

NEWSLETTER

June 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

This past year, I focused on the core tenets of AGA. Speaking topics included leadership, accountability, governance, innovation, and transparency. As an entirely volunteer organization, we as a Board, most of whom work full-time jobs, strive to provide quality CPE to our members. This year, we were able to provide our monthly CPE for free as we navigated COVID-19 and moved to a digital platform (and will likely do so in the near future). As you may know, our leadership changes on an annual basis and Alice Wilson will be taking the reins as President in June of this year. We are very excited for her to take on this very important and difficult role. I want to thank all of our CEC members for their hard work this year and commend them on a job well done.

In my newsletter addresses, I also highlighted kindness. I was fortunate enough to attend an AGA conference that included [Leon Logothetis](#) as a keynote speaker, wherein he spoke to his world travels relying solely on the kindness of others. If you have not seen his Netflix documentary, I highly recommend it; it is heartwarming and uplifting. After his speaking engagement, I subscribed to his end-of-week emails in which he includes quotes from myriad influencers. This past Friday, the quote came from Eric Hoffer, "[an American moral and social philosopher](#)" who said, "Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind." Although difficult at times, I strive to live by this mantra and would encourage you to do so as well. I may be an eternal optimist, but I believe that to be true.

My last point is two-fold, because the two subjects (especially during remote work) are intertwined: communication and empathy. I bring up these points because I received an email from a peer in state government that I found highly offensive. When you communicate with another in a professional manner, you never use all capital letters. From [Business Email Etiquette](#), "When all caps are used, you make a conscious decision to increase your voice and tone. True professionals just do not communicate in this manner. What could an email structured like this portray about the sender?"

- Impatient
- Emotional
- Demanding
- Unprofessional
- Lack of Communication Skills."

As professionals, be aware of how you communicate to others and be respectful.

That brings me to the follow-up to communication skills. [Merriam-Webster](#) defines empathy as, "...the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner." As angry as I was with the manner in which I was addressed, I had to take a step back to think about the sender and have compassion for this person. I do not know what the sender's situation was at the time, but I can be empathetic and wish the best for them.

All of these subjects are prescient moving forward in an otherwise unknown future. I am thankful to have served as President of CKY AGA this past year and I look forward to another successful year under Alice's guidance.

All best,

Jared Crawford, President CKY AGA

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In the Spotlight

Connie A. Davis

Kentucky Public Pensions Authority, Director of Accounting

How did you choose government financial management as your career? Well truthfully, I didn't, it chose me. I applied for an internship with a government entity and was hired. A permanent position opened up in the Internal Audit department, I applied and was hired. After 21 years, I left that agency to come to KPPA as the Internal Auditor. The Director of Accounting position opened and I decided to apply. I wanted to broaden my skill sets. I was hired for the position. I didn't even take non-profit or government accounting classes in college. I thought I was going the external auditor route, but that just didn't work out for me. I'm glad, government auditing and financial management have resulted in a great career for me.

What advice would you give a recent graduate joining the field? I would advise you to stay on top of new technology, embrace it and run with it. Also, be on top of the standards and regulations, and continue to increase your government knowledge. Join groups like the AGA that will help you do that. Network with peers and share ideas with each other.

What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career? I'm most proud of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that KPPA produces each year. It is a team effort, and it takes my team working with other teams to get it completed, and to meet the due date. It is a large endeavor, and requires a large amount of time and commitment.

Do you have a mentor and how has this person helped you? I have had several mentors through the years. My first boss in my first job, was one that always sticks out to me. He guided me and questioned me about audits, people, and included me in meetings so I could learn from what was happening, not just the audit information, but the politics, and body language of those around me. He taught me to observe and listen.

How did you get involved in AGA? Ann Case reached out to me when I was in audit, and thought that I would find some of the meetings beneficial. Once I took the accounting position, I found most meetings and topics beneficial. However, I'm not always able to attend, due to conflicts in my schedule.

