

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As the summer comes to a close, we begin the 2026-2027 AGA Program Year. I am honored to serve as President of the Ozarks AGA Chapter. I would like to share a few of our goals for this year:

- **Chapter Growth:** Ozarks AGA is an incredible association with great opportunities for networking and education. Members learn how to strengthen accountability and performance in the public sector. Our goal is to share these opportunities with every financial management professional supporting government.

- **Students:** Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Through no cost membership and scholarship opportunities, our goal is to welcome students to our association where they will experience support and learning opportunities for the rest of their career.

- **Continuing Education:** We work in a field that embraces constant change... from new standards to new technologies. We will offer two seminars and multiple lunchtime learning opportunities featuring some of the most trusted and highly regarded professionals in our field. Through this, we will each grow together and continue to advance our profession.

I'm excited for us to get this program year started and your Chapter Executive Committee is dedicated to making this year full of opportunity for our members! Please reach out to any of us with any suggestions you have. This is your association and we want it to surpass your greatest expectations.



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**Ozarks AGA
Member Meeting**

**Thursday,
September 17th
@ Noon
@ 425 Downtown
1 Hour CPE**

**Speaker and Topic
TBD**

2026

**Internal Control &
FRAUD
Prevention Training**

Available Vitrually
Don't miss out!
Sept 22nd - 23rd 2026
Washington, DC

**National Leadership
Training 2027**



GRANT WRITING USA®

Learn to write award willing
grant proposals

October 26-27, 2026

Feb 17th-18th, 2027
Washington, DC
Registration is Open!

Hilton Garden Inn
4155 S Nature Center Way
Springfield, MO

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

City of Springfield, MO

- Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance

Citizens Memorial Hospital

- Accounting Department Manager

City Utilities of Springfield

- Accounting Analyst I or II

Greene County, MO

- Accounting Specialist

State of Missouri

- Accounting Supervisor
- Accountant

IN THE NEWS

Transformative change is in motion for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's McDaniel Park, with designs now underway for the new pump track, pavilion with restrooms, and destination playground. Made possible with generous support from TrialSpring, the Hatch Foundation, Abilities First and the City of Springfield. Construction is starting this month, with opening planned for Spring 2027.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP



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