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# *The News Flash!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a big change coming up. With the start of the new AGA program year, Nicole Malott will be taking over the reigns of the chapter as our new President. I want to ask you to help her get a strong start by providing suggestions and comments on what we can do to improve. What types of programs would you like to see—what would be most helpful to you. Jump in and volunteer on the Board and work with her to give the Chapter a new look and feel.



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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).

*Join us in Boston!*

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>



# Your Loose Change Donations are Helping Doorstep of Topeka

## A Note from the President:

Our organization began back in 1966 when Topeka and Shawnee County were victimized by what would be classified today as an F-5 Tornado. Thousands of people were left homeless as a result of that historic storm, and in the wake of the disruption, a group of leaders from several churches in the area concluded that this was the time to take care of great need right at our own Doorstep. Immediately, Doorstep began to help meet the needs of those who were most affected.



Today, Doorstep continues to meet the needs of our neighbors through-out our community as they are affected by a shrinking economy. We have 54 congregations which are a part of our ministry to our community, and dozens of volunteers who give of their time day in and day out to make our program possible. We hope you will take your time as you visit our website and get acquainted with our program.

I am honored to serve as President of this organization. Doorstep's contribution to the community is literally dependent on the contributions of those who believe in what we do, so we invite you to join us through contributions of your time and/or financial gifts.

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



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Topeka Chapter  
March 15, 2017**

**Members Present:** Walt Darling, CPM; Nicole Malott, CGFM, Amy Bloom  
**Meeting Location:** Norsemen Brewery; North Kansas Avenue; 5:15 PM

- ❖ Discussed minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting. Meeting minutes were approved as amended to reflect adding that minutes were approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Nicole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt; all in favor.
- ❖ Upcoming Chapter events: Apr 20 – KPERS representative will present information. It will be a 1 CPE event w/lunch included. May 17 event details still undecided on details. June 14<sup>th</sup> will be another chapter event; final details undecided to date.
- ❖ Nicole presented the Board with the February Monthly Financial report. The expenditures were \$4.82 for Card Services (2/9), \$198.00 for renewal of USPS PO Box rental (2/9). No invoices received to date from Scott from Feb event or from Jayhawk Hotel for Jan/Feb/Mar events. The net positive will be \$480 after Feb invoices are paid.
- ❖ Discussed information available on free webinars (usually 4 to 6 per year). National AGA advance notice – need to watch for notices.
- ❖ Proclamation from City of Topeka was not able to be placed on agenda for March, but it is on State of KS, Riley and Shawnee Co, and City of Leavenworth provided proclamations.
- ❖ Award Time – Newsletter/Minutes/Welcome – Mar 31 deadline. Website challenge – not doable this year. Provide template to Secretary so she can draft an application for Education and Community Services for the Chapter.
- ❖ Chapter Recognition – Quarterly review.
- ❖ Need to choose new organization for Loose Change Jar Donation - Apr/May/Jun.
- ❖ The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017 and will be held at Norsemen Brewing at approximately 5:15pm.
- ❖ The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

# KPERS—What you need to know BEFORE you retire!

This presentation was held in the Florentine Room of the Jayhawk Building on April 20, 2017. Our speakers represented different aspects of KPERS services. **Allen Conroy, Executive Director of KPERS** provided an overview of changes in KPERS, the current status of KPERS unfunded liability, and discussions at the Executive and Legislative leaders regarding state employee retirement plans.



**Dianna Berry, KPERS Manager of Education and Training**, provided an overview of the three existing employee plans, which vary depending upon the date when an employee first becomes a member of KPERS. Generally, retirement is possible when an employee's age and years of service totals 85. However, early retirement is possible under certain circumstances. Critical decisions must be made upon retirement, which cannot be changed once retirement occurs. Dianna recommended that employees become familiar with the details of their plan and the options they must decide upon when they retire.

**Faith Loretto, KPERS 457 Plan Manager**, explained the new 457 plan and the flexibility of the plan that allows employees to manage their savings. While the plan was previously managed by private companies, the Legislature decided that KPERS history of positive returns made them the best choice for managing the “deferred compensation” plan for the State. No longer do you need to be concerned that the person you are looking to for advice is looking to reach a sales quota. The plan advisors are now fellow state employees who do not earn commissions from sales.



*Please take time to learn more about your retirement plan and become familiar with the decisions you will need to make when you decide to retire.*

# Upcoming FREE Member Webinars

*Mark Your Calendars Now!*

## A Conversation with Women

**June 1 | 4–5 p.m. ET | FREE for members**

The AGA Women’s Initiative cordially invites you to its first webinar, “A Conversation with Women.” Join us as accomplished women in the profession share what they deem essential success factors for women in today’s ever changing and challenging government financial management environment. You will have an opportunity to enhance your business as well as soft skills, bringing value to your organization and to your career. An interactive Q&A will focus on key topics — leadership, networking, communication, mentorship, advancement and change management.

The focus of the AGA Women’s Initiative is leadership, career and work/life enhancement, and advancement for women in government financial management. Our objective at each session is to share best practices to enhance the skills and potential of women leaders within the government accountability community. Senior-level women will share their experiences and methods, best practices and advice on how women can secure their future in this complex and ever-changing world.

### **Speakers:**

- **Sheila Conley, CPA**, Acting Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- **Theresa Grafenstine, CPA**, Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Trish Holliday, MA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP**, Assistant Commissioner/CLO, Department of Human Resources, State of Tennessee

### **Moderators:**

- **Ann Ebberts, MS, PMP**, CEO, AGA
- **Tracey Walker**, National Director Government Affairs, Culture, Diversity and Inclusion, RSM US LLP

## Developing Your Personal Brand as an Intentional Leader

**June 8, 2017 | 2–3 p.m. ET | FREE for Members | CPE = 1**

## Be a Noisebreaker, Not a Noisemaker

**Sept. 14, 2017 | 2–3 p.m. ET | FREE for Members | CPE = 1**