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## President's Message

By Robin Burkhart

Happy New Year! Ringing in a new year gives us excitement for a new beginning, a new start and a new exciting year of educational opportunities offered by Mid-MO AGA. The Mid-MO AGA Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members are busily preparing for the rest of the 2016-2017 year. Please periodically check out the upcoming educational opportunities at [www.midmoaga.org](http://www.midmoaga.org).

Last fall we lost a wonderful friend who served and promoted Mid-MO AGA membership and attending educational opportunities. So, at the Mid-MO AGA Winter PDT the membership voted to change the name of the Mid-MO AGA Scholarship Program to the Mid-MO AGA Skip Eno Memorial Scholarship Program. While I myself did not know Skip very well, I have heard some awesome stories as to how he lead Mid-MO AGA to be the successful powerhouse chapter it is on the National level today. I hope you will encourage a high school and/or current college student and a Mid-MO AGA member to apply for one of the Mid-MO AGA Skip Eno Memorial Scholarships. Deadline is March 15, 2017 for receipt of the completed scholarship application. Scholarships will be awarded at the Mid-MO AGA April Chapter meeting. Check out Mid-MO AGA's [website](#) to access this year's scholarship applications.

Mid-MO AGA CEC needs some new faces for the 2017-2018 CEC. Volunteer today to serve on the 2017-2018 CEC by emailing me at [president@midmoaga.org](mailto:president@midmoaga.org) or via phone (573) 751-8291.

Remember, to continually check [www.midmoaga.org](http://www.midmoaga.org) for upcoming events.



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# Regional and National News and Events

## National Events

[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

Select training links below to learn more!

### [Become a CGFM!](#)

March 15, 2017

FREE Webinar!

### [CGFM Intensive Review Course](#)

April 3-4, 2017

18 CPEs



Click [here](#) to learn more about National PDT 2017!

Under 30? Want to attend National PDT 2017 at **NO COST**? Click [here](#) to learn more!



**AGA is the member organization for government financial management professionals.**

[learn more about AGA](#)

We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our networking events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers.



## Regional Events

### **AGA Kansas City Chapter** [Spring 2017 Professional Development Seminar](#)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

8 CPE

### **Ozarks Chapter of AGA** [Spring 2017 Professional Development Training](#)

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8 CPE

# Mid-MO AGA Events and Community Service

For more details and to register for upcoming events, visit Mid-MO Chapter AGA [Events](#) page.



## AGA Webinar: Uniform Grant Guidance

(2 CPE)

March 8, 2017

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Harry S Truman Building, Room 492

301 W High Street

Jefferson City, MO 65101

## AGA Ethics Webinar and Chapter Meeting/Luncheon

(4 CPE)

April 12, 2017

10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Harry S Truman Building, Room 750

301 W High Street

Jefferson City, MO 65101

## AGA Webinar: Blended & Braided Funding

(2 CPE)

April 26, 2017

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Harry S Truman Building, Room 400

301 W High Street

Jefferson City, MO 65101



Thanks to our member's generosity, Mid-MO AGA was able to donate a total of \$142.50 to the Central Missouri Food Bank-Buddy Pack Program. National matched \$122.50, to make a total donation of \$265.



Presentation of the check to the Central MO Food Bank.

*Pictured left to right: Carol Blecha, Jessica Long of Central MO Food Bank, Rich Villmer, and Robin Burkhart.*

**Don't forget to bring donations to any future chapter meetings!**



**Have a great idea?** 

If you have any suggestions for topics for educational events, please let us know! We want to hear from you and provide training that suits your needs. To provide a suggestion or give us feedback, contact us at

[info@midmoaga.org](mailto:info@midmoaga.org)

