

# Newsletter

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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

Greetings members and friends of the Central Arkansas Chapter. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Central Chapter of AGA and to those of you who are interested in joining our Chapter this year. Our goal for the Central Arkansas Chapter of AGA for the coming year is to provide you with outstanding opportunities for professional education, networking, and community service. We encourage each member and friend to communicate your interests and ideas to our leadership team. We have a very talented and dedicated leadership team that is interested in supporting all of your needs that come to mind.



### **AGA Central Arkansas Chapter**

Greetings members and friends of the Central Arkansas Chapter, we would love to inform you that we are now on social media (Facebook). To learn more general information about our Chapter including the mission, goals, and values just type "Central Arkansas AGA" in the search box.



## UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS

### ***Tuesday, January 17, 2017***

Philip Borden, Quality Assurance Specialist, Arkansas Department of Health  
*Topic TBA*

### ***Tuesday, February 21, 2017***

Tyler Cain, CGFM  
*Topic TBA*

*All monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.*

*Location: Pulaski Technical College, Grand Hall Room A*

*One hour of CPE will be granted to all attendees.*

## FUTURE CHAPTER EVENTS

### ***April 2017***

Our chapter will hold its annual Spring Professional Development Training in April 2017. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. This will be another wonderful opportunity to earn up to 17 hours of quality continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

### ***Community Service***

See page 4 for information regarding our upcoming community service events.

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## Central Arkansas Chapter CGFM Scholarship

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills required of today's government financial managers. There are three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program: Government Environment; Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and Government Financial Management and Control.

The Central Arkansas AGA Chapter is pleased to offer TWO \$200 CGFM scholarships to go towards examination fees and preparation materials. The scholarship will cover approximately half the cost of the CGFM application and examination fees. A maximum of two CGFM scholarships will be awarded each fiscal year.

### DEADLINE:

Scholarships will be awarded to the first two qualified and complete applications received. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be received no later than May 31.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Active Central Arkansas AGA member in good standing
- Must be employed as a governmental accountant
- Must pass all three parts of the exam prior to

application submission

- The third and final exam must be passed within this fiscal year
- The exam and application test fees must be incurred and paid by the applicant.

### AWARDS:

Selected winners will be notified via email and presented with the check at the annual Central Arkansas AGA awards banquet in June.

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# community Service

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: January 6, 2017  
Location: AR Department of Human Services  
Donaghey Plaza South  
Conference Rooms A & B



## Adopt a Street

Central Arkansas AGA will be partnering with the City of Little Rock's Adopt a Street Program. Information regarding the dates, times, and locations for cleanup will be provided in the near future

## Food Drive

Please continue to donate canned goods and nonperishable items during our monthly membership meetings in order to support our food drive.



Keep Little Rock Beautiful



## Coat and Warm Item Drive

During the month of January, coats, sweaters, blankets, and other warm, gently used or new items will be collected to donate to various shelters and organizations. Please collect items and either bring them to the January Monthly Membership Meeting or contact Brenda Jackson or Elouise Evans to coordinate the delivery of your items.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 6, 2016  
 Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.  
 Meeting Location: Franke's Cafeteria, Regions Bank Building

### Members Present:

Joshua Walker, Kimbra Matthews, Phlecia Gillespie, Terri Baca, Chandria Willis, Shalon Bogard, Elouise Evans, Steven Petersen, Stephanie Cox, Kaki Roberts, Linda Bouillon, Brenda Jackson, Shaunda Galbert

The meeting was called to order by Joshua Walker at noon, immediately following lunch. He acknowledged the attendance of our Chapter's Regional Vice-President, Will Cottrell, as attending the meeting.

### Old Business

Linda Bouillon made a motion to accept the August 2, 2016, minutes and subsequent e-mail votes of:

- 12 yes, 0 no to establish a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter for the Central Arkansas Chapter of AGA;
- 13 yes, 0 no to establish the December 12, 2016, Holiday Party fee of \$15.00 for ticket admission; and
- 13 yes, 0 no to switch banking accounts from Regions to Bank of the Ozarks and give our Chapter Treasurer the authority to set up the new account.

