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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AGA is offering a 50% discount on the application fee for CGFM. This is a great chance to get started on earning the certification. You can go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Apply.aspx> for more information. Nearly half (47%) of our current members have the CGFM certification.

You will be in great company! The discount is available only to members and only until March 31st. Don't keep thinking about it, do it.



Have you renewed your membership for the 2017—2018 year? Renewals are underway now. You can help save AGA some money by renewing electronically. I do it that way and it has worked great for me!

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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.agacfm.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.agacfm.org/PDT-2016/Registration.aspx#onsiteregistration>



Upcoming Events for Topeka AGA

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.



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.



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Topeka Chapter
December 21, 2016**

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

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

- Scholarships for the PDT in Boston are available to the chapter. The National AGA offers the chapter 2 such awards each year. Traditionally, the Chapter has awarded those scholarships to the President and the President-Elect. It was decided to continue that tradition and each indicated they would attend.
- A future educational events calendar was discussed.
 - January – Matt and Traci of Berberich Trahan & Co will speak on Audit Preparation
 - February – Scot Loyd will present on Ethics
 - March – Katrin Osterhaus will present on IT Audits of state agencies
 - April – Not yet set
 - May – Russell Shipley to return on Internal Controls and how they can Help Avoid Fraud
 - June – Not yet set
- Attendance at the SLMR was discussed. It is scheduled for January 28th.
 - National has offered one scholarship to the SLMR for each Chapter. It was decided that Nicole, as our President-Elect, would be the scholarship recipient for the Topeka Chapter.
 - Hotel rooms need to be reserved by Dec. 30th.
 - It was decided that the Chapter would finance the registration fee to attend the SLMR for each member of the Topeka Chapter that wishes to attend. Travel expenses would not be reimbursed. Non-members could attend at their expense.
- Walt noted that he had spent \$30 to boost a Facebook post on the December event featuring the City of Topeka.
- Updating the website was discussed. It was decided that both Walt and Nicole would make additions and changes as time allowed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017 and will be held at the Norseman Brewing company at approximately 5:00 PM. Members are always welcome.
- 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.**

Ethics for Accounting and Finance Professionals



This four (4) CPE event was presented on February 8th by D Scot Loyd, CPA, CGFM, Partner with the firm Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC of McPherson, KS. This presentation had two main themes; Ethics for CPA's, and how to incorporate ethics into your office environment. This 4 CPE training was approved by the Kansas Board of Accountancy for CPA CPE, this event was held at the Jayhawk Building in the Florentine Room 1:00p - 5:00p.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Topeka Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of more than 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 33 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, AGA Topeka Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Shawnee County by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in Shawnee County, Kansas and recognize the importance of Certified Government Financial Managers in all units of government.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**


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Attest:


Cyndi Beck, County Clerk



Welcome Amy Bloom!

Amy is a 25-year City of Topeka employee. She says she is passionate about learning, and proved it by gaining her Master's Degree from Friends University in 2010.

She was recently introduced to AGA by her supervisor and found the subject matter and approach of AGA to finance/auditing interesting and wanted to learn more.

She joined AGA just this year and has been attending our educational sessions. Now she has stepped forward and volunteered to join the Chapter Executive Committee, taking over the duties as Secretary.

A 19 year-old daughter and 17 year-old son call her MOM !

She says she enjoys fast cars, beaches and horses.

