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## President's Message

Hello!

Today the sun is out and it is frigid, but there is a promise of warmer weather soon. This is the time of year we all hunker down and begin to feel the pangs of cabin fever. We may have some members that went without power due to the recent ice storm and have had enough of the camping out at a shelter or in their home. I hope everyone has full power and is enjoying the bright sunlight when they can.

Many of us are struggling with budgeting and/or cutbacks. Those of us that have been around long enough know that, just like the weather, these sorts of things come and go. While this period seems particularly gloomy, just like the weather, it will eventually pass. Our task is to help manage our various agencies and departments get through it in the most efficient means possible.

Our chapter continues in its effort to help give members the CPE they need to stay informed and meet the requirements of licensure. This month our own Martha Mundt is going talk to us about the City of Springfield CAFR. Understanding the CAFR is an important part of passing the CGFM exam and having a working knowledge of what goes into preparing one will benefit anyone working in government. Please join us Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Tower Club at noon to hear what Martha has to tell us.



Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM

In March please mark your calendar for a six hour membership seminar at the Cooper Tennis complex. We will have two hours of ethics from Dr Jim Lampe at MSU, a discussion of the CGFM from Anita Santiago (our regional CGFM chair out of St Louis), Angela Morelock will present two hours on forensic accounting and we will round out the day with an hour from Kyle Brice. Kyle is an IRS agent and will be discussing cases he has been involved in as well as his career as an agent.

Included in the price of the seminar will be your annual dues to AGA and a box lunch, what a deal! So please mark March 17<sup>th</sup> for this new idea we are trying. It promises to be informative, interesting and a bargain to boot.

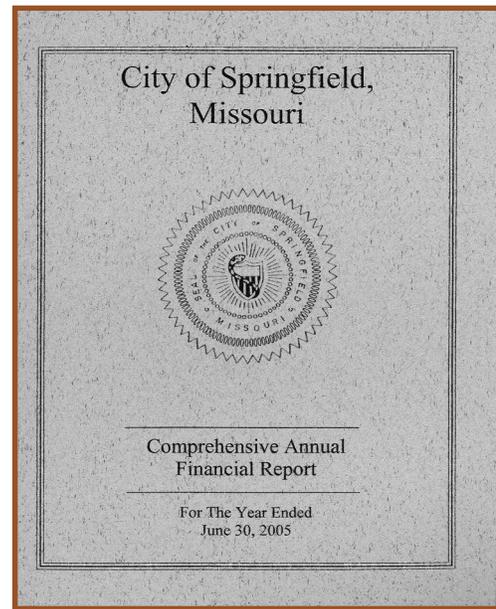
# February Speaker - CAFR Preparation

The Ozarks Chapter Director of Education and former President, **Martha Mundt, CGFM**, will be our speaker next Tuesday, **February 10**, at the Tower Club. Martha will be discussing preparation of the City's **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**.

Lunch and CPE will be \$18. Lunch will be at noon. Feel free to call or email me with your reservations or questions.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

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## Chapter Executive Committee Minutes Jan 15, 2008

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA held a board meeting on January 15, 2009 in the Springfield-Greene Health department in Deb Gillenwaters' office.

The items discussed were:

The Chapter By-laws will be reviewed and a brunch will be served at the officers' retreat on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the President-Elect Teresa Allen's residence from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Directions will be available for any members who would like to attend.

A preview of the next three month's events:

At the February meeting Martha Mundt will speak on the preparation of the CAFR.

A spring seminar will be held at Cooper Tennis on March 17, 2009. Dr. Penny Clayton is looking for a speaker who will present Ethics from 9:00 – 11:00. CGFM-Anita Santiago from MoDOT will speak from 11-12. Angela Morelock from BKD will talk about Careers in Forensic Accounting from 1-3. Kyle Brice, a special agent with the IRS Criminal Division, will talk about Fraud Investigations from 3-4. An invitation has been sent to Southwest Baptist, Drury and MSU's students to attend the seminar at no cost. Lunch will be provided as part of the registration. All attendees will be served snacks and cookies during the breaks.

