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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I encourage all of us to continue to work to build the Chapter's strength and work together to mold it to fit the needs of the membership to promote professional growth and community service. The CEC is always open to hearing what members need and want from their local AGA chapter. Feel free to drop an email or call a CEC member anytime! We welcome your ideas to keep moving forward!



Our next CEC meeting is Wed, November 20th at the Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope to see you there!

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# AGA National Professional Development!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/National-Collegiate-Leadership-Program.aspx> (Application Download at this link)

## NLT National Collegiate Leadership Program

The 2020 National Collegiate Leadership Program will provide students with an opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders in government financial management at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT) in Washington, D.C., Feb. 12–13, 2020.

AGA will select up to 10 students to attend NLT 2020. Awardees will receive a scholarship to cover lodging and airfare (if outside of the D.C. Metro area). AGA will coordinate all travel arrangements through its own travel service provider. Application deadline is **Nov. 8, 2019, by noon Eastern Time**.

### National Collegiate Leadership Program Awardees will:

- ◇ Be assigned an onsite mentor who will guide them around NLT.
- ◇ Learn from experts with real-world leadership experience in government and business.
- ◇ Network with leaders who are passionate about public service and advancing government accountability.
- ◇ Meet and connect with potential employers (government and corporate).
- ◇ Receive recognition during the event, including a certificate of participation.
- ◇ Attend NLT sessions and earn continuing professional education (CPE) credits.
- ◇ During lunch, sit at reserved VIP tables with private sector and government executives.

### Applicants must:

- ◇ Sign up for a student membership — [agacgfm.org/join](http://agacgfm.org/join).
- ◇ Complete and submit the application on or before Nov. 8, 2019.
- ◇ Be a Junior or Senior accounting, finance, information security/technology, or business major, having completed 60 credit hours (or equivalent).
- ◇ Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.
- ◇ Have at least a 3.2 GPA.
- ◇ Display leadership experience on campus or through another affiliation.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2308493234144824331>

**November 19**

**2–3 p.m. ET**

### AGA Leaders Webinar: Communicate with Style

AGA chapters communicate through websites, newsletters and social media – but what pitfalls should we avoid, and how can we meet our members where they are?

[register for Nov. 19](#)

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## Hot Topics

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) unites government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment. Sessions will highlight CIO/CFO priorities, agile, shared services, cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

### NEW This Year! FSS Innovation Challenge

Do you have a great idea that could help other agencies? Are you doing something that you want to share? Are you passionate about promoting accountability, transparency and innovation in the public sector? If the answer is YES, then we want you to show off your ideas at the FSS through the new Innovation Challenge!

Three winners will be chosen to present their solutions to complex problems or issues, either based on theory or real-life problems at



AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) brings together a broad audience of more than 2,000 federal, state and local government financial professionals including, federal agency & state/local government CFOs, inspectors general, government accountants, auditors and financial professionals from the private sector. PDT offers over 100 educational sessions in the span of four training days, participants can earn up to 25 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) credits and/or 20 Professional Development Units (PDUs). Participants gain skills and knowledge to help them become effective leaders, learn strategies for improving performance in a cost-constrained environment, share best

practices, find solutions to shared challenges, and learn from top government financial management leaders and industry experts.

### Three reasons you should attend PDT 2020 !

1. **Earn up to 25 CPEs and/or 20 PDUs.** Enhance your lifelong learning and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness.
2. **Stay cutting-edge.** Top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and the private sector will share key findings and educational experiences to augment your knowledge and enhance your skills.
3. **Network and connect.** Collaborate and engage with industry experts and government financial management colleagues facing the same or similar issues and exchange ideas to bring back to your organization.



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter  
September 18, 2019**

Members Present: President, Nicole Malott, CGFM, Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA

Meeting Location: Norseman Brewery, 5:15PM

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- ◇ Review and Approval of the Past Meeting Minutes (08/21/19). Nicole made motion to approve as written, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 2 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Financials (July/Aug) – No activity. Amy will use 2020 Budget template for 2019-2020. Deposit loose change from HHHS contributions (\$10.32). Verified loose change sent to Doorstep (\$16.02) by Dane on 4/13/19. Send matching fund check to HHHS in the amount of \$20.64 and Toy4Tots in the amount of \$20.12. Watch for CC statement for PLS seminars; Amy will check PO Box soon and mail a check to UMB.
- ◇ KC AGA Chapter hosting a Professional Development Seminar, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$85. Nicole will attend to glean ideas for Topeka training. Amy also interested in attending.
- ◇ FSS (Financial Systems Summit) – AGA wants feedback re: what members want to see at FSS 2020. Survey will be available in the SEPT newsletter.
- ◇ Website/Newsletter: Upcoming events, Part 2 of Lifetime Member Highlight. News that AGA is approved education provider by PMI and newsletter will feature FSS 2020 details and survey.
- ◇ Educational Events: 10/23 – Internal Controls, 11/20 - November PLS, 4 Hr. CPE a possibility – Ethics, 2/5 – GASB Update, 3/14 – Improper Payments.
- ◇ Membership Drive: Ideas for stirring up interest. Washburn connection; accounting clubs?
- ◇ CRP Reporting: Review and get info. to Nicole. Bylaws Template need updated: Review and provide updates.
- ◇ Next Meeting – October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- ◇ Amy made a motion to adjourn, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicole Dismissed at 6:00PM.

# 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](#).