Describe your dream vacation. I have two dream vacations. The first one is sitting on a beach with a good book to read. The second is hiking in the mountains and coming up on that hidden waterfall or lake.

What is one goal that you plan to accomplish during your adult lifetime? Share one thing that you love to do that you get to do nearly every day. I love working with the staff of KPPA. I have a great team. They work really hard every day. We are like a family. We work well together, have some heated discussions once in a while, but always have each other's back. Everyone is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETING

June 9, 2021

FREE For Members, \$5 for non-members

(Pay through GoToWebinar)

Upcoming AGA Programs

| Date | Speaker | Topic | CPE Hours |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| June 9, 2021 | Joshua Konowe | Leadership and Communication | 1 |
| August 11, 2021 | Tom Stratton | Procurement | 2 |
| September 8, 2021 | Beth Roark | Accountability and Leadership | 1 |

Note: If there's a topic or speaker you'd like, please reach out to the 2020-2021 Education Co-Chairs. Their contact information can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Celebrating the Life of Dr. Jack Dyer

Dr. Jack Dyer, a member of the Central Kentucky Chapter, passed on April 3 at age 83. Dr. Dyer was best known to the chapter as a former Kentucky Assistant State Auditor and an accounting teacher at Eastern Kentucky University, where he also headed the MBA program. He was involved with AGA on both the local and national level, having chaired the *Government Accountants Journal* Editorial Board. He received numerous AGA awards, including the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998 National President's Award, and Central Kentucky Chapter Member of the Year. He is survived by his wife Jerrilyn and two children.



June Presenter

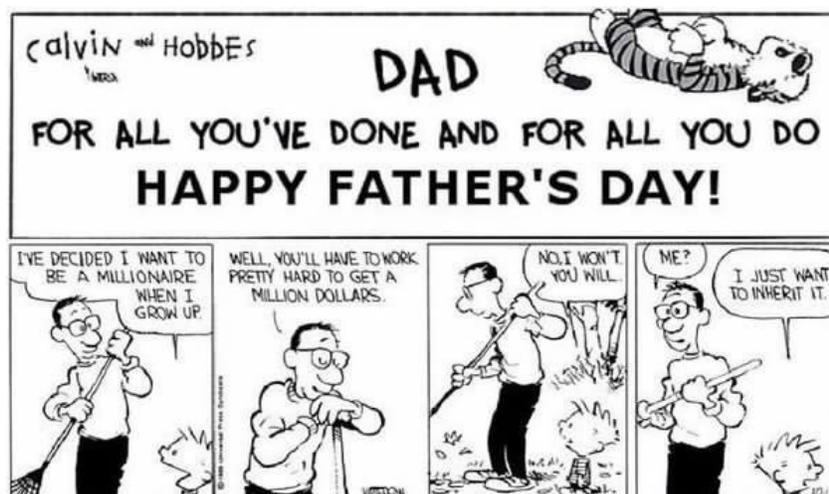


Joshua Konowe

Joshua Konowe is a 4x early-stage entrepreneur whose last stint prior to joining BlackSky was running his own product innovation agency. Mr. Konowe has spent the better part of

the last 20 years in mobile marketing, cloud B2B product development, data monetization, and cybersecurity. His work is well documented at venture backed companies serving both corporate and consumer clientele. He has helped create, manage, and bring to market solutions with a global footprint ranging from as far on one end of the spectrum as targeted data collection and analysis to secure communications on the other.

A trust advocate; he is often a guest lecturer at American University, Georgetown University, The University of Maryland and is an official Mentor at the University of Kentucky's Von Allmen Center for entrepreneurship; his alma mater. A sample of his work will help you get a sense of his capabilities. As chief strategy and marketing officer at Silent Circle and product owner of "GoSilent", the mobile security hardware and software VPN platform; GoSilent finished in the top 10 at CES in 2018's last gadget standing category and just prior to that award he presented the same solution to President Moon of S. Korea, who's local police force adopted the technology following his visit to Seoul. A TEDx speaker, a soccer fan, adventurer on occasion, and progressive technologist. Joshua loves solving hard problems.



