February, 2016 Newsletter

Chapter President's Letter:

I believe that the individual is our greatest asset. Regardless of how great, how new, or how cutting edge our tools or technology may appear, without people it does not matter.

Experts say that the working environment in the government sector will dramatically shift in the next five years due to the large number of anticipated "Baby Boomer" generation employee retirements. This reality has started to set in as I have heard of one to two impending retirements each week over the last month or so. It is a bit sobering to think that these stalwarts, who have dedicated so many decades of service, are moving on. How do we replace their experience, expertise, historical knowledge, and understanding?

While there is uncertainty with change, this changing landscape is an exciting time as well. I hope that you view these changes as opportunities - opportunities to practice and expand your skillsets and to build upon the foundation left by those who came before you.

To those of you who will leave us in the near future...thank you! To the rest of you - let's do this!

Chris Stratton, CGFM

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About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base including: local, state, and federal government professionals; private sector employees; academics; and retired professionals. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM).

Our Mission

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Goals and Objectives

- Accountability
- Certification
- Education and Research
- Service

Chapter News

2016 Chapter Awards!

Each year our chapter accepts nominations for the Financial Manager of the Year and the Chapter Service Awards. Please take a moment to nominate someone in each of these categories.

Financial Manager of the Year

Criteria: 1. Accomplishments: include education, certifications, & memberships.

- 2. Volunteer activity: work related, community focused, etc.
- 3. Special projects & offices:
 - *Task force, committee or work team membership, include their role in the group or organization, and their focus.
 - *Contribution to the advancement of financial management principles & standards.
- 4. Enhancement and/or advancement of governmental accounting:
 *Include improvement in government reporting, streamlining processes,
 & reducing costs.
- 5. Contact information for nominee and nominator.

Chapter Service Award

Criteria: 1. Nominee must be an active AGA member.

- 2. Accomplishments: include education, certifications, & memberships.
- 3. Volunteer activity: work related, community focused, etc.
- 4. Service activity to the Idaho Centennial Chapter & AGA. This may be a one-time event, multiple less-conspicuous events, or several years of service.
- 5. Contact information for nominee & nominator.

Please email your nominations to idaho.centennial.chapter@gmail.com.

Save the dates! SPRING PDT April 19-20, 2016 Riverside Hotel

Boise, Idaho

Complimentary Member-Only Webinars: 1 CPE each

- Feb. 3, 2016 –
 Managing in a
 Multi-Generational
 Workplace
- May 25, 2016 –
 Green Book*
- Summer 2016 CAROI Update*

*Subject to change

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)



Prepare taxes free of charge become a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). You will receive training to provide free basic income tax help for low-to-moderate income families who need assistance preparing their tax returns. Training is offered both online and in the classroom.

- As a Tax Volunteer, you'll be assigned to work with a sponsoring organization.
 First to receive training and then to begin volunteering at a location in your community.
- Tax sites are generally open nights and weekends and the hours are flexible.
- Interested? Access irs.gov and in the search engine type IRS tax volunteers, this will lead you to the link that allows you to complete the form 14310 and email it to taxvolunteer@irs.gov.

Upcoming Events for Program Year 2015-16

Date	Topic	Estimated
		CPE
9/2/15	Webinar: Cyber Security	2
9/17/15	Luncheon: Jim Stephens, Sandler Training	1
9/23/15	Webinar: Human Capital	2
10/7/15	Webinar: Innovations Lab	2
10/15/15	Luncheon: Nathan Clayville, DFM Economist	1
10/20/15	CGFM Course 1	8
10/21/15	Webinar: Fraud Prevention	2
11/4/15	Webinar: OMB Omni-Circular	2
11/19/15	Luncheon: Kevin Kempf, Director, Dept. of Correction	1
12/2/15	Webinar: Ethics	2
12/17/15	Luncheon: Connie Miller, ICON Credit Union	1
1/13/16	Webinar: Evidence Based Policy Making	2
1/21/16	Luncheon: Dean Cameron, Director, Dept. of Insurance	1
1/27/16	Webinar: GASB 68	2
2/17/16	Audio Conference: Fraud Prevention	2
2/18/16	Luncheon: Maxine Bell & Shawn Keough, JFAC Co-Chairs	1
3/9/16	Webinar: Grants	2
	Luncheon: Steve Bartlett, Ada County Sheriff	1
	Webinar: Internal Controls	2
	Conference: PDT	16
5/11/16	Webinar: Ethics	2
5/19/16	Luncheon: To Be Determined	1

If you would like more information about our AGA chapter, please visit our website at idahoaga.org. You may contact one of the board officers by email, phone, or mail if you have any questions.

