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President's Message

Hello and Greetings Everyone,

Where has the time gone? We are in the midst of the holiday season and most of us are busier than ever before. To start the season off Jerry Mitchell is hosting two AGA sponsored events for the fifth graders at Weller. On Tuesday December 2nd and Thursday December 4th one class will be dining at the Tower and listening to a brief inspirational talk. We consider this long range early career development.



Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM

would be good.

The following week our regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tower. This is the annual holiday buffet, so come prepared to be dazzled by the array of tasty food. Fire Chief David Hall will be there to explain the fire/police pension situation and the options considered, resulting in the impending election this February. Even if you do not reside in the City of Springfield, this topic is one that many communities and agencies are facing. To hear about how the situation arose, the process to resolve it and the options available will be well worth your time for future reference.

Please bring a canned good to the December meeting and I will get it to the local food pantry for distribution to those in need. This time of year is a particularly needy time, so please remember to bring something you think

Our January meeting will be an effort to introduce AGA to new members. Members should invite a non-member for a free meal at the Tower. Also included will be a free CPE. Each member bringing a guest will receive a door prize and have their name thrown in the hat for a free meeting in February. Our speaker for this event will be Mary Mannix-Decker. February will bring us back to the Tower again for an interesting presentation by Martha Mundt on the CAFR.

In March we continue in our efforts to provide quality CPE at low cost. The seminar will be 6 CPE and will include membership dues for all that attend. Included in this seminar will be two hours of ethics.

Take the CGFM Examinations before the NLC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington D.C. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, **Feb. 16**, and Tuesday, **Feb. 17, 2009** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **Feb. 18-19, 2009**.

The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on [AGA website](#).

Chapter Executive Committee Minutes Nov 18, 2008

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA held a board meeting on November 19, 2008 in the Springfield-Greene Health Department's first floor conference room.

The items discussed were:

1. The CPA day conference broke even. The Golf Tournament's receipts will enable Weller's School to purchase Map kits with the matching funds grant.
2. Martha Mundt will continue to lead discussion, next month's meeting, on the bylaws - Articles V & VI which are on the meeting requirements of the chapter.
3. Teresa Allen will cover the AGA regional call and Linda Charles will be part of the early career on November 20, 2008 with Melinda Rickter.
4. Jerry Mitchell, who is chairing the travel committee, will research the cost of airfare and registration for the upcoming AGA meeting in February 2009.
5. The annual Christmas luncheon for the Weller School 5th graders will be held on December 2nd and December 4th at the Tower Club with donations underwriting the cost of the meals.

The Ozarks Chapter will pay \$5 per student.

6. The December 2008 meeting will be held on the 9th at Tower Club. The speaker will be Assistant Chief David Hall, discussing the new one-percent sales tax for the Police & Fire Pension.
7. The January 2009 meeting is for membership recruitment. Any member who brings a guest will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Panera Bread. The guest will not be charged for the meal or CPE credit for the month of January 2009. The speaker will be Mary Mannix Decker.
8. The speaker for month of February 2008 will be Martha Mundt who will discuss the CAFR.
9. It was proposed to offer the Spring Seminar in March 2008 with a registration fee of \$120, which will include a one year membership in AGA. Speakers will be Angela Morelock on Fraud and either Dr. Rod Oglesby or Dr. Kelly Still from Drury University for the ethics requirement.

The board members present were Deb Gillenwaters, Teresa Allen, Deb Fraley, Martha Mundt, and Linda Charles.

Submitted by,
Linda Charles

Update Your Membership Profile and Qualify to Win a GPS

It's that time of the year again, and AGA will be kicking off its 2009 membership renewal drive. As part of our ongoing effort to ensure that your AGA membership is as valuable as possible, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to login and update your contact information.

More than ever the citizens of this great nation need what you can provide them—transparent and understandable financial information about their government. And your professional Association, AGA, is here to support you and the entire profession in this endeavor.

AGA appreciates and thanks you for your support and participation this year. As a way of saying thank you for your time, if you update your information online by Dec. 31, 2008, you will be entered into a drawing for one of three Garmin GPS Navigation systems.

Updating your information will enable us to keep in contact with you and ensure that our services and events remain focused

on your needs. Go to www.agacgfm.org and login using your member ID. Your password is your first initial immediately followed by your last name.

If you prefer to update your information over the phone, or if you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 8 0 0 . A G A . 7 2 1 1 o r 703.684.6931.

The AGA and I look forward to working with you and for you in the coming year. Thank you for continuing to be an important part of AGA and we appreciate your time in updating your contact information.

Thank you,

Relmond Van Daniker
AGA Executive Director



Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
January	01/13/2009	Budgeting Mary Mannix-Decker	Tower Club
February	2/10/2009	CAFR Martha Mundt, CGFM	Tower Club
March	3/10/2009	County Structure Cindy Stein, CPA	Tower Club
April	TBA	2 CPE - Ethics Dr Oglesby	Tower Club
May	TBA	6 Hour Membership Conference	Cooper Tennis Complex
June	TBA	Audio Conference - 2 CPE	Health Dept Conf Rm

AGA's 2008-2009 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

The Big Easy - AGA's *Big Easy* Membership Campaign

Welcome to AGA's **Big Easy** Member-Get-A-Member Campaign—your opportunity to share the value of an AGA membership with your friends and colleagues, and earn BIG rewards in the process! Every time you sponsor a new member you enhance AGA. A growing AGA means a greater appreciation of the government accountability profession, improved educational and networking opportunities for all members, and the advancement of government financial management nationwide. This year with the **Big Easy Campaign** we've made referring colleagues to AGA easier than ever!

