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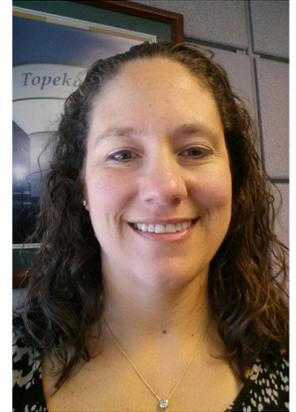


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AGA Events 2020 !

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See y'all next year!

Dallas, TX
July 19-22, 2020



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Professional Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 4, 2019



Reducing Improper Payments: Leading Insights and Strategies

WEBINAR SPEAKER:

Tom Coleman, Acquisition and Financial Management Practice Leader, FI Consulting

In 2018 alone, it is estimated that the federal government made over \$150 billion in improper payments. The ability to prevent, identify, and resolve improper payments is critical to the integrity of government programs and ensuring taxpayers' trust in government. Accountants, auditors, and other financial management professionals play a vital role in reducing the government's exposure to improper payments. We will explore the latest developments and strategies for preventing and recovering improper payments with government leaders and experts.



Learning objectives:

Obtain information regarding the history and present state of improper payments in government.

Receive insights from government leaders about what is being done currently to prevent improper payments and future opportunities for Improvement.

Learn about best-practices and technology solutions that can be used to identify, recapture, and prevent improper payments.



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter
December 23, 2019**

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Members Present:

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM
Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA

- ◇ Meeting Location: Margarita's Jalisco North, 12:00PM
- ◇ Reviewed and Approval of Past Minutes (11/20/19). Nicole made a motion to approve, 2nd by Amy. 2 Yea, 0 Nay.
- ◇ Financial report: November PLS \$610. Loose change for Toys4Tots \$2.72 (\$5.44 w/match). Check mailed to Toys4Tots on 12/26/19 for charity donation.
- ◇ Newsletter/Website: Upcoming Events – NLT 2020, Lead! Nicole will provide Feb 5th [*GASB Update*] PLS flyer for Dec *News Flash* publication.
- ◇ Educational Events: 2/5/20: GASB Update, 3/4/20: Improper Payments.
- ◇ CRP Reporting: Updates for 1st and 2nd Quarters.
- ◇ Bylaws: Updated template – Amy will provide to Nicole.
- ◇ Domain Renewal 4/20/20. Nicole will get with Walt re: topic.
- ◇ Other Items for Discussion: Get an early jump on CGFM Proclamations for Mar 2020. Need to be sure to get City of Topeka included this year.
- ◇ Next Meeting – January 15th at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- ◇ Amy made a motion to adjourn, motion 2nd by Nicole Dismissed at 12:52PM.

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 CGFM's must adhere to the AGA's [Code of Ethics](#). In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFM's must be in an active status.

Active Status

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFM's 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, CGFM's affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE Requirements](#).