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President's Message

By Robin Burkhart

Time flies when you are having fun!!! The last two years serving as your President have been a whirlwind, but fun experience. I have so enjoyed serving you, the Mid-MO AGA members. Being a part of an organization such as AGA gives you back tenfold, and I have definitely benefited by gaining a relationship with peers from not only other agencies within the State of Missouri but also Federal agencies, colleges, and other States. Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your President. Most of all, thank you to those who have served on the CEC with me the past two years and gave so much to ensure Mid-MO AGA will remain a great chapter!!!

The new Mid-MO AGA CEC is busy planning for the 2017-2018 year. Please contact Felicia Hubble or myself to volunteer to serve on the 2017-2018 Mid-MO AGA CEC. Positions still vacant are Community Service Director and Education Director.

I am looking forward to our joint meeting with the Central Missouri IIA Chapter in July. We have not hosted an event together for several years, so this is a great opportunity for networking and earning CPE.



Mark your calendars as the Mid-MO AGA Annual Summer PDT will be August 29th & 30th, 2017 at the Inn at the Grand Glaize in Osage Beach. Further information will be sent out soon. Please periodically check out the upcoming educational opportunities at www.midmoaga.org.

And so I leave this month as your President with a quote from a poet who has inspired me much thru the years:

"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, essayist, poet and philosopher

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National News and Events

National Events

www.agacgfm.org



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



Dates & Deadlines

21
june

Preparing for CGFM Exams
Webinar | 2-2:45 p.m. | FREE

7-8
july

CGFM Intensive Review Course
Boston | 18 CPEs

9-12
july

Professional Development Training (PDT)
Boston or virtual | 24 CPEs

19-20
sept.

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention
Training
Washington or virtual | 14 CPEs

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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.



Mid-MO AGA Events and Community Service

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



Skip Eno Memorial Scholarship Program

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Mid-Mo AGA Skip Eno Memorial Scholarships this year:

Kendall LePage
Taylor Meyer
Jaime Pine

The applicants received \$400 each. We congratulate them and would like to give a special thanks to Shawn McCauley and Robin Renfrow who assisted with the application reviews.

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



Robin Burkhart, Chapter President, presenting recipient Taylor Meyer with her Scholarship.



Robin Burkhart, Chapter President, presenting recipient Kendall LePage with her Scholarship



Robin Burkhart, Chapter President, presenting recipient Jaime Pine with her Scholarship

CGFM News

Congratulations to
Jeremy Aldridge
for passing the CGFM!



Membership Update

Thank you to all who renewed their membership and those who joined or rejoined AGA and the Mid-MO Chapter for the 2017-2018 year. As to date, we have 203 chapter members! Way to Go Mid-MO Chapter!!

National is still accepting renewals and new/rejoin members throughout the year. So if you know of anyone who would be interested in and benefit from joining AGA, please direct them to National's website at www.agacgfm.org to register as a member. Also, they can check out Mid-MO AGA Chapters website at 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.

In this last 2016-2017 year, AGA and the Mid-MO AGA Chapter has welcomed a total of 27 new or rejoined members! And with that, this month we would like to extend a warm welcome and welcome back to the following members:

William Addo, DED-DWD
Jeremy Aldridge, Dept of Veterans Affairs
Julie Carter, DED-DWD
Brittney Fowler, DED-DWD
Amanda Locke, DA-Accounting
Patrick Mahon, DPS/MVC
Sherry Mann, DED-DWD
Jan Miller, DED-DWD
Nicholas Schafer, DED=DWD
Dawn Schaperclaus, DED-DWD
Karla Strobel, MO House of Representatives
Sriparna Tarafdar, DA
Floreayne Weems, DOLIR

"Hop" on this great deal!

Pass one of your CGFM exams between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2017 and get your next exam free!*

[learn more](#)

*restrictions apply



MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD



And the award goes to....

Shari LePage

Thank you to Shari for her hard work and dedication to the Chapter this year! Shari chose the \$100 cash award, as well as free Chapter meetings in FY18.

Also, we would like to give a shout out to our runners up:

2nd place: Tracy Farris
(free Chapter meetings in FY18)

3rd place: Mickey Wilson
(Bragging Rights)



IN OTHER NEWS...

The Rise of the COO in State Government

Governors are slowly realizing that they need someone to take on the things they don't have time for.

BY KATHERINE BARRETT & RICHARD GREENE |
MARCH 2017



Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, right, in January tapped Drew Erdmann, left, to be the state's first ever COO. (AP)

In the summer of 2015, Oregon and other Western states suffered from brutal wildfires that cost hundreds of millions of dollars to contain and destroyed thousands of homes. At the worst moments of the crisis, the director of forestry was determined to send warnings out to citizens. The solution? He reached out to the director of transportation, and immediately Oregon's electronic highway message boards were delivering warnings about wildfire dangers.

This kind of interagency cooperation would have been difficult to pull off in the past. But Oregon benefited from the creation of a relatively new position in that state: chief operating officer (COO). It was created by former Gov. John Kitzhaber five years ago and has continued under current Gov. Kate Brown.

