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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue is packed with lots of exciting AGA national training opportunities !  
Check them out !

I want to take the time to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and we hope to see you at an upcoming training event and/or CEC meeting!

Our next CEC meeting is Dec 11th at the Norseman Brewery about 5:15PM.

Hope you can make it! We would love to see some new faces!



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## **Free Members-Only Webinars**

**FY 2019 CEAR Reviewer Training**

**December 5 | 9–11:00 AM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: ACCG**

AGA's Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR)® Program has been helping federal agencies improve their Performance and Accountability Reports (PARs) or Agency Financial Reports (AFRs) since 1997. The program was established in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officers Council and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to improve accountability by streamlining reporting and improving the effectiveness of such reports so they clearly show what an agency accomplished with taxpayer dollars and the challenges that remain. The CEAR program reviews, with detailed critiques and recommendations, have proven to be a major factor in the steady improvement of these reports.

# Season of Giving!

### **Help advance the profession!**

Make a difference in the future of our community by supporting students – the next generation of FM professionals and public sector leaders.

Your charitable gift will have a direct impact here in AGA. As emerging technologies change the nature our government financial services profession, the way we work and interact with one another, and the citizens we serve, AGA remains steadfast our desire to prepare up-and-coming professions to succeed. Our programs, resources and ethics guidance provide the insights, skills and knowledge needed in the workforce of tomorrow.

We want to raise \$10,000 by the end of 2019 to help the next generation lead our profession with vision and confidence. Your tax-deductible gift will help us reach our goal and make a positive impact on the future.

**Check out the link below for more details !**

[https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Donate.aspx?  
utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=AGA%20Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Donate.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications)

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# Financial Systems Summit 2020



## Financial Systems Summit 2020

Washington, D.C.  
January 9, 2020  
6 CPEs

To Learn More about FSS 2020 go to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx>

## National Leadership Training 2020

To Learn More about NLT 2020 go to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/NLT/NLT-Home.aspx>



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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter  
October 25, 2019**

2019 - 2020

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**Members Present:**

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM

Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA

Meeting Location: Margarita's Jalisco North, 12:30PM

◇ Review and Approval of the Past Meeting Minutes (09/18/19). Nicole made motion to approve as written, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 2 Yea, 0 Nay.

◇ Financials (Sept) – IRS 990 receipt sent to [chapters@agacgfm.org](mailto:chapters@agacgfm.org) for verification of submission. 2019/2020 budget template: Nicole will send to Amy to complete.

◇ Website/Newsletter: Upcoming Events, FSS 2020, PDT 2020

◇ Educational Events: **Ethics, 11/20** - November PLS, 4 hr. CPE in the works – **Ethics, 2/5** – **GASB Update, 3/4** – **Improper Payments.**

◇ CRP Reporting: Updates to be discussed at Board of Directors NCC meeting on Nov. 7. Changes may be coming down the pipeline with how CRP is used for chapter recognition/awards.

◇ Bylaws Template need updated: Review and provide updates to Nicole. Amy will continue work on marking up the old version.

◇ Next Meeting – November 20<sup>th</sup> at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM

◇ Amy made a motion to adjourn, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicole Dismissed at 1:25PM.

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# 2019 Scholarship Recipients

**Grayson Haag** —*Allen County Community College*

**Taylor North**—*Washburn University*: Grew up in Topeka, KS. Working as intern at an accounting firm— will continue on to complete a Masters degree in fall 2019.

**Emma Goodhart**—*Washburn University*: Will complete Bachelor's degree and continue on to get her Masters degree. Attended two leadership academics this summer: CBiz, Inc. & Mize Houser & Co.

**Michael Mabry**—*KSU*: Studying finance and accounting due to his interest in business financials. Attended the Warren Buffet Luncheon in Omaha, NE as a student at KSU; found it to be a rewarding life experience.

**Seth Castinado**—*KSU*: Majoring in Accounting.

Scholarship recipients that have sent letters of appreciation, to date, relayed their great appreciation to the AGA Topeka Chapter for the scholarship gift.



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REPORT

**Association of Government Accountants Scholarship**  
Fund Number: R51080

This report contains the most current information as of October 7, 2019. In many cases, the student will receive the same amount during the spring semester as received during the fall semester; however, due to graduation, change in major, or other circumstances, the awards could be different.

### July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 Recipients

**SETH CASTINADO**  
Senior, Overland Park, KS  
College of Business Administration, Major: Accounting  
Fall 2018 award: \$375.00  
Spring 2019 award: \$375.00

### Fall 2019 Recipients

**MICHAEL MABRY**  
Senior, Overland Park, KS  
College of Business Administration, Major: Accounting  
Fall 2019 award: \$500.00

## CGFM Class 2020 - Oklahoma City, OK

The Oklahoma City AGA chapter is reaching out to let us know they are hosting a CGFM class in Oklahoma City March 2-6, 2020. Feel free to email [topekachapter@agaks.org](mailto:topekachapter@agaks.org) for details.

AGA Topeka Chapter wanted to get the word out to the members within driving distance to see if anyone is interested in participating in the class. Registration is \$1,200 through the beginning of February: this includes all training materials and 5 days of instruction from AGA National. Registration information can be found at

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Oklahoma-City-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/CGFM-Class.aspx>

# 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](#).