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Notes of Principal Interest

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### Meeting Notice

**When:**

**Monday**, April 18, 2005 at 12:00

**Where:**

St. Vincent's Infirmary  
**Vincent DePaul Room**

**Speaker:**

Skip Rutherford  
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### President's Message By Bob Broughton

Hi Everyone

The month of March was proclaimed Certified Government Financial Manager month by Governor Mike Huckabee. The Governor signed the Proclamation and briefly met with some of the board members for a photo. It was a great opportunity to promote CGFM.

Be sure and check out our upcoming Spring Seminar that is located in the newsletter. It will be an opportunity to receive up to 16 hours of affordable CPE. We are having a membership drive in conjunction with our regional training to be held at the Holiday Inn Airport the evening of April 22, 2005. The time will be from 5:00pm till 8:00 pm snacks and beverages will be served. I would like to encourage you as members to bring a guest. Please RSVP with one of the board members.



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## Monthly Meeting Speaker's Biography

Skip Rutherford of Little Rock is executive vice-president of Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods (CJRW), one of the region's largest communications firms.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Rutherford is president of the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation and coordinated the planning for the William J. Clinton Presidential Center which opened in November, 2004.

He is a former administrative assistant to United States Senator David Pryor, (D-AR), past president of the Little Rock School Board and has been active in numerous campaigns and initiatives at the local, state and federal levels.

Rutherford is a visiting professor at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. He served as the first Executive in Residence in the Department of Journalism at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He also received the Journalism Department's first Distinguished Alumnus Award. He has also taught at Lyon College in Batesville.

In November 1996, he coordinated the "AmericaFest" election night festivities with over 60,000 people in attendance.

Additionally, he coordinated the 40th anniversary commemoration of the 1957 crisis at Little Rock Central High School. He also coordinated the dedication of the Northwest Arkansas Regional

Airport, only the third new commercial airport to open in the last 25 years.

He was the first president of the advisory board for the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Science. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Children's Hospital, Lyon College and a founding member of the Little Rock Central High Museum and Visitor Center Board.

Rutherford is the recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the Arkansas Chapter of the National Conference of Community and Justice; the Men of Volunteer Achievement from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; the Arkansas Community Service Award from the Arkansas Department of Volunteerism and the Martin Luther King Award from the Black Community Developers. He received the Community Service Award from the University of Arkansas Alumni Association and was named 2004 Arkansan of the Year by the Arkansas Times newspaper.

Rutherford is the founder and organizer of the Political Animals Club, a non-partisan grassroots organization of community leaders and activists who meet regularly to discuss politics and issues.

He and his wife, Billie, are the parents of three children. They are members of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock where Rutherford is a past chairman of the Board of Stewards.

**AGA CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: March 7, 2005**

Golden Corral Meeting Room, North Little Rock  
Secretary: Lucie Stoddard

**Members Present:**

Bob Broughton, President;  
Marion Carlton, President-Elect;  
Brenda Jackson, Past President;  
Sandy Becker, Treasurer;  
Lucie Stoddard, Secretary;  
Don Bellcock, Education Co-Chair;  
Donna Agee, Education Co-Chair;  
Richard Drilling, Program Co-Chair;  
Kathleen Wingo, Newsletter Co-Editor;  
Pat Becker, Meetings/Awards Co-Chair;  
Linda Miles, Meetings/Awards Co-Chair  
and CGFM Chair

Bob Broughton, President, began the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meeting at 12:16 p.m. Donna Agee distributed minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting that replaced the regularly scheduled February CEC meeting. Sandy Becker passed out February financial statements. The minutes were approved with a motion from Richard Drilling, seconded by Brenda Jackson, which carried unanimously. The financial statements were accepted by a motion from Donna, seconded by Pat Becker, which also carried unanimously.

Brenda Jackson discussed the nominating committee formed to present the membership with a slate of officers and directors for fiscal year 2006. Richard Drilling, Linda Miles, and Brenda will assist Marion Carlton with candidates to the CEC. Marion expressed her appreciation for their assistance and said she desires help from any willing current committee members for

the next year. Kathleen Wingo has agreed to continue her work as newsletter editor for another year. Brenda asked that anyone else interested in a CEC position email her.

