



AGA NEWSLETTER

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CENTENNIAL
CHAPTER

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President's Corner

ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Audio-Conference

September 28, 2011

Two CPE Credits

SCO 4th Flr Training Room

Continuous Monitoring –
Management's Window to
Preventing Fraud, Waste and
Abuse

Audio-Conference

October 5, 2011

Two CPE Credits

SCO 4th Flr Training Room

SSAE 16 Reporting on Controls

Reservations:

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September Luncheon Meeting

September 15, 2011

PERSI Update

Ray Polzin

PERSI Deputy Director

Coming this Summer

Adopt the Greenbelt

Sept 17 – 10 am

See the events page on
our web site

Dear Members,

Melanie Bartolome

Chapter President 2011-2012

**Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)
Meeting Minutes of 05/19/2011**

Call to order: 10:40 a.m. **Attendees:** Tanya Hellewell, President; Melonie Bartolome, President-Elect; Judy Shock, Treasurer; Rosemary McClenahan, Secretary; Brandon Purcell, Programs/Technical Meetings; Lou Henry, Early Careers Chair; Lisa Johnson, PDC Co-Chair; Michelle Kelly, Community Service Chair; Carol Bearce, Communications Co-Chair; Laura Gilmore, Past President; Mona Bryant, Education Co-Chair; Marsi Woody, Chapter Development & Assistance Regional Coordinator

Minutes: Lou Henry moved to approve the March and April minutes as presented. Laura Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand at the end of March was \$43,518.95 and at the end of April was \$40,314.51. The balance on May 19 was \$24,764.50. Expenses for the PDC were \$16,229.09; the loss on the PDC was approximately \$3,600. Carol Bearce moved we accept the March and April Treasurer's Reports. Lou Henry seconded the motion. Motion passed. Receipts from the school raffle were \$450. Carol Bearce moved the Chapter match the \$450 so a total of \$900 will go to the schools. Melonie Bartolome seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Education: Bob Uhlenkott from the Department of Labor will speak on the employment outlook at today's luncheon. Keith Johnson will speak in September. There will be an audio conference on June 8.

Kitty Pumphrey and Lee Miller filled in at the PDC when the scheduled speakers were unavailable at the last minute. Laura Gilmore moved Kitty and Lee be given gift cards and a thank you card for spontaneous speaking. Michelle Kelly seconded the motion. Motion

passed. Lisa Johnson will research and purchase gift cards.

Dates and options for the Fall Conference were discussed. Mona Bryant will look at venue options for November 9-10, 2011.

CGFM: Most CPE forms from the PDC have been mailed to attendees and some will be distributed at the luncheon meeting. Kitty Pumphrey is developing materials for a potential CGFM training/mentoring program.

Community Service: May 28 is tentatively scheduled for the Adopt a Greenbelt cleanup. The Chapter is assigned a section of the river on the East side of Veterans Park. The date may be changed due to high water and safety concerns. Adopt a Highway is tentatively scheduled for June 18, weather permitting. The Chapter is required to provide water. The Board discussed food options. Michelle Kelly moved we approve a budget not to exceed \$100 each for Adopt a Highway and Adopt a Greenbelt. Laura Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion passed. Continuing a change jar at the luncheons to donate to a different charity each month and collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House were discussed.

Points: Melonie Bartolome reported there was a glitch in the point reporting system and the points may need to be submitted via paper this quarter. When National revamps their website, they plan to bring the points system into the website.

Membership: The PDC registrations included eight new members. Connie Lane-Porter and Michelle Kelly will check the National website for freebie stuff.

Early Careers: One student is attending today's luncheon. Catherine Mumm and Melonie Bartolome participated in a panel at BSU and there was interest in AGA. Lou Henry is retiring

and Les Lake will take over this committee assignment.

Communication: The Board discussed ways to motivate members to access the website. Mass mailings can be done through Constant Contact for \$15/month. The Board discussed a member's only list and other e-mails options. As the website is updated, please let Laura Gilmore know if links don't work. Laura Gilmore and Michelle Kelly will work on a PDF calendar for the website. Contact Laura Gilmore if you have website content. The Statesman is including AGA material on the online paper, but not in printed paper.

