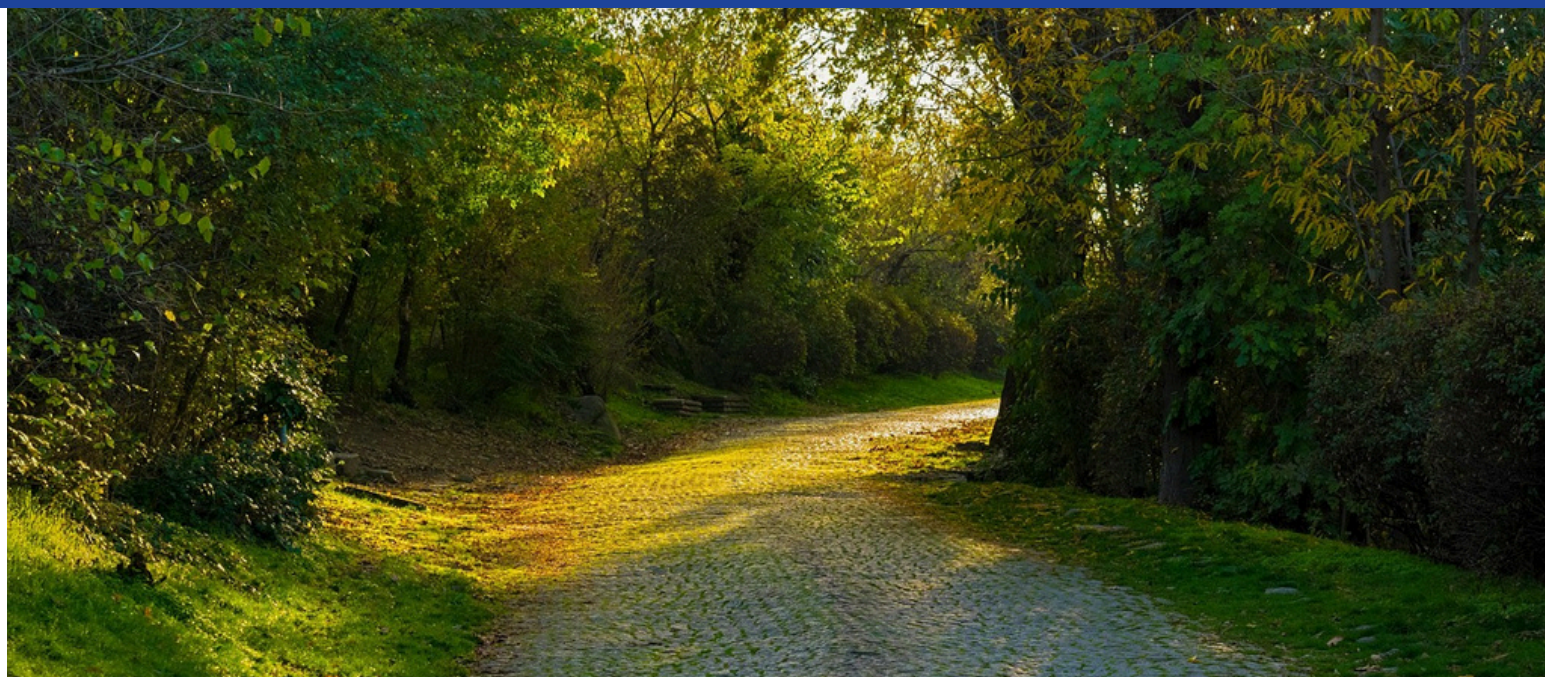




Ozarks Chapter

# THE OZARKS LEDGER

AUGUST 2025



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TONA BOWEN



As we begin the 2025–2026 year, I'm honored and energized to serve as President of Ozarks AGA. This year, we will:

- **Advance Our Profession:** Through educational initiatives and networking opportunities we'll strengthen our collective expertise and amplify our impact.
- **Grow Our Community:** Inclusion and connection are at the heart of our mission. Let's welcome new members, celebrate diverse voices, and ensure everyone feels seen and supported.
- **Accelerate Our Field:** Whether it's embracing new technologies such as AI or tackling challenges with fresh ideas let's push boundaries and lead with purpose

Here's to a year of growth, achievement, and meaningful connection!

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## OZARKS CHAPTER EVENTS

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CPE AVAILABLE
9/25/2025	Lunch & Learn	425 Downtown	1 CPE
10/23/2025	Fall Seminar	Greene County Election Center	4 CPE
12/4/2025	Lunch & Learn	Ozarks Transportation Organization (virtual option)	1 CPE
1/22/2026	Lunch & Learn	425 Downtown	1 CPE
2/26/2026	Lunch & Learn	Virtual	1 CPE
3/26/2026	Spring Seminar	eFactory	8 CPE
4/23/2026	Lunch & Learn	425 Downtown	1 CPE
5/28/2026	Lunch & Learn	425 Downtown	1 CPE

## NATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CPE AVAILABLE
9/1/2025	<u>Datathon</u>	Student competition	N/A
9/24/25 - 9/25/25	<u>Internal Control &amp; Fraud Prevention</u>	Washington DC / virtual	14 CPE
10/22/2025	<u>Uniform Guidance &amp; Grant Accounting</u>	Webinar	2 CPE
11/6/2025	<u>Technology Transformation Summit</u>	Virtual	6 CPE
2/18/26 - 2/19/26	<u>National Leadership Training</u>	Washington DC / virtual	14 CPE



GRANT WRITING USA®

We are excited to offer a special **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE** discount to our two-day grant writing workshop with the MOCIC in Springfield, MO on **August 13-14, 2025**. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find the funding sources and write winning grant proposals.

For event details visit:  
<https://grantstraining.com/mo0825>

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