# Mid-MO AGA Past Presidents

Term in Office	Name
2014-2015	Ami Patel
2013-2014	Robin Renfrow
2012-2013	Tammy Childress
2010-2012	Tracy Farris
2008-2010	Mark Runyan
2007-2008	Christa Brooks
2006-2007	Carol Fischer
2005-2006	Connie Qutami
2004-2005	Dwayne Rasmussen
2003-2004	Vandee DeVore
2002-2003	Cathy Long
2001-2002	Karmen Stockman
2000-2001	Kendell Blythe
1999-2000	Brad Adrian
1998-1999	Nancy Miluski
1997-1998	Allen Scott
1996-1997	Theresa McDonald
1995-1996	Robin Pruitt
1994-1995	Karen Harms
1993-1994	Kent Kaiser
1992-1993	William Johnson
1991-1992	Linda Jaegers
1988-1990	Roberta Broeker
1987-1988	Robbi Jackson
1986-1987	Virginia Brizendine
1985-1986	John Blattel
1984-1985	LaVerne Brondel
1983-1984	Bill Wood
1982-1983	Jack Dothage
1981-1982	Karen Laves
1980-1981	Tom Sadowski
1979-1980	John Beaver
1978-1979	Jim Sailor
1977-1978	Skip Eno
1976-1977	Vernon Sievert
1974-1976	Jack O'Rourke
1973-1974	John Ashcroft

## Past President's Breakfast February 16, 2017



Back row from left to right:

*Tracy Farris, Mark Runyan, Kent Kaiser, Brad Adrian, Dwayne Rasmussen*

Front row from left to right:

*Ami Patel, Vandee DeVore, Cathy Long, Theresa McDonald*

Not pictured: *Tom Sadowski*



# Membership Update



## Membership Update

*By Danielle Weed*

It's that time of the year for AGA Membership renewal and recruitment of new members for the upcoming year. As to date we have 118 members renewed, which includes all those who attended the 2016 Winter PDT. If you did not attend the PDT, please remember to submit your renewal to National before March 31st. Also, we ask members to check their contact information on Nationals site and make any updates that are needed. We use this information to update our Chapters website member listing & contact information.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in and benefit from joining AGA, please direct them to Nationals website at [www.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.org) to register as a member. Also, they can check out Mid-MO AGA Chapters website at [midmoaga.org](http://midmoaga.org). Also, anyone can contact one of the Mid-MO AGA Board members with any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc...We look forward to talking to you.

We would like to extend a warm welcome and welcome back to the following members:

**Debbie Ickes**, *Department of Natural Resources*  
**Rebecca Rost**, *Department of Natural Resources*  
**Ali Arabian**, *Department of Corrections*  
**Brad Armstrong**, *Department of Natural Resources*  
**Corey Duemmel**, *Department of Conservation*  
**Krista Porter**, *DA-Accounting*  
**Melissa Rackers**, *Missouri LAGERS*  
**Erica Schroer**, *Department of Natural Resources*  
**Stacey White-Frieling**, *DA-Accounting*  
**Kent Kaiser**, *N.H. Scheppers Distributing*  
**Robin Renfrow**, *DIFP*  
**Rachel M Smith**, *University of MO-Sponsored Programs Administration*  
**Sandra Moeller**, *Federal Highway Administration*  
**Ashley Scheulen**, *Federal Highway Administration*

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD LEADERBOARD



As of December 20, 2016, the leaders in points for this award are:

**Mickey Wilson**  
**Mary Dallas**  
**Rich Villmer**  
**Shari LePage**  
**Tammy Hoback-Reichl**  
**Andrea Beck**

There are many ways for members to earn points toward the Member of the Year award. Some of these ways include:

- ❖ Help plan an AGA event
- ❖ Participate in Community Service
- ❖ Attend AGA events
- ❖ Contribute to the Mid-MO AGA Newsletter

### AGA Membership Dues

#### REMINDER!!

National Membership dues must be received by National by **March 31, 2017**. If you attended the Mid-MO AGA December/Winter PDT, your National dues have already been paid by Mid-MO AGA on your behalf.

Also, if you know of anyone that may be interested in becoming an AGA member, please have them visit [AGA's website](http://AGA's website) to learn more!

Contact Danielle Weed at (573) 522-2446 or [membership@midmoaga.org](mailto:membership@midmoaga.org) for more information pertaining to AGA membership.



## Don't miss out on these great opportunities!!

Submit a CGFM program application form and fee. The non-refundable [CGFM application fee](#) is ~~\$70~~ **\$35 (through March 31, 2017!)** for AGA members and \$99 for nonmembers. AGA membership is not required for the CGFM certification.

### FREE CGFM Webinar offered by National:



Become a CGFM!  
Webinar | 2-3 p.m. ET | FREE

To learn more regarding the CGFM certification process, visit the AGA website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/> or by contacting CGFM Director, Jessica Prater.



