
CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Message from the President

I want to take this opportunity to wish each member and their family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is the time of year that we are mindful of those less fortunate and brings out the desire to be more giving. The Central Arkansas Chapter is sponsoring two young boys through the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services Gingerbread Tree Program. This program allows Arkansas' foster children in state custody the opportunity to receive holiday gifts. I am proud to be associated with a group who has the desire and is willing to give to those less fortunate.

We will not have a Chapter meeting in December. Due to Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday holiday, our next Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th at St Vincent. The speaker will be from the IRS, giving a tax update. Remember that you receive one hour of Free CPE for attending the monthly chapter meeting. We are also giving door prizes at each meeting.

Remember we are still collecting can goods at our Chapter meetings for the Arkansas food bank. Please participate by bring a can good to the meetings that you attend throughout the year.

Again Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brenda Horner, CPA, CGFM



The Central Arkansas Chapter Holiday Party was held on December 8 at Saddle Creek Woodfire Grill in North Little Rock. Isle of Capri Casino in Tunica and Bally's Casino in Lula, MS were door prize sponsors. Don Bellcock and Richard Drilling were excellent Santa helpers.

AGA Community Service

Our chapter is sponsoring two foster children in the Gingerbread Tree Program. The program is expected to serve approximately 450 foster children in Arkansas by providing gifts on their wish lists. We delivered two very large Christmas sacks of items for the young brothers, ages 12 and 14. They will receive a variety of camo outfitter gear, t-shirts and socks, nonviolent game boy games, a watch, a wallet, candy and a variety of toys donated by AGA members. We feel they will have a very nice Christmas. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project.

The service committee will be asking for volunteers in the near future to man the phones at an AETN membership drive. Please consider giving some of your valuable time to this worthy project.

Next Chapter Meeting in January 2007

There is no regularly scheduled chapter meeting for December. (The Christmas Party was the monthly meeting.) Mark your calendar for the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 16, 2007. Please note that the meeting will be on Tuesday instead of Monday because of the Martin Luther King holiday. The guest speaker will be a representative

from the Internal Revenue Service to update us on the latest tax law changes. A door prize will be awarded. More details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter.

Membership Committee Recruiting Recruiters

The Central Arkansas AGA Chapter is sponsoring early career recruitment meetings with the Beta Alpha Psi chapters at UALR and UCA on February 2nd (12:00 - 1:00) and February 6th (1:40 - 2:30) respectively. If you'd like to come share some of your positive experiences with AGA and as a governmental professional with the students, please contact either of the Membership Co-Chairs; Lisa Ricks at 683-1065 or Sandra Sherman at 682-4125. Together we can make a difference in informing tomorrow's upcoming professionals of the benefits of a career in governmental accounting and an AGA membership! We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Birthday, Central Arkansas AGA!

We will be 29 years old next month! Our chapter was founded on January 4, 1978. Orville Johnson was the first president.

Audio Conference Update

Thirty-four people attended the audio conference held December 6th at St. Vincent's. The subject was procurement cards. Alma Valley with Workforce Services won the door prize, a two-night stay at Fitzgerald's in Tunica, Mississippi.

Upcoming audio conferences are as follows:

Internal Controls 2/28/2007
Procurement Fraud 3/28/2007
Ethics 5/9/2007

Take the CGFM Examinations before the NLC

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington D.C. Whether you've been thinking about earning your CGFM or have enrolled but found it difficult to find time to complete the three exams, this is your chance to get it done!

To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, February 8, and Friday, February 9, 2007 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on February 10-11, 2007. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA website

- http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2007/cgfm_exam.htm. If you have any questions, contact Katya Silver at 703-684-6931 ext. 305 or ksilver@agacgfm.org.

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2006

3rd Floor Conference Room, 1515 Building, Little Rock

Members Present:

Brenda Horner, President; Greg Crawford, President-Elect; Marion Carlton, Past President and Newsletter Co-Chair; Gary Puls, Treasurer; Lucie Stoddard, Secretary; Lisa Ricks, Membership Co-Chair; Shirley Manning, Education Co-Chair; Don Bellcock, Meetings/Awards and Webmaster Co-Chair; Teri Matthews, Community Service Co-Chair; Richard Drilling, Historian/Photographer
President Brenda Horner began the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes

In addition to minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting, President Horner asked for approval of minutes of the CEC members' emailed vote authorizing purchase of a conference phone on October 25 and 26, 2006. There was one deletion from the October 2nd meeting minutes. Greg Crawford made the motion to accept the records of both proceedings. Shirley Manning seconded, and the motion was approved.

Financial

Gary Puls reviewed the financial statements. Gary noted that a Soundstation VTX1000 conference phone console was purchased for \$799.99 plus tax from Staples. The Chapter will receive a 5% rebate from the purchase. Greg Crawford mentioned that if it is necessary to purchase any other large ticket items, we should continue to use Staples because of their rebate program. Richard Drilling moved to accept the October 31st financial

report. Lisa Ricks seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Special Scholarship Committee Report

Greg Crawford advised that there were four applicants for the Chapter's scholarships. The Scholarship Committee, composed of Russ Hannah, Don Bellcock, and Greg, will review the applications and provide a recommendation to the CEC members at the December meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

After announcing that the Chapter Recognition Points Reports are due to her by November 13th and due to National by November 20th, President Horner asked for the committee status reports.