Old Business: Sherrill Geddes will take photos of the Chapter Awards. Michelle Kelly moved we purchase plaques for the Financial Manager of the Year and Community Service Award recipients. Laura Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tanya Hellewell will purchase the awards.

The Chapter has two free registrations for the National PDC in Atlanta on July 10-13. Other expenses would not be covered by the Chapter. The President and President-Elect expenses to attend the National PDC are covered by the Chapter with the exception of the two lodging scholarships that are provided by National. Laura Gilmore moved we offer two conference registrations to the general membership. If we get more than two people interested by June 8 the decision will be made by drawing names. If we don't get two people, the registrations will be claimed by Tanya Hellewell and/or Melonie Bartolome. Carol Bearce seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tanya will announce this opportunity at the luncheon meeting. Carol Bearce moved the Board authorize Melonie Bartolome to spend up to \$100 plus shipping for a basket for the raffle at National PDC. Lou Henry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Melonie Bartolome will notify the Board about the next meeting.

Carol Bearce moved the meeting adjourn. Lou Henry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Rosemary McClenahan, Secretary

CGFM NEWS

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Opportunity

Need CPE but want do earn it at your own pace? The Association of Government Accountants and SmartPros have partnered to offer 160 CPE courses in a variety of fields, including accounting, auditing, government, and more. For a list of courses please go online to <http://education.smartpros.com/main1/welcome.asp?qs=aga>

To take advantage of the AGA discounts, contact John Gioeli at 703-631-8840 or jgioeli@becker.com.

"In today's complex and changing world, a professional certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world." —John Radford, CGFM, State Controller, State of Oregon

AGA Idaho Centennial Chapter Luncheon Meeting minutes 05/19/11

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.

Announcements: Tanya Hellewell passed the gavel to Melonie Bartolome, incoming President. The following officers elected at the PDC were introduced: Brandon Purcell, President-Elect; Rosemary McClenahan, Secretary; Judy Shock, Treasurer.

Members are encouraged to complete the National AGA survey by May 11; the chapter will receive \$200 for participating in the survey.

The Financial Manager of the Year award was presented to Connie Hill and the Chapter Service Award was presented to Carol Bearce. Members were reminded to check the website for information on Community Service opportunities.

The raffle at the PDC generated \$450. The Chapter will match that amount for a total of \$900 to be used to purchase school supplies.

The Chapter has two conference registrations, valued at \$800 each, for the National PDC in Atlanta July 10-13. Those interested in pursuing this training opportunity should contact Melonie Bartolome prior to June 8. Travel expenses are not included.

Guests were introduced.

Speaker: Bob Uhlenkoff, Chief Research Officer at the Department of Labor, talked about Major Economic and Workforce Trends for the Coming Decade. Staff does its best to forecast and can see afterwards what may have been missed.

Gross Domestic Product grew 85% in the last year. According to USA Today, September, 2007, Idaho was thriving and was one of the fastest growing states in the country. The "real" or true rate of unemployment is the rate in the newspaper. The U-3 rate is total unemployment as a percentage of the civilian labor force. This is the official rate. Other rates are available.

Idaho's unemployment rate of 9.7% has not changed since February. Idaho's unemployment rate is higher than the national rate for the first time since 2001. The national rate reached 10% in 2009. More

jobs don't mean better jobs. The year-over-year job growth chart shows Idaho's non-farm performance is deeper than the 1980s recession. There was a double dip in the 1980s; however, 2007-09 is a deeper dip. Projections currently show it will be late 2013 and early 2014 to get back to where we were in 2007. Projections show pre-recession levels for construction by 2025-2031.

Three major factors shape the workforce, economy, and quality of life.

- (1) Population / in migration – drivers license data
- (2) Great demographic shift – retirees
- (3) Education and training – educated workforce

Below are factors that drive health care, which has remained flat during the recession.

