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2015

Message from the President

March Greetings! Socrates said: "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." In keeping with the spirit of that thought, do we have a CPE opportunity for you! This month we host our annual Spring Seminar. Please join us on Thursday, March 26 at the fabulous White River Conference Center located at 600 W Sunshine. We have an awesome agenda planned that features a variety of interesting topics presented by knowledgeable speakers that you won't want to miss:



- Joint City of Springfield/Greene County Task Force Report
- Cyber Security for Government
- Ethics
- Investment Opportunities for the Current Economy and Economic Outlook 2015
- Fraud Prevention and Internal Controls
- Accounting for the Springfield Cardinals and the Economic Impact of the Cardinals and other Downtown Development on Springfield

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You will earn 8 hours of CPE including 2 hours of Ethics. In addition, we'll have lunch and a continental breakfast for you. Registration and breakfast start at 7:30. The first speaker will begin at 8:00 and the last speaker will conclude at 4:30. Advanced registration is required and we need your registration by **March 16th** so we can plan seating and food. The **cost** of the seminar is **\$200** and this includes your AGA Membership Dues for 2015. If you haven't registered yet, you'll find the registration form in this newsletter.

Our full day seminars historically have been well attended, so, come one come all and spend the day with your fellow chapter members engaged in worthwhile professional development. See you there!

Debra Burling

See Page 3 for information on our March Seminar!



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CGFM News

Interested in the CGFM Certification?

The Ozarks AGA has a set of current study guides available for checkout—one book at a time for 2 months at a time. They are in three separate three-ring binders – one for each setion. If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, please notify Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu and she will arrange for you to check it out when it becomes available.

One of the benefits of being a member of our Ozarks Chapter is that we will reimburse you for the successful passing of the CGFM exam in its entirety.

Maintaining CGFM Certifications

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee of \$30 for members and \$65 for non-members, by March 31st.
- Complete at least 80 hours of CPE every 2 years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

If retired or inactive, contact a CEC member or the national AGA office to inquire about CGFM renewal requirements.

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



Happy CGFM Month to our Ozarks Chapter CGFM Members!

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| Teresa Allen*, Education Co-Chair | Brandie Fisher, Communications Chair |
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National/Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Events & Conferences

AGA Web Conference

Put Internal Control Principles into Practice

March 18, 2015 2:00-3:50 ET

2 CPE

Earn CPE Online!

AGA Journal CPE Quizzes

Becker Educational Programs

April Meeting

April 16, 2015

11:30-1:00

Topic: Convoy Tour and FEMA Discussion

Members: \$10, Non-Members \$15

Convoy of Hope—330 S. Patterson

RSVP to Jody Vernon by 12:00, on Monday, April 13th.

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2014	19th	Summer Break	
July	2014	17th	Summer Break	
August	2014	14st	GASB 65 and 67	Tower Club
September	2014	24th	Single Audit	Cooper Tennis
October	2014	23th	8hr Fall Seminar	White River Conference Ctr.
November	2014	20th	Talent Selection/Interviewing	Cooper Tennis
December	2014	11th	Member Social	Jimms
January	2015	15th	IRS Update	Panera
February	2015	17th	Election Process/Local Stats	Kraft Admin
March	2015	26h	Spring Seminar	Bass Pro
April	2015	16th	Field Trip—Grant Funding	Convoy of Hope
May	2015	21st	MSU Career Center	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2015
July 1, 2014 Through February 28, 2015**

	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	February 2015
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	415.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Monthly meetings	1,530.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 120.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	2,400.00	\$ 3,335.00	\$ -
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,800.00	\$ 6,325.00	\$ 4,895.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	164.00	\$ 164.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	283.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	5.00	\$ 3.41	\$ 0.51
Total Revenues	\$ 14,597.00	\$ 14,217.41	\$ 6,015.51
	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	February 2015
	Expense	Expense	Expense
Expenses:			
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,463.00	\$ 1,832.21	\$ 79.66
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	2,500.00	\$ 1,830.77	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	2,100.00	\$ 606.96	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,600.00	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 2,590.00
Community Service Expense	500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	164.00	\$ 110.00	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	320.00	\$ 237.13	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 14,597.00	\$ 7,607.07	\$ 2,669.66
Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,950.92	6,950.92	\$ 10,215.41
Revenue	14,597.00	14,217.41	\$ 6,015.51
Expenses	(14,597.00)	(7,607.07)	\$ (2,669.66)
Net Change	-	6,610.34	\$ 3,345.85
Ending	\$ 6,950.92	\$ 13,561.26	\$ 13,561.26

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CEC Minutes

February 26, 2015 CEC Meeting Minutes

12:00 PM – 1st floor conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Debra Burling, Brandie Fisher, Pam Cox, Wayland Mueller, Teresa Allen, Tina McManus, Jody Vernon, Greg Drake, Paul Essel, and Brandi Aldridge

Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:

The minutes of the January 29, 2015 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

Treasurer-Greg Drake:

The treasurer's report was distributed.

