



THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY AGA MESSENGER

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

September 7, 2006

Thursday Meeting

Presenter:

Alex Whitenack
eMars

Location:

Frankfort Plant Board
Clubhouse

Time: 11:30 am-1pm

Price:

\$6 Members
\$8 Non-Members
\$5 CPE (no lunch)

Menu:

(Catered by Family Affair)

Baked city ham
Green beans
Corn
Mashed potatoes
Mandarin orange salad
Rolls
Chocolate cake
Tea/Lemonade/Water

President's Message Mary Hudson

Greetings from the chapter executive committee! I am sure everyone is busy. It's been a wonderful summer and soon it will be fall with the colorful leaves and crisp weather. I hope things are going well for everyone.

The Central Kentucky AGA chapter executive committee wants to keep you informed of current happenings within the chapter. The Executive Committee works to plan events and assist you in your professional development. Here is a list of the plans we are working on to assist you with your government financial management career:

1. We are working, guided by the chapter CGFM Director, Rick Waddle, to assist those members who are interested in this designation with study groups, scholarships, etc.
2. We will be starting a Membership Drive to increase awareness of the benefits of AGA membership and increase our membership and maintain members. Stay tuned for details. Contact Lee Ann Watters, the chapter Membership Director for more details.
3. We are continuing to collect pop tabs for Friends of Indian Summer Camp. There will be some other community service opportunities coming up this fall. Contact Linda Sagraves, the chapter Community

Service Director for more details.

The Central Kentucky AGA chapter will be hosting the 15th Annual Accounting and Auditing Update on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 and Wednesday, October 4, 2006. The chapter Education Director, Cindy Upton has coordinated this training. Bill Broadus will be the speaker. The registration deadline is September 26. Please contact any of the chapter officers for information.

The chapter executive committee is excited to serve the membership, so please contact any of the officers if you have questions, want to share your ideas or become more involved with chapter events.

Please visit our chapter website at www.ckyaga.com and the National AGA website at www.agacgfm.org. These websites are valuable resources with information that can assist you in your professional development and leadership.

Our next meeting is September 7 at the Frankfort Plant Board. Alex Whitenack will be speaking to us about the new eMARS system. Please join us and bring a co-worker.

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Chapter Events and Happenings

Featured September Speaker:

Alex Whitenack



Alex Whitenack is a public service veteran. He served as Project Manager during the recent implementation of eMARS, as well as serving as the Executive Director of the Customer Resource Center (CRC). Alex has previously served in accounting and budgeting positions throughout state government, most recently in the Office of the Controller.

15th Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update

By: Cindy Upton, Education Director

Our chapter is hosting the 15th Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update on Tuesday, October 3, and Wednesday, October 4, 2006. We are fortunate to have again as our speaker Mr. Bill Broadus. A native Kentuckian, Bill is a past national president of the Association of Government Accountants and served 28 years with the U.S. Government Accountability Office. In his "retirement," he spends his time providing consulting and continuing professional education services, not only nationally, but abroad, as well.

This year's conference should prove to be another exciting event. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has been busy on a

number of projects. The Government Accountability Office has issued an exposure draft of revised Government Auditing Standards. And the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has issued 11 new Statements on Auditing Standards since last year's conference. Be prepared to "listen fast."

We are trying a new facility this year. The conference will be at the Hampton Inn, 1310 US 127 South, in Frankfort. Lunch and breaks are still included in your registration fee.

By now, you should have received an overview of the conference program and the registration materials.

The conference registration form provides different rates for members and non-members, those who attend one day versus two days, and those who attend as part of a group of five or more from one agency. If you plan to attend only one day, please indicate on your registration form which day you will attend. The accounting update will be on Tuesday, October 3. The auditing update will be on Wednesday, October 4. Please email your registration form early and then mail your payment or bring it to the conference. If you email your form to us early, we know how many copies of handouts to make and how many meals and refreshments to order.

We hope to see you there!



