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Message from the President

Spring AND our Spring Seminar are right around the corner. It will be held at the Executive Conference Center on March 20th. This is our membership seminar. Your membership for next year is included in the registration for the seminar. It will be 8 great hours of CPE – including 2 hours of ethics! The agenda is set and I am excited that we have many new members joining us this year. It's not too late to register and we are expecting a large audience this year!



Tina McManus

We will have a silent auction at our Spring seminar to raise funds for Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. We will have some great items – golf and ticket passes, Springfield Little Theater passes, bird feeders and houses, and garden stones. We will be sponsoring a Relay team and AGA will contribute \$25 to any walker that signs up.

Our CEC slate committee has nearly completed filling the slots for next year's CEC positions but we still have some open positions. Now is the time to become more involved in the Ozarks chapter of AGA and enhance the benefits that you receive from this organization. If you are interested, or just want more information, please talk to any of the CEC members.

The February 20th presentation on the police and firemen pension tax issue was very informative. Please use your privilege to vote on April 8th – and read the ballot closely. The wording is somewhat tricky. A vote of "NO" means that you want the tax to continue and a vote of "YES" means that you want the tax to be discontinued.

Our April 17th meeting will be a Local Government Update roundtable with presenters from Springfield Public Schools, the City of Springfield, City Utilities and hopefully Missouri State University. I can't believe how this year is flying by!!

Tina McManus

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March Community Service Information

Don't forget to bring your checkbooks to the Spring Seminar!

Our Annual Relay for Life Silent Auction, which 100% of proceeds go to American Cancer Society, will be held during the Spring Seminar, and we have great auction items!

Springfield-Greene County Park Board golf passes
 Branson show tickets
 Springfield Little Theatre tickets
 Bird feeder/bird house
 Patio Stone
 And More!

Ozarks AGA Scholarship Information

AGA has budgeted \$1,500 in scholarship funds for 2014-2015. Scholarship information has been emailed to local colleges, universities, and high schools to distribute to interested students. Applications are due March 7th, 2014 and awards to be announced March 21st, 2014. The scholarship recipients will be invited to join AGA for our April or May meetings to be recognized and receive their award.

If you know someone that may be interested, please have them contact the scholarship committee. Application is attached to this newsletter.

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Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Web Conference— March 19th

2:00—3:50 2 CPE

Topic: Health Care Audits

AGA Web Conference— April 9th

2:00—3:50 2 CPE

Topic: Fraud Detection/Prevention

Spring Seminar

March 20th, 2014

8:00-4:30

Topic: Spring Seminar

910 W Battlefield Road

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$200

Non-Members: \$200

*See Page 7 for Details

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2013		Summer Break	
July	2013		Summer Break	
August	2013		Summer Break	
September	2013	19th	NOAA National Weather Service Tour	Springfield Branson Regional Airport
October	2013	17th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis
November	2013	14th	SpringNet Underground Tour	Springfield Underground
December	2013	19th	Holiday Social	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	2014	16th	Rare Breed	Rare Breed
February	2014	20th	Police-Fire Pension Update	720 E Grand
March	2014	20th	Spring Seminar	Exec. Conf Ctr
April	2014	17th	Local Gov't Roundtable	Kraft Admin
May	2014	15th	MODOT Update	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2014
July 1, 2013 Through February 28, 2014**

	FY14 Budget Revenue	FY14 Actual Revenue	Feb 2014 Revenue
Revenues:			
Chapter Dues	320.00	\$ 83.75	\$ -
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 170.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	1,260.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,120.00	\$ 7,645.00	\$ 7,645.00
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	\$ 153.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	50.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -
Interest	25.00	\$ 2.58	\$ 0.36
Total Revenues	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 9,759.33	\$ 7,815.36
	FY14 Budget Expense	FY14 Actual Expense	Feb 2014 Expense
Expenses:			
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,000.00	\$ 567.96	\$ 218.50
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	300.00	\$ 110.54	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,240.00	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 2,370.00
Community Service Expense	350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,585.00	\$ 1,745.20	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	\$ 377.98	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 5,371.68	\$ 2,588.50
Change in Fund Balance:			
	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Beginning	6,686.47	6,686.47	\$ 5,847.26
Revenue	10,325.00	9,759.33	\$ 7,815.36
Expenses	<u>(10,325.00)</u>	<u>(5,371.68)</u>	<u>\$ (2,588.50)</u>
Net Change	-	4,387.65	\$ 5,226.86
Ending	<u>\$ 6,686.47</u>	<u>\$ 11,074.12</u>	<u>\$ 11,074.12</u>

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CEC Minutes

February 27th CEC Meeting

12:00 PM – Busch Building – 2nd floor West conference room

Attendance: Pat Monday, Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, Rick Findley, Bob Wells, Tina McManus, Paul Essel, Debra Burling, Greg Drake, Justin Hill, John Everest

Secretary: Brandie Fisher will take minutes in Brandi Aldridge's absence.

Treasurer: Motion was made to approve February Treasurer Report - Motion; J. Hill 2nd; B. Wells

Communication: Brandie is expecting the entry for the Newsletter Award in the near future. A job posting will be sent out on behalf of SPS on an email separate from the newsletter.

Early Careers: There has been a poor response to our scholarship campaign, especially with Missouri State—deadline is March 15. Next year we will change the registration form for Seminar to more easily identify early career members. CO-OP students employed at City Utilities will be invited to the Spring Seminar.

Community Service: Anyone giving blood before March 15th can attend 1 AGA meeting free—register at blood center. Donations are being accepted for Relay for Life silent auction that will take place at the seminar. Ozarks AGA will have a relay team—AGA will match \$25 for anyone who wishes to participate on the team. Rare Breed sent a thank you card for the donation at our January meeting.

Education: All speakers for Seminar are confirmed and catering is being finalized. Bob will follow up with Bank of KC on sponsorship. Discussion was had over attendee gift—it was unanimous to purchase a gift, and a tall mug was decided on. Volunteers for the Seminar will need to arrive at 7:15—Brandie will do registration.

April meeting will be a Local Government Update. John will invite SPS, Springfield, CU and MSU to participate. MoDOT will be a potential meeting topic for May.

CGFM: We need a chair for the upcoming year. If anyone is interested, please let a member of the CEC know.

Membership: 50 attendees have registered for the Spring Seminar. We have 2 Starbucks giftcards left over from recruitment that can be used as door prizes.

Accountability: Ozarks AGA received a Certificate of Achievement for its 2013 Citizen Centric Report and suggestions for improvement were included.

SLM: The SML is in Kansas City this year 4/25-4/27. National will pay for the Incoming President, Regional Vice President, and 1 other officer to attend. Debbie cannot attend.

PDC: The PDC will be in Orlando July 13-16th. National gives 2 room scholarships—Teresa Allen and Rick Findley will use. Debbie cannot attend, we will send her to National Leadership Conference instead.

Slate of officers will be voted on in April.

Next CEC meeting will be Thursday, March 27th, 2014 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the 2nd floor West Busch Building conference room.

Meeting Adjourned

Tina motioned to adjourn, Bob 2nd, All were in favor. 1:18 p.m.

Ozarks Chapter News

Local Ozarks AGA News!

We are proud of our Ozark AGA CGFM's!

- ★ Teresa Allen
- ★ Sharla Bailey
- ★ Donna Christian
- ★ Rhonda Christopher
- ★ Larry Cox
- ★ John Delzell
- ★ Greg Drake
- ★ Max Ellis
- ★ Pam Elsaesser
- ★ Rick Findley
- ★ Deb Gillenwaters
- ★ Jennifer Gruener
- ★ Kim Hamm
- ★ Tina McManus



Jerry Mitchell
 Dr. Richard Nichols
 Dr. Rodney Oglesby

Congratulations to Rick Findley for being elected Regional Vice President for 2014-15!!



Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.
 Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

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[Missouri State University](#)
 Foundation Scholarship Coordinator

[Springfield Public Schools](#)
Manager, Cash, Investments and Debt

[City of Branson](#)
Accountant II



Ozarks Chapter of AGA

2014 Membership Professional Development Seminar

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014
Location: Executive Conference Center
910 W Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO
Time: 7:30-8:00 registration and continental breakfast
Conference: 8:00-4:30 lunch included

Seminar Agenda (8 hours of CPE including 2 hours-Ethics):

Improving Results with Lean Government (2hrs), Lean government provides a framework and proven methodology for meeting the challenge of generating savings while improving customer service. Presented by Marcia Tope – Lean Enterprise Administrator, Iowa Department of Management

Internal Auditor panel discussion, come with questions for our Internal Auditor panel, including Brenda Putman, Associate General Manager-Chief Internal Auditor, City Utilities; Rachel Simons, CPA, Senior Internal Auditor, CoxHealth; Donna Christian, Director of Internal Audit and Compliance, Missouri State University

Records Retention in the Digital Age, Is that microfiche machine gathering dust still relevant? Find out if and how things have changed with records retention requirements. presented by Leslie James, Records Preservationist – State of Missouri

High Involvement Planning: Collaborating for Long-Term Financial Results, Greene County's H.I.P. process and approach for a new future. Presented by Martha Mundt, Budget Officer – Greene County

Investment Opportunities for the Current Economy and Economic Highlights, presented by Ken Dotson, Senior Vice President, Trust Officer, Bank of Kansas City Financial

Ethics (2 hrs) Get your two hour requirement for Ethics right here. Presenter Dr. Sandra Byrd, CPA, PHD



Advance registration required.

There will be a silent auction going on again this year to raise funds for our AGA Relay for Life Team. We are accepting donated items now!!



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Relmond P. Van Daniker".

Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA
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