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 Association of Government Accountants  
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## President's Message

The Holidays are upon us and I am hoping everyone has their shopping done, travel plans locked in and house prepared for guests. This is always a busy and hectic time of the year but I hope everyone can take some time for themselves to enjoy the season.

Here at the Topeka AGA, we are planning an informal Membership Social to be held after the holidays settle down in January 2014. We will send out more details as they are determined and would love to see everyone there.

I would also like to draw your attention to our CGFM Courses 1 & 3 training to be held on March 19-21, 2014. Registration has begun and space is limited, so please look into this now and get registered for this great training event. For more details, see the next page of this newsletter and the Topeka AGA website.

Happy Holidays!

Russell Shipley, President

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## Training Calendar

January 8, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.  
Speaker: Jim Colson, Topeka City Manager

February 12, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.  
Speaker: Sheriff

March 12, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.  
Speaker: Dr. Oglive, Emporia State University

March 19-21, 2014—Professional Development Conference—CGFM Courses 1 & 3.

April 2014—8 hour PDC—more details to follow.  
Speaker: Paul Koehler

April 9, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.  
May 14, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.  
June 11, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

See website ([www.agaks.org](http://www.agaks.org)) to register for CPE events.

If there are any speakers or topics you would like to see AGA bring to our Professional Lectures, please let us know.

## CGFM Courses 1 & 3

We have officially scheduled the CGFM Courses 1 & 3 to be held on March 19, 20 and 21, 2014 in Lawrence, Kansas. Registrations fees are \$500/member and \$550/non-member. These fees include all your course materials for the 3 days, binders to put them in and lunch and snacks for the three days. More information on the courses can be found at the following link: <http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Instructor-led-Courses.aspx> Detailed course descriptions can be found at the following link: [http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-\(GFM\)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course1](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course1)

Offering 24 CPE hours for the 3 day sessions, the course content is not only relevant for those seeking the CGFM certification, but those searching for a valuable training opportunity. If you are interested in attending, please email [lhshaver@ksinsurance.org](mailto:lhshaver@ksinsurance.org) for more information. Class size is limited!

## Chapter Recognition Program Period Report

Our current standing as of **September 30, 2013**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	1,675	3,000	55.8%
Education & Professional Development	550	4,000	13.8%
Certification	175	4,000	4.4%
Communications	2,000	3,000	66.6%
Membership	700	4,000	17.6%
Accountability	1,100	2,000	55.0%
Community Service	200	2,000	10.0%
Awards	200	1,000	5.0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>23,000</b>	

**Our Chapter's Goal is 19,501 points, which is the level to reach Platinum. We are at 33.84% of our goal as of 9/30/13.**

Future updates to occur quarterly.

### Community Service Update

We have continued to collect funds at our monthly lectures for a deserving non-profit organization in our community. The **Boys and Girls Club of Topeka** has been selected as the November, December and January recipient of funds collected at the lectures. Please see attached for a list of donations they are seeking. They also would be very glad to take any school supplies, office supplies, etc. that the kids can use. See more about the Boys and Girls Club of Topeka at <http://www.bgctopeka.org/>.

## News of Note

If you know of any accomplishments or acknowledgements that you would like to share, please email me at [rshipley@btandcocpa.com](mailto:rshipley@btandcocpa.com) to get them into the next newsletter.

## AGA, Topeka Chapter Board Meetings

The Board meets monthly and we invite you to attend our meetings if you are interested in joining the Board, interested in the Board or AGA activities or if you are just bored for an hour or so in the evenings. Please contact Russell at [rshipley@btandcocpa.com](mailto:rshipley@btandcocpa.com), Boyd at [b\\_jantzen@hotmail.com](mailto:b_jantzen@hotmail.com) or Paula at [Phinman@ku.edu](mailto:Phinman@ku.edu).

We also invite you to check us out on LinkedIn, Facebook and <http://www.agaks.org/> !

## Young Professionals

Young Professionals (YP) is not relative to age, it is relative to the number of years (3 years or less) you have worked in governmental Accounting, Auditing, Finance, Budget and private sector colleagues. We would love to have anyone that is interested to join our YP group. If you are interested in mentoring this group, then please join us. Watch for upcoming events and gatherings!

*The mission of the Topeka Chapter is "To facilitate the professional and personal growth of Government Accountability Staff (finance / accounting / budget / audit), and their private sector colleagues, through education and certification, professional opportunity, and networking."*



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## Association of Government Accountants

### Topeka Chapter

### Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

### Course #1 Government Environment

### Course #3 Governmental Financial Management and Control

The course is being offered to those seeking and preparing for Test #1 and Test #3 of the CGFM certification, and to those seeking an excellent training opportunity, and a total of 24 CPE hours. Full description of the course may be found at [http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-\(GFM\)-Training-Program.aspx#Course1](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Program.aspx#Course1)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Pete Rose, CGFM, co-author of the Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting Study Guide, 2011 Edition.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 19, 20, and 21, 2014

**WHERE:** KU Continuing Education Conference Center, 1515 SW St. Andrews, Lawrence KS

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Members of AGA \$500 per person and non-members, \$550. Pricing includes Study Guides and binders. A light lunch, soft drinks, coffee, and snacks will be provided each day.

Registrations must be received no later than **Friday, February 21, 2014**. Please register at the Topeka Chapter AGA website: [http://www.agaks.org/certification/cgfm\\_register.shtml](http://www.agaks.org/certification/cgfm_register.shtml)

Course attendance is limited to 24 individuals. This is a combined course offering and is not available for individual course pricing.

Payment of registration fees is required no later than **Friday, March 7, 2014**. Credit card payments will not be accepted. Refunds will not be available, but substitutions may be approved.

**Payment Information:** Make checks payable to Association of Government Accountants Topeka Chapter, FEIN: 48-0965118.

**Mailing address:** PO BOX 206, TOPEKA, KS 66601-0206

**KS State Agency:** Payment may be made through ACH payment. Address: 1, Location: 001.

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