How the *Big Easy* Works:

1. Click here (**Ctrl-Click**) to download a membership application. You can also order applications by calling the Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 and/or e-mailing agamembers@agacgfm.org.
2. Tell your peers and co-workers about AGA. Simply encourage them to fill out AGA's membership application or complete the application online. Be sure to include your name in the sponsor's name category on the application.
3. You will be eligible to receive a sponsor pin when your first referral joins.
4. After six of your referrals join (prior to January 31, 2009) you earn free dues during the 2009–2010 membership year.
5. The Big Easy Member-Get-A-Member Campaign will end on April 30, 2009, the grand prize winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

Big Easy Prizes

Everyone Wins!

Recruit **ONE** or more members, receive a *Sponsors Only* lapel pin and get recognized in *Topics* and on the AGA website.

Sponsoring Two or More

Recruit **TWO** members and start earning *AGA Dollars*. You'll earn five AGA Dollars for each new member that joins. Recruit two members, earn 10 AGA Dollars, recruit four members, earn 20 AGA Dollars and so on. AGA Dollars are like cash and can be redeemed towards publications, membership dues renewals and national conference registrations.

Sponsoring Six or More

Recruit **SIX** members by January 31, 2009 and receive next year's membership dues renewal **FREE**.

Sponsoring 10 or More

Recruit **10** or more members by March 31, 2009 and be placed into a fishbowl drawing for **Sony Blu-Ray DVD player** (valued at \$300). After 10, each new member is another chance at the drawing. Recruit 10 members, get one chance at the drawing, recruit 16 members, get seven chances and so on. The more members recruited the more chances to win.

Spotlight on Early Career/Tomorrow's Professionals New Members

A **Garmin Nuvi GPS Navigation system** will be awarded to the AGA member who recruits the most new Early Career members during the Big Easy Campaign.

Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition

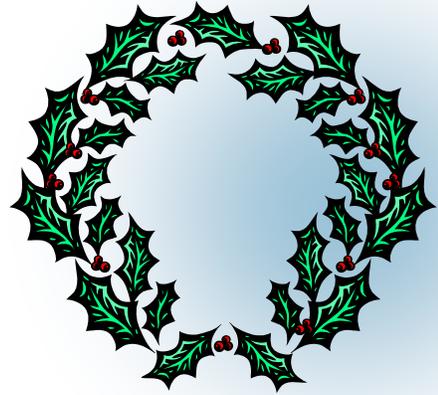
- Recruiter of the Year (one winner)**—The member who recruits the most new members from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive complimentary **registration to AGA's 2009 Professional Development Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana** and an **Apple iPod touch**.
- Top Sponsor (two winners)**—The next two members who recruit the highest amount of new members from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor distinction and each will receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.
- Chapter Overall Growth (six winning chapters)**—Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping for the membership year will each win a complimentary AGA national meeting registration. Chapters decide who receives the registration. The six winning chapters will also be entered in a drawing to receive 15 exclusive AGA shirts to be given out to chapter members. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

Start Recruiting Today!

Rules/Eligibility

All AGA members in good standing are eligible to participate in the Big Easy Campaign. The campaign period includes all new members joining AGA from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009—AGA's membership year. All federal, state and local laws apply. Void where prohibited.

Future Educational Events



Feb. 19–20, 2009

National Leadership Conference, Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C. A block of rooms at the JW Marriott Hotel has been reserved for NLC attendees. To make a reservation, please call the hotel at 800.393.2503 and mention you are attending the "AGA NLC" to receive the discounted rate.

June 21–24, 2009

Registration and Hotel Rooms Now Open for AGA's PDC in New Orleans

Join us in the "Big Easy" June 21-24, 2009, for AGA's 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)--the premier education and networking event of the year!

Hotel Accommodations: This year's conference activities will take place at two hotels, the Marriott New Orleans and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. Both hotels are located on Canal Street and are directly across the street from each other.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton

New Orleans Hotel to accommodate PDC attendees. The AGA room rate is \$120 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are only guaranteed until May 29, 2009, or until the block is sold out.

To make a reservation, please call your preferred hotel at 800.228.9290 (Marriott) or 888.627.7033 (Sheraton) and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate.



TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2008 Activity

September 30, 2008		4,650.18
Receipts:		
	Gorcester Seminar	175.00
	Fall Seminar	1,160.00
	CPA Day Seminar	3,050.00
	Charity Golf Tournament	3,213.00
Total Receipts		7,598.00
Disbursements:		
	Fall Seminar Expenses	(45.27)
	CPA Day Expenses	(3,170.26)
	Charity Golf Expenses	(763.35)
Total Disbursements:		(3,978.88)
November 30, 2008		8,269.30
Net Deposits	\$ 7,598.00	
Net Expenses	(3,978.88)	
Net Gain	\$ 3,619.12	

Merry Christmas, Glad New Year!

From A Fairy To A Child
by Lewis Carroll

Lewis Carroll author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and many other delightful stories wrote this poem about Christmas time:

Lady, dear, if Fairies may
For a moment lay aside
Cunning tricks and elfish play,
'Tis at happy Christmas-tide.

We have heard the children say -
Gentle children, whom we love -
Long ago on Christmas Day,
Came a message from above,

Still, as Christmas-tide comes round,
They remember it again -
Echo still the joyful sound
"Peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Yet the hearts must childlike be
Where such heavenly guests abide;
Unto children, in their glee,
All the year is Christmas-tide!

Thus, forgetting tricks and play
For a moment, Lady dear,
We would wish you, if we may,
Merry Christmas, Glad New Year!



*Warm Season's Greetings
From The Ozarks Chapter*



*Happy Birthday to all
those celebrating in
December*

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