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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



ISSUE 17

OCTOBER 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our new chapter year is off to a great start. I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve as your chapter president this year. Thanks to our great executive committee, we have already accomplished a lot this year.

Our first monthly meeting was a huge success. Our speaker, Charlie Simpson, brought an excellent presentation entitled "Relationship Management in the Business Environment." Everyone was able to take something back to the office and to their personal envi-

ronment as well. Please continue to join us for our monthly meetings, the third Monday of each month, to earn one hour of quality CPE.

Our fall Professional Development Training (PDT) was also a huge success. Participants were able to earn 7 hours of high quality CPE from four dynamic speakers: Tyler Morgan, Billy Morehead, Paige Gerich, and Gerald Plafcan. There was also a nice lunch provided and good networking and fellowship amongst the participants.

Our chapter sponsored a team for this year's Race for the Cure. We have a winter clothing drive in progress now through the end of November, and we will have many more community service opportunities to come.

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

organization is only as good as its members. Because of each of you, our chapter is GREAT!



Chandria Willis, Chapter President 2015-2016

Getting to Know Our 2015-2016 AGA
National President...

John E. Homan, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, is a Senior Manager with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, one of the ten largest CPA firms in the United States. At Clifton, he focuses his practice on large scale audit and advisory engagements including financial and performance audits, internal audits, and peer and quality reviews for the Firm's federal, state and local government clients.

In his public accounting career of

over seventeen years he has audited and consulted for large CFO Act Agencies, major state and local governments, government corporations, independent agencies, Fortune 500 firms and major regulators.

John currently serves as Senior Vice President at large and member of the National Executive Committee of the AGA and previously



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 (CPE).



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.

Visitors

Please have a
Picture ID Ready, to
Show Security Guard.

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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!!





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.*

Recap 2015-16 Membership Meetings

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

Upcoming Events:

- Central AR AGA Christmas Party
- AGA Wreaths for Our Soldiers
- Monthly Meeting





ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTANTS

FALL SEMINAR

October 09, 2015

Updates and Emerging Issues for Accountability Professionals

- 1hr ½ Leveraging Internal Controls to Mitigate Ever Expanding Cyber Threats
- 2hr Ethics Today
- 1hr Hot Topics with the IRS
- 1hr Leadership: The Good, Bad, & Ugly
- 1hr ½ GASB Updates

The seminar will be held at Pulaski Technical College – Grand Hall A&B (3000 West Scenic Dr., CCB, North Little Rock, AR 72118). Lunch and refreshments will be provided in the cost of the seminar. Seven (7) hours of Continuing Professional Education will be available to attendees.

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a qualifying continuing education organization and an approved sponsor pursuant to Board Rule 13.4(f)(1) of the Arkansas State Board of Accountancy.

For more information, contact Shaunda Galbert at (501) 682-3745 or Email: Shaunda.Galbert@arkansas.gov

----- Registration Form (Please make a copy of this page and return) -----
PLEASE CHECK OFF YOUR PAYMENT STATUS IN THE BOXES BELOW

Please check the seminars you are attending:	AGA Member (CGFM)	AGA Member	non-AGA Member	PAYMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Leveraging Internal Control	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 40	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Today	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Topics with the IRS	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 35	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership: The Good, Bad, & Ugly	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 35	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> GASB Updates	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 40	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL DAY	\$100	\$120	\$ 160	_____

Make checks payable to: AGA Central Arkansas Chapter
Fall Seminar 2015
P O Box 27
Little Rock, AR 72203-0027

Registration fees are non-refundable. However, another person can be substituted, or a paid registration can be used toward another Central Arkansas AGA seminar offered during the same program year. Central Arkansas AGA must be notified of such changes no later than the commencement of the seminar. A 10% group discount is available for retirees or for groups of 10 or more from the same agency/company.

