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Meeting!

Message from the President



As promised, you all should have received the updated proposed bylaws. Please review the document and come to the February meeting to vote on their approval.

In other news, at the last CEC meeting, Brandie Fisher was appointed to fill the vacant position of President-Elect for the remainder of the Chapter's program year. Most importantly, this means she will be the next President, which will ensure a smooth transition into the next year.

Also, the Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Ozarks Chapter college scholarships. Please see the Chapter's website for details. While Earnest P. Worrell only dreamed of "shaping and molding youthful minds into a focused worldview," our local colleges and universities accomplish just that.

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CGFM News

What is the 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.

Interested in the CGFM Certification? You will need to study for the exams!

The Ozarks AGA has a set of current study guides available for checkout—one book at a time for 2 months at a time. They are in three separate three-ring binders – one for each section.

If you are interested in borrowing one of the study guides, would like to participate in a study group, or have questions about the CGFM program, please notify Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu and she will answer any questions you have, or arrange for you to check it out when it becomes available.

One of the benefits of being a member of our Ozarks Chapter is that we will reimburse you for the successful passing of the CGFM exam in its entirety if you meet qualifications. Also—members receive a \$29 discount off the price of the application fee!

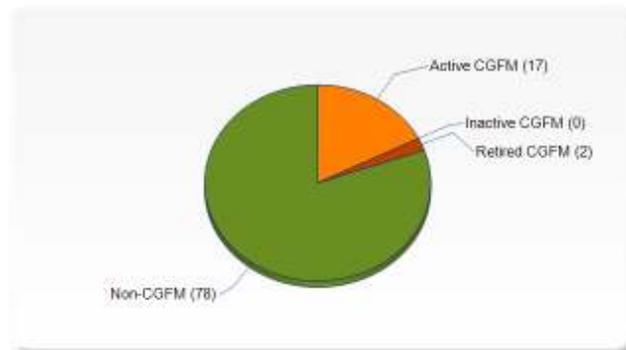
CGFM FAQ: What is the best way to study for the CGFM examinations?

A: The best way to study depends on your knowledge, experience, time, individual preferences and location constraints. Start by reviewing the contents of each examination in the Examination Requirement section of the AGA website. Then, review each of the choices in Prepping for Examinations section.

CGFM FAQ: Do I have to apply for the CGFM Program before taking the courses?

A: No, you can take the instructor led courses at any time.

CGFM vs. Non-CGFM - Ozarks AGA



Summary

Non-CGFM	78
Active CGFM	17
Retired CGFM	2
Inactive CGFM	0

National/Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Events & Conferences

AGA Web Conference

Grants

March 9th, 2016 2:00-3:50 ET

2 CPE

Internal Controls

March 23d, 2016 2:00-3:00 ET

2 CPE

February Meeting

When: February 18th, 2016

Topic: Grants Management

Who: Christina Ryker, CEO—The Grantwell

Where: 425 Downtown
425 Walnut St. Springfield, MO

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

RSVP to Greg Drake by 2/16/16

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Community Service
January	2016	21st	Forensic Accounting	Tax Clinic
February	2016	18th	Grants Management	Relay for Life
March	2016	31st	Spring Seminar	Relay for Life
April	2016	21st	The BKD Story	Relay for Life

Community Service Opportunities

This year’s community service efforts will be focused on the Relay for Life campaign that will conclude with the Relay event in May. We are planning bake sales, raffles, silent auctions, and other fun events for the monthly meetings, with a goal of being able to make a meaningful contribution to the American Cancer Society in May at the Springfield Relay for Life. We will also be participating in a few other special community service projects throughout the year—like the low income tax clinic. Stay tuned—it should be a fun year!

February Community Service Project

In February, the Ozarks AGA Chapter will continue to raise money for American Heart Association—Relay for Life. At the February meeting—if you would like to participate in our Relay team, please let a member of the CEC know. If you would like to make donations towards our team, those would be greatly appreciated also.

**Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2016
July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016**

Revenues:	FY16 Budget Revenue	FY16 Actual Revenue	Dec '15 - Jan '16 Revenue
Chapter Dues	410.00	152.50	17.90
Monthly meetings	1,200.00	795.00	285.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	4,000.00	3,415.00	-
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar	10,200.00	875.00	875.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	-	-
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	164.00	15.00	-
Charity Fundraiser - Relay for Life	-	93.00	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	-	96.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-
Interest	5.00	4.07	1.35
Total Revenues	\$ 18,479.00	\$ 6,445.57	\$ 1,179.25

Expenses:	FY16 Budget Expense	FY16 Actual Expense	Dec '15 - Jan '16 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,050.00	762.87	358.14
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	3,000.00	1,223.40	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	4,900.00	-	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,400.00	-	-
Community Service Expense	500.00	-	-
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	-	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-	-
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	-	-
Membership Drive Expense	164.00	-	-
Membership Appreciation Night(s)	1,000.00	148.00	-
Replenish speaker gifts	375.00	280.29	251.83
Miscellaneous Expense	-	399.49	25.00
Total Expenses	\$ 20,039.00	\$ 2,814.05	\$ 634.97

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	10,075.39	10,075.39	13,162.63
Revenue	18,479.00	6,445.57	1,179.25
Expenses	(20,039.00)	(2,814.05)	(634.97)
Net Change	(1,560.00)	3,631.52	544.28
Ending	\$ 8,515.39	\$13,706.91	\$ 13,706.91

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CEC Minutes

Date CEC Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2016

12:00pm – 1st floor conference room – Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville

Attendance:

Teresa Allen, Linda Charles, Justin Dement, Greg Drake, Brandie Fisher, Rachel McGinnis, Tina McManus, Wayland Mueller, and Jody Vernon

Secretary – Jody Vernon:

The minutes of the December 3, 2015 CEC meeting were approved with no changes.

