



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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Newsletter – August, 2019

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Presidents Message

Where has the time gone??? Summer is over and school has started again. September begins the 19-20 Program Year with a monthly Chapter meeting and the Fall PDT.

The registration and more information about the Fall PDT – September 12th @ the Nebraska Innovation Campus is available on our website. <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/LincolnNebraska/Home.aspx> The PDT offers a great agenda, a chance to see old friends and meet new ones and the opportunity to earn CPE's at a very reasonable cost. There is still time to join the Lincoln AGA Chapter and pay the reduced registration fee. You can contact me ann.martinez@nebraksa.gov or Frank Faughn frank.faughn.nebraska.gov for more membership information.

We are using the AGA National website section for the PDT registration. If you need an invoice in addition to the registration email please contact Staci Bolton at staci.bolton@nebraska.gov

Since September begins with a short week with the holiday and then the PDT, the September Chapter Meeting will be September 18th at Tico's. As the first meeting of the 19-20 Program year the 18-19 top two Chapter members will be recognized and receive a \$25 award.

Credits for the 19-20 Local Chapter Recognition Program can be earned by attending Monthly Chapter Meetings, webinars and participating in Community Service activities.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Learn more about [members-only webinar registration](#) and CPE credit at [members-only webinar registration](#). The first webinar will be September 4th 12:00-1:00 PM. The area is Professional Development and the topic is Diversity & Inclusion and is worth 1 CPE. As an AGA member you can earn this CPE right at your desk.

Ann Martinez, 19-20 President

AGA Lincoln September 2019 Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, September 18

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Tico's

Speaker: Don Onwiler, Executive Director at the National Conference on Weights and Measures. His topic will be the work of his agency.

Calendar of Events

2019

September 4 – Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar
September 12 – Thursday – Fall PDT – Location Innovation Campus
September 18 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Tico's
September 25 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
October 2 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location Misty's Downtown
October 16 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
November 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
November 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
December 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
December 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

2020

January 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

Fall PDT

The AGA Lincoln Chapter Fall Professional Development Training (PDT) is scheduled for Thursday, September 12 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The location is Innovation Campus - 2021 Transformation Drive. Lincoln. Nebraska.

See the attached flyer for more information. For additional Information and Online Registration go to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Lincoln-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies

The Director of Professional Certification and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

AGA National Free Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. AGA National is offering 4 free webinars to members. The dates are September 4, 2019, December 18, 2019, March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about registration and credit at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx> Details on the first free webinar follow.

Professional Development

Date: 9/4/2019

Topic: Diversity and Inclusion

September 4 | 12–1:00 PM CDT | 1 CPEs | FOS: PD

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Personal Development (PD)

Speakers

Cecelia Smith, MBA - Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) - NASA Langley Research Center

Paul Wiese - Vice-President, Market Development - Surgent

Maunda Land - Manager, College and University Relations - The Institute of Internal Auditors

Registration: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/2019-2020-Webinars/Professional-Development.aspx>

Community Service

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Book Sale is held once a year. All proceeds from the book sale go back to Lincoln City Libraries. They would not be able to hold the sale each year without the wonderful volunteers that show up to help.

The book sale offers the opportunity for communities in Nebraska and surrounding areas to purchase books for their own collections, their children's collections, teacher's classrooms, businesses and so many more places without having to spend a fortune. Author Neil Gaiman said it best, "A book is a dream you hold in your hand".

The Sale is held at the Lancaster Event Center Monday September 18, 2019 thru Sunday September 22, 2019. They have over 150,000 books delivered in boxes. Volunteers are needed starting on Monday, September 16. Monday – Wednesday they need volunteers to unload the books from the boxes and set them out on the tables. They also need help setting out signs on the tables and setting up checkout stations. Wednesday evening is the first day the Book Sale is open for a private fundraising event and Thursday – Sunday is free and open to the public. Wednesday Evening- Sunday Afternoon volunteers would organize the books on tables, assist customers with finding books, help carrying carts of books or boxes, help with check-out, and with the carry-out of purchases. Once the sale is over on Sunday afternoon, they need volunteers to help with boxing books that didn't sell and tearing down any leftover boxes to be recycled. This is a great way for AGA to support Lincoln City Libraries and our community.

