



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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Newsletter – February, 2020

Presidents Message

I want to thank those CEC members that have agreed to serve during Program Year 20-21. There are still several positions open. Please contact myself or any CEC member if you would like to serve or if you have any questions about the CEC.

AGA membership renewal time continues until the end of March. AGA National sent out email membership reminders followed by a mass mailing.

Membership renewal time is a great time to think about the value and benefits of an AGA membership – the various Tool Kits that are available, Free CPE's, free member only Webinars that include free CPE's and Training Registration discounts at the National and Local Levels, free publications, a Career Center, Networking and Leadership opportunities at the Local and National Levels. As always AGA membership is a great value and you are a part of a top national professional organization.

March 25th is a Member Free Webinar on Cybersecurity. We will be using the Training Room at the 1526 Building – Lower Level. The webinar will start at 1:00. Registration on the local AGA website is helpful, but not required. It is useful so that we can contact you with the materials prior to the conference and to contact you later regarding the 2 free CPE's you earn. Non-members can attend for \$25. The registration on the website will be available soon.

Ann Martinez- 19-20 Chapter President

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AGA Lincoln March 2020 Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, March 4

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Miller Time Pub – Cornhusker Hotel

Speaker: Paul Koehler

Calendar of Events

2020

March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location Miller Time Pub Cornhusker Hotel

March 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

March 18 - Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar

March 25 – Wednesday – Webinar – Cybersecurity – 1526 LL

April 2 - Thursday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

April 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

May 14 – Thursday – Spring Professional Development Training at Innovation Campus

May 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

June 26 - Thursday - AGA National Free Webinar

Webinar – Cybersecurity - Mitigating Threats and Hacks

The AGA Lincoln Chapter is offering a webinar on Wednesday, March 25th.

Free to Members | Non-Members \$25

Register on the chapter website at www.agacgfm.org/lincolnnebraska

March 25 | 1:00–2:50 PM CDT | 1526 K Street, 1526 Bldg., Lower Level, Training Room

2 CPEs | FOS: CS

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Computer Software & Applications (CS)

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Learn what financial management personnel need to know about cyber threats and how to manage the risk in our upcoming webinar, “Cybersecurity: Mitigating Threats and Hacks.” Cybersecurity is not as scary as it seems — as long as you have a plan. Our panelists will share their cyber experiences, plus offer information on identifying and addressing dangerous software errors and how to leverage federal resources for best practices in cybersecurity.

Participants will also hear from two government agencies on the following topics:

- We were Hacked (Mecklenburg County)
- Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Errors (DHS)

Learning Objectives

Through this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Identify types of threats and hacks.
- Understand methods of mitigation to apply to found threats and hacks within the organization.
- Identify the top 25 most dangerous software errors and how to deal with them.

Speakers

- Sarah Cunningham, CGFM, CFO, Mecklenburg County
- Scott Randels, Director FFRDC PMO, Science & Technology Directorate, DHS
- Drew Buttner, DHS
- Alec Summers, DHS

Moderator:

Bo Shevchik, CGFM, PMP - Alliance Director - Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis

Spring Professional Development Training (PDT)

The Spring PDT will be held Thursday, May 14 at Innovation Campus. Topics and speakers are yet to be decided.

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 free webinars to members. The dates are March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about topics, registration, and credit at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

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

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Ken Rouch filling in for President Ann Martinez. The meeting was held at Tico's, 317 S. 17th St, Lincoln, NE.

Ken first asked if any guests or new members were attending. Teresa Zulauf, Controller for Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems, was a guest of Tim Baker. Marisue Wagner, Grants Manager with Nebraska Department of Transportation, attended as a guest of Ken's.

Ken then asked Jessica Elliott, Director of Community Service, to report on upcoming events. Jessica reported on the Junior Achievement annual fundraising Bowl-a-thon. AGA members are encouraged to help with the cashiering function. This will be conducted at Hollywood Bowl, Parkway Lanes, and Sun Valley Lanes on February 21-22.

Ken announced that recruiting for the 2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC, governing board) is now under way. The slate needs to be approved at the March CEC meeting then proposed at the April Chapter meeting for a vote of Chapter membership.

Ken announced the March meeting will be held at Miller Time Pub, The Cornhusker. The speaker will be Paul Koehler. His topic will be his work involving Government/Non Profit/Auditing consulting.

