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October 12, 2016
Chapter Meeting/ Webinar
Location: TBD
"Cyber/Big Data"
CPE: 3 hours

December 6, 2016
7:30 AM-4:30 PM
" December Professional Development Training"
Location: The Millbottom
400 W. Main St.
Jefferson City, MO
CPE: 8 hours

January 18, 2017
Webinar
Location: TBD
"Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder: Blended and Braided Funding"
CPE: 2hours

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New Phishing Scheme Mimics Software Providers; Targets Tax Professionals

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today alerted tax professionals to an emerging phishing email scam that pretends to be from tax software providers and tries to trick recipients into clicking on a bogus link.
The email scheme is the latest in a series of attempts by fraudsters to use the IRS or other tax issues as a cover to trick people into giving up sensitive information such as passwords, Social Security numbers or credit card numbers or to make unnecessary payments.

In the new scheme identified as part of the IRS Security Summit process, tax professionals are receiving emails pretending to be from tax software companies. The email scheme requests the recipient to download and install an important software update via a link included in the e-mail.

Once recipients click on the embedded link, they are directed to a website prompting them to download a file appearing to be an update of their software package. The file has a naming convention that uses the actual name of their software followed by an ".exe extension."

Upon completion, tax professionals believe they have downloaded a software update when in fact they have loaded a program designed to track the tax professional's key strokes, which is a common tactic used by cyber thieves to steal login information, passwords and other sensitive data.

Although the IRS knows of only a handful of cases to date, tax professionals are encouraged to be on the lookout for these scams and never to click on unexpected links in emails. Similar email schemes using tax software names have targeted individual taxpayers.

The IRS recently launched a new campaign to raise awareness among tax professionals about security threats posed by identity theft issues targeting their industry. The Protect Your Clients; Protect Yourself campaign features an ongoing effort to urge tax professionals to step up their security protections and be aware they increasingly are targets of cybercriminals.

The IRS urges all tax preparers to take the following steps:

- Be alert for phishing scams: do not click on links or open attachments contained in e-mails and always utilize a software provider's main webpage for connecting to them.
- Run a security "deep scan" to search for viruses and malware;
- Strengthen passwords for both computer access and software access; make sure your password is a minimum of 8 digits long (more is better) with a mix of numbers, letters and special characters;
- Educate all staff members about the dangers of phishing scams in the form of emails, texts and calls;
- Review any software that your employees use to remotely access your network and/or your IT support vendor uses to remotely troubleshoot technical problems and support your systems. Remote access software is a potential target for bad actors to gain entry and take control of a machine.

Tax professionals should review Publication 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data, A Guide for Your Business, which provides a checklist to help safeguard taxpayer information and enhance office security.

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Our Mission is…

To serve government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Our Purpose is…

- **To be a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management**
- **Serve members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing government financial management policies and practices and serving as an advocate for the profession**
- **Serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Robin Burkhart

As summer comes to an end for another year, the Mid-MO AGA Chapter Executive Committee is busily planning events for the 2016-2017 timeframe. Events include chapter meetings and webinars, Annual Winter PDT in December (formerly known as Membership Seminar), Past Presidents' breakfast, and more. Mark your calendars now as the Mid-MO AGA Annual Winter PDT will be December 6, 2016 at the Millbottom building.

Excited to welcome and introduce the Mid-MO AGA Chapter Executive Committee to you for the 2016-2017 year. The current board consists of:

President – Robin Burkhart
President-Elect – Felicia Hubble
Secretary – Carol Blecha
Communications Director – Christina Freeman
CGFM Director – Jessica Prater
Community Service Director – Amanda Sifford
Past President – Ami Patel
Education Director – VACANT
Membership Director – VACANT
Treasurer – VACANT

We would love to have you join the Mid-MO AGA Chapter Executive Committee. More information about each position is located on the Mid-MO AGA website www.midmoaga.org under Chapter Info/Policies & Procedures. Thank you to those no longer on the board, but who have served Mid-MO AGA well in previous years.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at a future event. Please email me at president@midmoaga.org or via phone (573) 751-8291 and volunteer to serve on the Board, share ideas for a future educational event, and/or how we can best serve the needs of the Mid-MO AGA Chapter members.