Shaunda Galbert seconded and the motion carried.

Kaki Roberts made a motion to accept the October and November Financial Reports as distributed via e-mail and in the meeting. Chandria Willis seconded and the motion carried.

Steven Petersen presented the Board with the 2016 Annual Audit reports to review.

### Committee Reports Chapter Recognition

Joshua Walker informed the Board that so far 6,525 points out of 25,000 have been posted for the first quarter and the next update will be at the end of December. He pointed out that he had some suggestions on the table to add points which were to be discussed in other Committee updates.

### Education Chair

Shaunda Galbert informed the Board that there were 50 attendees at the Fall PDT on October 6 and 7, 2016. It was under budget and was a great success with lots of positive comments. She is looking to establish the dates for the Spring PDT.

### Membership & Early Career

Stephanie Cox informed the Board that several e-mails to new prospects have been sent and that the scholarship applications have been distributed.

### CGFM

Joshua Walker presented the Board with a draft registration form for Exam 1 of a CGFM Exam Study Course. This included offering CPE credits which brought up a discussion of what should really be offered in the registration and the draft was tabled for the next meeting.

### Programs

Shalon Bogard informed the Board that she sent out the CPE certificates for the October membership meeting. The November meeting was canceled due to an emergency on the part of the speaker so Shalon is looking to make up the meeting with an extra one in the Spring.

### Meetings & Awards

Terri Baca reminded the Board that the Holiday Party was set for December 12, 2016, at Trio Restaurant. There will be a "Dirty Santa" event for those who want to participate.

### Accountability

No update.

### Community Service

Elouise Evans informed the Board that the Chapter participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on October 22, 2016, purchased gifts for two foster children (one girl, one boy) from the DHS Gingerbread Tree Event, and ordered two wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program.

Upcoming events include collecting warm coats and items, setting up an activity at Our House, and working towards participating in the "Adopt-A-Street" program.

In the past the warm coats and items were given to the Dorcas House so the Committee is garnering ideas of where another organization may need the items more. Also, the Committee discussed the need to choose a street where there would be the most visibility and impact for piquing the interest of possible future members. It was decided that Joshua Walker would send out e-mails to ask for ideas of a street to adopt and where the warm items could go.

### Newsletter

No update.

### Website

Kaki Roberts informed the Board that she is working on standards (like using captions with pictures along with names, etc.) and will start an e-mail discussion about them.

### Historian

No update.

### New Business

#### Job Descriptions Manual

Joshua Walker asked again that the Board Members review their job descriptions and provide feedback to him.

### Facebook

Our Chapter Facebook URL link is @centralarkansasaga. Joshua Walker set this up and is looking for suggestions for it. Several members immediately logged onto the site. It looks great!

### Board Meeting Changes

With all that is going on, Kaki Roberts made a motion for the Board to resume back to meeting monthly. Brenda Jackson seconded and the motion carried. Joshua Walker will send the members the revised schedule of the remaining months for fiscal year 2016/17.

### Next Meeting Announcement and Adjournment

The next Membership meeting will be held at Workforce Services in their 5th Floor Conference Room on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at noon. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Franke's Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. Shaunda Galbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Brenda Jackson seconded and the motion carried.