The Ozarks Chapter is sponsoring a joint seminar with the Institute of Management Accountants and the American Society of Women Accountants. The

speakers will be Dr. Rod Oglesby, a Business Professor at Drury University and Mr. Bill Jelen, "Mr. Excel." That seminar will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ideas on future speakers are needed for May & June 2009.

Linda Charles will contact Justin Hill, at the Greene County Auditor's office about asking Rick Kessinger, Greene County Assessor to speak at the May or June meeting.

Martha Mundt will contact Olen Greer at MSU for either the May or June meeting.

Sally Payne, Workforce Development's Accounting Supervisor, has agreed to be the chapter Membership chair. At the City ITAB meeting Sally saw a presentation on SharePoint, which she mentioned could be a communication device for the chapter to use to notify members of upcoming events.

Jerry Mitchell wanted the chapter to host another CPA seminar in June 2009. After discussion, Martha Mundt made a motion to table the suggestion until after our March seminar and the joint seminar with IMA & ASWA. The motion was seconded by Teresa Allen and passed by voice vote.

The next CEC meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of February from 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Health department. The board members present were Deb Gillenwaters, Teresa Allen, Sally Payne, Jerry Mitchell and Linda Charles.

Submitted by,  
Linda Charles

## Register Now for the PDC in New Orleans

### 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!

At the PDC, you can hear from dynamic speakers, make new contacts, learn about the latest research, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

In addition to an excellent technical education program, the PDC is packed with opportunities to network with colleagues from around the country and make new friends. While you're here, please be sure to experience all the music, culture, history and fine dining New Orleans has to offer.

For more information go to the AGA website.

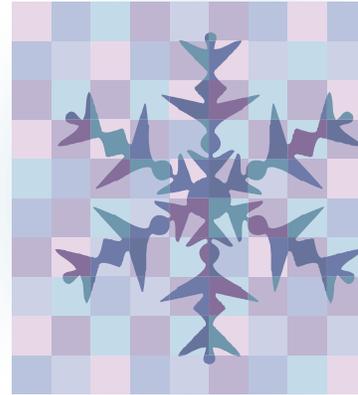
<http://www.agacgfm.org/>

### Hotel Accommodations: This

year's conference activities will take place at two hotels, the Marriott New Orleans and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. For your convenience, 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, or until the block is sold out.** We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability.

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.



## Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
February	2/10/2009	CAFR Preparation Martha Mundt, CGFM	Tower Club
March	3/10/2009	Spring Membership Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
April	04/21/2009	IMA / AGA / ASWA Seminar Excel expert Bill Jelen and Dr Rod Oglesby	Missouri State University
May	TBA	TBA	TBA
June	TBA	TBA	TBA

# 6 Hour Membership Seminar

## Cooper Tennis Complex

Atrium Conference Room

2331 E. Pythian,

Springfield, Missouri

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

6 Hours CPE Available

Registration fee of \$120 includes your

AGA membership dues

(box lunch & cookies included!!)

Details to follow soon

## Take The “Free Way” to Tax Filing

If you have access to a computer and the Internet you may be eligible to prepare and file your 2008 federal tax return electronically — for free. Free File is an easy way to file your taxes and get your refund in half the time. Filing electronically is fast, accurate and secure.

Free File, a form of e-file, is a free federal tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers developed through a partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance. The Alliance is a group of private-sector tax software companies. Since Free File's debut in 2003, a total of more than 24 million returns have been prepared and e-filed through the program.

Free File offers two options. The first, “full service” Free File includes 20 different software options that can assist taxpayers

with an Adjusted Gross Income of \$56,000 or less in 2008 to e-file their federal tax returns for free. That means 70 percent of all taxpayers can take advantage of tax software that will help them complete their returns through the Free File program. Three companies are offering their products in Spanish.

This year, the IRS and its partners are offering a new option, Free File Fillable Forms, which opens up Free File to virtually everyone, even those whose incomes exceed \$56,000.

Link:

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>

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