## Transparency and Accountability Through Public-Sector Reporting

By Mary E. Peterman, MPA, CGFM, CPA; and John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA

Is your public-sector organization engaging citizens with your financial and performance reporting? Do citizens know how their tax dollars are being spent? Which programs are not fully funded due to financial constraints? What accomplishments have been made? What is left to do? How many citizens are impacted by specific programs?

These questions are relevant and significant, particularly as we approach the start of another presidential administration in the federal government, and transition to different local and state governments nationwide. Perceptions of government performance and accountability can affect the degree of citizen trust and engagement.<sup>1</sup> The more engaged citizens are, the more information they will need to develop a sense of trust and confidence that the government is spending their tax dollars appropriately. With legislation such as the DATA Act, elected officials remain laser-focused on providing citizens with data to demonstrate accountability and transparency. But will the availability of this data lead to an informed, engaged and trusting citizenry?

Government's desire to provide understandable information to citizens has motivated initiatives like AGA's citizen-centric report (CCR), which launched 10 years ago (see **Figure 1**).

In 2007, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provided guidelines for a highlights document as part of a federal agency Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) pilot. OMB's objective for the "highlights" document was to "summarize key performance and financial information in a brief, user-friendly format that can be easily understood by a novice reader with little technical background in these areas. The goal of this document is to increase agency and program accountability for performance by making financial and performance information more transparent and accessible."<sup>2</sup> This led to the annual OMB-required Summary of Performance and Financial Information (SPFI) in 2010.

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## IN OTHER NEWS...(cont.)

In the same year, the U.S. Department of the Treasury launched its first Citizen's Guide to the financial report of the U.S. government, a 12-page summary report, and have produced one every fiscal year (FY) since. The FY 2015 guide (now 8 pages) exemplifies the user-friendly, citizen-centric approach with two simple sections:

■ **Where We Are Now** — focuses on current FY financial information. Subsections include: Comparing the Budget and the Financial Report; What Went Out and What Came In (bottom line net operating cost); and What We Own and What We Owe.

■ **Where We are Headed** — focuses on current fiscal policy. Subsections include: Receipts, Spending and Debt; The Fiscal Gap and the Cost of Delaying Policy Reform; and Conclusion.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) debuted a 26-page "Citizens' Report" for FY 2008. DHS' report dove deeper into both performance outcomes and financial information, to provide citizens the value proposition of the agency. Covering DHS' many diverse components and mission areas at this level of detail resulted in a longer, yet plain-English and graphically oriented report. One of the unique sections of the 2008 report is "A Day in the Life" of DHS, a single page illustrating typical daily outcomes, such as people rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard, weapons confiscated at airport checkpoints by the Transportation Security Administration, and number of citizens naturalized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

This graphic (see **Figure 2**) is sometimes posted to social media to share the information with citizens who frequent such sites.

