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### AGA CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER

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#### Vision AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

#### Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Core Values Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings Central Arkansas Chapter! The first two quarters were a huge success. Our Chapter has had several monthly meetings in which excellent speakers have brought very timely and informative topics. Please continue to join us for our monthly meetings, the third Monday of each month, to earn one hour of quality CPE. Our chapter hosted a professional development conference during the fall that was very successful. Our spring conference is

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you do not miss this opportunity to earn up to fourteen hours of quality CPE. There is a great lineup of speakers, lunch will be provided, and you will have an opportunity to network and fellowship with other accounting professionals.

AGA is a huge proponent of community service. Our chapter had a winter clothing drive in October and November and was able to donate several clothing items to the Dorcas House. We sponsored two "Angel Tree" children in December, and were able to help them have a wonderful Christmas. Please watch your e-mail for upcoming community service events. We hope that you are able to participate and support our Chapter's efforts.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support our chapter. An

right around the corner. We hope that organization is only as strong as its members. Let's continue to work together to support our chapter and ensure that we grow even stronger in the upcoming months. We are off to an excellent start!

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Chandria Willis, Chapter President 2015-2016



# Getting to Know Our 2015-2016 AGA's



Ann M. Ebberts, AGA CFO

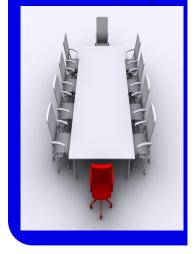
Ann M. Ebberts has been AGA's Chief Executive Officer since October 2014. Ebberts has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation and shared services. She also provided project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems.

Ebberts manages a staff of more than 20 people in Alexandria, Va. to accomplish the strategic goals of the NBD and NEC by developing educational and networking events to inform members and interested parties about current legislation and key initiatives impacting the financial management community. National office staff work closely with members as they join, become leaders in chapters, pursue certification and attend education and training events, and works with government officials as they seek guidance on increasing accountability and transparency.



Public parking is available around the Capital Complex at the new 2015-16 Membership Meeting place.

> Being educational in nature, each meeting provides attending members with an hour of continuing professional educational credit



# **Monthly Meetings**

Noon meetings are held eight times a year on the third Monday of the month will be held at Workforce Services in the 5th Floor Conference Room at the State Capitol Complex. Parking is available around the Complex. Please remember to bring your photo id.



### Thessing & Associates CPA'S

9772 Maumelle Blvd North Little Rock, AR 72113 (501) 537-1010 *"We proudly support the AGA and its activities"* 

We collected can goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts and will continue to do so in 2015-16!!





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# **Guest Speakers**

\*The Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy has recognized the Association as a CPE Provider exempt from registration with the Board. Our meetings and seminars qualify as CPE for CGFM's and Arkansas CPA's and do not require advance approval by the Board<del>.</del>

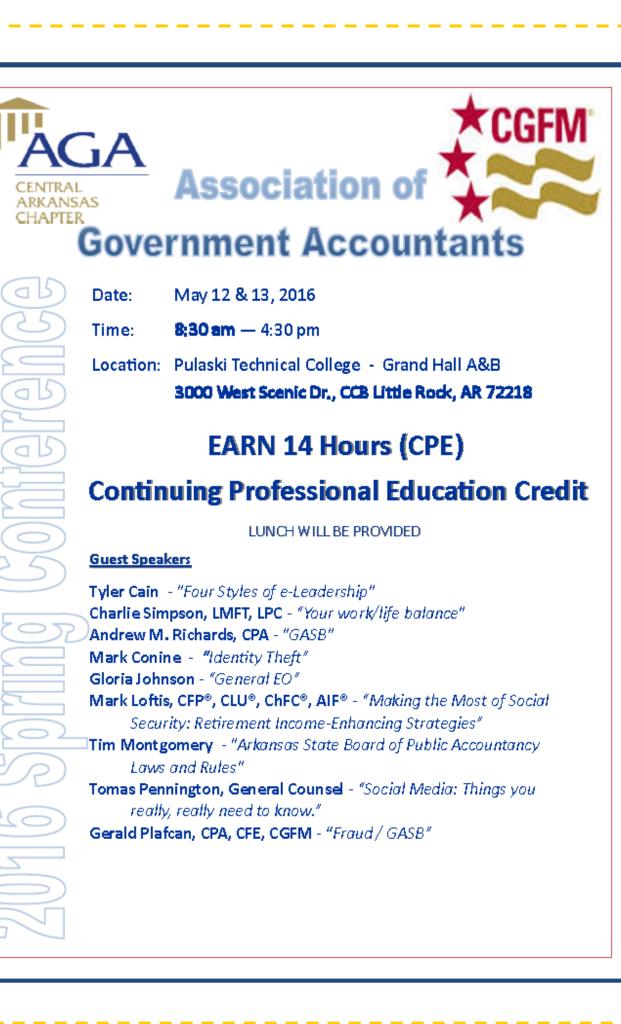
### **Recap 2015-16 Membership Meetings**

