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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

My new role with the Chapter fills me with excitement. I look forward to working with you as we develop our schedule of activities for this year, so please don’t hesitate to email me with your suggestions. Also, I am looking for individuals that would be willing to play a part in that effort by joining me on the Board. Let me know you may have an interest and we can get together for a chat.



Our Board is planning another active year. This past year, we received three national awards for our efforts. These awards

were the PLATINUM Chapter Award, 1st PLACE for our Newsletters, and 1st PLACE for our new website. We will be continuing our efforts in those areas so we can keep you up-to-date on what is happening.

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Race Against Breast Cancer

Topeka, Kansas

Our community service efforts for the first quarter of the new year will be focused on assistance to the Race Against Breast Cancer. This includes both loose change donations and hours contributed by members in support of or participation in the walk.

The Race Against Breast Cancer, Inc. (RABC) began in 1991 as a community coalition whose mission is to confront the challenge of breast cancer in Shawnee County. The organization has grown into an independent registered 501C (3) not-for-profit corporation and to date has funded over 8,000 screening and diagnostic mammograms to those in need of financial assistance in over ten counties in northeast Kansas. A volunteer board of directors consisting of community representatives, medical providers and hospital representatives oversees the corporation. Our mission is “Improving health through education, access, early detection, screening, and breast health awareness.”

The RABC program funds screening/diagnostic mammograms for over 600 individuals in northeast Kansas each year and reaches hundreds more through community awareness and fundraising efforts. Breast cancer impacts not only women, but also their families, friends, workplace, and community. Breast cancer does not discriminate based on gender and that is why the RABC program also pays for mammograms for men who have a medical and financial need for one.

Upcoming Events

Bowling for Mammograms	Saturday, June 24, 2017
5K Run/Walk Event	September 8 & 9, 2017
4th Annual Make the Cut:	Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10am to Noon

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
June 21, 2017**

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

- ❖ Discussed minutes of 5/17, moved to approve minutes as written.
- ❖ Nicole presented the Board with the Monthly Financial reports. There was interest made on the Certificate of Deposit and the Savings Account with a review from the May/June events; receipts show a positive of \$608.79 from the June 14 multi-CPE hour event, with a \$9.65 to Door Step – Loose Change donation.
- ❖ Loose Change donation for the upcoming month will be Race against Breast Cancer.
- ❖ Discussion of multi-CPE events, possible if 4x/year as goal, 3x/year for 2017.
- ❖ SLM Update from Amy's perspective. Amy expressed it was great meeting new people, gaining more in-depth knowledge of AGA.
- ❖ Website: 2 changes, May Newsletter/National Award.
- ❖ 2017/2018 Schedule: Nicole presented chapter plans (17/18) for review, send info to Nicole if need updated, public info pamphlets.
- ❖ Chapter Accountability Plan – appoint chair.
- ❖ CRP – points in on time.
- ❖ National Awards: 2 categories for coming year. Summary of financials for newsletter.
- ❖ The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2017 and will be held at Norsemen Brewing at 5:15pm.
- ❖ The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

An Event to Remember—2017

AGA National Professional Training



Opportunities to Network *Meeting Colleagues from Around the World*



AGA National Professional Training



Kansas City Chapter President Jim Kirk, Past Senior Vice President (SVP) Karmen Stockman (Mid-Missouri Chapter) and Current SVP Mark Runyan (Mid-Missouri Chapter).



Topeka Chapter President Walt Darling with Pam Lincoln (Past President New Orleans Chapter) and Past National President Jeff Hart of the Denver Chapter.



Walt, accepting one of the Topeka Chapter's National Awards.



Nicole, accepting one of the Topeka Chapter's National Awards.



Visiting vendors for latest technologies in Financial Services



Upcoming FREE Member Webinars

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Best Practices: Planning Meetings & Events

Aug. 22 | 2–3 p.m. ET

Hear tips and hints from AGA's professional meetings staff on how to negotiate contracts, how to keep yourself organized through the planning process, and what pitfalls to avoid.

Speakers:

- **Jerome Bruce, CMP, CEM, CAE**, Director, Meetings & Expositions, AGA
- **Kia Lor, PMP, CMP**, Meetings & CEAR Program Manager

Moderator: Louise Burnette, MPA, Chapter Services Manager

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

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Be a Noisebreaker, Not a Noisemaker

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

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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](#).