



## **Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability**

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**Newsletter – November, 2020**

### **Presidents Message**

The holiday season is here!! I know that everyone's schedule is very full at this time of the year, but I hope that you will find time to fit upcoming AGA events/projects into your already busy schedule.

There is still time to sponsor a wreath as part of National Wreaths Across America Day, which is Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Again, this year the Chapter sponsored four wreaths for the Wyuka Cemetery and several members have sponsored additional wreaths. Other cemeteries can be selected. Due to COVID they aren't requesting volunteers to place the wreaths but will be placing them with small groups. More information and on-line sponsorship can be found at - <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

**The Salvation Army is doing their Adopt-a-family a little differently this year and will have somewhat of a Buffet Style gift gathering where the parents can come in and pick out things they feel their children would want.**

**They are in need of gifts for 13-16 years old. Your items of food and/or gifts can be dropped off at 2625 Potter St. Lincoln, between 9:00am-3:30pm daily. Cash donations directly to the Salvation Army can be made at [Donate to The Salvation Army of Lincoln Virtual Red Kettle \(salarmywestern.org\)](https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/donate).**

**If you help please tell Jessica Elliott at [Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov) or Ann Martinez at [Ann.Martinez@nebraska.gov](mailto:Ann.Martinez@nebraska.gov) so the chapter gets credit.**

**If you are not able to drop items off at the Salvation Army and need help in delivering them, please let Jessica Elliott know at [Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov) and I can assist in getting them delivered.**

In closing – to all my AGA friends – I hope that you all take time to enjoy your family and friends, have a Merry Christmas and ring in a healthy Happy New Year.

Ann Martinez - 20-21 Chapter President

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## **AGA Lincoln 2020 Chapter Meetings**

No Chapter Meetings are currently scheduled.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2020**

December 16 - FREE Personal Development Member Only Webinar  
December 17 - FREE Member Only Webinar

## **Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies**

The following positions are open to be filled for the 2020-2021 AGA year.

Co-Director of Education – PDT  
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Co-Director of Chapter Meetings  
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Director of Professional Certification  
Director of Accountability and Outreach

Please contact Ann Martinez if you are interested in joining the CEC.

## **FREE Personal Development Member Only Webinar**

The next FREE Personal Development Member Only Webinar is December 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00-1:15.  
The topic is Increase your Confidence, Enhance Your Career for 1.5 CPE's  
[.https://www.agacgm.org/Webinars/2020-2021-Webinars/Personal-Development.aspx](https://www.agacgm.org/Webinars/2020-2021-Webinars/Personal-Development.aspx)

## **Free Members Only Webinar**

**What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Essential Tips for Better Financial Statements and Internal Control Webinar**

Dec. 17 | **10–12 p.m. CT** | Virtual | 2 CPEs | 1.75 PDUs

Do you still need to earn CPEs or PDUs before the end of the year? Join the AGA Corporate Partner Advisory Group Small Business Committee for this free members-only webinar on improving the value of federal financial reports, identifying material weaknesses and applying proper internal controls.

#### Session Information

##### Session 1: Boost the Value of Federal Financial Reports (FOS: ACCG)

Learn ways to improve federal financial reporting so that it becomes more useful for each category of stakeholders.

##### Speakers:

- Doug Glenn, ADCFO, Department of Defense
- Robert Tuccillo, CFO, Federal Transit Administration
- Eric Rivera, CGFM, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Moderator: John Zimmerman, CPA, Director, Castro & Company

##### Session 2: You Say Weaknesses, and I Say Controls...See if They Meet? (FOS: AUDG)

Learn ways to assist the auditor in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error in the financial statement, and relevant assertion levels through understanding the entity and its environment, including the entity's internal controls.

##### Speakers:

- Javier Lopez, Chief, Management Assurance Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services
- Diana Woodfolk, Senior Management Analyst, Management Assurance Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

Moderator: Tariq Mojadidi, Manager, RMA Associates LLC

Link to Register: [AGA - Registration \(agacgfm.org\)](https://www.agacgfm.org)

## **Lincoln Chapter Facebook**

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Minutes – November 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Martinez shortly after noon. A quorum was present in person or by conference call.

For the first item of business Ann led discussion on the new AGA Chapter Excellence (ACE) program. This replaces the previous Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) and has no competition associated with it. Updates are due monthly. Ann also reported that the Chapter received a letter from the UNL Foundation. This includes information on the recipient of our endowment scholarship awarded June 20, 2020 and current balance. The recipient is Alexis Anderson, a senior at UNL from Ponca. Ann then reported on the members of the year for FY19. These are Heidi Wallace and Renee Klein. They will each receive a certificate and a \$25 cash card, approved by consensus of the board.

Discussion followed on Education. The Chapter previously purchased the National AGA webinar to be conducted December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:50. This is free for AGA members and cost \$25 to non-members. It's worth 2 CPEs. The topic will be Internal Control and presented by Brett Baker. Registration is necessary to receive the login information. Register on the Chapter website.

For Membership, Young Professionals, and Students Frank Faughn reported that membership has dropped to 68. One year ago, membership was at 82. An article was placed in the newsletter to encourage renewals. Then, follow-up contacts will be conducted for those not renewing.

Last month Ann reported that she had submitted our Chapter CCR. National AGA has again started a review process. Chapter members will review other Chapter CCRs, which is a nice learning experience.

Communications was then discussed. Tim Channer stated he would need newsletter articles sent to him by 12-1-20.

There was no report or discussion for Meetings or Professional Certification.

Jessica Elliot reported on behalf of Community Service. She had emailed CEC members earlier in the day describing various options for Community Service.

Discussion followed to consider using the app Venmo for receiving donations from Chapter members. The motion was made by Frank and seconded by Tim Channer to have Jessica and Ken look into this. The motion passed. If approved, then Tim Channer will include an article in the newsletter describing the use of Venmo.

Discussion followed concerning National AGA. Tim Baker reported that the annual Leadership Conference will be conducted virtually. Also, there have been some middle level staff changes at the National AGA office. Finally, the national PDT is planned for Nashville in July 2021, but it remains to be seen if this will be virtual or not. Then, Tim discussed sponsorships. He reported that Galvanize will not be renewing their sponsorship. Tim mentioned that Infor will renew. Also, Infor might be able to conduct a virtual training session for our Chapter. Tim B. will follow-up and discuss with Infor about topics, needed technology for the presentation, etc.

Next, our Treasurer, Dan Albrecht, submitted reports for October. He included some budget revisions because of the impact of Covid on Chapter operations. Tim Baker moved acceptance of the report, Jessica seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Minutes had been published in the previous newsletter. There were no corrections or revisions. Dan Albrecht moved their approval, Tim Channer seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Bylaws were discussed. Ann will email the template to CEC members of what National AGA now wants in the Bylaws. CEC members will then take these, read the current Bylaws which are on the website, then come to the December CEC meeting with suggestions for revisions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ken Rouch, Chapter Secretary

## **Members in the News**

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at [frank.faughn@nebraska.gov](mailto:frank.faughn@nebraska.gov)

## **CGFM Apparel**

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

## **CGFM Study Guides**

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

## **Speakers and Topics**

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Ann Martinez.

## **Guests**

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

## **Email Addresses**

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

2020-2021

<b>Year 6-2020 to 5-2021</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$17,380.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$17,380.00)</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$349.00	\$1,756.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$74.00	\$26.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$423.00</b>	<b>\$17,427.00</b>

October 1, 2020	\$19,094.92
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Sponsor	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$349.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$351.00</b>

October 31, 2020	\$18,743.92
Checking	\$18,743.92
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,743.92</b>

**2020-2021 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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