September	Charlie Simpson
October	Terry Williams
November	Kaki Roberts
January	Ann Purvis
February	DeeVee Pearson
March	Cancelled
April	Orvile Abrams
May	Bryan Hicks

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Spring Conference
- AGA Career Day
- Monthly Meeting





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### Tyler Cain, CGFM, ASPA

Tyler Cain, Fiscal Division Manager for the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Office of Financial Management and Administrative Services – Managerial Accounting which includes Budget, Payroll, Cost Accounting, GP Software Analyst, Administrative Disbursements, Procurement and Logistic (Maintenance, Print Shop, Property Management & Receiving, Central Supply Store room and Warehouse).

Tyler has thirty-six years of governmental accounting, financial management and supervisory experience. Tyler has twenty-seven years of leadership expe-

rience in financial management, compliance, and performance audits and examining records. Tyler is married and a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR and Faulkner County Leadership Institute and ADWS Leadership Development III. He is also the recipient of the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter 2014 President's Award. He enjoys walking, reading and computers. He has attained his status as both a "Certified Government Financial Manager" and a "Certified Public Manager".

He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, Associate Member of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Arkansas Society of Certified Public Managers, Notary Public, Faulkner County Leadership Institute and Life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Conway Alumni Association.



Charlie Simpson LMFT, LPC

Charlie Simpson has pursed his career as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) who provides therapy for couples, individuals, and families and currently resides in Little Rock, AR. After graduating from the University of Central Arkansas and obtaining a Bachelor in Psychology, Charlie later attended University of Arkansas at Little Rock and received his Masters in Applied Psychology and became

licensed in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Charlie has worked in the mental health field for over 8 years targeting children, adults, and group populations. Charlie serves as the Clinical Director for the Arkansas Relationship Counseling Center which provides counseling for couples ranging from the dating phase to divorce. You can view Charlie on Fox 16 and THV11 for the Build-ing Relationship segments on the first and second Wednesday of each month along with publications in Savvy magazine.

Charlie is involved with his church by being leader over the Single's Ministry and on the board of trustees. Charlies embraces the concept of challenging the way we think to overcome the difficult challenges in our personal lives.



### Andrew M. Richards, CPA

Andy is a member of BKD National Not-for-Profit & Government Group. With more than 19 years of experience at BKD, he provides audit and advisory services to governmental entities.

From December 2007 through January 2010, Andy was a Practice Fellow with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in Norwalk, Connecticut. During that time, he acted as a GASB project manager work-

ing on the Codification of Pre-November 30, 1989, Financial Accounting Standards Board Pronouncements project, GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, Reexamination project, as well as the GASB Comprehensive Implementation Guide update. He also assisted the GASB technical research staff in responding to technical inquiries sub-mitted by their constituency and performed several speaking engagements on behalf of GASB.

Andy is also a former member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants State and Local Government Expert Panel.

Andy is a 1996 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, with a B.S. degree in business administration and accounting.



### Mark Loftis, CFP®, CLU®, ChFC®, AIF®

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY—My goal is to empower families and business owners with solutions in building their financial freedom so they can have the best possible financial outcomes. I have the skills, knowledge and experience required to help meet my client's established goals. My personal goal is to become a lifetime resource for each and every client.