The Dropbox file storage option was presented and discussed. Teresa pointed out that the chapter currently pays \$6/month for the local AGA website and that some historical documents are stored there (i.e., AGA newsletters dating back to 2005). There could be fees associated with the Dropbox if the free version does not have enough storage space to meet our needs. A list of chapter documents will be compiled and it will be decided at the next CEC meeting whether the documents need to be kept long term.

Education-Teresa Allen and Mary Jo Kerringer (not present):

The Spring Seminar will be held on March 26 and all speakers have been confirmed. Teresa will send out the schedule for the seminar.

The goal for the seminar is 50 attendees and to date 42 people have signed up.

CEC members will send position descriptions to Debra for her to compile as a handout for the spring seminar.

The next member meeting will be at Convoy of Hope on Wednesday, April 15.

Professional Certification-Sharla Bailey (not present):

By email, Sharla reported she is working on obtaining the proclamations.

Communication-Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is March 4.

Brandie started utilizing Mail Chimp to gauge the effectiveness of the newsletter distribution. The statistics from Mail Chimp for the February newsletter were reported.

Community Service-Pam Cox:

The February community service project raised \$19 for the American Heart Association and \$8 for CARE, Castaway Animal Rescue Effort.

CEC Minutes



The March community service project is The Career Closet, located at the Missouri Career Center and members are asked to donate their gently used work clothing.

Early Career-Paul Essel:

Paul has started calling potential early career individuals and introducing AGA and asking them to join.

Membership-Jody Vernon:

The member survey is complete and will be sent out after the seminar. Brandie will include an article in the March newsletter describing the member survey and to let the membership know that the survey is coming.

Old Business-Debra Burling:

The deadline for the student scholarship application is March 13. Wayland indicated that he is starting to receive applications.

Debra will work on updating the Chapter By-Laws to align them with National.

Tina will modify a Policy and Procedures manual to reflect our local chapter activities.

The chapter hotel scholarships were awarded to Brandie Fisher and David Holtman.

Membership renewal deadline is March 31.

New Business-

Tina attended the National Leadership Training session in Washington DC in February and spoke about the experience. Her trip expenses were funded by her employer, MSU.

Next CEC meeting: March 19, 2015, 12pm

Meeting adjourned.

Ozarks Chapter News

Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

2015-2016 Scholarship Program

Scholarship forms are available now! Scholarships awarded will range from \$400 to \$800 depending on the number awarded.

AGA members who are continuing their education are encouraged to apply!

Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is **March 13, 2015**

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

Visit National at: www.agacgfm.org

The Ozarks Ledger is a publication of the Ozarks Chapter of The Association of Government Accountants

Brandie Fisher, Editor

Deadline for articles: **30th** of each month

Send articles to: bfisher@springfieldmo.gov

Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

[Missouri State University](#)

Accounting Specialist

[Greene County](#)

Deputy Budget Officer

Senior Auditor

[Jordan Valley Community Health Center](#)

Accounting Assistant

Springfield Public Schools

Accounting Clerk (2)





The Career Closet

Ozarks AGA's community service for the month of March is the Ozark Region Missouri Career Center's "The Career Closet". The "The Career Closet" provides a clothing service to help people in the Ozarks find work placement with much needed job/ interview clothing. This service is not funded by the state but organized by the employee's that work for the career center. They started this service because the need was not being fulfilled. They do such a wonderful job but they need our help.



Please bring clothing donations to our March 26th Spring Seminar to help "The Career Closet". If you can't make it to the seminar or would like to donate it earlier, then please take your donation to the Ozark Region Missouri Career Center at 2900 E Sunshine St in Springfield MO 65804. Please tell them it is an Ozarks AGA member donation. For more information please contact Pamela Cox at pcox@springfieldmo.gov or call (417)864-1886.