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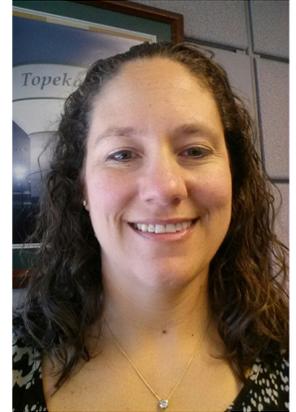
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We feature several hot topics in this issue, be sure to check them out including a New Member Recruitment Drive, details on a **FREE** Financial Systems Summit in 2019, an AGA Value Proposition 50 Word Contest, and information on several Community Service Drives the chapter is hosting this year along with the educational events planned in the upcoming months. You don't want to miss any of it! Check it all out in this issue!



Our next CEC meeting is Wed, November 14 at the Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope to see you there!

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### 2018—2019 Education Calendar—AGA Topeka Chapter

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**December 5, 2018**—Senate Room at Jayhawk Theater —Internal Controls

## Ensuring Effective Quality Management of the A-123 Program

Financial leaders responsible for Risk and Control programs will discuss steps they are taking and tools they use to ensure quality in their organization's A-123 programs to avoid surprises and increase efficiency and effectiveness of risk and control assessments.

Speaker: Mike Wetklow, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Division Director, NSF

**January 9, 2019**—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Grants Management

### The Focus on Internal Controls and Compliance

Internal controls over grant activities are often undocumented or misunderstood. The management of complexities and risks associated with the acceptance of federal is important to provide assurance to management and oversight bodies that the funds are properly spent. Internal controls provide the backbone for accountants, auditors and grant managers to ensure that grant funds are spent in accordance with requirements and to help reduce the risk of improper payments and fraud. Internal controls over activities of subrecipients are also essential to employ at the recipient level, especially if there are small subrecipients. This webinar will focus on understanding internal controls that need to be in place to help organizations comply with financial and compliance requirements surrounding grants. In addition, the session will identify ways to use the GAO Green Book, the OMB Compliance Supplement and other tools as guides to better understand and implement internal controls.

### Speakers

- **Douglas Godesky**, Senior Grants Officer and Policy Advisor, Corporation for National and Community Service
- **Lucy Mungle, MPA, CPA**, Policy Analyst, Office of Justice Program/OAAM
- **D. Clark Partridge, CGFM, CPA**, State Comptroller, AZ Dept. of Administrative GAO

### Guest Speaker/Presenter

- **Sheena Schmidt**, Senior Grants Program Administrator, City of Topeka, Kansas.

### Three reasons you should attend:

**Earn up to 24 CPEs.** Enhance your lifelong learning and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness.

**Stay cutting-edge.** Top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and the private sector will share key findings and educational experiences to augment your knowledge and enhance your skills.

**Network and connect.** Collaborate and engage with industry experts and government financial management colleagues facing the same or similar issues and exchange ideas to bring back to your organization.



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## Hot Topics

### [Financial Systems Summit 2019](#) (6 CPEs)

**Event is free\*** for all AGA government employee members to attend in-person or virtually (\$100 value). Event is held in Washington, D.C. on January 10, 2019.

[www.agacgfm.org/FSS](http://www.agacgfm.org/FSS) for further information.



The graphic features a vertical circuit board design on the left. The main text reads "Financial Systems Summit 2019" in blue and orange. Below this, it says "Washington, D.C. January 10, 2019 6 CPEs". On the right, there is a blue box with "FSS19" in white and orange, and a circuit board icon. Below that, it says "Jan. 10, 2019 | Washington or virtual | 6 CPEs" and "discussing federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment". At the bottom right, there are three orange buttons: "attend in person", "attend virtually", and "interested in sponsorship?".

### **Do I get credit for recruiting a new member?**

**A:** Yes! Make sure your name and/or AGA ID number is listed on the new member's application. AGA is currently running a [membership drive](#). For every new member you recruit through March 2019, you will be entered into a monthly drawing to win a \$50 gift card and AGA swag.

### **What's Your AGA Value Proposition?**

AGA membership offers various types of benefits that support the training and development an individual needs to succeed in the government financial management community. It takes practice to capture the attention of a prospective future member. Are you up to the challenge?

### **Do you have your elevator speech prepared?**

In 50 words or less, what is your AGA [member value](#) proposition? Email your responses to [topekachapter@agaks.org](mailto:topekachapter@agaks.org) to enter a drawing for a gift card.

### **AGA Topeka Chapter ~ Community Service Drives**

Toys4Tots loose change (Oct– Dec). Your loose change helps local charities throughout the year. Consider emptying your pockets of loose change at the next PLS event. **"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"**.

Collecting Toiletries for charitable local community organizations. AGA Topeka Chapter will begin collecting non-perishable toiletries to donate for the community's in need.



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter

September 10, 2018

2018 – 2019  
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### Members Present:

Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA  
Treasurer, Dane Curtis, MBA  
Historian, Walter Darling, MPA, CPM

**Meeting Location:** Celtic Fox, 5:15PM

Review and approval of 08/15/2018 meeting; motion made by Amy to approve, Walt 2nd the motion. Motion approved by all.

Financials: No activity for August, Net PLS event for 2018 \$849.29.

Website/Newsletter: Dane to ask Nicole to get with Hope re: Walt advising/posting on website in partnership with Hope. Amy/Dane will put together the September newsletter for publication by Sept 30.

Educations Calendar: 8 PLS events for 2018-2019 planned. October PLS will be 10/10 (2 CPE). Dane will check into a speaker for the May PLS re: Fraud/Data Analytics. Amy will check if COT Grant Writer can speak at the Jan PLS.

Community Service: Collecting Toiletries for charity at PLS events. Toys 4 Tots will be "loose change" charity for Oct – Dec. Gauge interest from donors for social event with suggestion to raise money for charities.

Dane to get with Nicole re: SOS/IRS filings due by appropriate deadlines.

Other Items: History Report – Speakers from March/May 2018 PLS events. SLM – Board restructuring. Annual Report: Walt will work on.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17 at 5:15pm at Norseman.

Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Walt. Adjourned at 6:18PM.

# What is CGFM?



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal

## 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](#).