QUALIFICATIONS—Member of Million Dollar Round Table, Twenty Years in the Financial Services Industry, Obtained CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER<sup>™</sup> designation, Obtained Chartered Life Underwriter designation, Obtained Chartered Financial Consult-ant designation, Obtained Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation

PERSONAL—30+ year resident of Germantown, TN, Married to Stacy since 1995 and they have 6 children Hobbies: Running, exercising, golf, Education: Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Rhodes College

ORGANIZATIONS—Member of the Financial Planning Association, Member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

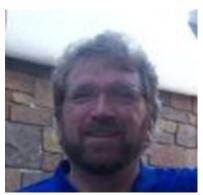


#### Mark Conine

Mark serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Arkansas Student Loan Authority where he is responsible for the management and day-to-day coordination of all financial activities, including bond issuances, investment management, investor relations, and financial statement preparation and issuance. Prior to joining the Arkansas Student Loan Authority, Mark served in the tax group of Ernst & Young, LLP and KPMG, LLP in Little Rock, Arkansas. He received a B.A. in Accounting from Ouachita Baptist University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Certified

Global Management Accountant.

Mark is a member of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mark is also a licensed real estate agent. He enjoys serving as a continuing professional education instructor for the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants and is a frequent speaker at CPE conferences, student loan financing conferences, and local CPA chapter meetings. Mark gives back to his alma mater, Ouachita Baptist University, as a member of the Hickingbotham School of Business Alumni Board. In his spare time, Mark enjoys coaching youth sports, waterfowl hunting, and playing basketball and golf.





Gerald Plafcan CPA, CFE, CGFM

Mr. Plafcan is an Accounting Manager with the State of Arkansas, Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Accounting. His responsibilities include training and technical research of government accounting issues. Previously, Gerald worked for 17 years with the Division of Legislative Audit conducting audits of cities, counties, school districts, higher education institutions and state agencies. He also participated in fraud investigations and special report reviews. He also was the finance officer for five years at the Conway School District where he supervised the business office, prepared the annual budget, managed investments, and prepared financial reports. Gerald earned a BBA and MBA from the University of Central Arkansas. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified Government Financial Manager.



#### Gloria Johnson

Gloria is presently employed as the Equal Opportunity Manager for the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. She is a graduate of Excelsior College of New York receiving a BS degree in sociology. Gloria served twenty-one years in the Navy. While on active duty she graduated from the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, at Patrick AFB, Coco Beach, FL., after graduation Gloria was assigned as an Equal Opportunity Specialist facilitating EO training to all command personnel and received addition

equal opportunity training by attending the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Basic and Advance EEO training. As a Navy's career counselor training she attended Navy Career Information and Counseling, Navy Information Career Counselor and Navy Career Information Program Manager Techniques training. She attended Leadership and Management Training for Petty Officers and Navy Leader Development Program for Chief Petty Officers. While on active duty she was first to became a Personnel manager during her first three years; next she changed her field and became a Navy Career Counselor until she retired.

Since her retirement from the Navy she has received the following civilian training: Grievance and Alternative Dispute Resolution Officer, Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Training, Case Management, Labor and Employment Specialist Training, Interpersonal Communication, The Human Element, Grievance Prevention and Handling, Customer Service, Job Preparation, and Child Support Officer Training.

As a civilian she was employed as a sheriff's aide with the Contra Costa County Sheriff Department, Martinez, CA., as a Job Preparation Facilitator with Chicano Action Service Center, Los Angeles, CA., the Los Angeles Urban League as a Job Preparation Facilitator and a WIA Eligibility Technician, Pomona, CA., WIA Case Manager, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA., Civil Rights Coordinator for Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Little Rock Workforce Investment Board, WIA Program Administrator, DVOP Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and presently the Equal Opportunity Manager for the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.



#### Tim Montgomery, CPA, CISA



Tim Montgomery, CPA, CISA, is an investigator with the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy. He graduated from the University of Houston – Downtown with a BBA in Accounting in 1992 and passed the CPA exam in 1993. He has over 20 years of professional experience in internal auditing and Accounting.

Before moving back to Arkansas, Tim was the Internal Audit director for Dyersburg State Community College in Dyersburg,

Tennessee. Prior to that, he was the internal auditor for USAble Life in Little Rock, Accounting manager for Airborne Nacelle Services in Hot Springs and comptroller for a supply company in Pencil Bluff. Tim also spent a couple of years as an internal audit and SOX compliance consultant. Tim lives in Cabot, AR with his wife Charlotte and four children, ages 21, 20, 15, and 6. They all enjoy camping, hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling.





