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# CAPITOL TOPICS

## OCTOBER 2012

## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

### Outreach and Partnerships

The first few weeks of the fiscal year have been a blur. In recent weeks, reaching out to others in state government and the promise of new partnerships has been a theme for our local chapter. I had the pleasure of visiting with members of the AGA San Antonio chapter during a luncheon presentation. It was nice to see familiar faces and make new acquaintances via the AGA, but the real take-away for me was the importance of strengthening relationships with AGA contacts throughout the state and region. After the San Antonio trip, we exchanged chapter education plans. I'd like to do the same with other nearby chapters and if possible, coordinate more interaction with San Antonio - I believe both chapters have much to offer each other.

More outreach - I visited with Jo Dale Guzman and Krista Oswald of the Texas State Auditors' Office Professional Development Section and came away feeling that there are many in state government that AGA has not connected with in some time. Jo Dale, Krista and I resolved to partner and help each other with reaching out to those working in government. Our respective organizations both offer high-quality continuing education and excellent networking opportunities. It's time to bring these two organizations together and see what sort of impact we can make in government accounting, finance and budget.

Partnerships! Our first new partnership of the fiscal year started a little rocky. There was much positive feedback from attendees at our first luncheon hosted by Scholz Garten... and some areas where we could improve. I can tell you that we have worked out our audio issues for the October luncheon. We've also secured free parking next door, luncheons will start a bit earlier and we'll include dessert, so come to Scholz's on October 11. Phillip Ashley, Director of Fiscal Management for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will provide an overview of *Citizen-Centric Reporting*, and the St. Edwards student citizen-centric reporting team will present their competition case study. These students, under the guidance of Dr. Carolyn Conn, were selected as finalist participants and showcased their work at the AGA Professional Development conference in San Diego this past July. After the competition, the students were sought out by AGA members and congratulated on their performance. All this in their first year of competition! That is a noteworthy feat, so please come and take in these two excellent presentations.

Respectfully,

Paul Morris

2012-2013 President, AGA Austin Chapter

## Upcoming Event

Phillip Ashley and Members of the St. Edward's University team which placed in the top three finalist teams in the AGA Graduate Finance Case Challenge will discuss their experience and will share their project, a Citizen-Centric Report.

**Date/Time:**

**Thursday, October 11, 2012 - 11:30am-2:00pm**

**Location:**

**Scholz Garten - 1607 San Jacinto Blvd Austin TX 78701**

**CPE Credit:**

**2 Hours**

**Registration:**

**Send email to Adana Barry - [Adana.Barry@austintexas.gov](mailto:Adana.Barry@austintexas.gov)**

**(If you prefer a vegetarian dish, please let Adana know when registering)**

# HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the August 16th 2012



## Call to order

Paul Morris called to order the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

## Roll call

The following members were in attendance physically at the ERS Conference Room – Longhorn Annex: Paul Morris, Kadie Weyer, Priscilla Suggs, Patti Aguilera, Aaron Dvorak, and Eddie Chan. The following members were in attendance via conference call: LaTosha Goard, Autumn Bellfield, Adana Berry, Kristen Gonzales, and Debi Weyer.

## Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes for the strategic planning meeting on Saturday, June 23, 2012. The motion was seconded and approved by the Executive Committee.

## AGA Expense Reimbursement Form

- The expense reimbursement form needs to be uploaded to Google Docs and included as part of the financial policies documents.
- The expense reimbursement form may be filled out for expenses that have already been approved in the budget. If the expenses have not been approved in the budget, talk to the Executive Committee before submitting an expense reimbursement form.
- There were no PDC travel reimbursements, as Lynda Baker's company paid for her travel expenses.
- There was a motion to reimburse Paul Morris for a \$25.00 gift card expense. The motion was seconded and approved by the Executive Committee.

## Google Docs Updates

- Historically, each chairperson would physically hand over the materials to the new chairperson. Now these materials will be uploaded to Google Docs to provide continuity over the years. Uploading documents in Google Docs will also help the Austin chapter keep up with their chapter history.

