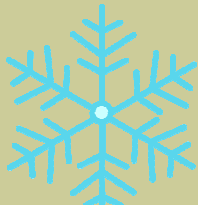


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## Message from the President

Welcome to 2016!

Please watch your email inboxes for our chapter's new proposed bylaws. The national AGA office is requiring all chapters to adopt revised bylaws. By the end of January we will send the proposed updated bylaws to all members.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the bylaws. At our February chapter meeting we will vote to approve (or not approve) the new document.

I hope to see everyone at our February meeting and at our seminar in March.



*Wayland Mueller*

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Meeting!

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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](mailto: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!**

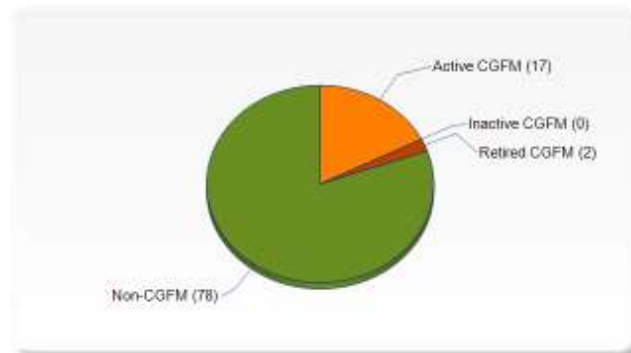
**CGFM FAQ:** How long is the eligibility Period?

A: You have (3) years from the date your application is processed to pass the (3) CGFM examinations.

**CGFM FAQ:** My eligibility period ends soon—can I get an extension?

A: If your eligibility period ends before you pass all three CGFM examinations, you will need to reapply and pass all the examinations again. Extensions of eligibility may be granted to individuals who passed some, but not all, of their examinations. No extensions will be granted to individuals who have not passed any of their CGFM examinations.

CGFM vs. Non-CGFM - Ozarks AGA



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



# Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for March 31st to attend our Spring Seminar.  
Remember, your AGA membership is included in your dues!

Our Keynote Speaker will be Lori Randall—former Mrs. Oklahoma. Lori is a teamwork expert who has been a professional speaker for 10 years.

We also will have ethics, BOK economic update, and Missouri Auditors Office—the lineup is still being developed, stay tuned for more details!

## Ozarks AGA Member Spotlight



Rachel McGinnis  
Ozarks AGA Education  
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**What do you do, and how long have you been doing it?** I am a Budget and Contracts Officer at Missouri State University and have been in this position for eight years, and at the University for ten.

**What was your first job in government finance?** My first job in government finance was a Grant Accountant at Missouri State University.

**How do you stay current?** I stay current by reading journals, attending conferences, webinars, seminars and AGA lunch meetings.

**What is your favorite quote?** “Not all those who wander are lost.” J.R.R.

Tolkien



Ozarks Chapter News

*Local Ozarks AGA Chapter News!*

Mark your calendar for the SLMR!  
 When— Saturday, February 6th  
 Where—Lincoln, NE  
 Agenda TBA  
 Carpooling will be available if interested!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.  
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 Visit National at: [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

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Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks



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 Purchasing Agent  
[Missouri State University](#)  
 Collection Coordinator

Do you have a position you would like to advertise with our local AGA Chapter? Email [Brandie](#) to have your listing sent to our membership.