

# Association of Government Accountants – Olympia Chapter

## Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting

### Present:

Stefanie Niemela  
Maryam Jacobs  
Denise Nguyen  
Kari Summerour

Heidi Algieri  
Laura Saunders  
Bret Brodersen  
Mike Paquette

### President's Report (Stefanie Niemela):

- Minutes for the May 2021 board meeting were approved.
- The board selected six webinars for purchase in FY2022. Heidi will create an invoice to FMAC for the cost of half the webinars selected.
- Stefanie asked the board for ideas on providing an extra benefit to members. Possibilities discussed and the result of discussions are as follows:
  - The board discussed purchasing one extra webinar that would only be offered to members. This idea was rejected since the remaining AGA webinars not selected were less popular and historically hadn't received much interest.
  - Another possibility was offering an event for members only. Two options are to have an event when the State re-opens, and another is to wait until next Spring. The event could offer food and a speaker. The choice of speaker was discussed and the board tentatively discussed bringing someone in to give a legislative update.
  - The other idea mentioned was offering webinars to members first, however since FMAC paid for half of the cost of these training, this option wouldn't be feasible.

The board decided to think about options and make a decision on the matter at a later date. Meanwhile, a small benefit will be provided by emailing members a few days before registration is offered statewide. The email would notify AGA members of the upcoming opportunity only. Bret agreed to send these emails out.

- Next Stefanie asked members about their individual roles on the board and asked if anyone would like to take on a different role. No wanted to change their role and Stefanie assigned Kari the CGFM representative.
- Board members then reviewed the list of CGFMs who are also AGA members. Some of these individuals are paying an additional \$35.00 by having a separate membership and paying for their certifications. The board noted most of these individuals were retired, but the board agreed to reach out to the individuals that were still active.

Treasurer's Report (Denise Nguyen):

- Denise provided the board with the June treasurer's report. The balance of the chapter account, as of the end of May 31, 2021, was \$12,073.16. The only transaction during May was interest earned in the amount of .47c. Denise added that the only outstanding transaction was a check to Laura reimbursing her for her membership dues.

On-Line Education (Heidi Algieri):

- Stefanie reported that several individuals missed the last webinar despite having registered for it, and a few of these had missed three events in a row. The group agreed that members who miss three webinars will be placed on the bottom of the waitlist for six-months. The board agreed to revisit the issue if necessary.
- The board then discussed the upcoming GASB Update webinar and decided against purchasing spots for the event. The webinar offers different prices depending on if attendees require CPE which would make the purchase more complicated.

Live Programs (All):

- Stefanie reminded everyone to keep thinking about possible live events for next Spring when all COVID restrictions have ended.

Membership Report (Bret Brodersen):

- Bret reported that for FY21, the chapter has 54 members. The chapter lost four members due to non-payment of dues, however with the new members, the chapter met its retention goals.

Scholarship Chair:

- Bret reported that the Centralia College Foundation had inquire if the chapter address had changed since a piece of mail had been returned to them. He confirmed the chapter's mailing address and will verify the Foundations information is up-to-date.
- Bret also reported that part of the scholarship money distributed by the Foundation was returned last year, which allowed them to provide extra assistant in the upcoming school year. The Foundation has requested that the extra one-time funding agreed to by the board be postponed until the 2023 Academic Year when less money would be available. All members agreed to this request.

Chapter Recognition (Laura Saunders):

- Laura was asked to put planning for next year's recognition in a future meeting.

Web Master (Mike Paquette):

No update

Secretary Report (Maryam Jacobs):

No update

Community Service (All):

No update

Other Business:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

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Next meeting location and date:

July 20, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

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