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## Message from the President

Welcome back! Yes, it's true, the summer break is over. What are the telltale signs? Springfield Public Schools start up on August 12 AND our first AGA meeting follows almost immediately thereafter on August 14 when we will meet at the Tower Club from noon until 2:00 to learn about GASB 65 and 67. You will earn two hours of CPE by attending this meeting.

We have great chapter activities in the planning stages for the upcoming year and I hope you will join us for as many of these opportunities as you can. Why? One simple reason answers this question: active participation in our AGA chapter gives credence to the term "lifelong learning". My first President's Message of the year is focusing on the concept of lifelong learning because this seems an appropriate time to reflect on how AGA involvement helps to fulfill our desire to be lifelong learners. Why would we want to be lifelong learners? According to Wikipedia:

"Life-long learning is the ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. Therefore, it not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, but also self-sustainability . . . the term recognizes that learning is not confined to childhood or the classroom but takes place throughout life . . . from our daily interactions with others and with the world around us."

I read an interesting article titled: "How and Why to Become a Lifelong Learner" by Brett and Kate McKay that lists even more reasons to embrace lifelong learning. They say:

- You'll earn more
- You'll be more interesting and charismatic
- You'll be a better leader
- You'll be independent and handy
- It'll keep your brain healthy
- You'll feel more satisfied with life
- You'll become more human

The article then goes on to discuss how to become a lifelong learner:

- Foster a growth mindset
- Change your idea of learning (it doesn't happen only in the classroom)
- Establish goals
- Find sources that can help you reach goals
- Ask questions
- Find a group
- Practice putting new knowledge to work
- Teach what you're learning

AGA participation provides an avenue for us to incorporate these practices into our daily lives. I look forward to a year of wonderful learning opportunities with you. We'll learn together and we'll teach each other. It's going to be a great year! See you at the monthly meetings!

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## August Community Service Information

Check back in the September newsletter for  
 Community Service Opportunities!



### Interested in the CGFM Certification?

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, please notify Tina McManus at [tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu](mailto:tinamcmanus@missouristate.edu) and she will 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.

Check out career  
 opportunities on  
 page 6!

### Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Sharla Bailey, CGFM  
 Chair, to  
 inquire about opportunities  
 in our area.



**National/Regional Training Opportunities**

AGA Events & Conferences

39th Midwest Regional Professional

Development Training

August 18, 2014 Columbia, MO

16 CPE

Earn CPE Online!

AGA Journal CPE Quizzes

Becker Educational Programs

**August Meeting**

August 14th, 2014

12:00—2:00

Topic: GASB Statement 65 & 67

Speaker: Matt Cash (BKD)

2 CPE

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$20

Non-Members: \$30

RSVP to Jody Vernon by 5:00, on  
Monday the 11th

**Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development**

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2014	19th	Summer Break	
July	2014	17th	Summer Break	
August	2014	14st	GASB 65 and 67	Tower Club
September	2014	24th	Single Audit	Cooper Tennis
October	2014	23th	Fall Seminar	White River Conference Ctr.
November	2014	20th	TBD	TBD
December	2014	18th	TBD	TBD
January	2015	15th	TBD	TBD
February	2015	19th	TBD	TBD
March	2015	19th	TBD	TBD
April	2015	16th	TBD	TBD
May	2015	21st	TBD	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants  
Ozarks Chapter  
Fiscal Year 2015  
July 1, 2014 Through July 31, 2014**

	FY15 Budget*	FY15 Actual	July 2014
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Chapter Dues	415.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Monthly meetings	900.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Seminars:</b>			
Fall Seminar	2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fall Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other Revenues:</b>			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	5.00	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.36
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 13,370.00</u>	<u>\$ 65.36</u>	<u>\$ 65.36</u>

	FY15 Budget*	FY15 Actual	July 2014
	Expense	Expense	Expense
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	750.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Seminar Expenses:</b>			
Fall Seminar	2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
Community Service Expense	500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Scholarships:</b>			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	320.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 13,370.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,950.92	6,950.92	\$ 6,950.92
Revenue	13,370.00	65.36	\$ 65.36
Expenses	(13,370.00)	-	\$ -
Net Change	-	65.36	\$ 65.36
Ending	<u>\$ 6,950.92</u>	<u>\$ 7,016.28</u>	<u>\$ 7,016.28</u>

\* Proposed budget only. Official budget to be approved at August CEC meeting



## CEC Minutes

### **No CEC in July—Summer Break**



# Ozarks Chapter News

## Local Ozarks AGA News!

Awards received at PDC: Platinum Chapter Designation, Newsletter—  
Honorable Mention, Top Recruiter

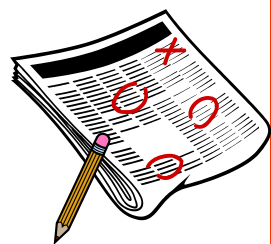


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Finance Office Secretary  
Accounting Technician



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