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November 20th— Data Security Summit

The Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Information Technology Services, and Legislative Post Audit combine at this event to provide you an overview on data security; what you need to know, what you need to keep secure, what liability you have if you fail in that effort, and what policies or procedures you can employ to ensure you correctly follow the state guidelines. This 3-hour event is only \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. As usual, ***lunch is included***. It will be held at the Jayhawk Tower in the Florentine room. The event will start with registration at 11:30, end at approximately 2:40 PM and provide 3 hours of CPE. *Please notify your IT and computer staff of this opportunity!*

Please register at: www.agaks.org/pls/register20.shtml.

You can find more information at www.agaks.org.



President's Message

We have had a great start to the 2014 year. Welcome to our newest members, including: **Thomas Flyntz** (CGFM), Accountant with the US Coast Guard; **Chris Johnson** (CIA), Assistant Audit Director for the KS Department for Children and Families; **Kelly Lindner** (CPA), Budget Analyst for the Wichita Public Schools; **Nicole Malott** (CGFM), Director of Business Services with the City of Topeka; **Lise Ann Ullery**, Chief Financial Officer for the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund; and, **Abby Moore**, Accountant IV for the Department of Administration. We are glad to have you with us and we look forward to learning from you.

We have three new successful CGFM candidates to report to you. The new certified Government Financial Managers are Nicole Malott, Linda Shaver, and Russell Shipley. Congratulations to each of them!



Our annual Holiday Party will be held December 5th at the Reynold's Lodge at Lake Shawnee (on the East Side of Topeka). There is room for 200, so bring your spouse or significant other, your colleagues, and potential future members.

While we ask for a \$5 contribution per person for Toys 4 Tots, we are providing food, drinks, music, and prizes. We also ask that you let us know how many will be in your party, hopefully lots!

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY! Bring a friend or colleague to talk to but be prepared and open to meeting colleagues and future friends.

Register at www.agaks.org/Photos/register.shtml



Allen County Community College Awards Topeka AGA Scholarship

The Topeka AGA Chapter received a letter from Allen Community College advising that the recipient of the Association's Endowment Scholarship for 2014-2015 is Taylor K. Ashley from Topeka KS. The Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 6, 2014 in the Allen Community College Activities Building.

Our Chapter was delighted to receive a lovely thank you letter from Taylor, in gratitude as recipient of the scholarship award. Says Ms. Ashley "Even though I graduated with 3.8 GPA and I was an excellent student, I always thought college was not available to me... affording college out of my own pocket would be impossible at this time. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to better my education and advance my career, and that gift is a priceless one."

Ms. Ashley plans to complete her Bachelor's degree, and continue on to achieve a Master's in Business Administration. She has set her sights on working for the Veteran's Administration so that she can give back to her country, and those who have served. We heartily wish Taylor all the very best in her studies and career!

Sectional Leadership Meeting Midwestern Regional

The eight Chapters within the Midwestern Region met together in Kansas City October 4th to meet, share experiences, and learn from each other. Rick Findley, Regional Vice-President Elect coordinated the meeting and will lead the Region this coming activity year. Ken Rouch, our current Regional Vice-President was on-hand as was our immediate past Regional Vice President.

The Region includes Chapters in Topeka, Kansas; Kansas City, Springfield, and Jefferson City, Mis-

souri; Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska; and Pierre, South Dakota.

Members were excited to meet one another and to gain from each others experiences in AGA. Many features of our Region's Chapters are shared making it easy for us to trade ideas and suggestions as we all work to attract members and provide quality educational opportunities. All expenses for Topeka Chapter attendees was paid by the Chapter.



Kansas City was once again the host city of the Midwestern Regional Leadership Meeting

Citizen Centric Report

Since its creation just a few years ago, the Citizen Centric Report has captured the imagination of finance experts nationwide. The simplicity of having the critical financial factors of a reporting body limited to a four-page document makes it possible for customers, stakeholders, and taxpayers to understand what is going on and whether or not government is moving in the direction that is needed.

"The simplicity of a four-page report improves Communication"

With our thanks to Marie Winter-Zima, the Topeka Chapter has a completed four-page report highlighting the financial factors related to the past year.

You can find a copy of the Chapter's Citizen Centric Report at:

http://www.agaks.org/pdf/mission/2013_2014_CCR.pdf

Regional Vice-President to Visit Topeka

Our Regional Vice-President, Mr. Ken Rouch (CGFM) will visit with the Topeka Chapter on November 18th at 6:30 PM at the Celtic Fox. The meeting will be a routine monthly Chapter Executive Committee meeting for the Chapter, but the attendance of the Regional Vice President makes for a much more exciting time.

If you have an interest in meeting the Regional

Vice President, please join us at the Celtic Fox. We expect to start the meeting at 6:30 in the back upstairs room.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to address those or in your absence, note them in an email to topekachapter@agaks.org so we can bring them up during the meeting.

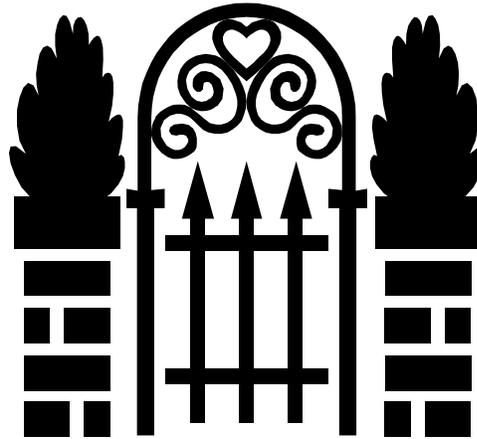
Federal Financial Systems Summit

For the fifth consecutive year, AGA is hosting the Federal Financial Systems Summit (FSS). This complimentary* event unites federal financial managers and private sector executives to discuss the near-term and future prospects of federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment.

*Complimentary means it is free for AGA members who work for government.

The Special Summit will be held January 8, 2015 in Wash-

ington, DC at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. A total of 6 CPEs are available through this event.



Don't let the fence keep you out. AGA helps clear the way!

For more information, check out:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/Events---CPE/Calendar/AGA-National-Events/Federal-Financial-Systems-Summit-2014.aspx>

2015 National Leadership Training

Welcome to AGA's NLT!

Visit: <http://www.agacgfm.org/NLT2015/Home.aspx>

This is the event for developing and training Government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, to find solutions to shared challenges, to network with your peers, and to learn from the top financial management

"Opportunity to raise live questions at some of the sessions."

leaders and industry experts. The event will be held February 11 & 12 in Washington, DC at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

Who Should Attend:

- Chief Financial Officers
- Senior-Level Managers
- CEOs and Presidents
- Accountants and Auditors

This training offers 14 hours of CPE.

Meet AGA's New Chief Executive Officer

Ann M. Ebberts

Ann has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in the areas of financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation, shared services, and in providing project manage-



ment and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems (ERP).