

Association of Government Accountants – Olympia Chapter  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2021  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:**

Stefanie Niemela  
Maryam Jacobs  
Mike Paquette

Denise Nguyen  
Kari Summerour

**Absent:**

Heidi Algieri  
Bret Brodersen

Laura Saunders

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President's Report (Stefanie Niemela):

- δ Minutes for the January 2021 board meeting were approved. Maryam agreed to change the formatting to match other minutes prior to them being posted to the website.
- δ Stefanie informed the Board that the National office has received a grant from VISA for research work related to credit cards. This is a follow-up to a 2013 study done by AGA. AGA will need to interview someone on the state level that oversees the state credit card/purchasing program. Board members agreed that someone at DES should be the contact and Stefanie promised to reach out to DES for a contact.
- δ The national office has changed the way recognition points are earned and calculated and our report is due by the end of February. Stefanie stated she hadn't had a chance to read about the new system, but she would contact Laura and ask her to send out the necessary info.

Membership Report (Bret Brodersen): No update

Secretary Report (Maryam Jacobs): No update.

Treasurer's Report (Denise Nguyen):

- δ The balance of the chapter's bank account, as of 1/31/21, was \$10,3270.11.
- δ Denise reminded the board that the check for the chapter's share of the ethics training proceeds hadn't been deposited. Stefanie promised to contract Bret to remind him.
- δ Denise also reported on mail. The box contained several items from Centralia Foundation, which included a picture of the Centralia College scholarship recipient.

Live Programs (All): No Update

Stefanie asked members to continue thinking about ideas for live speakers and programs.

Scholarship Chair: No Update

On-Line Education (Heidi Algieri):

- δ Next training scheduled is the Cybersecurity webinar for March. Heidi plans to update the flyer tomorrow for distribution next week.
- δ The last scheduled webinar, GASB Updates, which was advertised as a 2 CPE hour program, ended up only providing 1.4 CPE hours. This was due to the speaker going off script. Stefanie stated the chapter had not received any complaints about this yet, but unfortunately there wouldn't be much that could be done to remedy the situation.
- δ The GASB Update webinar only had one individual who signed up for the course and did not attend, indicating the added language to the brochures and correspondence is making a difference.

Web Master (Mike Paquette):

Mike promised to post information on the next webinar on the chapter website.

Community Service (All): No update

Chapter Recognition (Laura Saunders): No update

Other Business:

- δ Stefanie has not had a chance to reach out to Kendra yet, but will try to contact her by next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Next meeting location and date:

March 16, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual