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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be sure to check out the upcoming educational events calendar in this edition and don't skip over page 2 for introductions to two new members! We look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming PLS event!



Our next CEC meeting is Wed, Feb 20 at Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope to see you there!

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## Welcome New AGA Topeka Chapter Members !

**Steve Hudson,** *Operations Division Chief, US Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center*

I have worked for the federal government for about 13 years, I started in Kansas City working for the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) which was effected by the Base Realignment and Closure act and I moved with the work to Columbus OH. I worked for DFAS for a total of five years and then took a job back here in Kansas working for the VA in Leavenworth. I then transitioned to the Navy in Kansas City and then most recently have started with the Coast Guard here in Topeka. My wife and I have been married for 11 ½ years and have two girls. I have worked the majority of my career in strictly accounting/financial positions but am currently working as the division chief of operations at the Pay and Personnel Center for the Coast Guard. I believe that the federal government is a good place to work and the benefits are second to none. I find the differences between accounting taught in college and government accounting to be vast and appreciate the efforts of AGA and ASMC to provide the additional training in governmental accounting. I look forward to participating in the Topeka Chapter and be a part of its continued success.

**Andrea Forbes,** *Shawnee County Government, Accountant/Internal Auditor*

I currently work for Shawnee County as an Accountant/Internal Auditor. I obtained my bachelor's degree in accounting from Kansas State University and my Masters of Accountancy from Washburn University. After a long year and a half of studying, this past summer I passed my last CPA exam and now have my CPA permit. I love spending time with my 13 year old daughter, and I also enjoy reading true crime books.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter  
December 17, 2018

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**Members Present:**

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM  
Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA  
Treasurer, Dane Curtis, MBA  
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**Meeting Location:** Celtic Fox, 5:15PM

◇ Review and approval of 11/14/18 meeting minutes will be done via email; Amy forgot to bring copies to the CEC meeting. Email Yea (4), Email Nay (0). Meeting minutes of 11/17/18 approved.

◇ Financials: November no activity, \$40 for SOS filing (11/9), \$8.12 interest earned on COD.

◇ Website/Newsletter: Ideas for November Issue – email list needs updated, several “bad” emails need deleted, Amy will work on newsletter and get draft to Nicole.

- ◇ Educational Events: 1/9/19 – Grants Management, featuring speaker Sheena Schmidt, City of Topeka Grants Program Administrator (3 CPE), 2/6/19 – GASB Update (2 CPE), 3/27/19 – Cybersecurity (4 CPE), 4/10/19 – Ethics (2 CPE), 5/15/19 – Fraud/Data Analytics (4 CPE), 6/12/19 – Leadership (2 CPE).
- ◇ SLMR – Feb 9, 2019 – New Governance – SLM (LEAD) Kansas City.
- ◇ The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 @ 5:15pm at Norseman Brewery.
- ◇ Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Walt. Adjourned at 6:15PM.



Wednesday, February 6, 2019
GASB Update

WEBINAR SPEAKERS: David Vaudt, Chairman, GASB, David Bean, Director of Research and Technical Activities, GASB, Lisa Parker, Senior Project Manager, GASB, Roberta Reese, Senior Project Manager, GASB, Scott Reeser, Supervising Project Manager, GASB

This webinar will highlight recently issued standards, due process documents, and recent GASB activities on the following topics:

- Leases
Financial reporting model and conceptual framework
Revenue and expense recognition
Public private partnerships
Note disclosures
Conduit debt
Subscription-based information technology arrangements
Fiduciary activities

Participants will learn about the major features of GASB standards and projects, which will enable participants to:

- Be better prepared for the implementation of recently issued standards
Evaluate the proposals in and provide feedback on GASB due process documents
Understand the issues currently being discussed by the GASB

CPE CREDIT: 2 HOURS

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

LOCATION: Jayhawk Bldg – Florentine Room
7th & Jackson; Topeka, Kansas

REGISTRATION & LUNCH 12:15 am – 1:00 pm

EVENT: 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

REGISTRATION FEE\*

Table with 2 columns: Category (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS, MEDIA, FULL-TIME STUDENTS) and Fee (\$30, \$50, Free, Free) with photo ID requirements.

\*Registration includes lunch

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 27th – Cybersecurity – 4 CPE
Apr 10th – Ethics – 2 CPE

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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](#).