Name _____ Firm _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



AGA CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER FALL 2015 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, October 9th, 2015

- 8:30 – 10:00 J. Tyler Morgan,**
Manager, Information Security, Simmons Bank
“Leveraging Internal Controls to Mitigate Ever Expanding Cyber Threats” – 1 ½ Hour CPE
- 10:00 – 12:00 Billy Morehead, PH.D., CPA, CGFM,**
Associate Professor of Accountancy, Mississippi College
“Ethics Today” – 2 Hour CPE
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Paige Gerich, CPA**
Tax Partner, BKD, LLP
“Hot Topics with the IRS” – 1 Hour CPE
- 2:00 – 3:00 Billy Morehead, PH.D., CPA, CGFM,**
Associate Professor of Accountancy, Mississippi College
“Leadership: The Good, Bad & Ugly” – 1 Hour CPE
- 3:00 – 4:30 Gerald Plafcan, CPA, CFE, CGFM**
Accounting Manager, Department of Finance and Administration
“GASB Updates” – 1 ½ Hour CPE



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Campus Map Legend

ADM	Administration Building	C	Industrial Technology
AHEC	Allied Health Education Center	D	Weatherization Training Center
B	Public Safety	IT	Information Technology Center
BTC	Business Technology Center	OL	Ottenheimer Library
CCB	Campus Center Building	PHYS	Physical Plant
CHARTS	Center for Humanities and Arts	SCIB	Science Building



Billy Morehead
PH.D., CPA, CGFM

Since August 2011, Billy has been serving as an Associate Professor of Accountancy at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi where he teaches primarily Governmental and Advanced accounting classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Billy is a highly sought after national and international speaker on a variety of topics including Fraud, Corruption, Ethics, Internal Control, Leadership, International Accounting Standards and Government Financial Management.

In June 2011, Billy retired from the State of Mississippi after 27 years of service in various roles, including as an auditor for the State Auditor's Office; GAAP Project Administrator for the State Department of Finance and Administration; CFO within the State Department of Mental Health; as well as Associate Professor, Chair of Accountancy for Computer Information Systems and Finance, Interim Dean for the College of Business and Vice President for Finance and Administration at Delta State University. Billy received the S.E. Kossman (faculty of the year) Award and the title of "Chair Emeritus" upon his retirement in 2011.

Billy has been a member of the Jackson AGA chapter since 1986 and has served the chapter in numerous roles including Chapter President. Billy has served AGA as both member and chair of several national committees, as Regional Vice President, as Senior Vice President for Regional Services and as National Treasurer and National President. Billy has also received several AGA national awards, including two National President's Awards, the Educator Award and the Robert W. King Memorial Award.

Billy is a member of the Mississippi Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. Billy earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy from Delta State University and Millsaps College, respectively, and earned his doctorate in International Development from the University of Southern Mississippi.



M. Paige Gerich
CPA

Paige serves as the Not-For-Profit and Government industry tax leader for BKD's South Region, and she previously served as the industry tax leader for BKD National Health Care Group and a member of the National Health Care Committee. She has more than 28 years of experience providing tax services to a broad range of health care institutions, physician and clinical practices and other not-for-profit entities.

Paige performs comprehensive reviews of not-for-profit activities to identify and help mitigate exposure areas related to private inurement, intermediate sanctions, worker classification and unrelated business taxable income issues. She has extensive experience dealing with IRS examinations, obtaining favorable determination letters, private letter rulings and closing agreements. Paige also works with exempt hospitals on a variety of exemption-related issues including compliance with IRC Section 501(r). She provides tax and tax planning, financial and retirement planning services for key executives and compliance and business tax services.

She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Gulf Coast TE/GE Council and American Health Lawyers Association.



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.

