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# The News Flash!

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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 to welcome a new member and for a friendly reminder of membership renewal.



We look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming PLS event!

Our next CEC meeting is Wed, April 17 at Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope to see you there!

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

## New Member Welcome !

Welcome to AGA Topeka Chapter

Michelle Locke !



Michelle N. Locke

Manager, Assurance, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.

Michelle just returned to AGH as an assurance manager a few months ago after spending a few years working as the Controller and Treasurer for the City of Wichita. Michelle earned her Master of Accountancy degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.



### AGA Membership Renewal Reminder !

AGA Membership Renewals are due by March 31, 2019

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>

### Community Service Campaign 2019 !

AGA Topeka Chapter is collecting non-perishable items to donate to local charities. Feel free to bring an item or two to the next PLS event. Thank you in advance !





<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT/Registration.aspx>

July 21-24 ~ New Orleans or Virtual ~ 24 CPE's

**Registration & Fees**

Online: AGA Member (by Jun 21) \$875— Email/Mail \$900

Non-Member (by Jun 21) \$1,075— Email/Mail \$1,100

**Three reasons you should attend:**

- 1. Earn up to 24 CPEs.** Enhance your lifelong learning and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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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**\*\* Are you under 30 years old? \*\***

The first 50 young professionals who register for PDT 2019 will receive 50 percent off their registration fee!

**Hurry! Limited to 50 attendees.**

**The fine print:**

- You must be under 30 years of age as of July 9, 2019
- You must be an AGA member
- You must be a first-time PDT attendee
- 50 percent will be calculated based on fees at the time of registration

**Have you heard about the 2019 Young Professionals Scholarship?**

Click here to learn more:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Young-Professionals.aspx>

**Applications are due by April 12th.**



Association of Government Accountants  
**Professional Lecture Series**



**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

**Ethics**

**WEBINAR SPEAKER:**

**Nathan Mueller, Fraud & Ethics Awareness Speaker, Co-author of Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud**

This is a real-life example of fraud and the lessons that can be learned about the importance of controls, segregation of duties, system controls, processing controls, physical safeguards, controls in a time of change and the reality of the fraud triangle. In this webinar, we will cover a number of strategies to prevent fraud including fraud awareness training, ethics training, forensic analytics, internal control framework testing, goal setting, core values, fear of failure, transparency, and positive organizational behavior and how those would have affected this fraud.



**Participants will be able to identify:**

- What was missing at ING that allowed the Fraud?
- Lack of segregation of duties (Check Retrieval)
- Lessons learned on prevention
- Importance of controls
- Physical safeguards (Checks, inventory)

**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 am – 1:00 pm  
**EVENT:** 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

**REGISTRATION FEE\***

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>NON-MEMBERS:</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>Free (photo ID required)</b>
<b>FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b>	<b>Free (photo ID required)</b>

*\*Registration includes lunch*

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Fraud/Data Analytics – 4 CPE**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> – Leadership – 2 CPE**

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

**We look forward to seeing you on April 10th**

## LPA's IT Security Auditor Job Opportunity !

To be considered, send a letter of application and a resume to Nicole Blanchett, Office Manager, Legislative Division of Post Audit, 800 SW Jackson, #1200, Topeka, KS 66612, or to [LPAApplicants@lpa.ks.gov](mailto:LPAApplicants@lpa.ks.gov). Incomplete applications will not be considered for review. **EOE.**

If you are looking for a rewarding career that supports work-life balance, consider joining the dedicated professionals at the Legislative Division of Post Audit, the audit arm of the Kansas Legislature. Our IT audit team conducts IT security audits of government agencies and continuously monitors selected state IT projects to help identify when a project is at risk of failure. Our office supports state government and the citizens of Kansas while providing a healthy, equal-opportunity work environment. The salary range for this challenging but rewarding job is between [\\$45,000 and \\$65,000](#) , depending on your skills and experience.

Some of the benefits of working in our office include:

- a pay-for-performance environment with a defined career path
- opportunities for professional development and continued skills training
- work-life balance incentives such as flexible work schedules, and casual dress code, as well as periodically working from home.
- strong retirement benefits
- comprehensive medical and dental health plans
- 10 paid holidays per year plus vacation and sick leave
- Other financial planning options such as life and disability insurance, student savings plans, and deferred compensation options

As an IT auditor, you would:

- help plan risk-based IT audits
- review prior audits and evaluations
- review agency security policies, computer settings, and practices
- interview agency staff
- evaluate physical and logical controls of data centers and agency buildings
- develop audit findings and prepare audit reports
- help monitor selected state IT projects

### Required and Preferred Qualifications

The successful candidate must demonstrate knowledge of information security controls and requirements, and have experience in conducting vulnerability assessments, or similar IT security related work.

A bachelor's degree is required; four years of IT experience or a combination of post-secondary education and IT experience totaling four years may be substituted. A CISA or similar certification, as well as experience in IT auditing or compliance work is preferred.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate must:

- Pass a review and confirmation of references, resume, and education
- Possess a tax-clearance certificate from the Kansas Department of Revenue
- Be eligible to work in the U.S.
- Be located within driving distance of our Topeka home base office.

If hired, the candidate must:

- Successfully pass a criminal history records check



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter February 20, 2019

2018 – 2019  
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### Members Present:

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM  
Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA  
Treasurer, Dane Curtis, MBA

Meeting Location: Norseman's Brewery 5:15PM

- Review/Approval of meeting minutes from 01212019. Amy made a motion to approve; seconded by Dane. 3 Yea, 0 Nay.
- Financial Report from Dane: \$320 revenue from Jan PLS – box office box renewal fee (\$214) in Jan. paid. Net PLS for January. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Amy, seconded by Nicole. 3 Yea, 0 Nay.
- Website/Newsletter: Lifetime status feature for Feb/Mar – Leonard Richter. Amy will reach out to Leonard to get a feature put together for the newsletter.
- Educational Events: March/May PLS – Speaker ideas discussed to cover 4 CPE events.

- SLMR – Feb 9: Reached out to Hope for some take-aways from her experience. National AGA has a Survey Monkey account for chapter use.
- LEAD Apr 25-27 in KC. Registrations due by March 1. If 4 members can attend, Topeka Chapter will pledge up to \$100 toward food expenses.
- Proclamations for 2019 – SN. Co. - Amy will follow-up. Will see if Hope can reach out to Riley Co. Dane has made requests for State of Kansas and COT (COT required 60 day notice).
- Other Items for Discussion: Nicole will hold NCC rep position. Dane will step into the Chapter President July 1. Amy will continue as Chapter Secretary. Hope may be able to step into role as Co-Treasurer with Nicole starting July 1.
- Next Meeting – March 13 at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- Dane made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Nicole. Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.  
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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

## 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](#).