15th Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update

Tuesday, October 3, 2006
Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Hampton Inn, Frankfort 8:00am – 4:30pm

16 HOURS GOVERNMENTAL CPE AVAILABLE

Registration Form:

Name _____
Agency/Firm _____
Telephone _____
Address _____
E-mail _____

Please Check Those Which Apply:

YES, I am an AGA member.
 I will attend *one* day: \$125
 I will attend *both* days: \$225
 I will attend as part of a group (5 or more from one agency): -10%
\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

NO, I am not an AGA member.
 I will attend *one* day: \$150
 I will attend *both* days: \$250
 I will attend as part of a group (5 or more from one agency): -10%
\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please email your registration form to either Lee Ann Watters at lwatters@mountjoybressler.com or Nancy Beth Cary at ncary@mountjoybressler.com. You can fax your registration to either Lee Ann or Nancy Beth at (502) 227-9400, or you can send it to them by mail at P O Box 5630, Frankfort, KY 40602. The **deadline** for registration is **Tuesday, September 26, 2006**.

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Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a CGFM, please contact Rick Waddle. Even if you are not sure if you want to study and sit for the exam, please contact Rick with any interest whatsoever. The Chapter is purchasing the exam study guides and will also be setting up a chat room to help as many people pass as possible.

Chapter Incentive:

Six \$50 cash awards will be given to the first 6 people who successfully pass the CGFM exam!

National Incentive:

From September 1 until November 30, 2006 AGA will give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 rebate,

1. the complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and copy of the transcript) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2006.
2. the CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?:".

Important Note: A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by

mail in January. The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the rebate.

It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the rebate.

But that is not all...

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted as part of this promotion in the three-month period of September-November 2006 will also receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

CGFM application form can be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to AGA member and historian, Catherine Hunt, who works at the State Auditor's Office. Catherine received her Certified Public Accountant license on June 29, 2006.

Chapter Events and Happenings

Community Service Update

By: Linda Sagraves, CPA,CPM

The Central Kentucky Chapter plans to offer several community service opportunities this year. Our current Community Service Opportunities are:

- Volunteering for the Kentucky Book Fair
- Bringing in Pop-Tabs and Aluminum Cans

Kentucky Book Fair

Our first volunteer opportunity will be getting volunteers to help with the Kentucky Book Fair held on Saturday, **November 11th, 2006**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at the Frankfort Convention Center. This annual event has brought together scores of writers and readers and is celebrating its 25th year! As indicated on the website at <http://www.kybookfair.com/>, the Kentucky Book Fair has three key goals

1. To honor the profession of writing in the form of a one-day celebration.
2. To provide a format for authors to meet their reading public.
3. To raise money through the sale of books and donate all profits to mostly school and public libraries throughout Kentucky.

If you want to help with the book fair on November 11, 2006 or help set up the fair on Thursday, November 9, 2006, please complete the following form and **submit it to be by October 2, 2006**. I will pass the forms along to Amy Luscher Smith who works with the volunteers.

KENTUCKY BOOK FAIR 2006

**Supporting School and Public Libraries
throughout Kentucky**

**Nov. 11, 2006 – Frankfort Convention Center,
Frankfort**

The success of this premiere annual event depends on committed, enthusiastic, experienced volunteers. Will you join the team this year?

Feedback from last year's volunteers has led to improvements for this year's fair. For example, the volunteer time slots are shorter. Also, the event will need fewer volunteers during the course of the day, but the tasks are as important as ever.

We will also host a second annual **volunteer orientation session** at the Frankfort Convention Center (**date to be determined**), so please make plans to come and check out the information for volunteers only!

Assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and, although we will make attempts to meet your first choice request, job assignments are not guaranteed from year to year.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up as soon as possible by submitting the following information...Registration Form on Page 7!

Don't forget our other community service activities:

Pop-Tab Campaign



Have your friends and neighbors join in our collection of Pop Tabs to benefit Friends of Indian Summer. The Friends of Indian Summer send children diagnosed with cancer to camp every summer so that these children can have a great experience, despite their illness. Please let me know if you need a collection can for the pop tabs. All collections can be dropped off at the monthly membership meetings. <http://www.iscamp.org/>

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L.I.F.E. House for Animals

Also, the L.I.F.E. House for Animals has a donation bin for aluminum cans in the front of their building on Fido Court. Aluminum drink cans and pet food cans are accepted. If you place a magnet on a can and it sticks to the can it is not aluminum. L.I.F.E. House receives: Drink Cans-.50 cents per pound and Pet Food Cans-.30 cents per pound. So if you collect cans, drop them off at their collection site or bring them to the meetings and I will drop them off for you.
<http://www.lifehouse4animals.org/recycle.htm>

If you have any questions regarding community service activities, please direct them to me at 573-0050 ext. 269.



