
CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER

President's Message

By Brenda Horner

I am looking forward to a wonderful year. We started out with a great Executive Board Meeting. Program chairs have ideas and high hopes for the future. Community service projects are being planned. Educational events are being scheduled. New Speakers and subjects are in place for our monthly meetings. Anyone with additional ideas for any of our projects is welcome to contact the program chair or any Board member with their suggestions. Let's all work together to make this AGA year the best ever.

Central Arkansas Chapter to Race for the Cure

Here's your chance to hang out with your AGA friends and help find a cure for breast cancer at the same time! Make plans now to join the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Team for the October 7, 2006, Komen Arkansas Race for the Cure.

Team members will meet in a designated location October 7 to participate in the Family Fun Walk portion of the race, which is also open to men.

If you want to participate, get your entry form at the [Race for the cure website](#).

Mail the completed entry form and \$20 Race Registration entry fee to **Association of Government Accountants, Central Arkansas Chapter, P.O. Box 27, Little Rock, AR 72203-0027**. Make checks payable to "Komen Race for the Cure." Entry forms and fees must be received by August 30. Team members will meet in a designated location on the day of the race.

Hard-Working AGA Members Recognized at June Banquet

The Outstanding Financial Management Award for 2006 was awarded to Paul Mushrush at the annual awards banquet held in June. Paul began working for the City of Jacksonville in 1988 under the supervision of the Finance Director Gene Kelley and became the Finance Director in 1992. He has seen the City's General Fund revenue go from a little under 5 million to over 14 million. The city has received the Certificate of Excellence award from GFOA for the CAFRs from 1997 to 2004 and will apply for 2005 due to Paul's diligence. Paul is striving to get the same award for the budget document.

Paul has been a member of the Central Arkansas Chapter of AGA since 1996. He became a member of the Arkansas

Government Finance Officers Association in 1988. He was elected Secretary/Treasurer in 1998 and became President in 1999. In 2003 AGFOA awarded him the "Arkansas Government Finance Officer of the Year" in recognition of the work he did to promote the local chapter.

The Outstanding Member Award was presented to Brenda Horner and Brenda Jackson. Brenda Horner was the Treasurer and President-elect. Brenda Jackson served as the Regional Vice President. The Chapter Service Award was presented to Shirley Manning, Education Chairperson. The President's Award was presented to Don Bellcock, Webmaster.

Report on the 2006 AGA Professional Development Conference

By Lisa Ricks

Well, what can you say when the very first PDC you attend turns out to be the largest ever with approximately 1,800 in attendance. And, what else can you say when you start off the very first conference day attending a break-out session with the National President -Elect, Jeffery Hart, in attendance talking about recruitment issues and ways to increase membership; all under your area of interest. I think the best word is WOW!

It was truly inspiring to hear some of the *best* speakers in the nation during the general sessions at this year's PDC. Peter A. Harkness spoke on the "The Human Capital Crisis" and James Zingale spoke on "Putting Citizens First: Florida's Department of Revenue". Christopher P. Gardner spoke on "The Pursuit of Happiness" and Marianne M. Jennings spoke on "Ethics in Government". David Zach spoke on "An Owner's Guide to the Future" and we had an address by Rosario Marin, Secretary of the State & Consumer Services Agency for the State of California; Former Treasurer of the United States. And, if you'll notice on some of our paper currency, Mrs. Marin's signature is on it. We also had "An Update From Washington" by Carlos Watson, analyst, columnist, and host of "Off Topic" on CNN.

Special highlights for me including seeing our current President, Brenda Horner, accept the platinum award for our chapter as well as see our former Regional Vice-President, Brenda Jackson, accept a gold award. My eyes were filled with tears and pride. I'm telling you Arkansas was in the house! Sam McCall, AGA's National President, helped make this day even more special for us by taking a picture with the Arkansas attendees after the awards ceremony.



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And, he did this in spite of his VERY busy schedule and demands.

To say San Diego was beautiful, the weather was perfect, and everyone was nice and hospitable is truly an understatement. The classes I attended were invaluable and one in particular convinced me beyond a shadow of a doubt to take the CGFM exam. Attending the PDC made me want to work even harder to help make our chapter a greater success and I challenge each of you to do the same.

So, as I use the tools I learned at this year's PDC, one thing I'm determined to work on personally is how to make it to the 2007 PDC in Nashville, TN. Now, I know I have a bit of a head start to accomplish my goal. But, should I fall short, if any of you see a short, black woman the end of June of next year with a sign on the way to Nashville, TN reading "**PDC or Bust!**", just know, it will probably be me.

Executive Director of Metro Little Rock Alliance to Speak at September Meeting

The next central Arkansas AGA chapter meeting is scheduled for September 18.

