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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We are excited to be able to offer you some expanded offerings over the next few months. Our March event will include both the Webinar on Infrastructure Financing and a presentation by KDFA on infrastructure financing through KDFA. Our finance authority was created in 1987 by the Legislature specifically for the purpose of making things happen when needed rather than when an emergency occurs.



The Winter AGA Regional Leadership Training will be held January 27th in Des Moines, IA. If you are interested in attending, please let me know right away as the registration deadline is Jan 10th.

I appreciate your ideas and suggestions for programs this year and hope you will continue to keep those ideas coming. Let me know what we can do to focus on your professional needs.

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# AGA 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).

## TOPEKA WEBINARS — 2 CPE

### **January 10, 2018 Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50

### **February 7, 2018 Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50

## TOPEKA SEMINARS — 4 CPE

### **March 7, 2018 Infrastructure Financing**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50 Infrastructure Financing with State & Local Govt.

KDFA Presentation 3:00—4:50 Featuring Anne Pruneda, CPA & Jim MacMurry, CFA

### **May 16, 2018 FRAUD**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50 Leveraging Data Mining to Uncover Fraud

Fraud—Exposed 3:00—4:50 Featuring William Miller, CGFM, CIA

## National Training Events

Sign up online at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

**Financial Systems Summit - Discussing federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment**

**January 17, 2018 Washington, DC CPE 6**

**Virtual Option Available**

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**We are at <https://www.facebook.com/AGATopekaChapter/>**

# National Training Events (con't)

2018 National Leadership Training - Developing and Training Government Financial Professionals to Excel as Leaders

February 27 - 28 Washington, DC CPE 14

Virtual Option Available

National AGA Professional Development Training

July 22 - 25, 2018 Orlando, FL CPE 24

Virtual Option Available

## TOYS 4 TOTS



Our community service efforts for the final quarter of the year will be focused on assistance to the Toys For Tots.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity, is the authorized fundraising and support organization for the Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation provides the funding and support needed for successful annual toy collection and distribution campaigns. The Foundation staff is headquartered in the Cooper Center located just outside the main gate of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, about 35 miles south of Washington, DC.

**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.



Association of Government  
Accountants  
Professional Lecture Series



**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

**Grants Management: Breaking Down the Complexities**

PROFESSIONAL LECTURE SPEAKERS: [Douglas Godesky](#), Senior Grants Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, Moderator: [SBert Nuehring, CPA](#), Partner, Crowe Horwath

The idea that grants management is a profession or at least a specialty within the accounting profession, too often this is not understood by an organization's management. The complexities and risks associated with acceptance of federal funding are often not understood by decision makers. Thus, the webinar will focus on training participants to understand some risks and findings from audits and reports, what was done to resolve them, how it relates to GONE/Grant Acts, UGG - who is required to follow/understand terms, difference between a vendor and sub-recipient, and what types of resources and tools are available to help.

**CPE CREDIT: 2 HOURS**

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

**LOCATION:** Jayhawk Bldg - Florentine Room  
7<sup>th</sup> & Jackson; Topeka, Kansas

**REGISTRATION & LUNCH** 12:15 pm ~ 1:00 pm

**EVENT:** Lecture: 1:00 pm ~ 2:50 pm

**REGISTRATION FEE\***

MEMBERS:	\$25
NON-MEMBERS:	\$40
MEDIA	Free (photo ID required)
FULL-TIME STUDENTS	Free (photo ID required)

*\*Registration includes lunch*

*Upcoming 2 CPE Webinar Events:*

*Feb 7 ~ Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities*

**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 January 10th



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Topeka Chapter  
11/15/2017**

2017 – 2018

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**Members Present:**

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM,  
Webmaster, Walt Darling, CPM,  
Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Bloom, MBA  
Chapter Member, Dane Curtis

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

- ❖ Discussed minutes of 10/18 meeting; minutes approved as written, approved.
  - ❖ Financials: Amy will review financials with Nicole from November PLS and provide details at the 12/20 meeting.
  - ❖ Website/Newsletter Update: Website has past events on site, next 3 events are on the website as well. Page for members/new members. Newsletter is on website and is updated.
  - ❖ Events Upcoming: Jayhawk Hotel on Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7. Looking into having guest speak, City of Topeka's Grant Writer at the Jan 10 PLS.
  - ❖ Recruiting: Dane Curtis a new AGA Chapter member. Dane is looking to become an active member and is considering holding a board position.
  - ❖ Other Items: Gov. Review – forward questions for Nov 28 CEO chat. Save the Date: SLM, April 19-21. Old documents: Scan member relevant information. Considering a Legislative speaker at the Feb 7 PLS.
- ❖ The next meeting is scheduled for December 20 and will be held at Norsemen Brewery at 5:15pm.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Walt. Adjourned at 6:15pm.

# 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](#).

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**Association of Government Accountants Scholarship**

Dear Association of Government Accountants,

I want to thank you for your support of my academic progress for the 2017-2018 school year. Being an out-of-state student, costs are somewhat higher for me to attend Kansas State and your support allows me to pursue my degree at the university that I love. Accounting has always interested me since my first accounting class in high school, and I chose Kansas State for the wonderful atmosphere and prestigious accounting program.

I am entering my fifth year at Kansas State, but will be graduating with my Master's Degree in December due to a large number of transfer credits from high school. In the spring of 2018, I will begin studying for the CPA exams. I currently carry a 4.0 GPA in my Master's coursework, and hope to carry that through to December. I am originally from Lucas, Texas, a small suburb to the northeast of Dallas. Both of my parents are K-State alumni, so growing up, I was always attending K-State sporting events and rooting on the Cats. When it came time for me to decide where to attend college, it was hard for me to fall in love with anywhere else. I am the former President of the Accounting Advocates, a group of passionate accounting students that are pursuing a Master's Degree. Our job is to bring talented young students into the accounting program at K-State by advocating the many opportunities in the accounting field and defying the "bland" stereotypes that many young people have of accountants.

This past summer, I served as an audit intern for EY in Kansas City, and will be returning in the fall of 2018 to work full-time. I have earned a spot on the Kansas State Dean's List each semester, an honor that is awarded to students earning a 3.75 GPA or higher. I have always enjoyed accounting classes at K-State, and am lucky to have learned from the talented faculty. I am excited to begin studying for the CPA this spring and taking the next step forward towards my future career.

Thank you again for supporting my education at Kansas State.

Sincerely,

*Evan Hartter*

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