AGA White Paper Outlines Top Issues in Accountability Profession

For the third year, AGA brought together more than 100 leaders in government financial management at its annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to discuss challenges facing the profession. The result of the wide-ranging discussions is the 2006 White Paper. It outlines how four task forces plan to tackle issues in Human Capital, Education & Research, Performance Reporting and Citizen-Centric Government. The task forces reported on the progress they have made and also developed new initiatives to move the profession forward. Read the White Paper.

Call for submissions...Do you have an item you'd like to see featured in the newsletter? If you or a member you know has changed jobs, gotten a promotion, or accomplished important at home or work, please submit to Ellen Ballard at Ellen.Ballard@ky.gov. Thank you!!

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Book Fair Volunteer Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip)

Phone Numbers (Please include area codes.)

Home: (_____) _____ Business: (_____) _____

Cell: (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

____ I am younger than age 18 years of age.

Hours Available:

____ I will help on **Thursday, Nov. 9** – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help set up for the event

____ I will help on **Saturday, Nov. 11**, at this time (or these times):

_____ 8:30–10:30 _____ 10:30-12:30 _____ 12:30–2:30 _____ 2:30-4:30

As a Saturday volunteer, I prefer these assignments (Prioritize with “1” being first choice):

_____ Greeter (welcome patrons, distribute catalogs)

_____ Author Assistant (assist authors during the event)

_____ My Favorite authors or genres: _____

_____ Surveyor (gather feedback from authors, patrons, or volunteers)

_____ Hospitality (serve beverages and lunches to authors, help everyone feel welcome)

_____ Generalist (flexible and ready to contribute my skills as needed)

I need this accommodation (for example, a task that can be done while seated):

In past years, I have served the Book Fair in these roles:

_____ I cannot volunteer this year, but please call on me in 2007.

***Thank you for supporting the 25th Annual Kentucky Book Fair!
We appreciate your support!***

Chapter Events and Happenings

Date	Speaker	Topic	CPE	Credits
September 7, 2006 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Alex Whitenack	eMARS	Yes	1 hr.
October 3-4,2006 (Hampton Inn, Frankfort)	Bill Broadus	AICPA Update	Yes	16 hrs.
October 5, 2006 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Daniel Hinton & Aaron Greenwell	Public Service Commission	Yes	1 hr.
November 1, 2006 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Christine Wilcoxson	Self Insurance Fund	Yes	1 hr.
December 7, 2006 (Frankfort Plant Board)	James D. Smith, Ky Transportation Cabinet, Training Division	Get a Grip-Organize Your Life	Yes	1 hr.
January 11, 2007 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Mountjoy Bressler	Tax Update	Yes	1 hr.
February 2, 2007 (Frankfort Plant Board)		KCTCS Funding	Yes	1 hr.
March 1, 2007 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Penny Gold	KSCPA Update	Yes	1 hr.
April 2-3, 2007 (Marriott, Lexington)	Various	Regional PDC	Yes	16 hrs.
May 9, 2007 (Frankfort Plant Board)	Phil Nally	Regional AGA Update	Yes	1 hr.
		Totals		40 hrs.



**AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST 2006**

OPERATING ACCOUNT

EDUCATION ACCOUNT

<i>Beginning Bank Balance</i>	\$	3,107.62
Revenue:		
Interest	\$	2.59
Total Revenue	\$	2.59
Expense:		
Total Expense	\$	0.00
<i>Ending Bank Balance</i>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,110.21</u>

<i>Beginning Bank Balance</i>	\$	3,175.52
Revenue:		
	\$	158.00
Total Revenue	\$	158.00
Expense:		
Refund for May Training	\$	200.00
Gifts		41.28
Supplies		227.16
Clubhouse Rental July/Aug		100.00
Lunch Subsidy July/Aug		810.90
Total Expense	\$	1,379.34
<i>Ending Bank Balance</i>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,954.18</u>

Central Kentucky Leadership Directory, 2006-2007

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