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President-Elect (Vice-Chair of CEC) Steve Bellomy (208) 334-0609 bellomys@dhw.idaho.gov **Our Finances**

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER

As of December 31, 2015

Beginning Cash Balance, July 1, 2015

Beginning Monthly Balance - December 1, 2015

Deposits	Yea	r to Date	Current Month	
Scholarships		-		
Luncheon Meals		840.00	180.00	
AGA National Dues		-		
Charitable Donations		-		
AGA Webinars		1,545.00		
Spring 2016 PDT		-		
CGFM		750.00		
Other		90.28	0.28	
Total Deposits	\$	3,225.28		\$ 180.28

Beginning Monthly Balance + Total Deposits

Withdrawals	Year to Date		
Scholarships	-		
Luncheon Meals	(1,043.99)	(23.20)	
AGA National Dues	-		
Charitable Donations	(180.00)	(180.00)	
AGA Webinars	(2,580.00)		
Spring 2016 PDT	-		
Community Service	(81.87)		
Officer Conferences	(1,832.84)		
Chapter Board Meetings	(206.58)		
Membership	-		
Thrive Web Designs	(1,800.00)		
CGFM	(3,644.28)		
Other	(338.74)		
Total Withdrawals	\$ (11,708.30)		\$ (203.20)

Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2015

\$ 16,618.69

25,101.71

\$ 16,641.61

\$ 16,821.89

\$

Meeting Minutes & Agenda



Board Meeting Minutes

December 17th, 2015 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 11:03 a.m. by President, Chris Stratton.

Attendees: Chris Stratton, Matt Orem, Matt McBride, Tiffini LeJeune, Chris Floyd, Donna Holbrook, Lori Hendon, Sandra Healy, Judy Shock, Steve Bellomy, Brian Smith, Marsi Woody

Minutes from previous meeting: Matt McBride motioned to approve the corrected November minutes. Chris Floyd seconds. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Orem motioned to approve the November report. Chris Floyd seconds. The motion passed.

2016 PDT (Marsi Woody/Lori Hendon): The hotel reservations are confirmed and the AGA Nat'l President will speak at the PDT.

CGFM: (Tiffini LeJeune) Two CGFM exam and study guide vouchers will be given away. Discussed CGFM classes.

Community Service: Chapter will renew Greenbelt adoption.

Education: (Matt Orem) Speaker cancelled, discussed replacement speaker.

Early Careers: (Brian Smith) Dave Koeppen's AGA presentation on Nov. 19th at the College of Western Idaho was attended by 27 people. The CWI's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recruiting members.

President-Elect: (Steve Bellomy) Discussed chapter points and distributing information on officer positions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Holbrook.

Luncheon Meeting Minutes December 17th, 2015 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.

Announcements: The Canned Food Drive donations received at the meeting today will be delivered to the Idaho Foodbank. Visitors were introduced. The Professional Development Training is scheduled April 19-20, 2016. The scheduled speaker cancelled and was replaced.

Speaker: Connie Miller, President/C.E.O. of ICON Credit Union, spoke about her Missional Leadership of staff in nine branches. Their mission is primarily focused on the purpose of their organization relative to those it serves. Connie reviewed ICON's tier employee training and movement toward employee engagement that has improved their business outcomes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Holbrook.

Board Meeting Agenda JRW Building, Conference Room A January 21, 2016 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- 4. Treasurer's Report (Matt McBride)
- 5. 2016 PDT (Marsi Woody/Lori Hendon)
- 6. Historian (Donna Holbrook)
- 7. CGFM (Tiffini LeJeune)
- Community Service (Debbie Spence)

 Resume Greenbelt clean-up when weather warms up
 - b. Next service opportunity is the basket raffle fundraiser at the PDT.
- 9. Education (Matt Orem)
- 10. Membership (Sandra Healy)
- 11. Early Careers (Brian Smith) a. Membership scholarships
- 12. President-Elect (Steve Bellomy) a. Chapter recognition category assignments
- 13. President's Update (Chris Stratton)
- 14. Other Business
- 15. Adjournment



Speaker Connie Miller

