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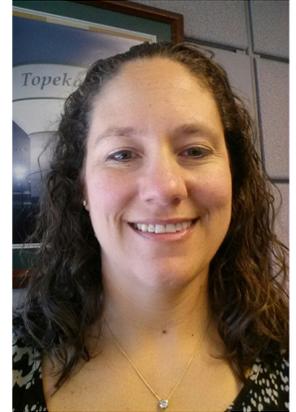
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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*AGA PDT 2020 ! Young Professionals PDT Scholarship !*

AGA annually selects up to five young professionals to attend AGA's [Professional Development Training \(PDT\)](#) in July. The participants in this program will act as ambassadors for attendees and assist at the AGA exhibit hall booth and other activities throughout the training event.

Application deadline: **Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET**

**Requirements:**

- An AGA member in good standing (paid through date of 3/31/2021).
- A first-time PDT attendee.
- Working directly for government (federal state, local, tribal or nonprofit).
- Under the age of 30 as of July 19, 2020.
- Available starting at noon on Sat., July 18, 2020. Able and willing to assist at the AGA Solutions Hall booth and other AGA activities throughout PDT.

**Participants receive:**

- Five-night hotel scholarship.
- Complimentary registration for the entire event.
- CPEs to help you advance your career.

**Opportunities to meet and network with government leaders from around the country!**

**How to apply:**

Click on the link below and complete the online application by Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

**[PDT 2020 YP Scholarship Application](#)**

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/Young-Professionals-PDT-Scholarship.aspx?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=AGA%20Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/Young-Professionals-PDT-Scholarship.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA%20Communications)

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## Professional Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 4, 2020



### Reducing Improper Payments: Leading Insights and Strategies

#### WEBINAR SPEAKER:

#### **Tom Coleman, Acquisition and Financial Management Practice Leader, FI Consulting**

In 2018 alone, it is estimated that the federal government made over \$150 billion in improper payments. The ability to prevent, identify, and resolve improper payments is critical to the integrity of government programs and ensuring taxpayers' trust in government. Accountants, auditors, and other financial management professionals play a vital role in reducing the government's exposure to improper payments. We will explore the latest developments and strategies for preventing and recovering improper payments with government leaders and experts.



#### **Learning objectives:**

Obtain information regarding the history and present state of improper payments in government.

Receive insights from government leaders about what is being done currently to prevent improper payments and future opportunities for Improvement.

Learn about best-practices and technology solutions that can be used to identify, recapture, and prevent improper payments.



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter  
January 22, 2020

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

Meeting Location: Margarita's Jalisco North, 12:00PM

- ◇ Reviewed and Approval of Past Minutes (12/23/19), Nicole made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. 2 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Financial report: Monthly update, revised to include moving reimbursement for batteries for remote from Dec to Nov PLS event, changing expense from PLS to general operating expense. Approved as amended, 2 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Website/Newsletter: Website logo from Website 2019 award sent to Hope to display on website. Feature LEAD! PDT!. Get message out that AGA needs involvement of the members (there will be vacancies on the CEC 07/01/2020. Amy will work on recruiting.
- ◇ Educational Events: 2/5/20: GASB Update, 3/4/20: Improper Payments, 4/22/20: DATA Act.
- ◇ CRP Reporting: Updates for 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.
- ◇ Bylaws: Amy will send Nicole the redline version of revised bylaws.
- ◇ NCC Rep – 1/25/2020, Final Conf. Call is 2/4/2020. New Rep to be named, Nicole will continue as chapter NCC. Term limit is 2.
- ◇ LEAD! : Dallas 4/30/2020 – 5/2/32020, Dallas/FW Marriott Solana.
- ◇ CGFM Proclamations: Amy will send out requests to Sn. Co. and State of Ks. Amy will provide request letters to Leavenworth and Riley contacts. Chapter will attempt to get COT proclamation this year.
- ◇ Next Meeting – February 19<sup>th</sup> at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- ◇ Nicole made motion to adjourn, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 12:35PM

# 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](#).