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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One issue potential employers consistently review is your commitment to the profession. Obtaining a certification or two demonstrates your abilities and knowledge, and, your continuing education demonstrates your on-going commitment to your profession and your employer. The CGFM is an excellent



means to demonstrate both competence and commitment to the professional ideals employers need. Remember, employers don't have the time to become educated in every facet of their responsibilities so they need to rely on professionals for

that expertise. Certifications can demonstrate your commitment, and, put you ahead of other candidates.

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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!*

## Professional Development Training

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

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



For more information, click here: <https://www.agacgfm.org/fraud-2017.aspx>

# Your Loose Change Donations are Helping Doorstep of Topeka

## A Note from the Doorstep 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  
April 25, 2017**

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

- ❖ Discussed minutes of 3/15/17, Nicole made motion to accept the minutes as written and Walt seconded.
- ❖ Discussed April event topics. Considering the 26<sup>th</sup> – 2 hr. webinar, FCIP grp, Nicole check for speaker. May 17 – multi-hour CPE event.
- ❖ Nicole presented the Board with the March/April Monthly Financial reports. The March receipts/income show a positive of \$285.19, April receipts/income show a positive of \$357.00 with a \$11.19 to Helping Hands Humane Society– Loose Change donation (3/16). Summary of financials layout possible for website discussed. Financials approved by Walt, seconded by Nicole.
- ❖ Loose Change donation for the upcoming month will be Door Step of Topeka.
- ❖ Website – May 17 – Fraud Examiner? Sponsors listed on website.
- ❖ Educational Events: April's KPERS was well attended. June 14<sup>th</sup> location? Konza Room at WPC or other large conference room. Nicole will check on Tuttle Room availability at WTP.
- ❖ SLM – Amy and Nicole attending May 5-6, 2017
- ❖ 2017/2018 Schedule – Think of events to encourage membership/involvement. PLS Boston – Vote.
- ❖ Chapter News – Paper article of Hope was nicely done. Showcase AGA members.
- ❖ The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 and will be held at Norsemen Brewing at approximately 5:15pm.
- ❖ The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

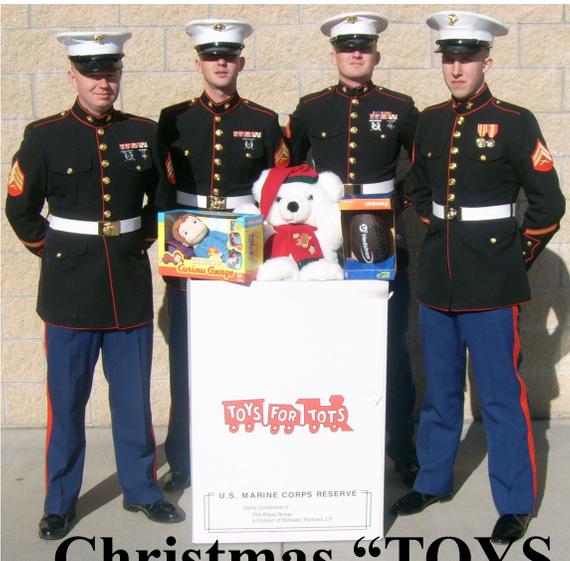
# Remember These Events?



## Race Against Breast Cancer—2009



## Topeka Professional Development Conference—2007



## Christmas "TOYS - FOR - TOTS" Social 2008

# 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**

# 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](#).

Association of Government Accountants  
Professional Lecture Series



**Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

**Spring Seminar- 5 CPE**

**Fraud & Using Internal Controls to Deter It**  
**HR Perspectives: "Why is this Person Still Working Here?"**  
**Fraud – Using Data Analytics to Identify It**



**PROFESSIONAL LECTURE SPEAKERS:**

**Russell Shipley, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CGMA.**

**Kristina Dietrick, President, *Creative Business Solutions***

**AGA National Webinar**

This five-hour Seminar provides two different focuses on Fraud – how to identify it and how to deter it. Between these presentations, Kristina Dietrick will provide a Human Resource perspective on working with employees that may be challenging.



**CPE CREDIT: 5 HOURS**

*(State or national boards have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit.)*

**LOCATION: Tuttle Creek Room – Topeka Water Treatment Plant**  
**3245 NW Waterworks Dr; Topeka, Kansas**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	9:00 – 9:40 AM
Fraud / Using Internal Controls	9:40 – 11:30 – Russell Shipley
<b>LUNCH (Provided)</b>	11:30 – 12:00
Why is this Person Still Working Here?	12:00 – 12:50 – Kristina Dietrick
Fraud / Using Data Analytics	1:00 – 2:50 – AGA National Webinar

**REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>\$60*</b>
<b>NON-MEMBERS:</b>	<b>\$95*</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>	<i>Free (photo ID required)</i>
<b>FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b>	<i>Free (photo ID required)</i>

**\*Registration fee includes lunch.**

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF AGA TO ATTEND**

Friend us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/AGATopekaChapter](http://www.facebook.com/AGATopekaChapter)

Register by emailing to [topekachapter@agaks.org](mailto:topekachapter@agaks.org)

We look forward to seeing you on June 14th