Tom Pennington

Thomas W. Pennington has been the general counsel for Arkansas Tech University since 1996. He is also Professor of Legal Studies. In 2004, 2012 and 2014, he was selected as Professor of the Year by the Arkansas Tech University student body.

# **Need Direction??**

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# Pulaski Technical College Grand Hall A&B 3000 W Scenic Dr, North Little Rock, AR 72118



### **CGFM News**



#### The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)



#### The Mark of Excellence for Government Financial Professionals

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

#### **Initial Certification Requirements**

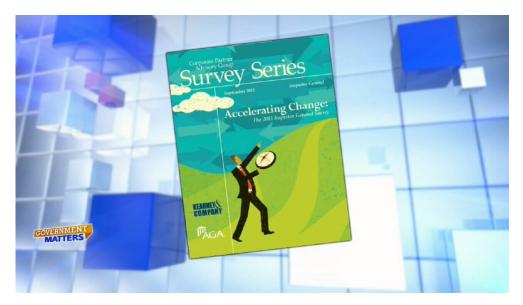
To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics-read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.

Education-have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Examinations- pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.

Experience— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.



Federal inspectors general walk a fine line. They report to Congress, but they also report to the head of their agency. They fight fraud, waste and abuse, but they also promote effective government operations.

According to a new survey, those offices face new technological challenges like risk-based data analytics, access to data, and information security.

AGA Technical Director Chris Collins and Peace Corps Inspector General Kathy Buller discussed the findings with Government Matters.

By George Jackson

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 2, 2016

Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Franke's Cafeteria, Regions Bank Building

Members Present: Chandria Willis Will Cottrell Linda Bouillon Johsua Walker LaNetra Griffin-Jackson Jessica Primm

Terri Baca Shaunda Galbert Brenda Jackson Elouise Evans Richard Drilling Shalon Bogard

Steven Petersen Sandy Becker

The meeting was called to order by Chandria Willis at 11:53 a.m., immediately following lunch.

#### **Old Business**

Linda Bouillon made a motion to accept the December 1, 2015, minutes as printed and e-mail votes of the December 11, 2015, motion regarding holiday party gifts and the January 25, 2016, motion regarding scholarships. LaNetra Griffin-Jackson seconded and the motion carried.

Richard Drilling made a motion to approve the December 2015 and January 2016 financial reports. Brenda Jackson seconded and the motion carried.

After discussion, it was determined that Chandria Willis would get quotes for a Fidelity bond with a suggestion to check with National to see if they already offer something competitive for the chapters to use. The quotes are to be for the entire Board or for just the signers to see what the difference would be between the coverage.

It was noted that if any of the board members had not yet paid for their name badge to do so after the meeting.

National has now suggested that we leave our chapter tax status as a 501(c)(6). We agreed as a Board that it should be National that should contact the IRS to make it blanket across all chapters. Will Cottrell stated that his previous comparison to the bylaws would suffice so a new comparison to the new National template was not necessary at this time.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Chapter Recognition**

Joshua Walker informed the Board that the chapter has accrued 12,908 points to date and that the next quarter update deadline is March 31.

#### **Education Chair**

Shaunda Galbert informed the Board that she looked at both the Pulaski Tech and Career Education Center venues. There were several cons for the Career Education Center including the fact that even if we reserved the room, we could be bumped for something they might need. She has three speakers confirmed for the May 12th and 13th dates, with a fourth possible. The three will be speaking on Leadership, Work/Life Balance, and GASB with the fourth possible on Identity Theft. She asked for two more suggestions and received several possibilities.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### Membership & Early Career

Chandria Willis informed the Board that Dr. Taylor, of UALR, is coordinating an April recruiting event for upper level Accounting Students to include those from Arkansas Baptist. Our Chapter is invited to participate to recruit for student membership and advertise our scholarship opportunities.

#### Scholarship

Chandria Willis informed the Board that two scholarships had been approved. The recipients have been informed by e-mail to send in their proof of attending their Spring 2016 semester in order to process the scholarships to them.

#### Programs

Shalon Bogard informed the Board that the speakers for the rest of the year have been set with Dee Vee Pearson, Tyler Cain, Orvile Abrams and Bryan Hicks. There was a great turn-out for the January 20th meeting with Ann Purvis, ADH-Deputy Director of Admin, talking about Accountants, Auditors, and Fiscal Analysts being agents for change.