TECHNOLOGY RISK COMPLIANCE



Tyler Morgan, CISA, CISSP, JD – Manager of Technology Risk Assurance– Frost LLP

Tyler Morgan is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), and a Licensed Attorney with over 8 years of Information Technology Security, Operations, and Compliance experience. Prior to joining Frost, Tyler was involved in the audit and enforcement of federal cyber security regulations/requirements within the energy industry. Tyler manages Frost, PLLC's Technology Risk Assurance services, which includes the following service areas: SOC1, 2 & 3; HIPPA; FFEIC; SOX 404; NERC CIP; Penetration Testing & Vulnerability Assessment; Food Defense; and General Technology Assurance Services.

Education

University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Juris Doctorate

University of Arkansas at Monticello – Bachelor of Business Administration

Certifications, Memberships and Civic Involvement

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP)

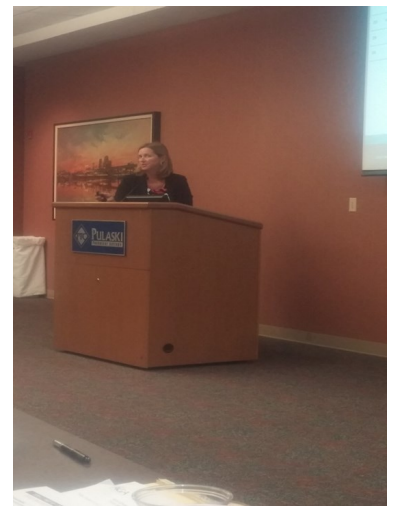
Licensed Attorney, State of Arkansas

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

InfraGard – Arkansas Chapter

Energy Bar Association





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

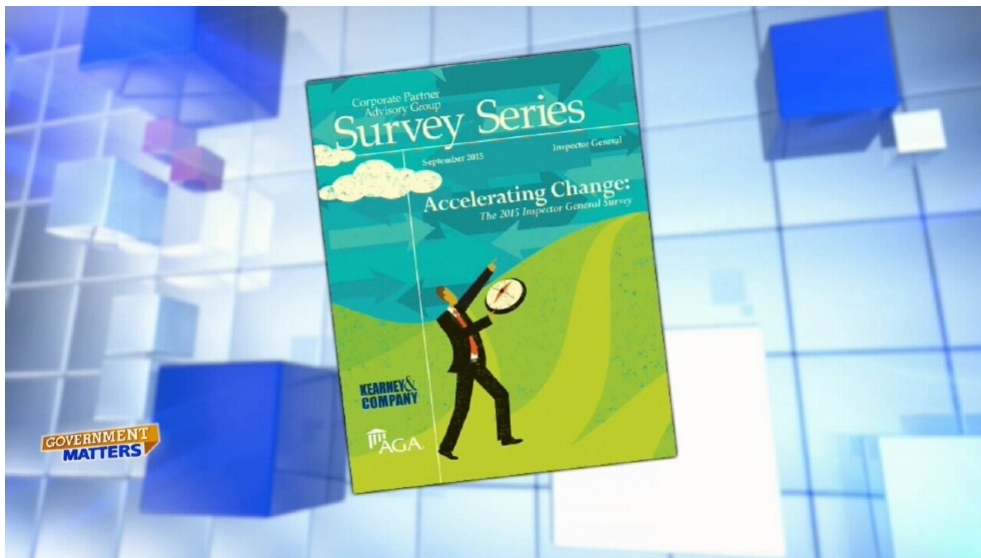
To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

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: August 4, 2015

Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Franke's Cafeteria, Regions Bank Building

Members Present: Chandria Willis Will Cottrell LaNetra Griffin-Jackson

Linda Bouillon Angela Thomas Jessica Primm

Joshua Walker Sandy Becker Terri Baca

Brenda Jackson Elouise Evans Lateisha Moore

Jeff Mascagni Richard Drilling Shalon Bogard

Shaunda Galbert

The meeting was called to order by Chandria Willis at 12:00 p.m., immediately following lunch. She welcomed the new board members for FY 2015-16.