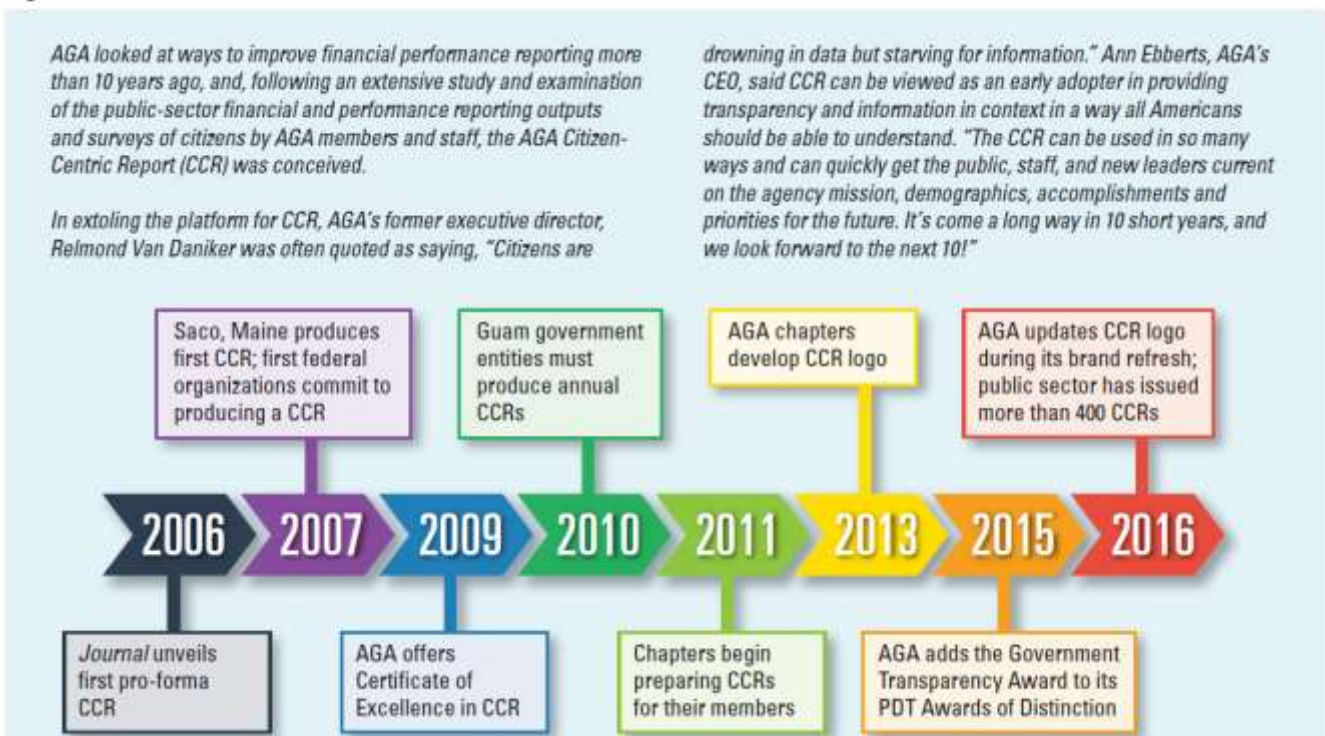
Similar state and local governments' initiatives include the popular financial reports promoted by the Government Financial Officers Association. These reports highlight an organization's financial data, and significant achievements and challenges.

### Innovation in Citizen-Centric Reporting

Government entities continue to innovate in report development and deployment, as exemplified by the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF had been producing a summary of performance and financial results accompanying the agency financial report (AFR) and annual performance report. In 2007, the summary document was 25 pages long; in 2008, for that year's presidential transition, NSF produced a four-page highlights document following AGA's CCR guidelines.

NSF's leadership has used/distributed the now-six-page highlights document in meetings at the White House, with members of Congress and others. The Small Business Administration's short report is distributed to lending agencies. Both federal agencies used the AGA CCR content guidelines as a guide for the preparation of these reports.

Figure 1. AGA's CCR Celebrates 10 Years



## Passion Leads to Advocacy

Our passion for transparency and accountability led us to become reviewers with AGA's CCR program, through which we have examined countless CCRs. We share best practices from all levels of government to help you create a CCR and further engage citizens in public reporting.

Similarly, Texas has issued a CCR since FY 2008. Tallahassee, Fla., was one of the first communities to consistently prepare a CCR, and today, it's used in classroom curriculum for middle schoolers to explain what their government does for citizens. Scottsdale, Ariz., has issued a CCR since 2009 and its design has evolved to be original and visually appealing.

## What's Next and What's Possible

The federal administration transition creates additional opportunity to leverage and build upon NSF's example to educate incoming leaders. Agencies will compile numerous documents to highlight programs, challenges, needs and risks, as well as achievements and progress, the list of which can be quite long. A "transition-centric" report can provide new leaders and their staffs with a clear, concise and easily understandable explanation of what their organization does, as well as demonstrate the organization's transparency and accountability to citizens and stakeholders.

A report that communicates to citizens regardless of government level, in layman's terms and with interesting graphics showcasing accomplishments, next-term priorities and what remains to be done "with their support" could be very impactful and beneficial to those seeking reelection.

CCR-like reports fulfill one important open-government objective: providing transparency of results, and the value an organization provides the taxpayer. With new technology, executive orders for digital government strategies, and legislation such as the DATA Act, much focus is on digitizing government data.

But, is raw financial data what citizens want or need?

A May 2016 Old Dominion University publication discussed citizens' need for more than stand-alone information. Research affirmed citizens seek relevant and contextual information that provides a basis for understanding impact,<sup>5</sup> stating "government should remain cognizant that information availability does not equate to accessibility, and should therefore focus on providing information that is comprehensible and relevant to the citizen audience." Furthermore, the focus group expressed interest in data beyond budget and financial information — such as performance information.<sup>6</sup>

While the public sector still has more opportunity to innovate, citizen-centric reporting has come a long way in 10 years, and the path is clear. Government serves in the public interest and the public wants to participate — information is the connection point for this effective engagement. With technology and innovation, governments have tremendous potential to tell their stories, provide relevant information, answer value proposition questions, and engage citizens in the governance process in a tangible way.

