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President's Message

Happy New Year!

As we start a new calendar year, we need to keep in mind that the Topeka AGA Chapter year is only half over. We have accomplished a lot yet have more to go. We have scheduled a CGFM Course for March in Lawrence, Kansas, are in the planning for a PDC 8-hour CPE in Topeka, Kansas in April to cover the Yellow Book.

The National Professional Development Training event in Orlando, Florida is right around the corner in July and is now taking registrations (<http://www.agacgfm.org/Events>).

It is also the time to think about renewing your membership. Memberships can be renewed online at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership> or when your invoice is sent out by National AGA.

The Topeka AGA Board

Russell Shipley, President



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Training Calendar

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

Speaker: Sheriff Herman Jones

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) 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.

A big thank you to Jim Colson for speaking about being a City Manager and giving us an overview of his current and future views of the City of Topeka.

CGFM Courses 1 & 3

We have officially scheduled the CGFM Courses 1 (**Governmental Environment**) & 3 (**Governmental Financial Management and Control**) 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 for more information. Class size is limited!

Chapter Recognition Program Period Report

Our current standing as of **December 31, 2013**, is as follows:

| <u>Area</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>Maximum</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation | 1,975 | 3,000 | 65.8% |
| Education & Professional Development | 1,000 | 4,000 | 25.0% |
| Certification | 375 | 4,000 | 9.4% |
| Communications | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100.0% |
| Membership | 1,700 | 4,000 | 42.5% |
| Accountability | 1,100 | 2,000 | 55.0% |
| Community Service | 500 | 2,000 | 25.0% |
| Awards | 200 | 1,000 | 5.0% |
| TOTALS | 9,850 | 23,000 | |

Our Chapter's Goal is 19,501 points, which is the level to reach Platinum. We are at 42.8% of our goal as of 12/31/14.

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** was selected as the November, December and January recipient of funds collected at the lectures. The non-profit for February, March and April has not yet been selected.

It is also tax time and with that we want to call for volunteers and thank those who already volunteer for VITA. I know the Topeka AGA Chapter has a strong presence in Leavenworth County with Kevin Gullett and for more information to get involved in Shawnee County, please see below.

Free Income Tax Assistance for individuals and families with low-moderate incomes. 2014 Shawnee County Sites Open January 27th to April 15th. IRS E-File is available.

<http://www.shawnee.ksu.edu/doc3118.ashx>

For additional information, contact Cindy Evans, County Extension Agent at K-State Research and Extension-Shawnee County. 785-232-0062.

2014 Topeka AGA Social

We had a great time at the January 2014 AGA Social on January 15th at the Jayhawk Tower. Thank you to all who attended and made it possible. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next social!

A special thanks to National President-Elect Bill Miller for making the trip to Topeka and sharing his wealth of knowledge.



News of Note

If you know of any accomplishments or acknowledgements that you would like to share, please email me at rshiple@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 rshiple@btandcocpa.com, Boyd at b_jantzen@hotmail.com or Paula at 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
Professional Lecture Series



GUEST LECTURER

LECTURE SPEAKER: Sherriff Herman Jones will speak on "Overview of Being a Sherriff" – what it is, how we plan, what it involves and perspective of 2013." This training session is geared towards intro to being a Sheriff where participants will be able to understand how to become one. How do you manage the process? Topics will also include management issues, 2013 perspective of the Sherriff Department, outcomes and opportunities.

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

CPE CREDIT: 1 HOUR

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

LOCATION: Jayhawk Tower, 7th & Jackson, Topeka, Senate Room

REGISTRATION: 11:30 AM

LUNCH: 11:35 AM

SPEAKER: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Parking Readily Available
FEIN – 480965118-00

REGISTRATION FEE * - LECTURE SPEAKER CPE = 1 hour:

MEMBERS: \$10

NON-MEMBERS: \$15

*** Includes Lunch.**

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF AGA TO ATTEND

Register at http://www.agaks.org/education_training/pls/register.shtml

Or by emailing directly to Russell Shipley at rshipley@btandcocpa.com

Or Boyd Jantzen at Bjantzen@kdheks.gov

If you do not receive a confirmation email from Russell Shipley within 1 day of registration, please email Russell at the above email address.

Register by Noon on Monday, February 10, 2014; Late Registrations cannot be Guaranteed a Lunch

We look forward to seeing you on February 12, 2014

We are also collecting change for our **Loose Change Program** proceeds will go to benefit Boys and Girls Club.