Joey Dean will speak on the benefits of regional economic development efforts. Mr. Dean worked as a Legislative Aide on Energy, Environmental and Interior Issues for Senator Dale Bumpers. Upon returning to Arkansas, he began working at the Arkansas Department of Economic Development in January 1996 and was named Director of Business Development at ADED in 2001. In July of 2006, he left ADED to join the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce as Vice-President for Economic Development where he also serves as Executive Director for the Metro Little Rock Alliance (MLRA).

He is a member of Arkansas Economic Developers Board of Directors, a graduate of Leadership Greater Little Rock and the Economic Development Institute and was named in 2004 as one of the "40 under 40" top business leaders by Arkansas Business.

Carl Quaintance

Carl Quaintance, a long-time member of the central Arkansas chapter of AGA, has died. He was instrumental in bringing the National AGA Conference to Little Rock in 1996. He was also a member of the Central Arkansas Chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He was an Internal Auditor with the Department of Finance and Administration.

Carl's full obituary is listed on the [Griffin Leggett website](#).

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (June, 2006)

Date: June 5, 2006

1st Floor Conference Room, DFA Building, 1509 West 7th Street

Members Present:

Marion Carlton, President; Brenda Horner, President-Elect and Treasurer; Shirley Manning, Education Chair; Lisa Ricks, Membership Chair; Kim Hardwick, CGFM Chair; Don Bellcock, Co-Webmaster; and Teri Matthews, Secretary. Also attending were Greg Crawford, Gary Puls, Sandra Sherman, Russ Hannah, Colleen Vollman, Marcella Winzerling, Jane Dudley, and Lucie Stoddard.

A quorum was not present.

A committee was formed to formulate options regarding scholarship awards. The committee members are Greg Crawford, Chair; Don Bellcock and Russ Hannah.

Addendum - June 5, 2006:

Brenda Horner made a motion to approve the May 1, 2006, minutes via e-mail on June 5, 2006. Shirley Manning seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Don Bellcock made a motion to approve the May financial statements via e-mail on June 5, 2006. Shirley Manning seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Minutes (July, 2006)

Date: July 10, 2006

1st Floor Conference Room, 1509 Building, Little Rock

Members Present:

Brenda Horner, President; Greg Crawford, President-Elect; Marion Carlton, Past President; Gary Puls, Treasurer; Lucie Stoddard, Secretary; Lisa Ricks, Membership Co-Chair; Sandra Sherman, Membership Co-Chair; Shirley Manning, Education Co-Chair; Sandy Becker, Programs Co-Chair; Deena Coston, Programs Co-Chair; Don Bellcock, Meetings/Awards and Webmaster Co-Chair; Colleen Vollman, Newsletter Co-Chair; Marcella Winzerling, Webmaster Co-Chair; Teri Matthews, Community Service Co-Chair; Jane Dudley, Community Service Co-Chair; Richard Drilling, Historian/Photographer

President Brenda Horner called this summer planning meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to order at 12:05 p.m.



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MINUTES

Greg Crawford moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with the addition of a committee established to formulate scholarship award options. Richard Drilling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

President Horner presented financial statements for the 12 months ended June 30, 2006, noting that the Chapter kept within budget last year. Brenda advised that the current year's budget has not been established, and Shirley Manning will be working on the Education program revenue and expense portions of the new budget. Sandra Sherman moved to approve the financial statements. The motion was seconded by Greg Crawford and unanimously approved.

Don Bellcock asked if the Chapter met its membership retention goals. If so, it could mean a reduction in PDC expenses. Lisa Ricks advised that Central Arkansas was one of three chapters to do so.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (PDC)

The Chapter received the Platinum Award at the 55th annual PDC held July 18 through July 21, 2006 in San Diego. The Chapter's officers/directors participating were Brenda Horner, Lisa Ricks, Shirley Manning, and Sandy Becker. Also attending was Brenda Jackson, AGA Regional Vice President, South Central Region. Both Lisa Ricks and Shirley Manning mentioned the excellent quality of the conference speakers' presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Ricks presented a status report and noted current membership of 187. Lisa has tried to contact all suspended members to encourage renewal, and both Membership Co-Chairs are looking at strategies for increasing membership and retention.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Teri Matthews reported the Co-Chairs are looking for appropriate projects. Jane Dudley added she will look into entering the Race for the Cure October 7th. Discussion followed concerning food bank donation collections at every meeting and past Chapter sponsorship of the Rice Depot and DHHS/DCFS foster children at the holidays. Sandy Becker mentioned the local PTAs are looking for assistance with simple 'audits'.

MEETINGS/AWARDS

Don Bellcock presented a tentative calendar of meeting dates, Chapter and National Office deadlines, and other events. He also reported on the awards banquet held June 6, 2006 at the North Little Rock Olive Garden. Brenda Horner took that opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for selecting her for the fiscal year 2006 Outstanding Member Award.