#### Meetings & Awards

Terri Baca informed that Board that the 24 people at the Holiday Party had a lot of fun but there should have been more participation. She suggested that the Board sanction a survey to find out what needs to change to get more people involved. The ensuing discussion was positive to the idea and to expand the survey to include asking for program suggestions.

She and Shaunda Galbert are starting to work on the Awards Banquet to determine different venues to choose from. There was a discussion of the importance of sophistication when awarding recognition presentations that needs to be considered when looking at a possible venue.

Joshua Walker reminded the Board to respond to the e-mail requests for awardee suggestions.

#### Accountability

No update.

#### CGFM

Chandria Willis, in absence of a chair, informed the Board that Brenda Jackson submitted requests to the Governor and Little Rock offices to declare March as CGFM Month. Notices of the photo opportunities of these declarations will be sent by e-mail to the members.

#### **Community Service**

Brenda Jackson informed the Board that the warm items that were collected were given to the Dorcas House. She and Elouise Evans wanted to say "Thank You" for all the participation as there were a lot of nice items donated.

A calendar will be sent out shortly to inform the membership of the following community service activities that are being planned:

2 Collection of sanitizers, soap, towels, wash cloths for the St. Francis House

Pizza party at the Deaf School

2 Saturday breakfast at the Little Rock Compassion Center

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Both she and Elouise Evans reminded the Board that they are open to any other ideas for community service, especially those that would involve more member participation.

#### Newsletter

LaNetra Griffin-Jackson informed the Board that the second quarter newsletter will be sent out shortly.

#### Website

Sandy Becker informed the Board that the website is now accessible and he is in the middle of updating it. He would like input to be sent to him.

He also asked for two people to volunteer to be signed up and trained to be able to assist him in the website updates. LaNetra Griffin-Jackson and Joshua Walker volunteered.

#### Historian

Richard Drilling gave CDs of the pictures he took of the Holiday Party to Sandy Becker and LaNetra Griffin-Jackson.

#### **New Business**

#### Vacant Positions

Chandria Willis needs to confirm her requests of filling the vacant positions of Director of Professional Certification and Director of Membership and Early Career. As soon as she receives the confirmations she expects, she will send out recommendations for e-mail votes.

#### 2016 PDT

Linda Bouillon made a motion for the two scholarships of hotel accommodations from National for the July 17-20 AGA PDT in Anaheim, CA, to be used by Chandria Willis, Chapter President, and Joshua Walker, President-Elect. Terri Baca seconded and the motion carried.

#### Nominations

Joshua Walker is starting to form a committee to begin soliciting volunteers for the 2016/17 Central Arkansas AGA Board.

#### May 5th-6th SLM in Salt Lake City, UT

Brenda Jackson made a motion to send Joshua Walker and Shaunda Galbert to the SLM in Salt Lake City, UT, on May 5th and 6th. Terri Baca seconded and the motion carried with the knowledge that they will let the Board know if they can/cannot attend.

#### **Next Meetings**

The next Membership meeting will be held at Workforce Services in their 5th Floor Conference Room on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at noon.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Franke's on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 11:30.

Will Cottrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Shaunda Galbert seconded and the motion carried.

### 2015-2016 RVP Goals

### Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation

#### GOAL 1. Chapter leadership

Update Bylaws to conform to the prototype (takes about a year to go through the process of updating). In Central Arkansas, the 2013-2014 President-Elect took on the task of comparing our current Bylaws and updating them to AGA prototype which can be found at <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org/AGA/MyAGA/Documents/bylawsprototype.doc">https://www.agacgfm.org/AGA/MyAGA/Documents/bylawsprototype.doc</a>. Will Cottrell who will be RVP-elect beginning 7/1/15 did the work. Will will be at the PDT.

Co-Chairs count as committee in goal 1C

Prepare financials monthly

Chapters can do a review- peer, or student under direction, or ask someone from an outside chapter to review the books. A formal audit it not required.

In the chapter newsletter include CEC (Chapter Executive Committee) minutes.

Annually submit a chapter history to national. It's not hard to pull the information together if it's in the newsletter or on the website.

- Record of speakers
- Minutes
- CGFM passing
- Officers

Other historical documents

#### GOAL 2. Planning and preparation

Develop a multi-year strategic plan. Consider a retreat to begin the process.