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IN OTHER NEWS...(cont.)

The COO takes on the tasks that governors simply don't have the time to do, such as improving coordination between agencies. "Most of the state agency directors serve at the pleasure of the governor, but the governor doesn't have the capacity to manage the work of agencies on a day-to-day basis," says Matthew Shelby, communication strategist at the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. In effect, the COO serves as a convener-in-chief who can bring agency heads around a table and facilitate conversations about operating as a single entity. "There's a growing expectation," Shelby adds, "that we're working together."

The federal government uses chief operating officers, which came into fashion as part of the effort to "reinvent" government in the 1990s. And COOs are quite common at the city level, where there tends to be a greater emphasis on service provision. But they are less visible in governors' offices. A survey commissioned by the National Governors Association in 2015 found the position in a handful of states, including Georgia, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, Tennessee and Vermont. While the New York and Vermont positions have been around for some time, in Georgia, Illinois, Nebraska and Tennessee, the position is relatively new. But it seems to be spreading: In January, incoming Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens tapped Drew Erdmann, a partner at McKinsey, as that state's first-ever COO.

In Tennessee, Gov. Bill Haslam in 2013 appointed longtime IBM executive Greg Adams to be the state's first COO. The position stemmed from a need that Haslam and his staff perceived in his first two years in office. There were no advisers whose role naturally put them in a position to own cross-department operational efficiencies, such as multiple call centers, eligibility systems or IT functions that could potentially be shared. "It wasn't a natural fit for anyone," says Adams. Lately Adams has been getting a flow of requests from other states that are eager to hear how the position works. "It's kind of buzzing," he says.

When National Governors Association researchers examined four of the states with positive COO track records, they found a handful of factors that COOs thought were important to their success. These included the governor's commitment to operations, defined roles and responsibilities, an emphasis on performance management, and an enterprise-wide perspective.

What's the difference between COOs and the more common position of chief administrative officer? Of course, roles and responsibilities always vary, depending on the state, the governor's leadership style and the way different management roles have evolved over time. But generally, COOs are likely to be less involved than chief administrative officers in back-office operations and are more directly involved with the governor, the governor's staff and enterprise-wide issues.

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IN OTHER NEWS...(cont.)

In Oregon, for example, agency directors may have individual conversations with the governor and her top policy officials, fundamentally focusing on the issues that impact their own agencies. But then every two weeks, directors from the state's largest agencies come and sit around a table with COO Katy Coba to discuss the various operational issues that affect most or all of them.

In Tennessee, the COO position provides a focus on the consistency of state practices across 23 separate departments, including the way the state engages in planning, goal setting and paying for performance. Every month, in addition to the governor's monthly cabinet meeting, Adams also meets with the state's 23 commissioners to talk about operational issues and with the three commissioners who deal with internal services -- human resources, finance, and administration and general services.

One of the biggest pluses of having a chief operating officer is that it means the governor has someone with him in the "middle of gnarly operational issues, helping to free him up to drive dramatic policy issues," Adams says.

It's exactly those gnarly operational issues that can easily destroy a governor's legacy. While governors are judged initially on their policy priorities, their final legacy stems from their success in implementing their priorities and in dealing with the many operational challenges that begin to surface as soon as they take office.

"As I look back on several hundred governors," says Barry Van Lare, who has held multiple high-level positions in both the state and federal governments, including a number with the National Governors Association, "their legacy depends not so much on their policy objectives as on whether something went wrong from an administrative point of view during their administration and whether they were able to handle it."

Says Oregon's Coba, "You can have the best policy in the world, but if you can't implement that, you've failed."



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CEC Meeting Minutes

Association of Government Accountants

Mid-Mo Chapter Executive Committee

March 16, 2017 Meeting Highlights

By: Carol Blecha

In attendance: Robin Burkhart, Felicia Hubble, Cathy Long, Jessica Prater, Christina Freeman, Amanda Sifford, Erica Schroer (visiting) and Carol Blecha

President:

- Robin said she submitted the Jan/Feb newsletter to National AGA for the Newsletter contest.
- The CEC members voted for the Chapter National Service Award to be awarded at the April Awards Ceremony.
- Robin asked the CEC to review the National AGA awards to see if there was anyone we wanted to nominate.

Secretary's Report:

- The minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Robin presented the Treasurer's Report through January 31, 2017.
- A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed.
- We have a CD coming due on 3/21/17. Robin will check rates and send out the information by email. Via the email, the CEC will determine where to place the CD.

Communications:

- Website:
 - o Continually updating to conform to new AGA guidelines.
 - o Christian stated she has added a "Search Box".
 - o After a conversation with National AGA, it was determined they will not be requiring Mid-MO AGA to convert to their servicer at this time due to their lack of being able to support our current functions. Therefore, at this time we will be staying with StarChapter as our servicer.
- Newsletter:
 - o Christina asked to have the articles submitted for the next Newsletter by Friday, March 24th.

