



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants

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Presidents Message

Greetings Members and Friends!

Fall is here and pumpkin is everywhere! The holiday season has begun. I am ready for the season, are you? I will be sending out an invite to a huddle in November. I know many people will be busy but hopefully some of us can get together to enjoy some food and good conversation.

Christina Barber has stepped up to fill in as the Chapter Secretary. She has already been stepping up to help fill in on a temporary basis but now is filling the role for the rest of this year.

If you would like to participate in a community service event, please contact Jessica Elliott. Our chapter has opportunities for you to serve others, including the holiday Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next monthly chapter meeting.

See you soon!

Adam Brown, Chapter President

AGA Lincoln November Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, November 7

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Hop Cat - 601 P Street

Topic: Risk surrounding Blockchain -- Blockchains has the potential to radically change traditional business models and business practices across a variety of industries. Blockchain technology has evolved far beyond Bitcoin and is now being tested in a broad range of business and financial applications. It is important for the audit and assurance profession to stay aware of this and other emerging technologies. Bernie will explain Blockchain technology and outline unique risks with this technology.

Speaker: Bernard A. Wieger - IT Advisory Partner - KPMG LLP – Kansas City

Bernie has more than 30 years of Big 4 experience in risk management and information systems governance experience.

Bernie Wieger is a partner in KPMG's Kansas City, Missouri office. He has more than 30 years of Big 4 experience in risk management and information systems governance experience.

Bernie's roles include Client Service Delivery, Human Resource Management, Risk Management, Account Planning and Community Outreach. Bernie leads the PMO over KPMG's Blockchain Audit and Attestation services nationally. Additionally Bernie serves as a lead consultant on information technology risk management on financial statement audits, attestation, and other business advisory engagements for KPMG clients. Bernie has experience in a variety of industries including universities, government, financial services, insurance and telecommunications. Bernie has served as a trainer in KPMG's Advisory University as well numerous external community trainings.

Bernie is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Information System Auditor (CISA), and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM). He has served in various outside roles including past executive leadership roles of local ISACA and IIA chapters.

Education BS, Business Administration, with a dual major in management information systems and accounting at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Calendar of Events

2018

November 7 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Hop Cat - 601 P Street

November 21 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B

November 28 – Wednesday – AGA Webinar

December 5 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

December 19 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B

2019

January 2 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD
January 16 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B
February 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD
February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B
March 6 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD
March 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B
April 3 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD
April 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B
May 1 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD
May 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room B

Community Service Activities

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring bells over the holidays. We will be ringing in the holidays (indoors) in front of JC Penny's at Gateway Mall. We have signed up to ring for 2 days and 4 shifts. If you can assist, please contact Jessica Elliott at Jessica.Elliott@nebraska.gov to sign up. We had several sign up at the last monthly meeting.

The only shift still needing to be filled is:

Saturday November 10, 2018 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm (Two volunteers needed)

The Center For People In Need wants volunteers to help with their Toyland event. If you are able to help, please sign up on their website at centerforpeopleinneed.org

Shifts they need help with are:

Saturday December 8, 2018 from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

Sunday December 9, 2018 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm

We will also be Adopting a medium sized family in need this year for Christmas. A medium sized family is 4-5 family members. The Salvation Army likes to collect at least \$100.00 for the parents for groceries and have at least \$35.00 spent for each child. We will find out more about our family mid-November. If we start early, we should have no problems supporting their need. If you would like to donate cash, there will be a donation box at the monthly meetings or you can contact Jessica Elliott at Jessica.Elliott@nebraska.gov. Unless you plan to give a gift that would be universal for any child, let's hold off on gifts until we have more information on the family. Jessica Elliott will send information as it is received.

So AGA receives credit for our volunteer hours, if you are volunteering for any of these events, please contact Jessica Elliott at the email address listed above so she can log your hours.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES IN NEED.

Sincerely - Jessica Elliott

AGA Webinar

Escape the Blind Spot Zone

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Time: 1:00 – 2:50

Location: State Capitol, hearing room 1507

Cost: Free to AGA members, \$25 to nonmembers

CPE: 2 hours in ethics

Register on Lincoln Chapter AGA website www.agacgfm.org/chapters/LincolnNebraska

Learning Objectives:

To discover how to make better decisions and enjoy richer relationships at work and home by:

- Discovering your unconscious assumptions that are impacting your decisions and behavior
- Learning how to quickly recognize your blind spots so you can avoid unnecessary hardships
- Unmasking the hidden biases that creep into every decision-making process
- Learning and applying simple but effective decision-making tool

Course outline:

The problem with making ethical decisions is you do not always know you are in the middle of an ethical dilemma. Our speaker spent 36 months in a federal prison for a crime he did not knowingly commit because he had blind spots. What are your blind spots doing to you? We all have numerous blind spots. They are nearly impossible to recognize if we are not looking for them. This is a live, interactive event.