NEWSLETTER

Since PSI is dissolving, Sherry Cathey will no longer be involved in newsletter production, but Marion Carlton agreed to assist Colleen Vollman as Co-Chair.

WEBSITE

The Board decided against posting individual officers/directors pictures on the website. Instead, other photos from the PDC and recent meetings will be selected by Richard Drilling.

EDUCATION

Shirley Manning reported that last year's audio conferences purchased from the National Office were well received with one session attracting an attendance level of 46, but fees charged need to increase to cover all costs including the printing of conference materials. Discussion followed concerning purchase of the entire AGA audio conference schedule for fiscal year 2007. The committee decided against purchasing the entire series of 7 programs by omitting the August 2, 2006 conference, but opted for the same 15% discount by purchasing 6 audio conferences. Sandy Becker moved to purchase the set of 6 beginning September 14, 2006 for the early-bird price of \$1,270. Richard Drilling seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Shirley Manning then outlined the Education plan with a seminar to be scheduled late this year and one in the spring plus the AGA audio conference series.

PROGRAMS

Deena Coston discussed tentative topics, a firm commitment for the November meeting, and the need for a back-up speaker. Marion Carlton inquired about speakers' gifts. Sandy Becker noted that gifts are intended to be nominal and should be limited in value to \$25 or less. The CEC members discussed engraved pens or letter openers as a possibility.

CURRENT BUSINESS

President Horner asked if the Chapter would continue with drawings for door prizes at the regular monthly meetings. Sandy Becker advised that the Chapter sought donated gift cards in the past. Don Bellcock mentioned the need to make contacts now, before the schools begin to request donations. As Meetings Co-Chair, Don agreed to obtain the door prizes. Shirley Manning suggested looking into corporate sponsors.

Brenda Horner noted future CEC meetings would be held in the 1515 Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room. President Horner moved to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.



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Financial Statements

Central Arkansas AGA
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking	\$	12,575.87
Certificates of Deposit		<u>26,942.28</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>39,518.15</u>
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LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Unearned Revenue	\$	<u> </u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u> -</u>
Capital		
Beginning Balance Equity	\$	9,862.89
Equity - Retained Earnings		26,500.69
Net Income		<u>3,154.57</u>
Total Capital		<u>39,518.15</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>39,518.15</u></u>



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Central Arkansas AGA
Income Statement
For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2006

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Education Seminar Revenue	\$ 1,596.76	\$ 92,431.37
Local Chapter Dues		1,428.80
National Recruitment		250.00
Interest Income	197.28	641.29
Donation		55.75
Awards Banquet	202.00	202.00
Christmas Banquet		230.00
Total Revenues	<u>1,996.04</u>	<u>95,239.21</u>
Expenses		
Education Expense Speakers	\$	\$ 4,321.87
Education Seminar Facility Expense		2,205.44
Education Seminar Materials	493.12	1,540.45
PSI		74,076.25
PDC Expense	900.23	5,370.91
Meetings Expense		0.00
Awards Banquet Expense	641.38	847.38
Christmas Banquet Expense		1,850.35
Scholarship Expense		0.00
Audit Cost		0.00
Speaker Gifts Expense		73.10
Web Expense		230.00
PO Box Rent		68.00
Postage	7.80	253.85
Bank Charges		39.80
Office Supplies		25.01
Donation	49.55	1,182.23
Miscellaneous Expense		0.00
Total Expenses	<u>2,092.08</u>	<u>92,084.64</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>(96.04)</u>	\$ <u>3,154.57</u>



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FY 2007 Budget

**Central Arkansas AGA
Budget
For the Year Ending June 30, 2007**

Revenues		
Education Seminar Revenue	\$	55,525.00
Local Chapter Dues		1,500.00
Interest Income		650.00
Other		1,000.00
Total Revenues	\$	<u>58,675.00</u>
Expenses		
Education Expense Speakers	\$	31,250.00
Education Seminar Facility Expense		16,000.00
Education Seminar Materials		4,400.00
PDC Expense		4,150.00
Holiday Banquet		1,200.00
Awards Banquet		1,200.00
Scholarship Expense		3,000.00
Audit Cost		400.00
Speaker Gifts Expense		230.00
Postage/ Post Office Box		400.00
Donations		1,000.00
Web Site Expense		130.00
Office Expense		50.00
Promotional Expense		300.00
Miscellaneous Expense		0.00
Total Expenses	\$	<u>63,710.00</u>
Net Income	\$	<u>(5,035.00)</u>
Transfer from certificates of deposit		<u>5,500.00</u>
Net	\$	<u><u>465.00</u></u>



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