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President's Message

The school year has ended and summer is around the corner. It is time to go to the lake, play some softball, and mow that grass! Summer is seen as a time for relaxation, family vacations and do-it yourself projects around the house. But don't forget about your Community!

I challenge everyone this summer to take up a community service project or volunteer some hours to a needy cause. At our May lecture event, we had Dawn McWilliams from the Boys and Girls Club of Topeka speak about grant writing and how the Boys and Girls Club goes through their process, their difficulties and their accomplishments. This organization like many others is always in need of donations but more importantly, volunteers to help their worthy cause.

The Topeka AGA Chapter strives to do their part as well. We have recently added Abby Moore to the Board to continue our efforts in the community as our Community Service Director and look forward to her innovations and ideas.

If you would be willing to assist, have ideas on what we could do and are interested in helping or would like to join the Topeka AGA Board in another area, please contact Walt Darling at walt_darling@hotmail.com and I am confident we can use your expertise. Walt has brought together a strong Board already for the 2014-2015 year, but we are always looking for new board members and people to assist on committees in areas of their interest.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Russell Shipley, Topeka Chapter President



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Training Calendar

Upcoming Events:

June 11, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: TBD—if no speaker, this event will be cancelled

July 9, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

August 13, 2014—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

September 10, 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.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

Congratulations to [Nicole Malott](#), Business Service Manager for the City of Topeka, for passing the CGFM course and becoming a CGFM! She is our most recent CGFM recipient, one of our newest AGA members and also new to the AGA Board!

To all of you who have met the requirements to receive the CGFM certification, don't forget to [renew](#) and [maintain](#) your 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.

Requirements for maintaining the CGFM certification in an active status are as follows:

- pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year;
- complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years in government financial management or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year CPE cycle); and
- maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

See additional details on the National AGA CGFM website at the following location:

[https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Maintaining-Certification/Continuing-Professional-Education-\(CPE\)-Requiremen.aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Maintaining-Certification/Continuing-Professional-Education-(CPE)-Requiremen.aspx)

Community Service

I'm excited to join the Topeka Chapter of AGA this year and get involved as the Community Service Director. A special thank you to Nickie Roberts who is bringing me up to speed on the point system and more importantly on the many ways all of us can contribute here in AGA. Currently, we are collecting donations at our meetings for the Ronald McDonald House. Please help us supporting this cause financially and by donating your unused hotel bathroom supplies. Finally, as AGA members we can participate in community service events and log our volunteer hours on behalf of AGA. Please email me when you volunteer on AGA's behalf. Thank you so much!

Abby Moore

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Future Topeka AGA Chapter President Spotlight

Mr. Walt Darling, retired, will be our Topeka Chapter 2014-2015 Chapter President. Walt has been a member of AGA since 2001 and has served the Local, Regional and National AGA.

Walt Darling has held positions with the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, the Indiana Department of Public Safety, the Kansas Governor's Budget Division as the Public Safety Budget Senior Analyst, and as the Chief Finance Officer for the Kansas Highway Patrol. After retiring in 2006, he has worked part-time for the United States Postal Service and has started a company locally that serves those that homebrew beer and make wine.

We look forward to another exciting year with Walt leading the way!



Chapter Recognition Program Period Report

Our current standing as of **March 31, 2014**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	2,650	3,000	88.3%
Education & Professional Development	3,150	4,000	78.8%
Certification	2,875	4,000	71.9%
Communications	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Membership	4,000	4,000	100.0%
Accountability	1,350	2,000	67.5%
Community Service	1,700	2,000	85.0%
Awards	1,000	1,000	100.0%
TOTALS	19,725	23,000	

Our Chapter's Goal is 19,501 points, which is the level to reach Platinum. We are over 100% of our goal as of 5/28/14.

The total **Communications**, **Membership** and **Awards** points earned this year are over the maximum amount allowed so only the maximum points are shown above. Great job to this year's Topeka AGA Board and its members and non-members who have assisted and allowed this to happen.

AGA SLM - Sectional Leadership Meeting in Kansas City, April 2014

Linda Shaver, Walt Darling, and Michaela Butterworth, Topeka AGA Chapter Executive Committee board members recently attended a one and one half day AGA SLM conference at the Embassy Suites in Kansas City. The conference provided the opportunity to meet with members of many AGA chapters, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Japan, and the continental US, including our own regional AGA chapters. The conference provided the opportunity to network with fellow AGA board members from other chapters, and resulted in some great ideas to bring back to our Chapter and Board!

News of Note

Congratulations to both **Kathy Bohnhoff** in her upcoming retirement as well as to **Joyce Banks** who has assumed Kathy's role as the Comptroller with the Kansas Insurance Department!

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. Our next board meeting is on June 17, 2014 at the Classic Bean @ Fairlawn Plaza at 5:30.

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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