National & Regional AGA News

2016-2017
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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

AGA Core Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity,

Other Midwestern Chapters Information

- Ozark AGA Chapter—October 27, 2016—8 hour Fall Seminar
  With special guest, Ann Ebberts, CEO of AGA National!!
  (www.ozarksaga.org)

CGFM Intensive Review Course

October 13-14, 2016, Alexandria, VA

CGFM

Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course with CGFM examinations *included* – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course (IRC), offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 13–14, 2016. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

- $375 for AGA members, $425 for non-members
- **SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — up to a $375 savings!**

2016 Shared Services Summit-7 CPE's

October 4, 2016, 7:45 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Washington

AGA

This full-day summit will bring together more than 400 government and industry leaders from across the entire federal CxO community (acquisition, financial, grants, HR and IT) in the first-ever event addressing common opportunities and challenges in sustaining progress in shared services implementation through the 2016 presidential transition.

The summit agenda will feature discussions on:

- Leading-edge success stories in the global public and private sectors
- A look ahead into what to expect from the next administration
- Networking opportunities with key leaders in the federal shared services community



Mid-MO AGA needs to fill three positions on the board—the Education Director, Membership Director and Treasurer. Contact Robin Burkhart (751-8291) to volunteer for one of these positions today. To further understand these positions, please see the Chapter Bylaws, Plans, and Policies & Procedures located on the Mid-MO AGA website http://www.midmoaga.org/ under Chapter Info heading.

We need you to volunteer today!!!

About CGFM

What is the CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics – read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
Education – have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
Examinations – pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
Experience – have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

What are the benefits of having the CGFM certification?

CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may:

- Enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government.
- Provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers.
- Support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies.
- Provide increased employee value, both real and perceived.
- Increase confidence on the job.

CGFM Contact Information

To learn more about CGFM or for any questions, please contact CGFM Director, Jessica Prater at CGFM@midmoaga.org

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CGFM Information

How do I sign up to take the CGFM?

The CGFM certification process is detailed on the AGA website. The website address is: **https://www.agacgfm.org/**

How does being a Mid-Missouri AGA Chapter member help me with my CGFM certification?

The Mid-Missouri AGA Chapter will reimburse a portion the CGFM examination fee for any chapter member who passes a CGFM examination. This does not apply to those members whose costs are covered by a third party and is limited to the first nine exam reimbursement requests per fiscal year.

The Chapter will reimburse members that pass CGFM exams on a graduated scale.

- If three exams are passed within 12 calendar months from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed $125 per exam.
- If three exams are passed within 13 to 18 calendar months from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed $90 per exam.
- If three exams are passed in 19 calendar months to 3 years from the date of the Eligibility Letter, the member will be reimbursed $80 per exam.

Members applying for exam reimbursement will need to provide a copy of the eligibility letter and verification of passing the three exams to receive the graduated rate. Without this documentation, all exams will be reimbursed at the $50 rate.

Is there any training for the CGFM certification available?

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The CGFM examinations can be taken by appointment only at **Pearson Professional Testing Centers** from **Oct. 15, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017**, using vouchers provided by AGA.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Mid-Missouri AGA Chapter, CGFM Director Jessica Prater.

Mid-MO AGA News

Membership Report
By: Felicia Hubble

Mid-Mo AGA currently has 197 Active members with 2 new members recently. *Welcome to the following new members:*



Cindy Siemons-OA/Accounting

Christina Freeman-OA/ITSD

Current Member Status:

- ⇒ Full Member-175
- ⇒ Retired-12
- ⇒ Early Career-5
- ⇒ Private-4
- ⇒ Lifetime Member-1

If your field is government financial management—no matter your specialization or where you work—AGA membership is invaluable. AGA is the only association supporting more than 15,000 professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private, nonprofit and academic sectors. AGA membership will give you the tools and support you need to make your mark on the profession.

