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## President's Message

By Felicia Hubble

Welcome to a new year! I am eager to start my journey as the 2017-2018 Mid-MO AGA Chapter President. I, along with the rest of the Mid-MO AGA Chapter Executive Committee, are anxious to get the new year rolling to plan more educational events, webinars, and social events throughout the year and to serve our Mid-MO Chapter of AGA.

Last year our Chapter celebrated many successes. I would like to congratulate Christina Freeman on a job well done for creating and submitting the winning newsletter for the AGA Group B Newsletter Award. Also, congratulations to Robin Burkhart for catapulting our chapter to receive the AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition Award. Thank you both for all your hard work and dedication to our Chapter. I also want to thank past board members for the help they have provided our chapter in the past year.

We have a great board again this year! There are many returning faces to this year's board. Currently, the board consists of:

**President** – Felicia Hubble

**President-Elect** – VACANT

**Secretary** – Amanda Sifford

**Communications Director** – Christina Freeman

**CGFM Director** – Jessica Prater

**Community Service Director** – VACANT

**Past President** – Robin Burkhart

**Education Director** – VACANT

**Membership Director** – Danielle Weed

**Treasurer** – Erica Schroer



As you can see, we do have some vacancies on our Chapter Executive Committee. If you are willing to serve, please email me at [president@midmoaga.org](mailto:president@midmoaga.org) or contact me via phone at (573)751-4351, we would love to have you join us.

Looking ahead, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming educational events. Do not forget our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid-MO AGA Professional Development Training on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at Grand Glaize at the Lake of the Ozarks. Also, upcoming is our Winter Professional Development training which will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> this year. As always, we welcome any suggestions on topics or speakers, you may have. We want to provide you with topics that interest you in your field of work.

Looking forward to a great year!

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## National News and Events



### Dates & Deadlines

- Aug. 22** Best Practices: Planning Meetings & Events  
Webinar | 2-3 p.m. ET | Free
- Sept. 1** Journal submission deadline: Integrity & Leadership
- Sept. 13** Managing 90 Percent of Your Job!  
Webinar | 2 CPEs
- Sept. 19-20** Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training  
Washington or virtual | 14 CPEs
- Oct. 3** Shared Services Summit  
Washington
- Oct. 11** Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information  
Webinar | 2 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.



## WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in planning events for Mid-MD AGA or are you just looking for a way to help out and give back? We are still looking for an **Education Director**, **Community Service Director**, and **President Elect** for our chapter! Contact Felicia Hubble at [president@midmoaga.org](mailto:president@midmoaga.org) to volunteer or with ideas for future events!!



## Mid-MO AGA Events and Community Service

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

### 42nd Annual Mid-MO AGA Summer Professional Development Training

August 29, 2017

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Inn at Grand Glaize

5142 Osage Beach Parkway

Osage Beach, MO 65065

<http://innatgrandglaize.com>

42nd Annual Mid-MO AGA Summer Professional Development Training

[READ MORE](#)



Donations will be accepted during the PDT and Chapter Meetings to benefit the Food Bank's Buddy Pack program. Every dollar counts, as a \$180 donation provided one Buddy Pack to a child in your community for an entire school year. For every dollar that The Food Bank receives, they are able to purchase over \$21.00 worth of grocery items for this program.

### AGA - 9.13.2017 Chapter Meeting (2 CPE)



September 13, 2017

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Conservation Employees' Credit Union

2915 W Truman Blvd

Jefferson City, MO 65109

AGA - 9.13.2017 Chapter Meeting (2 CPE)

Collaboration is vital...



Joint Meeting with IIA and Mid-MO AGA  
August 16, 2017

## Chapter Recognition

Congratulations to our Mid-MO Chapter for being the recipient of two awards at this year's National PDT!!

### *Platinum Chapter Award*



### *Newsletter Award - First Place*



## Membership Update

*By Danielle Weed*

We would like to welcome Mary Vander Veen from Department of Economic Development & Michelle McGrath from Department of Conservation to AGA & Mid-MO AGA Chapter. We are glad you have joined.

As of July, the Mid-MO AGA Chapter is 212 members strong! Let's make 2017-2018 our year to Be Active! Each member has a success story, experience, and/or advice that could benefit another member. Let's share those with our members. I can guarantee at least 1 member will benefit from it. I am challenging you as members to submit an article telling others about your successes, experiences, and or advice to share with your fellow AGA members. It can be a paragraph or a page, it's up to you. **BONUS:** you will receive Member of the Year points with every submission!

Another challenge for our members is to **BE ACTIVE**. Volunteering on a committee, we have several! At this time we do not have a Director of Education or Director of Community Service...we could use the assistance!



## CGFM News

### "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

Pass One.  
**PO** **GO**  
Get One.





# MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*By Amanda Sifford*

Competition for the Member of the Year Award is off to a great start. We have several members tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

I am challenging all of you to participate and help make this our greatest year yet.

There are many ways for members to earn points such as:

- Plan/attend events
- Participate in community service
- Contribute to the newsletter
- Assist the CEC

See the [Chapter Policies and Procedures Manual pages 29-32](#) for information on the various awards/scholarships available to our members.



## IN OTHER NEWS...

### How a Cashless Society Would Harm the Poor

Businesses and governments are going cashless. Anti-poverty advocates say the change is problematic for low-income people, but they disagree on how to solve it.

by **Natalie Delgadillo** | July 17, 2017



*Sweetgreen, a salad food chain, went cashless at locations this year in California, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C. (Shutterstock)*

By the end of the century, it's likely that huge swaths of the global economy will be cashless. It's already beginning to happen. The Department of Motor Vehicles in Louisiana ditched cash last year. Boston's transit agency plans to phase out the payment form. The entire country of India is considering such a move. And increasingly, fast-casual food chains across the U.S. are going cashless to remove the risk of robbery and the burden of slow cash transactions.

But there's one significant portion of the population that's getting left out of this transition: people who lack access to traditional financial services like bank accounts and credit cards.

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

Nationally, about 7.7 percent of people are "unbanked," meaning they don't have a bank account, according to a 2013 survey by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Another 20 percent are "underbanked," meaning they might have a bank account but regularly use alternative financial services such as check cashing depots and payday lending. The majority of these groups are low-income earners who struggle to meet the minimum balance required to open checking and savings accounts.

Anti-poverty advocates and researchers say the move away from cash excludes an already underserved and disadvantaged population. The recent spike in cashless fast-casual restaurants, for example, limits the healthy food options available for the unbanked.

"For any business that's considering eliminating cash payments, it's important they consider what the consequences will be and who will pay those consequences," says Linnea Lassiter, a policy analyst at the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute. "Are the marginal benefits to their business worth systematically excluding a segment of the population that's largely low-income people of color?"

About 54 percent of black households and 46 percent of Latino households are underbanked or unbanked, compared to only 19 percent of white households, says Lassiter. "I don't think [these businesses] are intentionally trying to exclude poor people and people of color, but that's the impact," she says.

The phenomenon isn't yet widespread, but it does appear to be growing. Sweetgreen, a salad food chain, went cashless at locations this year in California, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Jetties, which serves salads and sandwiches throughout D.C., went cashless in 2015. Park Café in Baltimore also joined the trend. And many more restaurants across the country are considering it.

Some anti-poverty experts caution that concern about cashless businesses is misplaced. The real issue, they say, is with people's lack of access to traditional financial services in the first place. "We're not for or against cashless transactions. Our biggest concern isn't cash or not-cash, it's banked or not-banked," says David Rothstein of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund), a nonprofit that aims to provide low- and moderate-income people with financial stability. "It's about being safe and secure in a changing economy and being nimble in the way you manage your money."

Rothstein points to the importance of city-run Bank On programs, which connect unbanked and underbanked people with safe, low-cost accounts. Some of these programs, which the CFE Fund helps to run, have been greatly successful. In San Francisco, for instance, Bank On has helped roughly 10,000 unbanked residents a year open accounts since it started in 2006.

San Francisco's treasurer, José Cisneros, agrees that the focus for state and local governments should be on getting people access to bank accounts -- not on halting a seemingly inevitable transition away from paper money. "Whether it's a cashless restaurant, a rideshare app where you need a smartphone and a debit card, car rentals ... this is already the way that businesses have gone," says Cisneros. "The reality is, in order to be successful, all of us really want to have a bank account." Lassiter, for her part, thinks attention can and should be paid to both issues.

"I definitely think it's important for policymakers to create a more inclusive economy and partner with community-based organizations and Bank On programs," she says. "But also, I do think there needs to be a focus on restaurants and businesses that are going cashless because whether or not they intend to be exclusionary, they are."

Some businesses have already realized this and responded accordingly. An Amsterdam Falafel in Boston briefly went cashless last year but quickly halted the experiment and has no plans to go cashless at any of their locations, says Arianne Bennett, president and CEO of the fast-casual chain. "We sell a food that brings great flavors and fresh vegetables to folks of all economic levels," she wrote in an email to *Governing*. "It would be rude of us to assume that everyone has access to digital forms of payment."

# CEC Meeting Minutes

## Association of Government Accountants

### Mid-Mo Chapter Executive Committee

#### May 18, 2017 Meeting Highlights

By: Carol Blecha

**In attendance:** Robin Burkhardt, Felicia Hubble, Cathy Long, Danielle Weed, Christina Freeman, Amanda Sifford, Erica Schroer (visiting) and Carol Blecha

#### **President:**

- Cathy & Danielle will be attending the National PDT.
- Christina & Erica attended the SLM in Kansas City. Christina provided a report of the meetings stating they were very informative and engaging. National AGA is looking to rebrand AGA and to end the RVP positions. Christina was able to meet with Louise to show her the many features of the Mid-MO website. Louise expressed interest in incorporating some of these features in the website offered through National AGA.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- The minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. [Motion made by Danielle, seconded by Christina.]