Speaker:

Kevin McCarthy, Inspirational Speaker, Best-Selling Author, had spent 33 months in a federal prison for a crime he did not knowingly commit, BlindSpots, LLC

Chapter Secretary Position Filled

Thank you Chris Barber for volunteering for the position of chapter Secretary.

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 News

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>

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2018

The October Chapter meeting was held at the 1526 building to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Lincoln Chapter and to present chapter awards. There were 28 people in attendance including one guest.

Lunch was provided at no cost by the Chapter. There was also cake to celebrate the Chapter's anniversary.

Ann Martinez, Chapter President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. She listed the names of each person serving as an officer and their position for the previous year and then went on to list the officers for the current year. Ann did highlight the new position of Director of Corporate Sponsor is held by Tim Baker. Current sponsors are Ameritas and Gilmore Bell.

The Chapter Recognition Program Award was given to Jason Walters and Jessica Elliott. They earned the most points for the year by attending chapter meetings, attending webinars, and participating in community service. As an awardee they received a certificate and \$25 cash.

Ann talked about upcoming community service opportunities with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the mall. A signup sheet was passed around. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, November 10th, morning and afternoon shifts as well as Saturday, December 8th, afternoon and evening shifts. See Jessica Elliott for more details.

Another opportunity to help the community is with "Adopt a Family". Please see Jessica Elliott or Ann Martinez for more information.

There were eight past-presidents in attendance at the Celebration and they were recognized. Several have served more than one term as president. Frank Faughn, Ann Martinez, Chris Barber, and Linda Roesler spoke as to their past experiences with the Lincoln Chapter.

November 7th will be the next Chapter Meeting at HopCat – 601 P Street, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Bernie Wieger, a KPMG partner will be speaking about Block Chain. Please bring a guest and their lunch in free. Remember, when your guest joins the Lincoln AGA Chapter, you will get a free lunch.

Presented by Chris Barber, Past President

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2018

In attendance Jeff Filbert, Ralene Cheng, Adam Brown, Tim Channer, Tim Baker, and Chris Barber, Char Scott, and Jessica Elliott.

President - Adam called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Education – Char shared that the PDT went well. Some feedback had been received already from attendees and it was positive. There were 24 attendees and the chapter nearly broke even with income vs expenditures. Discussion followed as to timing of the next PDT and it was decided that the first part of March would be best. Specific speakers and topics will be forthcoming in upcoming CEC meetings.

Audio/Webinar – Ralene shared a possible audio conference opportunity on November 28th that would provide 2 CPE’s for the attendee. “Escape the BlindSpot Zone” by Kevin McCarthy. More details to come.

Chapter Meetings – November 7th will be the next Chapter Meeting at HopCat – 601 P Street, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Bernie Wieger, a KPMG partner will be speaking about Block Chain. Please bring a guest and their lunch in free. Remember, when your guest joins the Lincoln AGA Chapter, you will get a free lunch. Jeff went on to mention that he is working out the details for the December and January meetings.

Young Professionals – New member is Robin Edwards. Welcome!

Accountability and Outreach – Ralene mentioned that the CCR was sent to National and will be reviewed by them.

Communications – Tim announced that the due date for items going in the newsletter is October 30th.

Professional Certification – No update.

Community Service – Jessica gave a reminder that there are 2 days of volunteer opportunities for the Bell Ringing and that each volunteer will receive a free AGA shirt. Also, the Lincoln Chapter is committed to “Adopt a Family”. See her for more details. In regards to the Center for People in Need and Bowl-a-thon, more details will come in the near future.

Sponsors – Tim Baker mentioned that he will be asking for renewals of current sponsors and will continue to attempt to finalize a new sponsor. Tim also brought up the SLMR and potential end of January date for that event in Kansas City.

Treasurer – No update.

Secretary – Chris announced that the August Chapter and CEC meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter. She asked for any corrections. Hearing none, Tim Channer moved their acceptance and Tim Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President-elect – No update.

Other – Chris announced that she would be willing to serve as Secretary of the Lincoln Chapter for the remainder of the AGA year. Char made a motion for Chris to be Secretary and Tim Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Chris Barber, Past President and Secretary

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.
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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

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