AGA membership costs are the following:

- Full Government Member—$100/year
- Private Sector Member—$160/year
- Early Career Member—$45/year (Fewer than three years professional experience)
- Student Membership—$30/year (Full time college/university students not gainfully employed)
- Retired Member—$35/year

Contact Felicia Hubble at (573) 751-4351 or membership@midmoaga.org for more information pertaining to AGA membership.

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AGA National—https://www.agacgfm.org

Mid-MO AGA—send e-mail to communications@midmoaga.org

Early Careers—

If you know someone who has just entered the Governmental Accounting career field, please send their name & contact info to communications@midmoaga.org

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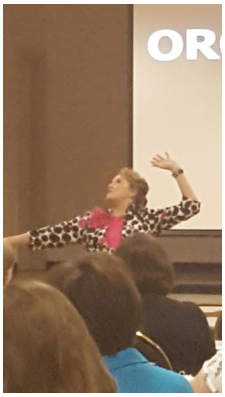
December PDT Training Schedule-(Subject to change)

Location: The Millbottom, 400 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101
Time: 7:30am - 5:00pm
Registration/Cost: Not yet available
CPE: 8 hours

Time	Presentation	Speaker
7:30-8:00	Registration/Breakfast	
8:00 - 9:00	Legislative Update	Mickey Wilson, Legislative Oversight
9:00 - 10:00	Workplace Investigations	Amy Roderick, DOC Inspector General
10:00 - 10:10	Networking Break	
10:10 - 10:30	Member Business Meeting	Chapter Executive Committee
10:30 - 12:00	Fair Labor Standards Update	Malcolm Smith, US DOL Community Outreach Resource Planning Specialist
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00	E3: Efficiency and Effectiveness in State Government	Todd Sampsell, DNR Deputy Director
2:00 - 2:45	State Bonding Requirements	Karen Massey, DNR Environmental Investments and Energy Resource Agency Director
2:45 - 3:00	Networking Break	
3:00 - 5:00	Ethics	Joseph Watkins, Lincoln University Chief of Staff

For more information regarding this event, contact Amanda Sifford at communications@midmoaga.org.

Mid-MO AGA News
August PDT Highlights



Pictured from left to right: Jim Arnette (National AGA President-Elect), Anne Barab (Barab Associates, Inc.), Dan Haug (State Budget Director), Julia Mast (BKD LLP)

Association of Government Accountants Mid-Mo Chapter Executive Committee July 26, 2016 Meeting Highlights
by Carol Blecha

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin Burkhart, Felicia Hubble, Ami Patel, Jessica Prater, Carol Blecha and Amanda Sifford

President:
The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) for the first quarter is due to national by 9/30/16.

Secretary's Report:
The minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:
The 2016-2017 Chapter Budget was presented and approved.

Communications – Website:
Robin is working on making updates with requested changes.

Communications – Newsletter:
The next newsletter will be a July/August edition. Robin is looking for information to include in the newsletter.

Community Service:
We received a request for funds from the West Virginia chapter – it was decided we would put it in the newsletter so individuals could respond if they desired.

Education:
Amanda and Tracy are working on the Winter PDT (formerly membership seminar). They have some speakers planned at this time.
Robin will need help with planning other Chapter Meetings for the upcoming program year.

CGFM:
Jessica reported the CGFM Study Guides are on sale as a bundle. It was decided the chapter would buy one set of the hard copy.

Membership:
The website is updated as of 6/30/16.

