

AGA Minutes
February 8, 2005

Vicki Franke, President, called the meeting to order with 10 members present.

Deb Fraley gave a report from the scholarship committee. The scholarship applications are out and they are due back March 1st. Penny Clayton suggested that we also put the application on the AGA web site. Linda Charles will take care of that. John Delzell moved and Deb Gillenwaters seconded that the committee be given the authority to choose the recipients. Motion passed. The committee will meet with Vicki in mid March to select recipients.

Vicki discussed the current community service with a nursing home. The members preferred direct contact and visiting the nursing homes as opposed to donation of money. Kathryn Burnett and Vicki will get a location and date for this service to be presented at next month's meeting.

Vicki was notified that AGA would like the Governor to recognize April as CGFM month. The members did not feel that the timing was right to use our political capital for this particular endeavor.

It was discussed that the monthly AGA newsletter should be out a week in advance of the meeting. Linda agreed to post it on the web site. Deb Fraley agreed to assist Jana Garcia for meeting next month's newsletter deadline. Penny indicated that she would check with Dr. Oglesby and the students of the governmental class, to see if they would like to do this type of project.

Vicki introduced the speaker, John Delzell, a financial analyst with City Utilities. John's presentation on an "Award Winning Budget" stressed the importance of budgeting being a continuing, ongoing process. Budgets provide a measure for how well you're doing. John provided a handout on GFOA criteria used in the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program. He also guided us to the GFOA website for the 59 Best Practices for Budgets.