Old Business

Linda Bouillon made a motion to accept the June 2, 2015, minutes as printed and e-mail vote to award Peach Marketing & Design to service our Chapter website (the nomination was from Will Cottrell, seconded by Sandy Becker and carried with 10 e-mail votes for Peach Marketing & Design, 2 for Jack Garvey). Will Cottrell seconded and the motion carried.

There was a question about the beginning balance in the Treasurer's Report and, since Steven Petersen was not present at the meeting, the approval of the report was tabled for next meeting.

Budget requests are to be in by August 21, 2015, to Chandria Willis. The line items identifying the Fall and Spring Seminars are to be modified to Fall and Spring PDT (Professional Development Training) Conferences.

Committee Reports

Chapter Recognition

Joshua Walker informed the board that he has recently received e-mails of new members and will update the activity in the near future in the AGA National website Chapter Recognition Program. Quarterly points will be announced at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Education Chair

Joshua Walker informed the Board that the Co-op is going to start charging \$516.50 for the conference room and room for breaks and lunch. So he researched comparable facilities and found that Pulaski Technical College seems to be a good substitute. He provided a hand-out of room rental and catering options for the Board to look at and will pursue an e-mail vote after everyone has had a chance to review.

The Fall PDT Conference will be on Friday, October 9, 2015.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Angela Thomas informed the Board that the Chapter is off to a good start with no suspended members. She recently sent out two e-mails welcoming new members, informing them of the Chapter and National websites and opportunities for CGFM certification.

Programs

Lateisha Moore informed the Board that the 2015-16 Program slots for General Meetings was almost complete. She and Shalon Bogard are working to fill February 17, April 18 and May 16 only. If anyone has any suggestions please e-mail them to her and Shalon.

Meetings & Award

Terri Baca informed the Board that she and Shaunda Galbert have started looking at the Little Rock Club again as a venue for the Holiday Banquet as everyone seems pleased with it and the view. They are also working to procure more sponsorships.

Accountability

Jessica Primm informed the board that she is starting to work on the CCR and will be sending out e-mail inquiries for pictures and information.

CGFM

Jeff Mascagni informed the board that he is looking at purchasing some material in order to start CGFM study groups. He is going to draft up an e-mail to be sent to the Membership to determine interest.

Community Service

Elouise Evans informed the board of activities she has listed for the year for Community Service works.

Brenda Jackson informed the board that she went with Elouise, Will Cottrell and Linda Bouillon to the Dorcas House on July 8, 2015, to deliver the goods and gift cards that had been collected by the Chapter. Linda is to send the pictures she took to Lanetra Griffin-Jackson for the newsletter.

Both Elouise and Brenda will appreciate ideas and participation. The Our House idea was a success and they want the Chapter to do similar activities with lots of Chapter membership involvement. One new idea has been to put in some hours/work at the Library for the Blind. The goal is to have so many new AGA participating volunteers that the Chapter will need to purchase more t-shirts!

Newsletter

At the last board meeting there was no word yet from National on the Second Quarter 2015 Newsletter that was submitted for an award. It turns out that it was an award winner! Linda Bouillon was able to attend the PDT in July to receive the award.

LaNetra Griffin-Jackson informed the board that she will get with Linda to begin her first quarterly newsletter. She is planning to change the color scheme and is asking the board members to send her the information they want in the newsletter by October 9, 2015, as she will publish the September quarterly newsletter shortly after that.

Website

Sandy Becker informed the Board that the website is currently being developed. The design is out and the menu is being worked. It should be up by the end of the month.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Will Cottrell handed out a suggested lay-out of the web-site for the board. It was determined that pictures on the site should be archived after three years.

Sandy wanted to publicly thank Will for all his help.

Historian

Richard Drilling informed the Board that he was mostly done and would get with Will Cottrell for his review.

Nominations

Chandria Willis informed the board that she needs nominations for the Education Chair. Brenda Jackson suggested asking for a co-chair that Joshua Walker could train. Chandria will send an e-mail to the membership for interest and nominations.