Ken then introduced the speaker for the day. The speaker was Frank Faughn. Frank is a long-time AGA member, twice past Chapter President, and past Regional Vice President. Frank spoke about updates on income tax rules and regulations. The discussion was lively with numerous questions.

There was no raffle since the Secretary forgot the raffle tickets.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2020

Our President, Ann Martinez, opened the meeting at 12:05. A quorum was present.

Discussion started on the LEAD meeting. This LEAD meeting replaces what used to be the Section Leadership Meeting (SLM) held in two locations. The LEAD will be for the whole of AGA and serve as training for chapter representatives. Lincoln Chapter's representative on the NCC (National Council of Chapters) is Tim Baker. He will attend this LEAD meeting. Frank Faughn also volunteered to attend. One other slot is open. This meeting will be held April 30 6:00pm through May 2 at noon in Dallas.

Discussion followed on the slate of officers for 2020-2021. A few current members will not continue. Vacancies include: PDT director, two co-directors for meetings, and director of

Professional Certification. Members are encouraged to join the CEC. The other existing officers will continue in their current officers, with these exceptions. Ann will serve again as President. In addition to serving as Director of Membership and Young Professionals Frank will serve as President-elect next year.

The national PDT will be in Dallas July 19-23. The chapter NCC member, Tim Baker, will attend. The motion was made by Frank, seconded by Ron, to send Ann, which motion passed.

For Education, the Chapter will host a webinar on Cybersecurity. This will be March 25, 1:00 to 2:50, in the 1526 Bldg training room. The spring chapter PDT will be May 14th at Innovation Campus. Speakers are yet to be determined.

The next chapter meeting will be March 4, featuring Paul Koehler. He will discuss his work as a consultant and trainer concerning Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Non-Profits. This will be held at the Miller Time Pub, The Cornhusker, starting at 11:45. The April meeting will be held on Thursday April 2, because the 1st of the month is always hectic for accountants. The speaker will be Josh Overocker, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The site is yet to be determined.

Regarding Membership and Young Professionals discussion followed about the event held earlier in February, Meet the Firms. Ann, Frank, and Jeff attended. It was pretty much the same as in prior years, but with fewer businesses involved.

There was no report on Accountability & Outreach. For Communications, Channer mentioned articles for the newsletter can be sent to him by February 28.

Regarding Professional Certification, CGFM Month of March quickly approaches. The State and City Proclamations will be made. However, no chapter members volunteered to participate in any ceremony so these will be signed and mailed.

For Community Service, discussion followed regarding the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon with which some AGA members helped. Some CEC members present participated. It was mentioned that when AGA members were not available to help then JA Board members filled in.

Baker reported that sponsorships are coming in robustly. The Lincoln Chapter has received three checks from sponsors with a fourth already negotiated. Congratulations Tim! Tim also reported on NCC activities. First, being considered is a name change for AGA. This would recognize that many AGA members are not accountants or auditors. Next, the contract for national AGA CEO, Ann Ebberts, has been extended four years. Finally, the Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is undergoing changes to be effective next year.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed by Ann in the absence of Dan. The motion was made by Channer, seconded by Frank, that the report be approved, which passed.

Ken reported that the January Chapter and CEC minutes had been published in the January newsletter and asked if there were any needed changes. Hearing none, Ron Carlson made the motion, which Baker seconded, that the minutes be approved as published. The motion passed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, 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

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 Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-472-8044 or jfilbert4@unl.edu.

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
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January 1, 2020

\$13,308.55

Receipts:

Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
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Receipts:

Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,430.00	(\$2,960.00)	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$750.00	(\$1,250.00)	Sponsor	\$750.00
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>\$5,230.00</u>	<u>(\$12,150.00)</u>	Total Receipts	\$750.00
Disbursements:				Disbursements:	
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$1,794.64	\$4,425.36	National-PDT	\$0.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	Member Support	\$23.48
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,409.32	\$340.68	Early Careers	\$200.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$158.45	\$641.55	Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	Certification	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$338.44	\$511.56	Total Disbursements	\$225.48
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	January 31, 2020	<u>\$13,833.07</u>
Community Service	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	Checking	\$13,833.07
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$66.04	\$33.96	Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total	<u>\$13,833.07</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$5,106.89</u>	<u>\$12,743.11</u>		

2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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