In addition to national, send your annual plans to Kaki and Kim Cox

Educational development plan include tentative PDT dates and any other CPE. An AGA resource to help is at <u>https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Chapter-Resources/Chapter-Recognition-Program.aspx</u>

CGFM plan. Subsidize cost with chapter and outside funds (like Grant Thornton or other firms that audit governmental entities)

Community Service Plan

Participate in national leadership

#### GOAL 3. Regional, sectional and national AGA participation

Regional chapter idea: Why do we not leverage this group as CoChapters? We could invite to other chapters to our CPE or coordinate larger events between the chapters.

A suggestion as made for an Information Coordinator type position that reaches out to other regional chapters to share and solicit data/policies/other chapter ideas and initiatives.

Add Kaki to email list for your chapter (anything to members) and anything we send to National. This is an easy way to get points. Kaki will look at memberships and metrics across region.

### **Education & Professional Development**

GOAL 1.Education to help accountability professionals meet CPE requirementsGOAL 2.Education to help individuals attain the skills to pass the CGFM Exam

GOAL 3. Professional development to help all current and prospective members obtain additional skills

GOAL 4. Provide awareness and marketing of educational events

### Certification

Offer or at the least identify appropriate training to meet CPE requirements

Publish CGFM member achievements in newsletter or local newspaper

Put CGFM on Nametags.

Publish new CGFMs

National training for the three CGFM courses is \$18,000 for 30 people which works out to \$600 per person or \$100 a day. The fee covers the instructor and travel expenses, study guides, and 30 exam vouchers. Deadline is four weeks before. An optional 10 for \$10,000 for 5 days and no exam vouchers is available. Individual training is: Test 1 for \$3,500, test 2 for \$9,000 and test 3 for \$6,000. Just before the PDT an intensive 2 day review is offered with 3 vouchers.



### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Association of Government Accountants Central Arkansas Chapter FY 2016 Statement of Activities January 31, 2016

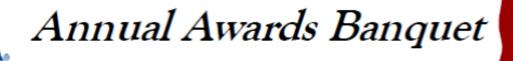
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Miscellaneous Income	1
Total Revenues	8,300
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
PDT Education Seminars	1,250
Audioconference Expenses	-
PDC Expense	478
Holiday Party	2,7.60
Awards Banquet	180
Awards	-
Speaker Expense	-
Scholarships/Memorials	-
Community Service	202
Promotional Supplies	-
Recruitment	-
Website	500
Total Program Expenses	5,370
Management and Administrative Expenses	
Professional Fees	-
Post Office Box Rent	98
Executive Committee Expense	585
Banking Fees	-
Miscellaneous Total Management and Administrative Expenses	
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Total Expenses	6,0.53
Change in Net Assets	2,247
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	25,281
Net Assets - End of Year	27,528

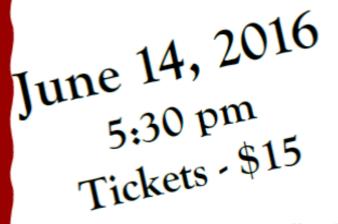




**Robert "Bob" Broughton** July 20, 1955 – March 18, 2016

Bob Broughton, an eighteen-year AGA member, was a retired Senior Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, for whom he served 33 years, and a dedicated state employee for 28 years, working for the Arkansas Department of Human Services and the Arkansas Department of Health. Bob served the Central Arkansas Chapter of AGA as President twice, Director of Communications (Newsletter), Director of Education, Director of Membership, and Director of Meetings and Awards. He also served our region as Regional Vice President twice and attended ten AGA National Professional Development Trainings. Bob was a great asset to the Association of Government Accountants, and he will be greatly missed.





2400 Cantrell Rd,. Little Rock, AR 72202



<u>Buffet</u> Seafood gumbo Fried shrimp Fried catfish Grilled rosemary chicken Cajun's mashed potatoes Mixed vegetables Coleslaw Hush puppies Cash Bar

Door Prizes!!!

Bring canned goods for an extra chance to win.

RSVP by <u>June 10</u> with Shaunda Galbert Shaunda.Galbert@arkansas.gov / 501-682-3745

> Mail to: AGA Central Arkansas Chapter P O Box 27, Little Rock, AR 72203 or pay at the door.