- (1) Shifting demographics – baby boomers and people living longer
- (2) Longer lives – more health problems
- (3) National in-migration made up of many retirees
- (4) Low cost of living
- (5) Competitive business costs

Employment is expected to increase 15% over the next decade. Natural growth, retirement, and people changing fields of employment are expected to create 28,000 job openings annually. In Idaho, only 20% have a bachelor's degree or higher education. Jobs that are created require more education than in the past. Currently, more than one-third of the jobs in Idaho do not require a lot of training. Hot jobs - the highest paying, fastest growing and most abundant - include registered nurses, accountants, and pharmacists. There is an inverse relationship between education and employment. Education is a return on investment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Rosemary McClenahan, Secretary

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER**

Beginning YTD Cash Balance, July 1, 2011			\$ 23,638.12
<i>Beginning Monthly Balance - August 1, 2011</i>			\$ 23,529.68
Receipts		<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Scholarships			-
Meeting Meals			-
AGA National Dues			-
Charitable Activities			-
Audio Conferences	600.00		600.00
Other	200.00		200.00
Training Registrations			-
Fall 2011 PDC			-
Spring 2012 PDC			-
Pass Through			-
Total Receipts		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Total Cash and Revenue			\$ 24,438.12
Disbursements			
Scholarships			-
Meeting Meals			-
AGA National Dues			-
Charitable Activities	(900.00)		(900.00)
Audio Conferences	(3,175.00)		(3,258.00)
Other (Misc Exp)	(25.14)		(50.58)
Training Registrations			-
Fall 2011 PDC			-
Spring 2012 PDC			-
Pass Through			-
Officer Conferences	(1,299.30)		(1,299.30)
Board Meeting Expense			-
Expenses (National & Fall)			-
GFOA			-
Total Expenses		\$ (5,399.44)	(5,507.88)
Ending Cash Balance, August 31, 2011			\$ 18,930.24

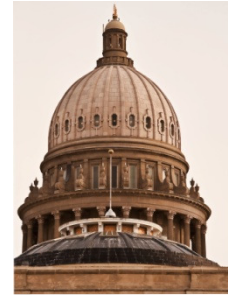
WHAT'S NEW FOR TRAINING OR SERVICE?

Community Service Projects

Contact: Michelle Kelly
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Pulling for Kids Ronald McDonald Tabs. (We will have a depository for tabs at all meetings)



IPTV Fund Drive

We participated in the Idaho Public Television Fund Drive phone bank during IPTV's March 6-19 fundraiser. Watch for further information on this fun event in the future. If we have enough interest we may do it again next year.



Adopt-A-Highway

This took place on Saturday, July 30. Thanks to all who joined in the cleanup effort.



September 17 at 10:00 am. T-shirts & picnic lunch provided for participants. Come along – the weather should be perfect!



Rake Up Boise

Fall is coming quickly – Don't forget this much appreciated assistance we can provide.

Future Audio Conference Dates

Sept 28	Continuous Monitoring – Management's Window to Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse
Oct 5	SSAE 16 Reporting on Controls
Oct 19	Performance Management
Nov 2	Major Challenges to the Public Sector Auditing Profession
Nov 16	Using XBRL to Improve Accountability.
Dec 7	Performance Management
Dec 14	Fraud
All audio conferences are from 12:00 – 1:50 and are held at the SCO 4 th Flr Training Room	

Next Monthly Luncheon

When:	Thursday, Sept 15, 2011
Where:	SCO 4 th Floor Training Room
Time:	11:45 – 1:00 pm
Cost:	\$8.00 (or bring your own)
Lunch:	WilliB's Sandwiches
CPE:	1 hour
Speaker:	Ray Polzin, Deputy Director PERSI
Topic:	PERSI Update

RSVP: RSVP form will be emailed and posted on website. Please remember to RSVP whether you are buying lunch or not so we make sure to provide enough seating.

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Please think about serving on the board

Just ask any board member