Student Scholarship Committee

No update.

New Business

PDT Report

The National AGA July 2015 Professional Development Training event was a success. Our Chapter was well represented. The National AGA website Library is up but with a disclaimer that the Audio/Video sessions are not yet available. So we need to be looking for them.

Regional Goals and Objectives

Chandria Willis handed out the 2015-2016 RVP Goals set forth by our Regional Vice-President, Kaki Roberts. Our Chapter is on track of meeting them.

Bank Account Resolution

Will Cottrell read a resolution to change the signers on the bank account to the appropriate newly elected board members. This was approved and Linda Bouillon, as Secretary, signed the resolution to be taken to the bank.

Presentations

Awards and certificates that were not handed out at the June Awards Banquet were handed out including a gavel plaque to Will Cottrell.

Next Meetings

The next Membership meeting will be held at Workforce Services in their 5th Floor Conference Room on Monday, September 21, 2015.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Franke's on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Richard Drilling moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Brenda Jackson 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 <https://www.agacgfm.org/AGA/MyAGA/Documents/bylawsprototype.doc>. 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 is 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 <https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Chapter-Resources/Chapter-Recognition-Program.aspx>

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 requirements

GOAL 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.



.....previously served as Regional Vice President for the Capital Region and President of the Northern Virginia AGA chapter. He has received the National Platinum RVP award and guided the Northern Virginia chapter to platinum recognition.

John received his Master of Business Administration degree in Finance and Accounting from Columbia Business School, and his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Licensed as a CPA in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, John is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA), and the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC).

He is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and also holds the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) certification from the AICPA. He has published in the *Journal of Government Financial Management* and the *California Management Review*.

Employment History

- **Senior Vice President**
- [Association of Government Accountants](#)
- **Senior Manager**
- [Cherry Bekaert & Holland L.L.P](#)
- **Senior Vice President**
- [Cherry Bekaert & Holland L.L.P](#)
- **Member, Government Services Group**
- [Cherry Bekaert & Holland L.L.P](#)
- **CGFM Director**
- [NOVAGA](#)
- **Senior Manager, Government Services**
- [liftonLarsonAllen LLP](#)

Board Memberships and Affiliations

- **Member of the National Executive Committee**
- [Association of Government Accountants](#)
- **Member**
- [American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Inc](#)
- **Member**
- [American Society of Military Comptrollers](#)
- **Board Member**
- [NOVAGA](#)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Association of Government Accountants Central Arkansas Chapter FY 2016 Statement of Activities September 30, 2015

Revenue	<u>Unrestricted</u>
Education Seminars	-
Donations	-
Banquets	-
Chapter Sponsorships	-
Dues	258
AGA National	-
Interest Income	3
Miscellaneous Income	-
Total Revenues	<u>262</u>
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
Fall Seminar	-
Spring Seminar	-
Audioconference Expenses	-
PDC Expense	478
Holiday Party	-
Awards Banquet	58
Awards	122
Speaker Expense	-
Scholarships/Memorials	-
Community Service	-
Promotional Supplies	-
Recruitment	-
Website	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>658</u>
Management and Administrative Expenses	
Professional Fees	-
Post Office Box Rent	-
Executive Committee meeting expense	177
Banking Fees	-
Miscellaneous	-
Total Management and Administrative Expenses	<u>177</u>
Total Expenses	<u>835</u>
Change in Net Assets	(574)
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	<u>25,281</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>24,707</u>

QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**22ND ANNUAL KOMEN ARKANSAS RACE FOR THE CURE
OCTOBER 10TH, 2015**

On October 4th, nearly 30,000 participants gathered in downtown Little Rock for the 21st Annual Arkansas Race for the Cure. Together, we honored those who are surviving breast cancer and remembered those who have lost the fight. Your participation in this event helps us provide significant funds and bring awareness about breast cancer to our local community. Whether you walk, run, volunteer or donate, your support is helping us save lives and provide priceless support to those in need.



QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE



AGA MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE DHS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

HELD ON THURSDAY, October 29, 2015



ABOUT 5 MILLION PATIENTS RECEIVE BLOOD EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.—AND THAT BLOOD CAN ONLY COME FROM DONORS 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.

TOP 10 MOST WANTED

1. Scrub pads for dishes/cleaning
2. Clorox Wipes
3. Kleenex
4. Bathroom Cleaner
5. Underwear - men & women
6. African American Hair Products
7. AA batteries
8. Razors/shaving cream
9. 55 gallon trash bags
10. Laundry Detergent - regular/HE



FEED THE HUNGRY

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



QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE



During the months of October and November, coats, sweaters, blankets and other warm gentle used or new items will be collected to donate to various organizations such as Our House, Dorcas House and homeless shelters to help keep people in need warm during the cold weather months. Please donate your clean gentle used or new items to help the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants in its efforts to help keep the citizens of Arkansas warm.

You can bring your gentle used or new items to the monthly Chapter's meetings scheduled in October or November or contact Brenda Jackson (Brenda.jackson@dhs.arkansas.gov) or Elouise Evans (elouise.evans@dhs.arkansas.gov) to coordinate the delivery of your items.



QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE

Continued..



QUARTER ACTIVITIES— COMMUNITY SERVICE

Continued.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Annual Holiday Party

It's that time of year again! Come out, kick your heels up, and enjoy an



AGA Central Arkansas Chapter
Invites you to our

Annual Holiday Party

December 14, 2015
5:30pm – 9:00 pm
The Little Rock Club
30th Floor of Regions Bank
400 W. Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201
Free parking in the deck off 4th St

Tickets \$25

MENU
Grilled Beef Tenderloin & Breast of Chicken
Bacon wrapped Green Beans & Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
Chocolate Fudge Brownie or Cheesecake with Strawberry Toppings

DOOR PRIZES!!!! Bring canned goods for an extra chance to win.

RSVP by December 7, 2015 with Shaunda Galbert
Shaunda.Galbert@arkansas.gov / 501-682-3745 or
Terri Baca Terri.Baca@arkansas.gov / 501-682-6062

Make checks payable to: AGA Central Arkansas Chapter
Mail to: AGA Central AR Chapter P.O. Box 27, Little Rock, AR 72203



AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Scholarship Committee



The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer two (2) \$500.00 scholarships for the upcoming Spring 2016 semester. The application is available to all members of the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter and their immediate family members.

The scholarship is available for applicants pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, or public administration.

The completed scholarship application and required documentation must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2015. **No incomplete or late applications will be considered.**

Please contact Angela Thomas, angela.thomas@dfa.arkansas.gov, if you have any questions.





CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Central Arkansas Association of Government Accountants Spring 2016 Academic Scholarship Application

Essay

The essay is to be completed in a separate document and attached to the completed application. The requirements for the essay are located on page 2 of the AGA Central Arkansas Scholarship Guidelines & Criteria.

Official Academic Transcript

The official academic transcript needs to be printed on security paper and contain the Registrar's signature and University seal.

Letter of Reference

The letter of reference, prepared on letterhead stationery, is to be attached to the completed application. The letter must be prepared and signed by a professor or employer.

Applicant Declaration

My signature below indicates that I am requesting to be considered as a recipient of the 2016 AGA Central Arkansas Academic Scholarship. I have met all requirements, and certify that all information provided is accurate.

Also, my signature below authorizes my academic Institution to disclose my registration status to the AGA Director of Membership and Early Career and for the Treasurer of the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter to distribute the award funds to my academic institution on my behalf.

Signature

Date



Central Arkansas Association of Government Accountants Spring 2016 Academic Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for the AGA Central Arkansas Scholarship for Spring 2016.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be postmarked by December 15, 2015, in order to be considered for the Spring Semester. Late applications will not be considered.