# Day!!!

### Wednesday, April 27, 2016 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

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### UALR-Reynolds Building 2801 South University Avenue Little Rock, AR 72204





#### **QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### APPRECIATION DAY-OUR HOUSE



YOU ARE A KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR HOUSE ! PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND A CELEBRATION OF THE VITAL ROLE PARTNERS LIKE YOU PLAY IN HELPING OUR HOUSE CHANGE LIVES.

Our House Partners Appreciation Day

Wednesday



11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Children's Center

**RSVP by April 6th at ourhouseshelter.org/partners** OR CALL SARAH RUNION AT 501-374-7383 EXT. 240



Please email Elouise Evans and/or Brenda Jackson by 2:00p.m. on April 6, 2016, if you are interested in attending the Appreciation Day. They will do the RSVP for the Chapter. The appreciation luncheon will be held April 20th. The details are on the flyer below. Thank you for your support!



### AGA MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DHS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



ABOUT 5 MILLION PATIENTS RECEIVE BLOOD EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.—AND THAT BLOOD CAN ONLY COME FROM DO-NORS LIKE AGA MEMBERS. BRENDA JACKSON AND ELOUISE EVANS COORDINATED THE SCHEDULING. Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others.



Our Central Chapter is involving more of its members in community service with new volunteer red T-Shirts. Many were given away for joining the Central Arkansas AGA Team for their participation in the various volunteer events led by our Directors of Community Service. These shirts will also be worn at future volunteer events.





### QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE

### **Dorcas House Drive**







The Dorcas House provides Outreach to women and children. It provides emergency services, food, shelter, clothing and crisis intervention to more than 400 women and children annually.



FEED THE HUNGRY





We collected can goods each meeting to help in our community service efforts!

### QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE







During the months of April and May the items, including toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other essentials items will be collected to donate to various organizations such as Our House, Dorcas House and homeless shelters to help keep people in need during the hot weather months. Please donate your items to help the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants in its efforts to help keep the citizens of Arkansas healthy and clean.

You can bring your items to the monthly Chapter's meetings scheduled in April and May or contact Brenda Jackson (<u>Brenda.jackson@dhs.arkansas.gov</u>) or Elouise Evans (<u>elouise.evans@dhs.arkansas.gov</u>) to coordinate the delivery of your items.



### **CENTRAL ARKANAS CHAPTER**



# Governor Asa Hutchinson has declared the month of March CGFM month.



Mayor Mark Stodola has declared the month of March to be CGFM month for the City of Little Rock.

### **CENTRAL ARKANAS CHAPTER**

### Spring 2016 Scholarship Award Recipients







### William Bouillon

William is the son of Linda Bouillon (AGA Board Member). He is pursuing a Ph. D. in Computer Engineering at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. During his Undergraduate studies, William received the "Outstanding Senior" award.





**Rhonda Barlow** 

Rhonda is a current AGA members. She works full-time for the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and has worked for the State, serving the citizens of Arkansas, for twenty-six (26) years. Rhonda is pursuing an Associate of Science Degree in Business at Pulaski Technical College.



#### **CENTRAL ARKANAS CHAPTER**





WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which is part of the Association of Government Accountants, a network of more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 200 active members who represent state, federal, municipal, and private-sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, members of the Arkansas Chapter have responded to the AGA's mission by advancing governmental accountability and by continuing broad educational efforts that emphasize high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter is making significant strides in both its professional ability and its service to the citizens of Arkansas through 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 that each CGFM candidate has an appropriate educational and employment history, abides by AGA's Code of Ethics, and passes a rigorous examination requiring expertise in all facets of government management, accounting, and budgeting. All CGFM holders must also maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Stodola, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Little Rock, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

### "CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH"

across the City of Little Rock, and I urge all citizens to recognize the dedicated efforts put forth by financial managers in our communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, 2016.

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Mayor

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NOW, THER	EFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016, as	
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	DNY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.	
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### **NEW MEMBERS 2015-2016!**



Sharon Steele from Arkansas Dept. of Human Service. Roberta Clark from Arkansas Baptist College Dr. Stephanie Cox from Arkansas Baptist College

Has your information (email address, home address, place of employment, phone number, etc.) changed within the last year or more? If so, please log into your AGA account at <u>https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/My-Profile.aspx</u> and update your information.

If you have any questions or comments, or wish to become more involved in AGA, please send an email to our Chapter President at

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