Membership

The October Membership Report was distributed by Lisa Ricks. The Membership Co-Chairs have researched developing a membership satisfaction survey, and they found SurveyMonkey to be the most reasonably priced web/email survey tool. Unlimited online surveys are available with a professional subscription of \$19.95 per month. Basic subscriptions are free but limited to 10 questions and 100 responses per survey. Recruitment events have been scheduled with the UALR and UCA Beta Alpha Psi chapters on February 2nd and February 6th respectively. The Co-Chairs are working on an ASU event as well. National will provide \$250 toward our local recruitment efforts.

Community Service

Teri Matthews reported that 14 team members participated in the Race for the Cure on October 7th and they did a good job showing that the Chapter supports community service events. The Chapter's community service work will

continue with support of Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) events and participation in the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services Gingerbread Tree Program by purchasing holiday gifts for Arkansas' foster children in state custody.

Meetings And Awards

Holiday party arrangements were made with Saddle Creek Woodfired Grill, and a notice was emailed requesting members' reservation confirmation and payment by December 4th. Don Bellcock advised that there were no responses received to date.

Don reported receiving five responses to his requests for door prize sponsorships: a Sam's Town, Shreveport, one-night stay with lunch and dinner coupon, a Fitzgerald's two-night stay and a Bally's one-night stay, both in Tunica, two one-night stays at Isle of Capri with dinner in Lula; and two Dixie Café gift certificates. President Horner suggested using first those that expire the earliest.

CGFM

Lucie Stoddard advised that the Chapter requested and received a Proclamation from the Governor declaring the month of March 2005 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month. She suggested the practice be continued and provided draft copies of the Proclamation and request letter for future use.

Education

Shirley Manning reported that 21 persons have registered for the November 8th audio conference, The New Yellow Book – What You Need to Know, when U.S. Government Accountability Office conference leaders will discuss major changes and interpretations of government auditing standards. Richard Drilling has arranged

for set up of the PowerPoint presentation at the November training session.

The next AGA audio training conference will be held on December 6th addressing purchase cards.

Programs

President Horner announced that the November speaker would be Rachel Kremer from Moore Stephens Frost who will provide a GASB update.

Historian/Photographer

Richard Drilling mentioned he is planning a slide show of recent photos at the Holiday Party.

Other Business

Don Bellcock asked how the Chapter's contribution to the Gingerbread Tree program is to be funded. Gary Puls advised it is budgeted under donation expenses.

President Horner reminded the CEC members that the holiday party registrations are due by December 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Executive Committee Gingerbread Tree Program Participation Minutes

On November 15, 2006 Teri Matthews emailed the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members with details involving sponsoring two foster children in the DHHS Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Gingerbread Tree Program. The program is expected to serve approximately 450 foster children in Arkansas by providing gifts on their wish lists. Teri Matthews made a motion that the Chapter spend up to \$200 toward two boys' holiday presents. Shirley Manning seconded the motion. President Brenda Horner then requested email discussion from the CEC members concerning the motion. The CEC

members were in agreement that this was a worthy community service project for the Chapter to pursue at Christmas. Further discussion involved volunteering to purchase items in addition to authorizing \$200 from Chapter funds. Gift requests were to be filled and delivered to DCFS unwrapped (for security reasons) on December 4, 2006.

On November 16, 2006 President Horner asked for a vote on the motion and accepted emails until 6:00 p.m. that day. President Horner took the opportunity to say that she is "...proud to be a part of an organization that is willing to provide items to the community." The motion was officially approved with nine board members voting and three more indicating an affirmative response prior to the call for a vote.

**Central Arkansas AGA
Balance Sheet
November 30, 2006**

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking	\$ 10,731.93	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>27,266.29</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>37,998.22</u>
 Total Assets		 \$ <u><u>37,998.22</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Unearned Revenue	\$ <u> </u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u> -</u>
 Capital		
Beginning Balance Equity	\$ 9,862.89	
Equity - Retained Earnings	29,655.26	
Net Income	<u>(1,519.93)</u>	
Total Capital		<u>37,998.22</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital		 \$ <u><u>37,998.22</u></u>
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**Central Arkansas AGA
Income Statement
Five Months Ended 11/30/2006**

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Education Seminar Revenue	\$ 355.00	\$ 1,158.03
Local Chapter Dues	0.00	447.55
National Recruitment	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	3.82	345.29
Donation	0.00	0.00
Awards Banquet	0.00	0.00
Christmas Banquet	317.80	317.80
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>926.62</u>	<u>2,543.67</u>
Expenses		
Education Expense Speakers	\$	\$ 1,270.00
Education Seminar Facility Expense		161.51
Education Seminar Materials		1,013.93
PSI		0.00
PDC Expense		107.89
Meetings Expense		0.00
Awards Banquet Expense		0.00
Holiday Banquet Expense		0.00
Scholarship Expense		0.00
Audit Cost		500.00
Speaker Gifts Expense	112.99	230.71
Web Expense		130.00
PO Box Rent		231.60
Postage	7.80	7.80
Bank Charges		0.00
Office Supplies		0.00
Donation	200.00	200.00
Promotional Expense		210.16
Miscellaneous Expense		<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>320.79</u>	<u>4,063.60</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 605.83</u>	<u>\$ (1,519.93)</u>

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