Please return your completed application package to:

Angela Thomas
AGA Director of Membership and Early Career
DFA – Office of Accounting
Internal Audit Section
1515 West 7th Street, Ste. 215
Little Rock, AR 72201

If you have any questions regarding the completion of the scholarship application package, please email your questions to angela.thomas@dfa.arkansas.gov.

Confidentiality Statement

The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information (PII) that you provide in your application package.

The PII that you provide will remain your information and data. The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter will not use your information and data for purposes other than to verify enrollment and distribute scholarship funds.

The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter will restrict access to the information and data that you provide to those persons who will evaluate your application package for purposes of determining your eligibility and distributing the funds.

The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter will not disclose the content of your application package to any third party unless the disclosure is authorized by you, in writing.

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Grade Point Average:



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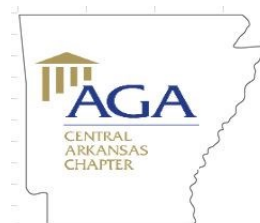
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Please describe your community service activities.

Please describe your extracurricular activities.



A Report to Our Members



Performance Program Year 2014-2015



Pictured from left to right is Chandria Willis (President Elect) and William Cottrell (President) for the 2014-2015 Central Arkansas Program Year.

Chapter Recognition

The Central Arkansas Chapter received the Platinum Award at the 64th Annual Professional Development Conference in July 2015. This is the highest award given to AGA chapters based on activities and accomplishments.

Community Service



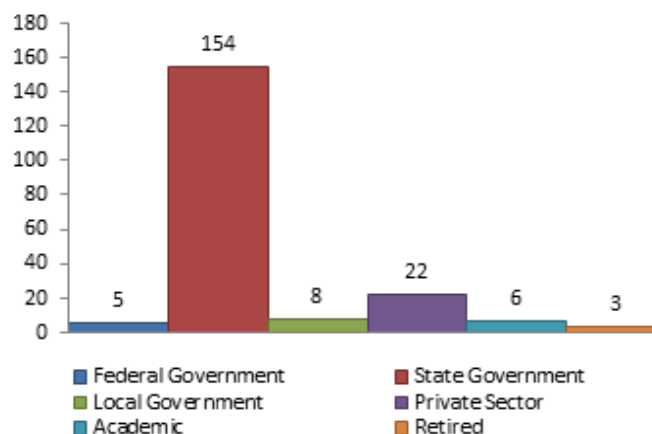
AGA members volunteering at Our House Shelter in Little Rock.

The Central Arkansas Chapter continues to actively participate in many community service events and collects contributions and raffles for various causes. In 2014-2015, the Central Arkansas Chapter participated in the following events:

- Race for the Cure
- Blood Drive
- Arkansas Food Bank
- Wreaths Across America
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Dorcas House Donation Drive
- Food Drive & Pizza Day at Our House
- Foster Care Angel Tree
- Various others

Member Demographics

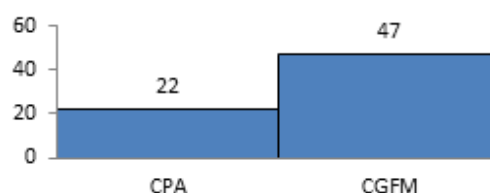
The Central Arkansas Chapter currently has 198 members and is one of the 25 largest chapters in the country. The majority of our members are State employees (78%). We also have members from the Private Sector (11%), Federal and Local Government (6.5%), Academics (3%) and Retirees (1.5%). AGA members range from elected officials and senior executives to entry-level employees.