Year-End Financial Reporting Deadlines

The Financial Reporting Branch of the Office of the Controller would like to remind all KY state agencies and component units of the annual financial reporting deadlines outlined below:

| <u>Topic:</u> | <u>Due Date:</u> | <u>Contact:</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Annual Fixed Asset Inventory | Monday, May 31, 2021 | Jessica Pinkston |
| GASB 42 - Asset Impairment | Friday, August 6, 2021 | Joe McDaniel |
| Attorney Letters | Friday, August 6, 2021 | Christina Shuffett |
| GASB 49 - Pollution Remediation | Friday, August 6, 2021 | Joe McDaniel |
| AFR 34A,B,C (Accounts Receivable) | Friday, August 13, 2021 | Phil Nally |
| Agency Closing Package | Friday, August 13, 2021 | Joe McDaniel |
| Fixed Asset Shells Cleaned-up | Friday, August 20, 2021 | Jessica Pinkston |
| SEFA | Monday, August 23, 2021 | Pam Howarah |
| Real Property | Friday, September 17, 2021 | Jessica Pinkston |
| AFR 55B - Leases | Monday, November 1, 2021 | Jessica Pinkston |
| Component Unit Closing Package | Friday, October 1, 2021 | Joe McDaniel |
| Subsequent Events | Thursday, December 9, 2021 | Pam Howarah |

For updated forms and instructions, please click [HERE](#). Don't forget to save this URL to your favorites!

September 21–22 | Virtual | 14 CPEs

Fraud 2021 Training!

The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training has a rich history of providing the "latest and greatest" developments in the field. Together we can find solutions and make a difference in our workplace and in the government finance profession.

AGA member

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| Early Bird (by Sept. 3) | \$525 |
| Standard (after Sept. 3) | \$625 |



AGA CENTRAL KENTUCKY CHAPTER

May Secretary's Report

AGA Central Kentucky Chapter

Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for meeting held: May 5, 2021

Members present on GoToMeeting: Jared Crawford, Alice Wilson, Ann Case, Kristen Hundley, Terra, Elizabeth Smith, Joe McDaniel, Kristen Coffey, Amy Small, Phil Nally, Rachel Prestenbach, Michelle Sutton, Eveanna Barry and Krista Jackson.

Call to Order by Jared.

1. Regular Reports:
 - a. March Meeting minutes – Motion to approve – Alice, seconded by Kristen. Motion passed.
 - b. March Treasurer's report – Motion to approve – Alice, seconded by Ann. Motion passed.
 - c. Membership information – No Update
2. Old Business
 - a. Programs update
 - i. May 12: Alicia Boyd, City of Frankfort
 - ii. June 9: reached out to Gov. Beshear's Office. They will confirm two to three weeks ahead of the scheduled date. Governor's scheduler asked if we would like a proxy and I requested Lt. Gov. Coleman. Joshua Konowe has agreed to be back up if necessary and also to speak at a later date. Possibly using this as a fundraiser for the "Team Kentucky".
 - b. Please provide at least one suggestion of a speaker/topic to the Education Committee by 5/15
 - c. Internal controls document – Kristen
 - d. Reminder: Submit newsletter items by 15th of the month (Terra Coffey) – No April Newsletter
 - e. Website Updates – May 12 event is on the new website.
 - f. Speaker Community Service donation: fourth quarter (April) Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky Eviction Prevention Fund \$250. \$25 to Scott County Special Olympics in honor of Katie Gabhart; \$25 to Feeding Kentucky on behalf of Sec. Gray
 - g. Scholarship update – 2 applicants for the undergraduate scholarship and zero applicants for the graduate scholarship.
 - h. Other –
3. New Business
 - a. Education for 2021-2022
 - b. \$200 Donation for in memory of Catherine's husband - Motion to approve – Krista, seconded by Phil. Motion passed.

