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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Teresa Allen, RVP-Elect

The AGA Regional Leadership Training was held this past weekend in Kansas City. Our Regional Officers were in attendance, including our past, present, and upcoming Regional Vice Presidents. In addition, Mark Runyan, our Senior Vice President for Section II was in attendance. Even more amazing was the attendance of two AGA Past National Presidents. Along with Chapter Presidents and officers from Chapters across our Region, the meeting was a resounding success.

I can't speak highly enough of the job done by Teresa Allen of the Ozarks Chapter in Springfield, Missouri, to organize and ensure a smooth conduct of the meetings.

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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.

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>



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
November 16, 2016

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

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

- △ Preparations for the upcoming event were discussed. We noted the CPE confirmation sheets were prepared, the Sign-in sheet printed, receipt book available, CGFM and membership applications prepared, and a list of upcoming events available so we could inform members of future events.
- △ The loose change program was discussed and it was decided that donations made by members would be matched by the Chapter and presented to the Toys-4-Tots Program.
- △ Walt Darling noted that the Original Charter Member Listing would be available at the meeting and passed around for members to see.
- △ Nicole mentioned that the discussion with National AGA on the changeover of the web site was scheduled for December 6th. This discussion with Louise would assist us in moving data and information from our current web page to the new web page.
- △ Discussion was held of the prospect of a 4-hour training program. It was decided that the topic should be on Ethics and that we should endeavor to obtain a speaker that had previously spoken on that Topic. Walt indicated he would contact Scot Loyd, a member in McPherson, KS to see if he could be our speaker.
- △ Nicole presented the Board with the Monthly Financial Report. The only expenditure was \$40 to renew our entity with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office.
- △ Nicole noted that the Chapter has three credit cards that had recently been renewed. She presented those to Walt with the recommendation that he activate his card, and that he contact the bank to have the other two cards canceled. The other two cards were for Paula Hinman and Boyd Jantzen. As those individuals are no longer serving on the board, the cards were not needed. She also recommended that she be added as a contact for the account, but without a credit card.
- △ The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2017 and will be held at the Norseman Brewing company at approximately 5:00 PM.
- △ The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

Senior AGA Leadership Training—May 4-6th

- ◆ 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 Florida west to New Mexico and north to South Dakota. This is a large Section with over 35 Chapters.
- ◆ Great opportunity to meet with colleagues from other states. We anticipate 100 persons to be in attendance.
- ◆ The deadline for registration is March 10th. Please notify us ASAP of your interest in attending as we need to acquire permission to exceed two persons per chapter.



Preparing for an Audit – Best Practices

PROFESSIONAL LECTURE SPEAKERS: Matt Deutsch and Traci Herrick

Matt Deutsch is the Business Solutions Director and Traci Herrick is an Outsourced CFO at Berberich Trahan & Co. P.A. Together, on January 11th, they presented a two-sided view of an external audit. With Traci representing agency perspectives and Matt representing the visiting



auditor, this presentation provided a great deal of insight into the give and take as well as the expectations of both sides. Their presentation initiated a lot of questions and they responded extremely well. Obviously, their experiences served them well as they reflected on differences in expectations at state agencies versus city agencies, versus federal agencies.

This type of presentation is difficult at best and we appreciate Berberich Trahan and Co for lending their experts to help us gain from their experiences and perspectives.

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.