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Newsletter – May & June, 2018

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Presidents Message

Hello and Good Day members and friends of the Lincoln Chapter of AGA. I am honored to greet you as Chapter President for the 2018-19 year.

I would like to start by congratulating and thanking Christina Barber as the outgoing President for her time and service. The Chapter will once again receive the Platinum Award for many years running now. I would like to thank all of the previous year's members of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for all of their hard work and time.

This is a big year for us as we reach our 40th year as a chapter here in Lincoln. A celebration is planned for the future and I know it will be great. So many people have worked hard in the past to make this great and I want to work hard to do the same. I really look forward to being of service to everyone in our chapter.

The CEC and I will be meeting in June to plan out our next year. The Chapter Plans used last year will be reviewed, revised, and adopted to guide us during this new year. If a new or creative idea occurs to you for us to use next year please include this as a comment within the survey or share with any CEC member directly.

I especially appreciate your participation with our chapter and please feel free to send me any questions or comments on events, trainings and meetings.

It's going to be a great year!

Adam Brown, Chapter President

AGA Chapter Meeting

No Monthly Chapter Meetings in the summer. The next monthly Chapter Meeting will be on September 5.

Calendar of Events

2018

July 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

August 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Sept. 5 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

Sept. 19 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

October Chapter Meeting Date and Details TBD

October 3 - Wednesday - Fall AGA Lincoln Chapter PDT

October 17 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

November 7 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

November 21 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

December 5 – Wednesday - Chapter Meeting - Details TBD

December 19 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Chapter Secretary Position Vacancy

The chapter officer position of Secretary is currently vacant. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this position should contact Chapter President Adam Brown at 402-471-6822 adam.brown@nebraska.gov

Fall AGA Lincoln Chapter PDT

The fall AGA Lincoln Chapter Professional Development Training (PDT) is scheduled on Wednesday, October 3rd at the Firefighters Hall in West Lincoln. One of the topics will be a “Memory Dynamics” session presented by Fred Pryor Seminars. Additional details will be provided in the future. Registration will be available on the Lincoln Chapter website when details are finalized.

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

CGFM News

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.

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AGA Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2018

The meeting was held at the 1526 Bldg., 4th Floor, Conference Rm 4D, Lunch [Pizza, salad and water] was provided by the Chapter. 22 members and 1 guest were present at the meeting.

Chris Barber, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. The one guest present – Lynda Roesler was introduced and Rita Pracht a new member.

Chris thanked the CEC for their hard work for the 17-18 Program Year. CEC members present were identified.

Chris passed the gavel to Adam Brown the Lincoln Chapter’s President for the 18-19 Program Year. Adam identified the CEC members for next year.

CEC Position	Name
President Elect	Ann Martinez
President	Adam Brown
Secretary	Ken Rouch
Treasurer	Dan Albrecht
Accountability Outreach	Ralene Cheng
CGFM/Professional Certification	Candace Meredith
Community Service	Jessica Elliott
Education	Ralene Cheng
Membership & Early Careers Programs	Frank Faugh
Meetings & Events	Jeff Filbert
Chapter Historian	Ron Carlson
Bylaws & Procedures	Ron Carlson
Newsletter Editor	Tim Channer
Technical PDT/Seminars	Char Scott
Webmaster	Staci Bolton
Sponsorships	Tim Baker

Jeff Filbert, Meetings Co-director introduced Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Director.

Gerry spoke about the State's financial situation over the past years, the Forecast Board, tax receipts, requests for resources, recent General Fund budget cuts and the Cash Reserve Fund.

Gerry drew the winning ticket for \$15.00. The winner was Gail Witzki.

Presented by Ann Martinez, Substitute Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2018

Program Year 17-18 – Old Business - Attending: Chris Barber, Adam Brown, Dan Albrecht, Ann Martinez, Tim Channer, Staci Bolton, Ralene Chang, Jeff Filbert, Tim Baker and Frank Faughn. Not attending: Ron Carlson, Amy Hock, Lily Kathee, Michelle Raphael, Ken Rouch and Candace Meredith. Chris called the meeting to order at 12:00. A quorum was met.

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2018 Chapter and CEC meetings as published in the most recent newsletter. Motion was seconded by Tim. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank provided a final report on the Spring PDT. CPE letters had been sent out. There was discussion of future use of Fred Pryor and outstanding expenses. Frank was concerned about the recent use of the facilities at Country Inn & Suites regarding difficulty to finalize the details, the food and available technical resources

Dan presented the April 2018 Financial Report. A motion was made by Jeff seconded by Tim to approve the April 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam reported on the CRP credits for Program Year 17-18. The final quarter's report is due May 31st. The Chapter will again receive Platinum status.