Education and Training

Gov. Beshear or Lt. Gov. Coleman-June 2021-1 hour

Jason Denney-Leadership 1-hour

Beth Roark September 2021-1 hour

Joshua Konowe June or August-1 hour

Kinney Poynter November 2021 – 2 hours

Lisa Parker GASB Update April 2022 – 2 hours

Ethics April 2022 – 2hours

Mountjoy speakers – January 2022

Cares Act Compliance

AGA President 2021-22 – Gerry Boaz 1-2 hours

Eric Berman – AGA Treasurer elect designate – he was deputy comptroller in MA – he's a good speaker.

Be creative!

- a. LEAD! – We still have a few openings for LEAD
- b. Next meeting June 2, 2021 (11:30–12:30) GoToMeeting; Passing of the baton!

Adjourn- Motion to approve – Phil, seconded by Krista. Motion passed.

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May TREASURER'S REPORT

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**Central Kentucky AGA
Treasurer's Report
Month Ended May 31, 2021**

Reconciled Cash Balance as of 04/30/2021 \$31,821.50

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| General Receipts: | |
| Monthly Program Fees - Cash | |
| Monthly Program Fees - PayPal | |
| Monthly Program Fees - Check | |
| Monthly Program Fees - STRIPE | 27.30 |
| Central KY Membership Dues | |
| Interest Eamed - Checking | 1.00 |
| Interest Eamed - CD | 11.89 |
| | 40.19 |
| Education Receipts: | |
| PDT Training Fees | - |
| PDT Training Fees - Paypal | - |
| | 40.19 |
| Total Receipts | 40.19 |
| Total Funds Available | 31,861.69 |

Less: Expenses

Checkbook Balance 05/31/2021 **\$31,861.69**

Less: Education Fund Balance -

General Fund Balance 05/31/2021 \$31,861.69

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| General Expenses: | - |
| Education Expenses: | - |
| Total Expenses | \$ - |

**Central Kentucky AGA
Change in General Fund Balance
Month Ended May 31, 2021**

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| General Fund Balance 04/30/2021 | \$31,821.50 |
| Transfer of Education Fund Balance | |
| Monthly Receipts | 40.19 |
| General Expenses | - |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in General Fund Balance | 40.19 |
| General Fund Balance 05/31/2021 | \$31,861.69 |

**Central Kentucky AGA
Change in Education Fund Balance
Month Ended May 31, 2021**

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| Education Fund Balance 04/30/2021 | \$ - |
| Monthly Receipts | \$ - |
| Monthly Expenses | \$ - |
| Transfer to General Fund | |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Education Fund Balance | - |
| Education Fund Balance 03/31/2021 | \$ - |



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| CCU-Checking | 11,791.97 |
| CCU-Savings | 5.00 |
| CCU-CD | 20,064.72 |
| | 31,861.69 |

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2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee Members

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| President: | Jared Crawford |
| President-elect: | Alice Wilson |
| Immediate Past President: | Krista Jackson |
| Treasurer: | Elizabeth Smith |
| Secretary: | Ann Case |
| Education Co-Chair: | Eveanna Barry |
| Education Co-Chair: | Kristen Coffey |
| Education Co-Chair: | Michelle Sutton |
| Membership/Attendance: | Catherine Hunt, CGFM |
| Historian: | Rachel Prestenbach |
| Newsletter Editor: | Terra Coffey |
| Co-Webmaster: | Amy Small, CGFM |
| Co-Webmaster: | Joe McDaniel |
| Accountability (CCR): | Kristen Hundley |
| CGFM: | Melissa Klink |
| Young Professionals: | Jetta Collett |
| Community Service Co-Chair: | Jodi Correll |
| Community Service Co-Chair: | Phil Nally, CGFM |
| Chapter Travel Coordinator: | Terra Coffey |
| National Council of Chapters Representative: | Phil Nally |

Are you looking to build your professional networking skills? Do you have a passion for AGA and want to share it with others? If so, contact a current Committee Member!