



OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

Spring 2017

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The Oklahoma City Chapter would like to thank President Chandra Heitzinger for her hard work and dedication during the 2016-2017 chapter year!

Letter from the President

As we are nearing the end of another successful year of professional development training, I would like to thank everyone who participated this year to make it so wonderful. We had excellent speakers, a great new location, tasty food, and consistent attendance.

We sponsored another successful, weeklong CGFM training course in February 2017. We had a total of 17 attendees, and look forward to seeing them all pass the CGFM exams in the near future! We have already had one person pass all 3 tests! Congratulations to Rachel McGinnis from Missouri.

Please welcome Riley Shaul back as the incoming President for the 2017-2018 year. We are still looking for you to get involved in the OKC Chapter. Please contact one of your current officers if you are interested in for the upcoming year.

So far this year, we have given back to our community through volunteering at The Sharing Tree in December 2016, and the OETA telethon in March 2017. We will also be volunteering at the OKC Marathon the end of April 2017. There are still a few slots left, please register if you would like to help.

We have our final luncheon of the year on April 19th, 2017 at the Tasting Room. Robyn Burk, Director of the Enterprise Service Center at the Federal Aviation Administration, will be our guest speaker. I look forward to seeing you there! Cost \$15 for AGA Members, \$20 for Non-AGA Members, 11:30am – 1:00pm.

Respectfully,
Chandra Heitzinger

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Mark Your Calendars

Visit the AGA-OKC website
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[www.agacgfm.org/
oklahomacity](http://www.agacgfm.org/oklahomacity)

Visit AGA National website
at:
www.agacgfm.org

Learn more about how to
become a Certified
Government Financial
Manager at:
[www.agacgfm.org/
CGFM-Certification/
overview.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/overview.aspx)



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AGA Officer Meetings – Open to all AGA Members

April 11th – AGA Officer’s Meeting – Open to all AGA Mem-
bers - 5:00pm at OMES 5005 N. Lincoln Blvd – Oasis
Room

AGA Professional Development Training – 1 Hour CPE Credit

April 19th – The Tasting Room - Monthly Luncheon - Robyn
Burk, Director of the Enterprise Service Center at the
Federal Aviation Administration

Welcome to the Following New Members

Bethany Patterson
Dianna DeLany

Website—Check our chapter website for upcoming
events and information at: [www.agacgfm.org/
oklahomacity](http://www.agacgfm.org/oklahomacity)

Social Media—We have a Facebook page
“Association of Government Accountants—Oklahoma
City”. Check it out for postings of upcoming events.

WILL ROGERS THEATRE

& EVENT CENTER



THE TASTING ROOM



April 19th—CPE Luncheon

Speaker—Robyn Burk

**Director of the Enterprise Service Center at the
Federal Aviation Administration**

Network with Peers

1 Hour CPE

Only \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members

11:30 to 1:00

Don't miss it!!

(4322 N. Western)

Are you using all
the great tools
available to you
through AGA?

Check out the AGA
website at
agacgfm.org to find
tools to:

- Prevent fraud
- Reduce improper payments
- Improve outcomes
- Mitigate risk
- Enhance collaboration

The online library
features research
and reports written
by experts in
government
finance, as well as
free guides created
to help government
finance
professionals at all
levels do their jobs
better.

Officers Needed

We are looking for officers for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. We would love for more AGA members to get involved. Thank you to all who served on the board this year!

CGFM Month Proclamation

Governor Fallin declares March as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month in The State of Oklahoma

In the spirit of advancing government accountability, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA)'s Oklahoma City chapter is pleased to announce that March has been declared as the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month in the state of Oklahoma.

In addition, two Oklahoma mayors have declared March to be CGFM month; Mayor Rosenthal from the City of Norman, and Mayor Ross from the City of Choctaw.

AGA's CGFM certification recognizes 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. It was specifically designed to meet the critical need for an increased emphasis on the professional qualifications and stature of government financial managers. In addition to meeting the program's education, examination and experience requirements, those awarded the designation agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

AGA is the member organization for financial professionals in government. 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.

For more information about AGA or the CGFM program, call 800.AGA.7211, or visit AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org.

A CGFM Story

Congratulations to Rachel McGinnis, new CGFM Here's Rachel's Story

My name is Rachel McGinnis and I am a budget and contracts officer at Missouri State University. My CGFM journey started back in October of 2014 when I applied for the CGFM program, but I never could find the time to study for the exams. I checked out study guides from my AGA chapter but kept returning them because I couldn't find the time to study. So, when I saw there was a CGFM course in one of the candidate newsletters that was being offered in Oklahoma City, I decided it was time to really focus on this exam and get it completed, since I only had until October 2018 to pass all three sections.

Right before the week long training, at the recommendation of Loren Devine, I registered for the three exams on the three Saturdays following my return home. I can't stress how important this was with increasing my motivation to study. The class was very detailed and covered a lot of information in a very short time. Following the class I have kept in contact with several of my classmates and we have been able to encourage each other. Also, we received emails of encouragement from Riley Shaull and Loren Devine which helped on the days I just didn't think I could study any more.

I took and passed the Exam #1 a week after the course and Exam #2 two weeks later. In the end, I had to reschedule my exams to give me more time to study for exam #2. I also purchased the practice exam for exam #2, which was very helpful. Then, three weeks after passing exam #2, I took the Exam #3 and passed.