Membership Retention

Total Members	
Previous Program Year	192
Current Program Year	198
Membership Renewals	176
New Members	22
Retention Rate	92%

Member Certifications





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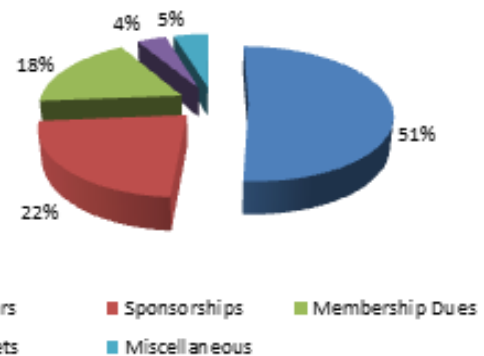


Finances Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Chapter Revenue

Sources	2015	2014	2013
Seminars	\$ 6,232	\$ 9,080	\$ 5,900
Sponsorships	2,750	2,250	-
Membership Dues	2,170	1,574	1,383
Banquets	475	1,395	2,365
Miscellaneous	569	261	15
Total	\$ 12,196	\$ 14,560	\$ 9,663

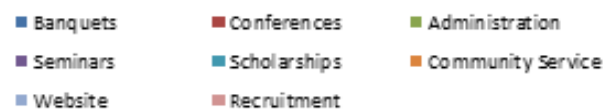
Revenue decreased by 16% in 2015. This is primarily due to a decline in participation for the seminars in fiscal year 2015 as compared to the previous year.



Chapter Expenses

Expenses	2015	2014	2013
Banquets	\$ 3,326	\$ 5,455	\$ 4,172
Conferences	1,586	2,825	75
Administration	2,373	1,938	2,149
Seminars	1,896	1,563	2,220
Scholarships	1,216	1,000	-
Community Service	1,127	321	332
Website	188	188	188
Recruitment	181	45	-
Total	\$ 11,893	\$ 13,335	\$ 9,136

Expenses decreased by 11% in 2015. This is primarily due to a decrease in cost for the annual banquet and awards ceremony. In addition to this, the travel cost of sending two of our board members to the annual Professional Development Conference also decreased due to the destination being closer to Arkansas.



Independent Audit

Independent audits of the Chapter's finances were conducted for FY 2014 resulting in a clean opinion. An independent audit is in the process of being completed for FY 2015. Complete financial information may be found on our website at <http://www.centralaraga.org> or by contacting the Chapter president, Chandria Willis, at Chandria.Willis@dfa.arkansas.gov.

NEW MEMBERS 2015-2016!



Jazzmine Allen

Amy Goode

Letrishe Brewer

Terri Jones

Sherry Chesser

Veronica Morgan

Rebekah Crow

Malisha Straw

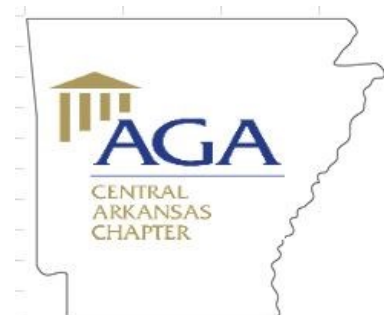
Debby Eckl

Dominique Fletcher

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 <https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/My-Profile.aspx> 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

chandria.willis@dfa.arkansas.gov



Membership Drive



**Membership
Matters!**

In support of **Recruitment Rewards month**, the Central Arkansas Chapter of the AGA has extended the current membership drive until the end of this calendar year (2015). I would like to remind you to tell your colleagues and friends about the Association of Government Accountants professional organization and its values. For those of you who attended the Fall Professional Development Training this past October, you witnessed one major type of value first-hand. The speakers were great and provided timely information that is pertinent in order for members to maintain the chapter's goals and mission.

The future line up of speakers for the remainder of this fiscal year is just awesome! You can look forward to obtaining more valuable information to help you promote accountability, integrity, and leadership! So, share this information with your colleagues and friends and invite them to accompany you to any of our monthly chapter meetings. They don't have to be a member to visit and witness the advantages of membership.

When you take the time to introduce someone to the AGA, please refer them to the national website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/home.aspx>. The AGA membership applica-



Central Arkansas AGA 2016 Board Members

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