Figure 2. A Day in the Life of DHS



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# CEC Meeting Minutes

## Association of Government Accountants Mid-Mo Chapter Executive Committee December 8, 2016 Meeting Highlights

By: Carol Blecha

**In attendance:** Robin Burkhart, Felicia Hubble, Cathy Long, Danielle Weed, Jessica Prater, Christina Freeman and Carol Blecha

### President:

- The AGA's National 2017 PDT to be held in Boston, July 9-13.
  - o Cathy Long and Danielle Weed will be attending as representatives for the Mid-MO AGA Chapter.
- The SLMR is scheduled for January 28, 2017 in Kansas City, Mo. Robin and Danielle will be attending.
- CEC Positions:
  - o We currently have the Education Position open.
  - o We have a volunteer for the Treasurer's Position as soon as their membership is established.

### Secretary's Report:

- The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Robin is working on updating the Treasurer's Report.
- The Treasurer's Report will be sent out by email for review and approval later.

### Communications:

- Website:
  - o Updates are being made. On schedule to re-design to National standards and change vendor.
  - o Our current vendor (Star Chapter) is working with National, they are willing to share/transfer data.
- Newsletter:
  - o Christina asked to have the articles submitted for the next Newsletter.
  - o She is continuing to "tweak" the format to National standards.

### Community Service:

- A collection for the Toys for Tots program was held at the Winter PDT. We received 15 toys and \$128 in cash donations.

### Education:

- The Winter PDT was held at The Mill Bottom on December 6, 2016.
  - o Registration was 104 (97 members and 7 guests).
  - o The training was well received, but we had an issue with the sound system.
- Lunch left-overs were donated to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Service (RACS) shelter and were greatly appreciated.
- We worked on planning the Chapter Meetings for the remainder of the program year, with various CEC Members taking responsibility for different aspects of the meetings.

## CEC Meeting Minutes (continued)

### CGFM:

- Linda Harris passed the first test and is working on the next one.
- Cathy Lucia has passed all three parts of the exam.

### Membership:

- A motion to pay the membership fees for all those who attended the Winter PDT was made and approved.
- Danielle will be working with Robin to get memberships entered into the National website for those who attended the Winter PDT. She has applications for four of the guests/new members.

### President-Elect:

- The next CRP report is due 12-31-16.

### Past-President:

- No report at this time.

### Accountability:

- No report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Past Presidents' Breakfast and Chapter Meeting Highlights

The annual breakfast honoring Past Presidents was held February 16, 2017 at the Conservation Employees' Credit Union. State Representatives Jay Barnes, David Wood, and Mike Bernskoetter spoke with us and answered questions regarding the State's current budgetary situation, along with other current legislative issues. Thank you to these Representatives that took time out of their day to answer our questions and sharing some great information!

**Thank you to the Past Presidents for your time served and continued support of Mid-MO AGA!**



*Pictured from left to right:  
Representative Jay Barnes,  
Representative Mike Bernskoetter,  
Representative David Wood*

# Mid-MO AGA Financial Summary-as of 6/30/16



	June	Budget Year	
	Actual	Ending	Variance
		6/30/2016	
<b>Receipts:</b>			
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		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
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		
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,501.42</b>		
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Payable			
Credits on Account (Cancelled Trainings)			
<b>Net Available for Chapter Use</b>	<b>\$ 6,501.42</b>		
<b>Investments</b>			
Premier Certificate of Deposit	\$ 9,587.90		
Home Savings Bank CD	\$ 6,211.16		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 15,799.06</b>		
<b>Chapter Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 22,300.48</b>		
<b>Cash Balance Consists of:</b>			
Petty Cash	\$ 20.00		
Checking Account	\$ 6,501.42		
	<b>\$ 6,521.42</b>		

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**Vacant Positions**

Education Director

## WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in planning events for Mid-MO AGA? We are still looking for an **Education Director** for our chapter! Contact Robin Burkhart at [president@midmoaga.org](mailto:president@midmoaga.org) to volunteer or with ideas for future events!!

