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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be sure to check out the upcoming educational events, job postings, free member webinars in this edition in addition to PDT 2019 details and much more !

We look forward to seeing you all at the June PLS event (details in this newsletter, pg. 4).

Our next CEC meeting is Wed, June 26th at Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope to see you there!



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Free Members-Only Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are one hour and offer one CPE. Group registration is not available. Join AGA today to earn free CPE!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/2018-2019-Webinars/Professional-Development.aspx>

Professional Development ~ Professional Resilience

June 27 | 1–2:00 PM ET | 1 CPE Free for AGA members.

In this webinar, the presenter will provide the participants with examples of the trials and tribulations of one financial leader as seen through his own experiences in government service. He will share the unusual events and the sometimes entertaining results. A participant will be treated to a few inspiring stories about and quotes from federal/state/national figures designed to foster a greater appreciation of the specific skills, actions, and results that help one deal with day to day adversity. Participants will be provided a list of tools needed to succeed in government financial management. The purpose of the session is to encourage participants to foster enthusiastic but realistic approaches to day to day events in their professional careers and help participants maintain a focus in their careers on those significant elements necessary for success. Finally, the discussion will focus on how AGA can help participants cope with adversity and take advantage of challenging opportunities.

Job Postings

Click the link below to see more.

<https://www.healthcaresource.com/>

Accountant
St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, KS
SFT-Accounting
Full Time, 1st - Day, 80 hrs/yp, Monday-Friday with possible evenings
Apply - Share -

Senior Accountant
Featured Position
St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, KS
SFT-Accounting
Full Time, 1st - Day, 80 hrs/yp, M-F 8a-5p
Apply - Share -

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<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT/Registration.aspx> (link for further details)

July 21-24 ~ New Orleans or Virtual ~ 24 CPE's

Registration & Fees

Online: AGA Member (by Jun 21) \$875— Email/Mail \$900

Non-Member (by Jun 21) \$1,075— Email/Mail \$1,100

Are you under 30 years old?

The first 50 young professionals who register for PDT 2019 will receive 50 percent off their registration fee!

Why is PDT great for young professionals?

- Offers 80 educational sessions to suit your personal training needs including sessions specific to early-career development
- Enables you to earn up to 24 CPE hours in four days
- Provides countless opportunities to build your professional network with financial professionals from all levels of government
- Allows attendees to explore potential career paths and connect with mentors

Gives access to exclusive networking events with like-minded young professionals from around the country.

Hurry! Limited to 50 attendees.

The fine print:

- You must be under 30 years of age as of July 9, 2019
- You must be an AGA member
- You must be a first-time PDT attendee
- 50 percent will be calculated based on fees at the time of registration

PDT FAQ's Link

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT/FAQ.aspx>

2020 PDT ~ July 19 – July 22, 2020 Grapevine TX

2021 PDT ~ July 18 – July 21, 2021 Nashville, TN



Association of Government Accountants
Professional Lecture Series



Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Leadership: Journey to the Frontline

WEBINAR SPEAKER:

Jay Hurt, Managing Director, Grant Thornton, Chidilim Okonkwo, **CGFM**, Director, NASA Headquarters, Alex Yow, **CPA**, Senior Associate, Guidehouse

Over the next decade, there will be a surge of retiring baby boomers which will leave a knowledge gap that leaders must be prepared to embrace and close. As a leader, you will need to communicate effectively to develop and execute a strategic plan to build a strong young professional workforce. This webinar will teach strategies on networking, time management and mentorship to help you prepare and change your environment for the next generation of workers... and set yourself up for a successful career!

This is an interactive webinar, participants will be encouraged to ask questions to the three panelists on how they have overcome their challenges to get to where they are now. Let their journey inspire you!

CPE CREDIT: 2 HOURS

(State boards have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit.)

**LOCATION: Jayhawk Bldg – Florentine Room
7th & Jackson; Topeka, Kansas**

REGISTRATION & LUNCH 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
EVENT: 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

REGISTRATION FEE*

MEMBERS: \$30
NON-MEMBERS: \$50
MEDIA Free (photo ID required)
FULL-TIME STUDENTS Free (photo ID required)

**Registration includes lunch*

Upcoming Events:

2019 – 2020 Events Calendar Coming Soon!

Friend us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/AGAtopekachapter
Register by emailing to topekachapter@agaks.org

We look forward to seeing you on June 12th



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter
April 17, 2019**

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Members Present:

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Meeting Location: Norseman Brewery, 5:15PM

- ◇ Review and Approval of the Past Meeting Minutes (03/13/19). 4 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Financials (Mar): Credit Card Refund Question re: AGA cancellation fee due to cancelled webinar as result of National Day of Mourning, Dec 2018.
- ◇ Website/Newsletter: Highlight Renewal Season, Upcoming Events and New/Lifetime Members.
- ◇ Educational Events: Upcoming in Florentine Room at Jayhawk Bldg. [5/15 – Fraud/Data Analytics](#), [6/12 – Leadership](#). Working to secure speaker for either the 5/15 or 6/12 PLS to increase CPE to 4.
- ◇ LEAD: Amy/Nicole registered. Discussed Walt using extra registration/hotel.
- ◇ Amy (with lots of help from CEC members) submitted Chapter Award Applications. Will await word now re: any winning categories {fingers crossed}.
- ◇ Lifetime Member: Leonard Richter, CGFM retired. Email & Phone on file was unsuccessful in reaching Mr. Richter re: request to feature his lifetime status in Chapter newsletter. Walt has contact – will attempt to reach out.
- ◇ PDT: New Orleans July 21-24: Registration/Hotel Scholarship available. Community Service (CS) Fundraiser at PDT: CEC discussed donation of a \$200-\$250 gift card to the CS fundraiser. Motion made to that effect, 4 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Other Items for Discussion: Updated Promotional Items purchased for Chapter PLS events. Recognition Program points total 21,500 – should achieve Platinum status again this year.
- ◇ Next Meeting – May 22nd at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- ◇ Walt made a motion to adjourn, motion 2nd by Dane. Dismissed at 6:22PM.

What is CGFM?



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

What are the initial requirements?

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

[Ethics](#) — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*

[Education](#) — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

[Examinations](#) — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

[Experience](#) — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

Maintaining CGFM Certification

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's [Code of Ethics](#). In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

Active Status

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE Requirements](#).