Brenda mentioned that AGA has a national effort going on to declare the month of March 2005 a CGFM month in each state. We need to attempt to coordinate with the appropriate parties to request a Proclamation from the Office of the Governor for recognition in Arkansas.

Brenda also discussed the regional training scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Next year's officers should make plans to attend. Brenda will send out the training schedule and the spring seminar information to the South Central regional officers. Bob suggested obtaining a reception/hospitality room for the evening of Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bob advised that the Chapter received \$227 to use for recruiting events from a National Chapter Recruitment Scholarship

Program established for those chapters requesting recruitment funds. We are required to hold the event prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Since there will be non-members attending the spring seminar, we can take this opportunity to discuss what AGA membership has to offer. Brenda advised that we will have at least two representatives from every South Central Chapter at the regional training.

Bob asked for a motion to approve the reception on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Don Bellcock proposed utilizing the funds from National with a supplement of \$173 to make a total of \$400 for a dual purpose reception and membership drive at the Holiday Inn Airport open to all. Invitations to meet Jim Turkett, Senior Vice President for Regional Services (Section II), Brenda Jackson, the incoming South Central Regional Vice President, and the regional officers from other chapters will be prepared requesting R.S.V.P. in order to properly plan for food at the event. Sandy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Don then reported on the upcoming seminars. A brochure concerning the spring seminar at the Holiday Inn Presidential Center will be mailed next week. All the speakers are set: Pete Rose, Ronnie Ridgell, and Jim Turkett on Thursday, and Kyleen Hawkins and Billy Huckaby on Friday. Don is hoping for a large number of participants. Bob asked if the regional representatives traveling from out-of-state will receive a discounted price for the seminar. Don suggested anyone attending Thursday, Friday, and regional training on Saturday could receive a \$25 discount. Following discussion, Don moved to include a discount to all those attending the regional training of \$25 when attending both days of the spring seminar or \$15 for attendance of one day at the seminar.

Linda seconded the motion. It passed without opposition.

Donna discussed the training events co-sponsored with Providential Services, Inc. (PSI) and status of the AGA-PSI 2005 Governmental Accounting Seminar Series beginning March 15. Richard advised that we had not yet received notification about a large group from DFA that signed up for the first session on March 15. Donna will be coordinating with Kyleen Hawkins, CEO of PSI, in the event a session may need to be cancelled for lack of sufficient participation.

Pat reviewed plans for the awards banquet to be held the first week in June. Consensus at the last meeting was to hold an evening affair in order to have more time. Pat requested email nominations for the Outstanding Financial Manager of the Year Award. She is pursuing accommodations at the newly renovated Little Rock Hilton and at Cajun's Wharf.

Kathleen requested newsletter items by April 10<sup>th</sup>. She said her current goal is to release the newsletter a week before the general meeting each month. Richard mentioned that the speakers for the rest of the program year are confirmed. Kim Hardwick of PSI will speak about favorite government frauds in March, and Skip Rutherford with the Presidential Library will speak in April.

Don advised that Jerry Spratt, scheduled for a two-hour educational event on March 24<sup>th</sup>, had to reschedule to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The location has yet to be confirmed.

Addressing old business, Lucie Stoddard inquired about appointments to the task force for education. Don and Bob agreed to be task force members along with next year's education chair. Lucie also noted

that the AGA National Executive Committee voted in December 2004 to retain the name of Association of Government Accountants and to table the matter of changing the name of AGA at this time.

Bob reported on a meeting held February 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the AGA-PSI 2005 Focus on Governmental Accounting courses and a February 18<sup>th</sup> email from Bob to the CEC members requesting a vote on sponsoring these additional PSI classes concerning the oversight and reporting of governmental funds and government-wide financial statements. The email vote was required on a motion made by Richard for AGA to

enter into a contract with PSI to provide additional training on April 25 through April 29. Marion had seconded the motion. The motion carried with eight affirmative votes and five opposed.

