and Local governments, including:
 - determining the financial reporting entity;
 - fund accounting and reporting;
 - government wide accounting and reporting;
 - accounting and reporting for specific transactions.
 - federal budgeting;
 - budgetary accounting;
 - federal financial accounting foundations;
 - the federal financial statements, notes, and supplementary reporting;

Registration Fee and Information

A minimum of 20 participants is required before the course can be offered. Space is limited for this program, so register early. The first 10 CGFM candidates to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for one part of the CGFM Exam at no charge which is a \$109 savings. The training event is being offered at a cost of \$450 per attendee. This is a bargain at \$18.75 per CPE hour, which includes the \$89 study guides.

No payment is expected at this time—only the commitment to the event. Sign up by contacting Vandee DeVore, at 573-751-1987 or email at education@midmoaga.org no later than **September 16, 2013**. Our online registration system is not available for this event but credit card payments will be accepted. Meals will not be provided at this event. A hotel room block is being coordinated.

Refund Policy: Refunds will not be given on an individual basis, however substitution is allowed. If the course must be cancelled due to lack of participation, a full refund will be given to each individual.



CEC Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2013

Officers, Tina McManus, Brandie Fisher, John Everest, Pat Monday, Justin Hill, Bob Wells, Greg Drake, Rick Findley, and Paul Essel were in attendance. Meeting called to order 12:09.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the CEC meeting. Lindsey will not be able to complete the report until after the month closes. Tina and Pat will coordinate getting the scholarship recipients checks made out.

Communications deadline is 4/3/13 by 5:00PM.

No report for Early Career

Pat announced the recipients of the first round of scholarships. There will be 3 more scholarships awarded to students at Missouri State and Ozarks Technical Center. The April Community Service project will be bringing toiletries to benefit homeless shelters and the May project will be a "snack drive" to benefit Relay for Life. Board agreed to allow a \$50 sponsorship for members who wish to participate in Relay for Life. AGA's booth will consist of a hat making craft.

John discussed the April meeting (4/9) and May meeting tour (5/21). June and July will be vacation months with no meetings scheduled. Justin discussed having 1 free event for members as noted in CRP spreadsheet. Speaker gifts were discussed—are we running low? A discussion on if there would be a better date for the Spring Seminar was discussed.

Tina discussed the chapter chairs need to enter the Chapter Recognition Program credits in March to get caught up for the year. The 3rd quarter deadline is March 31st. If you email them to her by this weekend, she will enter them on your behalf. Seminar survey results were great!

Rick stated that he will assist any organization that wishes to complete a Citizen Centric Report. Brandie let everyone know that the City of Springfield's Public Information Department is looking at producing a CCR.

Search for a President Elect for next year continue. Brandi Richmond accepted a nomination to serve as Secretary.

Adjourned at 12:54—next CEC Meeting April 25th.

Ozarks Chapter News

AGA Member named Assistant Director

City of Springfield internal auditor Kristy Bork will take on a new role as the assistant director of aviation – finance and administration for Springfield-Branson National Airport, effective April 8. She replaces Mark Roy who retired.



"Everyone at the airport is excited to have Kristy coming onboard," said Brian Weiler, director of aviation at the airport. "Since the airport is a hybrid of government and the private sector, her experience in government and business will be particularly valuable."

Bork has been the City's Internal Auditor since 2010, and prior to that was a supervisor accountant with BKD in Springfield since 2004. She is a licensed certified public accountant and holds Bachelor and Master Degrees in accounting from Missouri State University.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity City Council gave me to be the City's internal auditor, and proud of the work that was accomplished while I was in the position," Bork said. "I am ready for a new challenge and look forward to exciting things ahead at the airport."

Bork is active in several professional/community organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, The Network of Springfield's Young Professionals, and is an Advisory Board Member of MSU's School of Accountancy.



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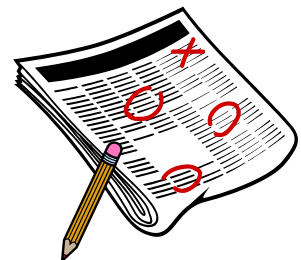
Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

[Missouri State University](http://www.missouri.edu)

Registrar—West Plains

[Ozark Technical College](http://www.ozark.edu)

P/T Cashier



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Brandie Fisher, Editor

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Send articles to: bfisher@springfieldmo.gov



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Kansas City, Mid Missouri, Ozark and St. Louis chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) are professional organizations that are part of an association that has a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world; and these Missouri chapters have approximately 500 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, AGA Kansas City, Mid Missouri, Ozark and St. Louis Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Missouri by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2013 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of March, 2013.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Joan Zander
Secretary of State