- It was suggested that chapter records should be kept for five years, and anything older than five years can be archived on a disc. This topic has been tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting. In the next meeting, the Executive Committee will discuss document retention in Google Docs.
- When uploading documents to Google Docs, keep the document in the original format it was created in; otherwise, the document may get corrupted.
- Google Docs policies and procedures will be drafted. These policies and procedures will address issues that include how frequently the account password should be changed, and privacy settings that will prevent members from destroying documents.

## Education Updates

- Scholz Garten was selected as the luncheon location via poll. The contract will be signed for a \$100 room fee that includes all audio/visual equipment, stage, podium, and parking.
- Nine luncheons have been scheduled. There was a suggestion that an evening CPE class be held to reach out to a different crowd. It was also noted that February, March and April are the lightest attendance months of the year.
- Evelyn Brown is scheduled to speak at the luncheon on November 8, 2012. The Executive Committee will check with Evelyn Brown to see if she is up for a happy hour event on November 7, 2012.
- Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Austin Chapter. The Executive Committee wants to have an eight hour professional development conference, and discussed partnering with other chapters to make the event larger and have a wider range of topics and speaker, physically or via teleconference.

*For details of our meeting minutes, please visit our website at:*

<http://www.agaustin.org/ECMinutes.html>

**AGA Core Values:**

*Service,*

*Accountability,*

*Integrity,*

*Leadership.*



## Treasurer's Report

For the period ending 09/30/2012

<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	
<b>08/31/2012</b>	<b>\$8,793.06</b>
<i>Revenue:</i>	
Dept of Family Protective Services 9/20/12 Luncheon	\$65.00
Credit Card - Square 9/20/12 Luncheon	\$141.01
Teacher Retirement System 9/20/12 Luncheon	\$50.00
Chapter Recruitment Scholarship - Nat'l	\$181.00
Dividend through August	\$0.78
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$437.79</b>
<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>\$9,230.85</b>

<i>Expenditures:</i>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No./ Credit Card.</i>		
9/22/12	CC	Scholz Garten 9/20/2012 Luncheon	\$484.09
9/26/12	CC	FY12-13 CD's for Audio Conferences - Nat'l	\$287.85
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>\$771.94</b>

<b>Ending Bank Balance 09/30/12</b>	<b>\$8,458.91</b>
<b>Check Register Reconciliation:</b>	
<b>Ending Bank Balance 09/30/12</b>	<b>\$8,458.91</b>

<i>Outstanding Checks:</i>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	
<b>Total Outstanding Checks</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

<i>Outstanding Deposits:</i>			
<i>Date</i>		<i>Description</i>	
<b>Total Outstanding Deposits</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>

**Adjusted Ending Bank Balance @ 09/30/12** **\$8,458.91**

**Total Chapter Cash Available Per Check Register @ 09/30/12** **\$8,458.91**

<i>Cash On Hand:</i>			
		CU Min Savings Balance	\$5.00
		Luncheon Bank	\$40.00

## Membership News

### Membership Appreciation/Recruitment

“Special guest **Evelyn Brown**, AGA National President”

AGA is holding a membership recruitment event at Central Market-North Lamar on **November 7th from 4pm-7:30pm.**

There will be free food, drinks and deserts catered by Central Market.  
Two raffles will be held in order to give away: one for a free luncheon for current members and one year membership for a new member.

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 year**  
Ms. Autumn Bellfied  
Mr. Daniel W. Funderburk
- 10 years**  
Ms. Vickie M. Warfield
- 15 years**  
Dr. Carlton R. Hackett, CGFM  
-Retired
- 20 years**  
Ms. Lucila R. Trevino, CPA  
Ms. Helen S. Young



If you have an anniversary approaching, please let us know!

## October Upcoming Event

**City of San Diego Citizen Centric Report/Citizen Centric Reporting** (October 11, 2012)

### Speakers:

Leigh Anne Floyd, Sandra Hernandez, Cynthia Wainwright- Branigan, and Maura Valle.  
Phillip Ashley, CPA, CGFM, Director of Fiscal Management, Comptroller of Public Accounts.