Ann discussed several non-renewing members. She will follow up.

Program Year 18-19 – New Business - Attending: Chris Barber, Adam Brown, Dan Albrecht, Ann Martinez, Tim Channer, Staci Bolton, Ralene Chang, Jeff Filbert, Jessica Elliot, Tim Baker and Frank Faughn. Not attending: Ron Carlson, Lily Kathee, Ken Rouch and Candace Meredith. Adam called the meeting to order at 12:30. A quorum was met.

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the July 2018 AGA PDT in Orlando. In the past the current President and President – Elect attend the annual PDT. This year Chris isn't able to attend. Chris had done some research on the cost of airfare that she shared. The Chapter's financial status was discussed and a CEC member to substitute for Chris. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Frank to support Jessica's attendance to the July 2018 PDT. Motion passed with Jessica's abstention.

Adam talked about scheduling the annual retreat early in June or the first of July. He will poll the CEC members on the best date.

Education – Char talked about possible dates for the 2018 Fall PDT including later in September or early in October. Possible locations were also discussed. More discussion will be held at the retreat. Discussion was held on webinars for the next program year. Ralene and the CEC will continue to review webinar offerings from AGA National and offer those felt to be the most relevant to the Chapter’s members.

Meetings – Jeff will continue to look for possible speakers and locations for the 18-19 Chapter Meetings. Lily is now available to continue as Co-Director of Meetings. Ann made a motion seconded by Chris to add Lily to the 18-19 CEC. Motion passed unanimously. Please contact Jeff or Lily if you have any suggestions for a speaker or a new meeting location.

Membership - Young Professionals - Frank is working on his plan for the next year. More discussion will be held at the retreat.

Accountability & Outreach

Ralene reported that she hasn’t received a review of the chapter’s CCR from AGA National as she has in the past. She will be working on the next year’s report that will be due in September.

Communications – Information for the newsletter is due to Tim May 22nd. Tim mentioned some newsletters are bouncing back. Please contact Tim if your email address has changed. Staci said that the website has been updated by AGA National. She has been sending out invoices for the Spring PDT as the website doesn’t have that option.

Professional Certification – Candace - no update.

Community Services – Jessica is meeting with Michelle to discuss prior year community service activities. More discussion will be held at the retreat.

Sponsorships – Tim continues to contact Regional and National contacts. Nothing new yet.

President Elect – Ann had nothing to report. More to be discussed at the retreat.

Other – Ken sent a report regarding plans for the Chapter’s 40th anniversary event. The event has been postponed until later this summer or in the fall. The committee is still looking for a key note speaker. Ken’s schedule is getting busier and he is looking for someone to take the lead. More discussion will be held at the retreat.

There wasn’t any other business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ann Martinez - Substitute Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC 18-19 Program Year Retreat Minutes – June 9, 2018 held at the Egg and I

Attending: Adam Brown, Dan Albrecht, Ann Martinez, Tim Channer, Jessica Elliot, Tim Baker and Frank Faughn. Not attending: Ron Carlson, Staci Bolton, Lily Kathee, Jeff Filbert, Chris Barber, Ken Rouch and Candace Meredith.

The retreat also included the June 2018 CEC meeting.

Adam began the review of various Program Plans for the 18-19 Program Year.

Administration Plan – Ann and Adam had updated the 2018-2019 Administration Plan. Minor edits had been made. There was also discussion of an event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Chapter. Perhaps the Chapter should be surveyed regarding the event – date, options, etc. Ann Ebberts might still be available. She is the AGA CEO. Adam volunteered to continue the work that Ken and the committee had started earlier this year with a late summer or fall date. Frank made a motion seconded by Tim Channer to accept the Administrative Plan as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Education Plan – Char had sent an updated Education Plan. The Chapter will continue to review webinar offerings and decide on which ones are the most relevant to the members. A Fall and Spring PDT will be planned again this year. The Fred Pryor training group will be presenting at the Fall PDT. Char is looking at the Firefighters' Hall as the location for the Fall PDT. Dates are still being reviewed. Frank made a motion to accept the Education Plan. Seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications Plan – No changes are planned by Tim C or Staci. Ann mentioned that AGA National now has a Facebook page. Discussion was held on the Lincoln Chapter's Facebook page – to use it more and who has access to our page. Recently the Topeka Chapter has been posting about their recent AGA awards. The Ozark Chapter also uses Facebook to announce training, etc. A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Frank to accept the Communications Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Young Professionals and Membership Plan – Frank had updated the plan for 18-19. Frank plans to work on increasing membership and is looking at free memberships for students. A motion was made by Tim C and seconded by Dan to approve the plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Meetings Plan – Jeff had updated the plan. Chapter meetings will start again in September. There was some discussion of the possibility of a Chapter meeting that would provide CPE's. Ralene will present the new CCR at a chapter meeting. Members will be asked to provide ideas for speakers and new meeting sites. Motion was made by Tim Baker to accept the Plan. Seconded by Frank. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Service Plan – Jessica is planning on continuing to work with the Center for People in Need – Back to School and Toyland programs, Jr. Achievement Bowl-a-Thon, Salvation Army – Red Kettle/Bell Ringing and Wreaths Across America. There was some discussion of the few volunteers for the Bowl-a Thon and there hasn't been any groups working the same shifts at the Center for People in Need. A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Frank to approve the plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Sponsorships – part of Admin Plan – Tim B had nothing new to report. He felt that Gilmore Bell and Ameritas will renew their sponsorships. There was also discussion about sponsorships to help defer the costs of the 40th anniversary event.

