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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

We have an urgent need to expand our Board. If you have an interest, please contact us at [topekachapter@agaks.org](mailto:topekachapter@agaks.org) and consider attending the Leadership Training on Jan. 28th. The Chapter will finance the registration cost for members that wish to attend.

We are pleased with the events held this past fall and are excited about the next year. This spring we have a January event providing information on how agencies should prepare for an audit. In February we have a four-hour CPE event on Ethics. Then in March, Legislative Post Audit will join us to report on the result of the past three years of IT audits at state agencies.

Please feel free to offer suggestions or comments. We are here to provide services to our members and can only do that with input from you.

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# 2017 Upcoming Training Events

Note that many events are available either in-person or via your computer system.  
For more information visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

## AGA Sponsored Education Events

### Professional Development Training

July 9–12 | Boston, MA or virtual | 24 CPEs

Also Available in Virtual Attendance

In-person training registration includes the opportunity to earn up to 24 CPE hours, entrance to the Exhibit Hall, all education sessions and official training event activities, three breakfasts, five refreshment breaks, three luncheons, three receptions and a registration tote bag.

#### More info on Registration:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT-2016/Registration.aspx#onsiteregistration>



AGA offers virtual attendance for many of its national events. Virtual attendance allows those with limited travel budgets to participate and earn CPE.

## Why Choose the Virtual Attendee Option?

- **No travel required** — Watch key educational sessions in the comfort and convenience of your home or office.
- **Participate despite busy schedule or budget restraints** — virtual attendance offers a full-scale online educational experience.
- **Earn CPEs** — General sessions and selected popular breakout sessions are available via live-stream.
- **On-demand recordings** — Virtual attendees have access to on-demand session recordings for up to one year after the event at no additional cost. No need to alter your schedule to view a particular session... access the recording at your leisure!
- **Truly participate** — Virtual attendees can post questions during each session and participate in discussions in real-time via chat rooms.

## Upcoming Events for Topeka AGA



**January 11, 2017 – 1 CPE**  
**Matt Deusch – Business Solutions Director at Berberich Trahan & Co. P.A. and Traci Herrick -- Outsourced CFO at Berberich Trahan & Co. P.A.**

### **Preparing for an Audit – Best Practices**



Anticipating and being prepared for the annual financial statement audit

doesn't just assist the auditors, it ensures that you have a full understanding of your organization and significantly increases the value of the audit for your organization. By working together, you and the auditors are more likely to discover ways to improve efficiency and minimize errors. In this session, we will discuss some best practices for preparing for an audit and how to avoid some common pitfalls when being audited.

# Upcoming Events for Topeka AGA

February 8, 2017 – 4 CPE

**D Scot Loyd, Partner with the firm Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC of McPherson, KS**



Ethics for CPA's  
Integrating Ethics into Your Office Environment

*This 4 CPE event has been approved for Ethics CPE by the Kansas Board of Accountancy.*

Has the definition of “Ethics” changed? Is it really “More Than A Feeling” or has ethics become a nebulous, elusive concept instead of the bedrock foundation that all businesses and levels of government should be built upon? We will examine the impact that business collapses and government scandals have had on all levels of business, government, and the potential deterioration of public trust within the citizenry, along with the foundation CPAs all work on...the AICPA code of conduct, Yellow Book and all the updates over the last couple years to assist a CPA in public practice to understand their responsibilities to society as a trusted business/government auditor and advisor.

March 9, 2017 – 1 CPE

**Katrin Osterhaus, CIA, CGAP, CPMP – IT Audit Manager for the Legislative Division of Post Audit**

**IT Audits of Kansas State Agencies – Overview of Audits and Summary of Findings**

It seems like every day another company is in the news for a security breach. Have you ever wondered how state agencies in Kansas stack up with regard to keeping critical data safe and secure? To help the public understand the current state of IT security in Kansas, the Legislative Division of Post Audit recently published a report summarizing the results of its IT security audits of 20 state agencies conducted over the past three years. In this session, we will discuss how these audits are conducted and describe common security problems we found at those state agencies.





## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter October 20, 2016**

**Members Present:** Walt Darling, CPM; Nicole Malott, CGFM

**Meeting Location:** Norsemen Brewery; North Kansas Avenue; 5:15 PM

- The email from Bobby Derrick was discussed. In the email, he had proposed a meeting that we could call of the membership to discuss re-activating the Chapter Activities. He offered to come and participate in that meeting. It was decided that we would ask Bobby to hold off on such a meeting in order to give us time to generate interest by holding educational activities.
  
- A future educational events calendar was discussed. We have Russell Shipley scheduled for November 17. This date is in conflict with a meeting of ASTRA. It was decided to proceed with Russell due to the importance of getting the educational program moving forward.
  - Representative Jenkins was interested in attending an informational session with our members but opportunities for October had failed due to turnover in the representative's office and scheduling of key votes in Congress. It appeared that November might work better as the Representative would be home much of the time over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Work will continue on that endeavor.
  
  - It was decided that we would contact local professional associations to see if they could assist with speakers. Berberich Trahan & Company has been a long-time supporter and Walt offered to contact them.
  
  - Nicole has talked with the City of Topeka concerning a presentation on a new web site offered by the City to help citizens understand how their tax dollars are allocated and what the results of the expenditure are. Nicole will see if they could speak in December and Walt will arrange for the Florentine Room and lunch.
  
  - Use of the Golden Corral for lunches was discussed. Walt noted that he had talked with them for several events but found them to be reserved far in advance. He recommended continuing with the Florentine Room until we were able to schedule events further into the future. It was noted that it was unknown whether or not Golden Corral could come up with a screen and internet access for speakers.
  
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017 and will be held at the Norseman Brewing company at approximately 5:00 PM.
  
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.



**Association of Government Accountants - Midwest Region**

**Agenda Chapter Management and Leadership Development Training (SLMR)**

**January 28th, 2017, 9:00 to 4:00**

**Four Points by Sharaton - Kansas City International Airport,  
11832 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City MO**

Check-in and Networking	8:30 - 9:00
Welcome – Ann Martinez, RVP and Teresa Allen, RVP-elect	9:00 - 9:15
Introductions	9:15 - 9:30
Chapter Challenges, Successes and Solutions - Part I Chapter Leadership and Membership	9:30 - 10:45
Chapter Status Report on Education and Professional Certification	10:45 - 11:15
National AGA Finances – Tim Baker, Past National Treasurer	11:15- 11:30
Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) Overview - Mark Runyan, SPV	11:30 - 12:00
Lunch break	12:00 - 12:30
Leading People to Leadership, how to engage volunteers, Jim Giles, Director of Council & Community Relations, City of Kansas City, Missouri	12:30 - 1:20
National AGA update– Bobby Derrick, AGA Field Representative, Past National President	1:20 - 1:45
Chapter Challenges, Successes and Solutions - Part II Accountability, Outreach and Young Professionals	1:45 - 2:30
Break	2:30 - 2:45
New Chapter Websites-Ozarks Chapter	2:45- 3:15
CCR Chapter Reports	3:15 - 3:45
Wrap-up, take aways and evaluation	3:45 - 4:00

## Senior AGA Leadership Training—Jan 28th

- ◆ Intensive overview of the AGA organization; its definition, its membership, its purpose, and how leaders can provide training and leadership opportunities to their colleagues and members while funneling advice and lessons learned to the national level.
- ◆ This training is open to all AGA Leaders and those interested in a leadership position within the AGA organization.
- ◆ This session includes AGA leaders from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.
- ◆ Great opportunity to meet with colleagues from other states.
- ◆ *AGA Topeka Chapter will finance registration fees for all its members that wish to attend.* Please contact the Chapter at [TopekaChapter@agaks.org](mailto:TopekaChapter@agaks.org) for registration materials.
- ◆ Non-members interested in AGA Leadership are welcome to attend.



### The Honorable Lynn Jenkins Representative

Lynn Jenkins met with the AGA Topeka Chapter on November 22nd to provide an overview of the federal budget and the balancing required to pass actual finance bills. It was truly insightful for those of us that rarely make it to Washington DC. Lynn noted that there is a great deal of excitement with the incoming administration. The potential of the Congress and President working together has everyone excited to solve issues.