### Learning Objective:

1. To demonstrate an innovative means of communicating the city of San Diego's financial information to its citizenry using the Citizen-Centric report format.
2. To understand the need for government financial reporting transparency and how citizen-centric reporting can improve communications between government and its taxpayers.





## Community Service

### Play Bingo Luncheon

October 27, 2012

The Center for Child Protection has requested volunteers for the Play Bingo Ladies luncheon. The Center for Child Protection, an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, was established to bring together the agencies that serve children who are victims of sexual assault or serious physical injury or who witnessed violent crime. PlayBingo is organized by the Center's Friends of Christopher Guild and presented by Lexus of Austin. This is a **BIG FUN event**, so let's support this great charity by volunteering. Volunteers are needed from **9:30am to 2:30pm**. Positions available include Greeters, Registration/Auction Pay Assistants, Prize Runners, Bingo Card, Teddy Bear, & Jewelry Sales Assistants, Auction Assistants and of course... the Bubbles and Bling!

All volunteer opportunities are located at The Hilton Downtown at 500 East 4th Street. If you would like to volunteer, please email Lynda Baker at [bright\\_sunny\\_disp@yahoo.com](mailto:bright_sunny_disp@yahoo.com)

### Wreaths Across America

The Austin Chapter is joining the San Antonio Chapter in inviting you to sponsor Christmas Wreaths for military graves across America from **October 1st through December 10th**.

This year, Wreaths Across America has asked CAP to help secure sponsorships for additional wreaths to be placed in over 240 veteran's cemeteries across the country. Wreaths Across America began in 2006 as an offshoot of the Arlington National Cemetery wreath project, which started in 1992 with the annual placement of 5,000 wreaths donated by Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine. The Wreaths Across America ceremonies were conducted largely by CAP wings and squadrons with the help of veterans' organizations. Visit the link below to get more information, including a how-to guide and video from the 2006 ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. You will also be able to download a sponsorship order form.

The sponsor cost is **\$15** a wreath of which **\$2** of that amount is donated to the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

If you wish to participate please donate wreaths at <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/store/> and email Lynda Baker at [bright\\_sunny\\_disp@yahoo.com](mailto:bright_sunny_disp@yahoo.com) with the number of wreaths that were donated on our Chapter's behalf.

## Single Audits are Different!

By Leita Hart-Fanta, CPA, CGFM, CGAP

After completing this section of the course, you will be able to:

1. Identify the significant differences between a commercial financial audit and a Single Audit
2. Distinguish between standard setting bodies

An audit firm in California hired me to teach them how to do Single Audits faster and with less effort. They ended up learning that they weren't doing enough!

The Single Audit is an intense, granular, involved engagement. It goes beyond a standard financial audit and involves three components. It also involves the federal government. And, if you have ever filled out an IRS form, you know that the feds don't do simple.

I have had the pleasure of working with federal inspector generals quite a bit. And, I can see now why they are not happy with the quality of Single Audits created by CPA firms. If you would like to see their complaints, Google "PCIE Single Audit Sampling Project" or follow this link: <http://www.ignet.gov/pande/audit/NatSamProjRptFINAL2.pdf>. In this report, a consortium of federal inspector generals performed a quality control review of Single Audits and found over half of them unreliable.

### How can this be?

Part of it is due to the complexity of the Single Audit. The Single Audit is a lot to take on and some CPA firms are still learning how to do them. But I think much of the dissatisfaction is due to cultural differences between the federal inspector general's audit approach and the audit approach of CPA firms. The federal inspector generals I have worked with are what I would call diggers. They spend months and months on an audit and drill down and look at some issues in great and sometimes exhausting detail. Their audit reports are lengthy and take a long time to create.

Please follow this link to read more about the article.

<http://yellowbook-cpe.com>

**Single Audit Primer** live in Austin featuring Bruce Truitt and Leita Hart-Fanta on October 23. [REGISTER TO-DAY.](#)