I believe that the CGFM will really help my career in the future. I have learned a lot studying for the exams that I have been able to apply to my current position at Missouri State University. I encourage anyone thinking about taking the exams to schedule the exams to increase your motivation.



CGFM News

CGFM Digital Badge is Here!

The CGFM digital badge is a new way to display your CGFM credential online, in email signatures and on social media. It's sharable with others and verifiable with one click, and it provides employers concrete evidence of your CGFM status—as well as the requirements to earn it.

Questions on CGFM CPE requirements?

The AGA website has a whole page of frequently asked questions that may help.

Increase the value of CGFM—

Send your employer a letter about the benefits of CGFM to your organization and the public.

Celebrate CGFM in Boston—

Attend the annual PDT in Boston July 9-12 and be a part of the CGFM Day festivi-

**Don't forget to re-
new your member-
ship to the AGA
and the Oklahoma
City Chapter!**



AGA Oklahoma City Chapter Officers Meeting February 7th, 2017

Present: Chandra Heitzinger, Riley Shaull, Stefani Hovarter, Sam Ddamba, Chelley Hilmes, Deanna Brandt, Steven Hawkins

Meeting Opened at 5:07pm by Chandra Heitzinger

Chapter News/Updates:

AGA Shirts: There was discussion regarding the shirts for AGA. We agreed to forgo the red polo shirts, and order heather grey t-shirts with large AGA logo on the front. Motion was brought forward by Deanna to order shirts for the officers, for OETA volunteers and additional to use as giveaways. As many shirts as we can buy, up to \$500.00. Chelley seconded the motion. All in favor.

CGFM update:

We have a total of 14 people confirmed for the class.

13 Have paid

1 Have submitted PO's

Snacks for CGFM Training

Discussion regarding morning snacks. The previous amount of \$25 per day was too low to accommodate the number of students in the class. Riley made a motion to increase the cost to \$50 per day, and Steven seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was discussion regarding encumbering testing fees for the 18 people that attended CGFM training this month. Total would be approximately \$6375.00 total for the class.

Community Service:

OETA: March 14th 5:45pm – 10:30pm – This is the confirmed date. Please contact Melissa if you want to partake. There was an email sent out a few weeks ago.

Marathon: April 30th – 8am – 1pm – There was an email sent out with sign up instructions. T-shirts will be provided to the volunteers through the OKC Marathon event. In the registration process online, you will select your size of shirt.

They also expressed needing help setting up the day before if anyone is interested.

AGA Luncheon: February 22, 2017 at the Tasting Room. Speaker Lee Pugh, General Counsel, OK Tax Commission

Upcoming Conferences:

SLM Conference: In May 2017 in Kansas City, MO - Riley Shaull and Chris Kennedy will be attending this year.

PDT Conference: There was a motion made to send 2 AGA members to the PDT this year. Chandra Heitzinger will be filling one of the spots. The other spot is open for someone who is interested in attending. It's July 9th through July 12th in Boston. Please let Chandra Heitzinger know via email if you are interested in attending. It would be helpful for the board if you included some reasons why you would like to attend, and we will discuss at the next officer meeting.

Riley Shaull and Chelley Hilmes will also be attending PDT this year. Their expenses are covered outside of the AGA OKC Chapter.

There was discussion about offering scholarships for the PDT Conference in Boston, in the form of the registration fee at \$775 per person, for AGA members that are in need of CPE, if their employers would cover the cost of the remaining trip.

Motion brought forth by Riley, and seconded by Steven, to incur up to \$1750.00 per person for travel expenses for the first 2 attendees.

Upcoming Officer Meetings:

March 7, 2017	OMES - Frates Building - Oasis Room
April 11, 2017	OMES - Frates Building - Oasis Room
May - TBD	OMES - Frates Building - Oasis Room

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:12pm by Deanna, seconded and all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

February , 2017

	FNB	Totals	
Beginning Bank Statement Balance February 1st, 2017	41,094.20	14,804.37	
<u>Revenue</u>			
January Luncheon	60.00	240.00	
Transfer from FNB to OECU		40,147.20	
Refund		42.18	
Credit Interest		3.86	
Total Income	60.00	40,433.24	40,493.24
	\$ 41,154.20	\$ 55,237.61	\$ 96,391.81
<u>Expenses</u>			
CGFM Supplies		(264.59)	
January Luncheon (Will Rogers Theatre OKC)		(973.09)	
Funds Transfer from FNB to OECU	(40,147.20)		
Phone Swipe		(6.62)	
Checkcard Monthly Fee	(2.00)		
Bank Maintenance Fee	(5.00)		
Scholarships to OCU (Chk # 662)	(500.00)		
Scholarships to OCU (Chk # 664)	(500.00)		
Total Expenses	\$ (41,154.20)	\$ (1,244.30)	\$ (42,398.50)
Business Savings Account		5.00	5.00
Ending Bank Statement Balance February 28th, 2017	\$ -	\$ 53,998.31	\$ 53,998.31
Uncredited/(Undebited Transactions):			
Future Commitments/Encumbrances			
CGFM Exam Fees		(6,375.00)	(6,375.00)
Actual Available Balance as of February 28th, 2017	\$ -	\$ 47,628.31	\$ 47,628.31

UnDeposited Funds/(Unpaid Bills)

CGFM Training (Day Condensed Training) (17,400.00)

-signed-

Sam Ddamba, Treasurer

2016-17 Oklahoma City Chapter Officers

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