If you would like to donate your time to this great event, please contact Jessica Elliott at Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov . There will also be a sign-up sheet at the first AGA chapter meeting September 18 at Tico's.

Thank you,

Jessica Elliott- Lincoln Chapter AGA Community Service Director

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 Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Ann Martinez, President. Others attending included: Tim Baker, Tim Channer, Jeff Filbert, Adam Brown, Staci Bolton, Char Scott, Dan Albrecht, and Ken Rouch. A quorum was present.

The first order of business was discussion of the vacancy of the Director of Professional Certification. By consensus the CEC decided to perform these duties as a “committee of the whole” unless and until someone steps up to fill the position. Most of the activity is in March anyway. The office of President-elect is still vacant as well.

The next order of business was Education. Char announced the fall PDT will be 9-12-19 at Innovation Campus. Registration is available on the Chapter website; so far we have 25 registrants. A variety of topics and speakers are lined up for this event. Char also mentioned she is considering a spring PDT for May and using Darrell Dorrell, a forensics attorney.

Since Ralene was not present Tim B. mentioned there is a webinar on Internal Control available in October. Baker moved and Staci seconded the motion to register for this webinar, if the conference room at 1526 K Building is available. (Secretary's note, this room

is not available so this webinar will not be used.) Other webinars don't yet have adequate descriptions to decide to use them.

Jeff reported the regular monthly Chapter meeting will be 9-18-19 at Tico's. The speaker will be Don Onwiler, Executive Director at the National Conference of Weights and Measures. His topic will be the work of his agency. The October meeting will be on the 2nd at Misty's. The speaker will be Dawn Lindsley who will speak on her work with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Next up Membership and Young Professionals was discussed. Frank was not present, but Ann shared information about UNL's Beta Alpha Psi programs for the year. No action was taken.

For Accountability & Outreach Ann mentioned the Citizen Centric Report is due to national on September 30.

For Communications Tim C reported articles for the next newsletter can be sent to him by 8-27-19. Staci had no report for websites.

For Professional Certification Ann reported what the new study guides would cost, accordingly: Vol. 1 - \$95, Vol. 2- \$115, and, Vol. 3 - \$105. A member of our Chapter has expressed interest in pursuing the exam. Discussion followed concerning alternatives such as buying online courses. No action was taken. (Secretary's note, since this CEC meeting, by using email, Ann made the motion to buy the hard copy of each volume, Jeff seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The volumes will be bought and provided to any member who wants to sit for the exams.)

Concerning Community Service, the article about the activity to help the Library Foundation with books will be republished in the newsletter as dates in the previous article were incorrect.

Sponsorships were discussed. Tim B reported that Infor will send three individuals to attend the September PDT. Char reported they asked for an hour to make remarks which they will be allowed to do.

Dan presented the Treasurer's Report covering June and July. Our ending checking account balance is \$11,432.64. Channer moved approval of this report, Ken seconded, and motion passed. Dan also reported that Frank filed the Chapter's annual Form 990 to the IRS by the due date in August. Ann mentioned we still need to line up someone to perform an audit of finances for last year.

Ken reported the minutes of the July 19 CEC meeting were published in the newsletter. Their approval was moved by Char, seconded by Baker, and passed.

There were no reports by Past President nor Director of Bylaws.

Ken reported that progress has not been made concerning the subject of Chapter fundraising strategy. This will be tabled until the September CEC meeting.

Ann adjourned the meeting.

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 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 is in the process of purchasing 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 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					
2019-2020					
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				June 1, 2019	\$13,709.96
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Spring PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)	Other Educational Events	\$50.00

Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>(\$17,330.00)</u>	Total Receipts	\$50.00
Disbursements:					
Disbursements:				spring PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	National-PDT	\$2,259.32
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$6,220.00	Member Support	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	Community Service	\$0.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,259.32	\$490.68	Chapter Leadership	\$68.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$68.00	\$32.00	Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,327.32</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	July 31, 2019	<u>\$11,432.64</u>
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Checking	\$11,432.64
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Total	<u>\$11,432.64</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$2,327.32</u>	<u>\$15,522.68</u>		

2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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