In conclusion, Bob asked about the annual scholarships to UALR. Discussion followed concerning the available amount. Sandy noted it would be advisable to wait for the results of the spring seminar before allocating any more than the \$1,000 set out in the budget. Don agreed to contact UALR, and Bob adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



**The AGA Spring Seminar will be held on April 21 and April 22 at the Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center. Topics include: Yellow Book Update, GASB 41 through 46 Updates, Better Briefing Techniques, and Using Control Self-Assessment to Evaluate Internal Controls. Eight hours of governmental CPE will be awarded for each day. It is not too late to register. For further information, contact Don Bellcock at 501-682-8902, or Donna Agee at 501-682-8919. We hope to see many of you at the seminar.**

**There is also a membership drive in conjunction with AGA's regional training to be held at the Holiday Inn Airport the evening of April 22, 2005. The time will be from 5:00pm till 8:00 pm snacks and beverages will be served. Please mark your calendars for both!**



As of April 4, 2005, our total membership is at 197. This month we are pleased to welcome several new members. We want to extend our heartiest welcome to the following new members:

Don Crocker  
Carol Cuen  
Kimberly Damron  
Amy Embry  
Cheryl Erkel

Barbara Evans  
Eileen Hauser  
Gina McKinnie  
Cynthia Rhoads



***HAVE YOU MOVED, HAD A NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???***

Please update your information on the AGA National Website [www.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.org) ***and*** notify Shunika Bryant at [shunikabryant@hotmail.com](mailto:shunikabryant@hotmail.com)



## Take the CGFM Examinations at the PDC

New this year—AGA is offering a unique opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM right at the PDC in July. To help you reach that goal, we are offering a special two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on July 9 – 10. More good news: the Intensive Review Course is only \$175 for qualified participants and the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost. **You cannot afford to miss this opportunity!**

Pre-registration is required. This is a special limited enrollment offer for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Exams and need extra reinforcement of the material. Participants must attend the Intensive Review Course to take the CGFM Exams at no cost. Participants must have satisfied the education and experience requirements for the CGFM prior to registering for this event. For more information please contact Katya Silver at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313, or [ksilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org).

## Registration for AGA's 54th Annual PDC is Now Under Way

Join us in sunny Orlando for the government financial management education event of the year! AGA invites you to attend its 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, to be held July 10 – 13, 2005, in Orlando, FL.

For more information about the PDC,  
<http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2005/index.aspx>

To register for the PDC online,  
<https://members.agacgfm.org/source/security/member-logon.cfm?origin=meetings&CFID=1004&CFTOKEN=21276564>

Contact [Julie Cupp](#) with questions about the PDC.

Thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA Regional CGFM Leaders and our own CGFM Chair, Linda Miles, Governor Huckabee signed a Proclamation on March 16, 2005 proclaiming March, 2005 as Certified Financial Manager Month. Arkansas was one of eight states to do so. The Proclamation can be viewed on the National website along with the seven others.

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which has a network of 15,000 members in 89 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 180 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, AGA Central Arkansas Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Arkansas by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2005, as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the State of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2005.



  
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MIKE HUCKABEE, GOVERNOR

  
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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

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To all members who submit articles and information for the Newsletter, we would like to say a large THANK YOU! Please continue to do so by contacting either Beverly McCay or Kathleen Wingo. We also welcome comments and suggestions.

**Central Arkansas AGA  
Balance Sheet  
March 31, 2005**

**Assets**

Current Assets

Checking

\$ 47,650.04

CDs

6,299.66

**Total Assets**

**\$ 53,949.70**

**Liabilities and Capital**

**Total Liabilities**

**0.00**

**Capital**

Beg Bal Equity

\$ 9,862.89

Equity – Retained Earnings

2,749.74

Net Income

41,337.07

**Total Liab & Capital**

**\$ 53,949.70**



**The Chapter Extends Congratulations to Sandy Becker, Treasurer, for being named the 2005 Public Service Award winner by the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accounts. He will be formally recognized at the ASCPA Annual Convention in Little Rock and he will become the Arkansas nominee for the national AICPA Public Service Award.**