Financial Report and 18-19 Budget – Dan presented the May 2018 Financial Report. Tim Baker and Tim Channer made a motion and second to accept the May 2018 Financial Report. Motion passed unanimously. Dan also presented a draft 2018-2019 Budget with June 1,

2018 cash balance. The possibility of support from the Chapter for the anniversary event was also discussed. After some discussion a motion was made by Tim C and seconded by Tim B to approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Accountability & Outreach Plan – Ralene will generate the next CCR report. Tim C made a motion to approve the plan. Seconded by Frank. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to send out the annual survey this plan year after the 2018 Fall PDT. Comments about the Fall PDT could be used to plan the 2019 Spring PDT and other future events.

Ann mentioned that Chris had sent an email regarding a possible donation by the Chapter to the annual PDT Community Service Project. A motion was made and seconded for Jessica to buy a gift card as in previous years (Cabela's or Omaha Steak) and mail it or take it to Orlando.

CGFM – Ann mentioned there has been some interest in studying for the CGFM. The Chapter has discussed purchasing the updated study guides. The topic was tabled until the CEC receives a request.

Submitted by Ann Martinez - Substitute Secretary

CGFM Study Guides

New CGFM study guides are available. The Chapter is willing to purchase the new guides if anyone is interested in using them. We have 2014 CGFM Study Guides and they are available for you today. Please contact Candace Meredith for more information. cmeredith@lancaster.ne.gov

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Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov

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
2017-2018

Year 6-2017 to 5-2018	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				April 1, 2018	\$8,020.14
Receipts:				Receipts:	
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$5,470.00	(\$1,920.00)	Spring PDT	\$5,470.00
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,170.00	(\$3,220.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$5.00	\$1.12	(\$3.88)		
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$500.00)		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$5,470.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,385.00</u>	<u>\$11,231.12</u>	<u>(\$6,153.88)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				Fall PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$80.00	\$6,140.00	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$5,020.27	\$1,199.73	Member Support	\$26.78
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$1,346.74	\$758.26	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$3,077.57	(\$327.57)	Chapter Leadership	\$0.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$366.56	\$433.44	Certification	\$76.42
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Early Careers	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	\$369.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$136.14	(\$36.14)	Total Disbursements	<u>\$472.20</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$76.42	\$773.58		
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	April 30, 2018	<u>\$13,017.94</u>
Community Service	\$100.00	\$110.00	(\$10.00)	Checking	\$13,017.94
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	<u>\$13,017.94</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$20,045.00</u>	<u>\$10,288.70</u>	<u>\$9,756.30</u>		

TREASURER'S REPORT
2017-2018

Year 6-2017 to 5-2018	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				May 1, 2018	\$13,017.94
Receipts:				Receipts:	
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$7,160.00	(\$230.00)	Spring PDT	\$1,690.00
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,170.00	(\$3,220.00)	Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$5.00	\$1.12	(\$3.88)		

Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$500.00)		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	Total Receipts	\$1,690.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,385.00</u>	<u>\$12,921.12</u>	<u>(\$4,463.88)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				Spring PDT	\$4,609.10
Spring Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$4,689.10	\$1,530.90	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$5,020.27	\$1,199.73	Member Support	\$173.18
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$1,346.74	\$758.26	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$3,077.57	(\$327.57)	Chapter Leadership	\$0.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$539.74	\$260.26	Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Early Careers	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$136.14	(\$36.14)	Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,782.28</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$76.42	\$773.58	May 31, 2018	<u>\$9,925.66</u>
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Checking	\$9,925.66
Community Service	\$100.00	\$110.00	(\$10.00)	Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	Total	<u>\$9,925.66</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$20,045.00</u>	<u>\$15,070.98</u>	<u>\$4,974.02</u>		

2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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