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2017 was presented and approved. [Motion made by Felicia, seconded by Cathy.]
- The CD at Premier Bank is coming due. It was determined we would leave it there at this time in order to have access to their community room. [Motion made by Carol, seconded by Cathy.]

#### **Communications:**

- The April/May 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 and the beginning of the new program year.
- AGA/IIA Joint Meeting will be held July 17, 2017 with attendance limited to 120.
- Cathy Lucia is working on planning the Winter PDT tentatively scheduled for November 2017.

#### **CGFM:**

- No report at this time.



# CEC Meeting Minutes (continued)

## Membership:

- We currently have 203 active members.

## President-Elect:

- The CRP will be submitted for the fourth quarter – we should achieve Platinum Status.
- The 2017-2018 Board Positions still needing to be filled are: President Elect, Education Director and Community Service Director.
- Felicia gave a report on the Summer 2017 PDT. It is scheduled for August 29-30, 2017 at the Inn At Grand Glaize. She has most of the speakers lined up.

## Past-President:

- No report at this time.

## Accountability:

- No report at this time.



The meeting was adjourned. [Cathy made the motion / Felicia seconded.]

## 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)

## Did you know...?

Mid-MO AGA Chapter's website has a wealth of information at your fingertips? Visit our [website](#) to view:

- ❖ Information about Mid-MO AGA Sponsored Events
- ❖ CEC Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Newsletters (current and archived)
- ❖ CEC Board Member names and contact information
- ❖ CCR (current and archived)
- ❖ Chapter documents such as by-laws, policies & procedures, etc.
- ❖ Links to information and events for National AGA
- ❖ and MUCH MORE!



# Mid-MO AGA Financial Summary-as of 6/30/17

		Budget Year	
	6/30/2017	Ending	
	Actual	6/30/2017	Variance
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ -
Registrations	\$ 39,200.00	\$ 39,750.00	\$ (550.00)
Interest	\$ 7.22	\$ 40.00	\$ (32.78)
National Awards		\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 115.40	\$ -	\$ 115.40
Fundraising	\$ 250.50	\$ 500.00	\$ (249.50)
Sponsorships		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Awards, Honoraria, Gifts	\$ 530.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 80.00
CEC Monthly Meetings	\$ 578.32	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.32
CEC Planning Meeting	\$ 113.36	\$ 150.00	\$ (36.64)
Community Service	\$ 250.50	\$ 500.00	\$ (249.50)
Credit Card Fees	\$ 1,392.57	\$ 750.00	\$ 642.57
Dues/Registrations	\$ 10,221.67	\$ 13,045.00	\$ (2,823.33)
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising		\$ -	\$ -
GASB Contributions		\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Meals	\$ 5,483.79	\$ 10,620.00	\$ (5,136.21)
Member Travel	\$ 1,281.59	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (218.41)
Merchandise Expense		\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 239.98	\$ 604.00	\$ (364.02)
PDT/S&L Registration	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ -
PO Box Rental	\$ 82.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 7.00
Postage		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Printing		\$ 2,400.00	\$ (2,400.00)
Regional Planning Meeting		\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
Scholarships	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ (450.00)
Speaker Fees/Travel Exp.	\$ 5,978.47	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,178.47
Website	\$ 1,524.95	\$ 930.00	\$ 594.95
Workshop Accomodations	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00
Workshop Supplies	\$ 4,892.39	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,592.39
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 3,603.53		
Prior Year Expenses	\$ (800.00)	April 2016 Scholarship Checks cashed in	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 6,501.42		
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 9,304.95</b>		
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Payable			
Credits on Account (Cancelled Trainings)			
<b>Net Available for Chapter Use</b>	<b>\$ 9,304.95</b>		
<b>Investments</b>			
Premier Certificate of Deposit	\$ 9,636.02	Matures on 5/13/18	
Hawthorn Bank Certificate of Deposit	\$ 6,250.64	Matures on 1/28/18	
Total Investments	\$ 15,886.66		Robin Burkhardt &
<b>Chapter Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 25,191.61</b>		
<b>Cash Balance Consists of:</b>			
Petty Cash	\$ 30.00		
Checking Account	\$ 9,304.95		
	<b>\$ 9,334.95</b>		

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There are several VACANT positions on the CEC...help us fill them with talented individuals! Positions available for **Education Director**, **Community Service Director**, and **President Elect** for our chapter!

Contact Felicia Hubble at [president@midmoaga.org](mailto:president@midmoaga.org) to volunteer!!