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Association of Government Accountants  
Central Arkansas Chapter  
FY 2017 Statement of Activities  
December 31, 2016

Revenue	<u>Unrestricted</u>
PDT Education Seminars	8,457
Donations	-
Banquets	360
Chapter Sponsorships	2,750
Dues	205
AGA National	-
Interest Income	7
Miscellaneous Income	-
Total Revenues	<u>11,779</u>
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
PDT Education Seminars	2,108
Audioconference Expenses	-
PDC Expense	1,468
Holiday Party	769
Awards Banquet	-
Awards	-
Speaker Expense	-
Scholarships/Memorials	-
Community Service	300
Promotional Supplies	-
Recruitment	-
Website	100
Total Program Expenses	<u>4,745</u>
Management and Administrative Expenses	
Professional Fees	1,800
Post Office Box Rent	102
Executive Committee Expense	668
Banking Fees	-
Miscellaneous	157
Total Management and Administrative Expenses	<u>2,726</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,471</u>
Change in Net Assets	4,307
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	<u>29,317</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>33,624</u>

# Member Corner



Please join us in welcoming the following individuals to our chapter! We LOVE getting new members, and are ecstatic to welcome each of you to the Central Arkansas AGA Family!!!

Member Name	Place of Employment
Kerie Allen	Dept of VA
Jennifer Auffert	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Ms. Felicia Bowman	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Settles Brian	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Sharron Brooks, MBA	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Delores Cannon	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Dionne Davis	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Erin Demarco	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Kerri Freeman	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Ms. Cindy L. Gambill	AETN
Barry Goldman	
Claudette Holt	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Jalene Joyner	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Michael Munnerlyn	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
John Parke	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Lacey Wynes	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance
Mr. John Yarbrough	AR Dept of Human Services Office of Quality Assurance

## WHAT IS MY MEMBERSHIP WORTH?

JOIN OR RENEW  
[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

Your AGA membership dues are a solid investment in your career, both now and for the future. With the substantial savings and benefits AGA members receive, you quickly recoup the membership fee with the potential to earn more than a 500 percent return-on-investment! We have calculated some of the benefits, many are inestimable.

### Connecting

To Leadership Opportunities  
 Growing your professional and personal networks  
 Working as a neutral third party, fostering cooperation and communication among different levels of government as well as with the private sector  
 Commenting on standards and to policymakers on behalf of government financial management

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### CGFM Renewal

Discount on the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) renewal fee

**\$35**

### Online Toolkits and Thought Leadership Library

Fraud Prevention  
 Risk Assessment Monitoring  
 Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative (CAROI) Guide  
 Annual CFO, CIO and IG Surveys  
 Best Practices Research Studies

**INVALUABLE**

### Continuing Professional Education

Annual Federal Financial Systems Summit | 6 CPE  
 Annual CFO-CIO Summit | 4 CPE  
 Quarterly Webinar(s) | 1 CPE each

UP TO

**14 CPES FREE**

**Career Center and Online Mentoring**

**FREE**

### Publications

Journal of Government Financial Management | \$95 value  
 Topics weekly e-newsletter | \$52 value

**\$147 VALUE**

### Journal CPE Online

Discount earning online CPE after reading the Journal of Government Financial Management

**\$26**

### Events

Registration Discounts:  
 National Leadership Training | \$175  
 Government Performance Summit | \$100  
 Professional Development Training | \$200  
 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | \$175

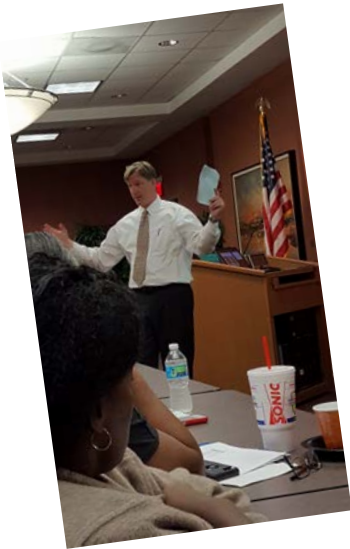
UP TO

**\$650**



# Photo Gallery

## 2016 Fall Professional Development Training





# Photo Gallery

## 2016 Race for the Cure



# Photo Gallery

## 2016 Holiday Party



 Angel Tree



## Central Arkansas AGA 2017 Board Members

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