(Motion: Tina McManus; Second: Greg Drake)

Treasurer – Justin Dement:

The Treasurer's report for December was presented and approved.

(Motion: Brandie Fisher; Second: Tina McManus)

Accountability – Jamie Rouch:

No report.

Education – Rachel McGinnis:

Thirty people attended the January meeting. (37 signed up, but 7 could not attend.)

The February meeting will focus on grants management.

Rachel and Teresa are waiting on confirmation from two speakers for the spring seminar. The updated agenda is going out this week.

The CEC approved adding an incentive for those who register for the seminar early. Everyone who registers by February 29 will be given an extra entry for the door prize(s).

(Motion: Tina McManus; Second: Rachel McGinnis)

CGFM – Tina McManus:

The Mid-MO chapter has already requested a proclamation from the governor's office for CGFM month and prepared a letter to include in our chapter newsletter.

Tina will send requests for CGFM month proclamations to Greene County and the City of Springfield.

All of the study guides are currently checked out.

Communication – Brandie Fisher:

The deadline for newsletter submissions is Friday, February 5th at 5:00pm.

Brandie will include the revised bylaws as an attachment on the newsletter email.

Teresa is getting a quote on updating the look of the website.

Community Service – Linda Charles:

The chapter had 4 volunteers for the property tax credit clinics. Linda will compile a list of the volunteers and the hours spent to report for quarterly points.

Linda will be the Relay for Life team captain and will attend the kickoff meeting on February 9. Tina volunteered to be on the team.

Donations for Relay for Life will be accepted at the monthly meetings and the spring seminar.

Early Career – Julie Ravenscraft:

No report.

CEC Minutes



Membership – Greg Drake:

Nine people are registered for the spring seminar including one new member.

Old Business – Wayland Mueller:

The CEC voted to send the revised bylaws to the members for a vote at the February meeting.

(Motion: Teresa Allen; Second: Tina McManus)

Wayland has been working on the tax-exempt status/990 issue. In order to complete the process, our chapter must file articles of incorporation, adopt bylaws, request tax-exempt status, and file 990-N forms for FY08-FY15. We are now incorporated.

No update on the directors and officers liability insurance.

New Business – Wayland Mueller:

Wayland sent the scholarship information to the local colleges and universities. March 11 is the application deadline. Email is the only option for submission this year.

The scholarship checks will be payable and sent directly to the school this year instead of the individual.

(Motion: Linda Charles; Second: Brandie Fisher)

Brandie Fisher was appointed President-Elect for the remainder of the current term.

(Motion: Tina McManus; Second: Rachel McGinnis)

Brandie is planning to attend the SLM in Salt Lake City in May. Tina is tentatively planning to attend as well. National AGA pays for two officers to attend.

The Professional Development Training (PDT) is July 17-20 in Anaheim, California. Each chapter gets two hotel rooms paid for by National AGA. As President-Elect, Brandie will use one of the rooms and the chapter will pay for her registration and airfare. Teresa and Jody are also planning to attend the PDT and will use the other room scholarship unless someone from another entity decides to attend.

Next CEC meeting: February 25 at 12:00pm

Meeting adjourned.

CGFM: More than Just Examinations

By Matthew Fickbohm, CGFM

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The Certified Government Financial Management certification is recognition of the skills and dedication of its holder. The dedication of these professionals goes well beyond studying for and passing three examinations. Not only must a CGFM have a degree from an accredited college or university, they must also have two years of professional government experience in addition to passing the three examinations. The CGFM designation, once awarded to a candidate, requires continuing professional education (CPE) in order to maintain the expertise shown in the examinations. Every two years a CGFM must complete 80 hours of CPE in government financial management or related technical topics in order to hold the title of CGFM. No matter the government you serve, the regulations and guidance governing your actions requires diligent attention as the environment continues to change. These 80 hours of study allows the CGFM to remain current in this dynamic and fast paced professional environment. Not only does it allow the CGFM to maintain these skills, it also shows employers and potential employers the CGFM is dedicated and diligent to remain current in relevant guidance.

The CGFM is an investment in yourself, your office, and your profession. ‘Huzzah!’ to those that have achieved this honor and strive to maintain it! Those that have not, consider the investment. The challenge is difficult, but worth it as you hone and prove your knowledge and skills in preparation for the examinations. If you have any questions on earning or maintaining the CGFM, check out www.agacgfm.org/cgfm or contact Tina McManus at tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu or myself directly at Matthew.Fickbohm@state.sd.us.

Ozarks Chapter News



Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!

Welcome New Members!

Shelly Deckard, Missouri State University

Mark your calendar for the SLMR!

When— Saturday, February 6th

Where—Lincoln, NE

Agenda TBA

Carpooling will be available if interested!

Congratulations Leah Ann Iaguessa—2015 Dynamic Dozen: Top Local Financial Officer

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Visit National at: www.agacgfm.org

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