Past-President:
Gave a report on the National PDT.
Approximately 1,700 were in attendance.
The results of the votes held at the National AGA Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday, July 17, 2016 are as follows:
Code of Ethics revision - Passed (Mid-MO AGA voted YES)
National Bylaws Amendment concerning dues increases - Passed (Mid-MO AGA voted NO)

Accountability:
No report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mid-MO AGA Financial Summary
—as of 6/30/2016

	June Actual	Budget Year Ending 6/30/2016	Variance
Receipts:			
Membership Dues		$ -	$ -
Registrations	$ 29,425.00	$ 39,750.00	$ (10,325.00)
Interest	$ 4.02	$ 40.00	$ (35.98)
National Awards		$ -	$ -
Miscellaneous		$ -	$ -
Fundraising	$ 371.00	$ 500.00	$ (129.00)
Sponsorships		$ -	$ -
Disbursements:			
Awards, Honoraria, Gifts	$ 441.32	$ 450.00	$ (8.68)
CEC Planning Meeting	$ 550.40	$ 150.00	$ 400.40
Regional Planning Meeting	$ 426.99	$ 300.00	$ 126.99
GASB Contributions		$ -	$ -
Meeting Meals	$ 4,859.86	$ 10,620.00	$ (5,760.14)
Member Travel	$ 1,633.13	$ 1,500.00	$ 133.13
PDC/S&L Registration	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,550.00	$ (350.00)
PO Box Rental	$ 76.00	$ 75.00	$ 1.00
Postage	$ 19.60	$ 100.00	$ (80.40)
Printing	$ 2,146.90	$ 2,400.00	$ (253.10)
Merchandise Expense		$ -	$ -
Community Service	$ 371.00	$ 500.00	$ (129.00)
Dues/Registrations	$ 8,535.00	$ 13,045.00	$ (4,510.00)
Miscellaneous	$ 11.25	$ 604.00	$ (592.75)
Scholarships	$ 400.00	$ 1,650.00	$ (1,250.00)
Speaker Fees/Travel Exp.	$ 5,331.02	$ 4,800.00	$ 531.02
Website	$ 1,449.57	$ 930.00	$ 519.57
Workshop Supplies	$ 2,234.84	$ 1,300.00	$ 934.84
Workshop Accomodations		$ 500.00	$ (500.00)
Equipment		$ -	$ -
Credit Card Fees	$ 1,018.67	$ 750.00	$ 268.67
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	$ (905.53)		
Prior Year Expenses			
Beginning Cash Balance	$ 7,406.95		
Ending Cash Balance	**$ 6,501.42**		
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Payable			
Credits on Account (Cancelled Trainings)			
Net Available for Chapter Use	**$ 6,501.42**		
Investments			
Premier Certificate of Deposit	$ 9,587.90		
Home Savings Bank CD	$ 6,211.16		
Total Investments	**$ 15,799.06**		
Chapter Fund Balance	**$ 22,300.48**		
Cash Balance Consists of:			
Petty Cash	$ 20.00		
Checking Account	$ 6,501.42		
	$ 6,521.42		



Mid-MO AGA EDUCATION SCHEDULE—2016-2017 (Updated 9/15/16)

Date	Time	Place	Event/Speaker	Topic	CPE
October 12, 2016	11:30 AM-3:00 PM Lunch will be served	TBD	Chapter Meeting and AGA Webinar	Cyber/Big Data	3
December 6, 2016	7:30 AM-4:30 PM Lunch will be served	The Millbottom– 400 W. Main St. Jefferson City	Various	December Professional Development Training	8
January 18, 2017	TBD	TBD	AGA Webinar	Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder: Blended and Braided Funding	2
March 8, 2017	TBD	TBD	AGA Webinar	Uniform Guidance	2
April 12, 2017	TBD	TBD	AGA Webinar	Ethics	2
May 17, 2017	TBD	TBD	AGA Webinar	DATA Act	2



2016- 2017 Events

Have a suggestion for a topic?
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Vacant Positions

Membership Director

Education Director

Treasurer



Volunteers needed to serve as Director of MEMBERSHIP, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, and as TREASURER.

Sub-committee positions available also! Volunteer today by contacting one of the Mid-MO AGA chapter officers!!!

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