Community Service:

- As of today, we have received four applications for the 2017 Mid-MO AGA Skip Eno Memorial Scholarship Program. Amanda has volunteers lined up to review the applications.
- The fundraising check for the Marines Toys for Tots programs has been mailed.

Education:

- We reviewed the Education events for the remainder of the program year.

CEC Meeting Minutes (continued)

CGFM:

- The CGFM Proclamation was received from the Governor.

Membership:

- Danielle stated she is working with National AGA on membership renewals.

President-Elect:

- The CRP report is next due 3-31-17. We are close to earning Platinum status for the year.
- Felicia is working on the Summer PDT:
 - o Will be held at the Inn at the Grand Glaize in Osage Beach.
 - o August 29th & 30th, 2017.
- 2017-2018 CEC Members – discussion as to what positions will be open for the 2017-2018 year.

Past-President:

- No report at this time.

Accountability:

- No report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Post Meeting Vote:

On March 24, 2017, Robin shared information regarding renewal rates available for the CD that is up for renewal. There was discussion of the various options.

On March 27, 2017, a motion was made to reinvest the CD with Hawthorn Bank for 10 months at a special rate of 0.35 APY.

The vote passed.



CEC Meeting Minutes (continued)

**Association of Government Accountants
Mid-Mo Chapter Executive Committee
April 24, 2017 Meeting Highlights**

By: Carol Blecha

In attendance: Robin Burkhart, Cathy Long, Danielle Weed, Jessica Prater, Christina Freeman, Amanda Sifford, Erica Schroer (visiting) and Carol Blecha

President:

- Cathy & Danielle will be attending the National PDT.
- Christina & Erica will be attending the SLM.

Secretary's Report:

- The minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report for March will be sent out later for review and approval.

Communications:

- The April newsletter will be sent out soon.

Community Service:

- No report at this time.

Education:

- We reviewed the Education schedule for the remainder of the program year.
- AGA/IIA Joint Meeting will be held July 17, 2017.
- Cathy Lucia is working on planning the Winter PDT tentatively scheduled for November 2017.

CGFM:

- A member has signed up to take all three exams.
- Jessica is working with two other people preparing to take the exams.

Membership:

- We currently have 199 active members and 27 members who have not renewed at this time.

President-Elect:

- The CRP was submitted for the third quarter – we are nearing Platinum Status.
- The 2017-2018 Board Positions were presented for a vote. The vote passed.

Past-President:

- No report at this time.

Accountability:

- CCR feedback report was received. The reviewers liked how the report was presented. They asked for some additional information/clarification in some areas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mid-MO AGA Financial Summary-as of 3/31/17

		Budget Year	
	3/31/2017	Ending	
	Actual	6/30/2017	Variance
Receipts:			
Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ -
Registrations	\$ 35,370.00	\$ 39,750.00	\$ (4,380.00)
Interest	\$ 5.85	\$ 40.00	\$ (34.15)
National Awards		\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 250.50	\$ 500.00	\$ (249.50)
Sponsorships		\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements:			
Awards, Honoraria, Gifts		\$ 450.00	\$ (450.00)
CEC Planning Meeting	\$ 475.69	\$ 150.00	\$ 325.69
Community Service		\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Credit Card Fees	\$ 1,210.73	\$ 750.00	\$ 460.73
Dues/Registrations	\$ 11,771.67	\$ 13,045.00	\$ (1,273.33)
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 250.50	\$ -	
GASB Contributions		\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Meals	\$ 4,894.04	\$ 10,620.00	\$ (5,725.96)
Member Travel	\$ 169.95	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,330.05)
Merchandise Expense		\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 297.63	\$ 604.00	\$ (306.37)
PDT/S&L Registration		\$ 1,550.00	\$ (1,550.00)
PO Box Rental		\$ 75.00	\$ (75.00)
Postage		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Printing		\$ 2,400.00	\$ (2,400.00)
Regional Planning Meeting		\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
Scholarships		\$ 1,650.00	\$ (1,650.00)
Speaker Fees/Travel Exp.	\$ 5,978.47	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,178.47
Website	\$ 1,149.95	\$ 930.00	\$ 219.95
Workshop Accomodations	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00
Workshop Supplies	\$ 2,927.39	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,627.39
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 5,850.33		
Prior Year Expenses	\$ (800.00)		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 6,501.42		
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 11,551.75</u>		
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Payable			
Credits on Account (Cancelled Trainings)			
Net Available for Chapter Use	<u>\$ 11,551.75</u>		
Investments			
Premier Certificate of Deposit	\$ 9,636.02		
Hawthorn Bank Certificate of Deposit	\$ 6,250.64		
Total Investments	<u>\$ 15,886.66</u>		
Chapter Fund Balance	<u>\$ 27,438.41</u>		
Cash Balance Consists of:			
Petty Cash	\$ 30.00		
Checking Account	\$ 11,551.75		
	<u>\$ 11,581.75</u>		

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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 to volunteer or with ideas for future events!!

