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Market Trends 2005

On December 8, 2005 the Topeka Chapter of AGA hosted a Professional Luncheon Lecture Series focused on the market trends of 2005 and how those may affect our future.

Dr. Robert Weigand of Washburn University did the Topeka Chapter great honor by presenting knowledgeably and succinctly on this topic.

Dr. Weigand answered questions on where the market has been and what that is likely to lead to in the future. He also showed the between past mar-

ket trends and how those trends may be used to predict future trends.

To learn more about market trends and to see Dr. Weigand's Dec. 19, 2005 KSNT spot please visit his web site at rob.weigand@washburn.edu.



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Holiday Social

On December 2, 2005 the AGA Topeka Chapter hosted its annual holiday social.

The event was well attended and food and drink were provided by the Chapter. Attendees were provided festive music and took the opportunity to enjoy the Holiday Season with new and old friends.

One of the traditions of the Topeka Chapter's Holiday Social is the collection of donations for Toys for Tots. Once again attendees showed their dedication to

community by raising \$285 .

Thank You & Congratulations to all who attended!



2006 Midwest Regional PDC

The Expanding Role of Today's Financial Manager



Nationally Recognized Speakers

Sam McCall,
City Auditor-Tallahassee, FL
&
Pearl R. McDonald

Mark your calendar for:

February 23 & 24

8:30-5:00

Topeka

Holiday Inn Holidome

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit our web site at
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quested.

Payment can be by
personal check, PO, or agency
check.

Topics

Fraud Awareness
Humor in the Workplace
Communication Skills
Internal Controls
Health Insurance Concerns
Ethics
Leadership
& Much More

Thursday Evening Social!

- Network with old or new Friends
- Enjoy the food and entertainment

Early Bird Registration

**** Save \$20 ****

DEADLINE: February 3

Registration Fee

Members—\$250

Non-Members—\$270



Special 2006 PDC Events

The Topeka Chapter is putting together a great PDC for 2006, and we would like to present some of the events that will make this year's PDC outstanding.

The PDC Committee has arranged to have **TWO** nationally recognized speakers at the conference, Sam McCall and Pearl R. MacDonald. Both of these presenters are extremely knowledgeable in their areas of discussion and will bring great insight to attendees.

There will be an education panel which will discuss K-12 funding. The panel will discuss K-12 funding in the context of the Supreme Court ruling to increase K-12 funding.

AGA will also conduct a benefit raffle for a local charity.

Thursday evening at 5:00 the PDC Evening Social will begin. Andy McKee will provide instrumental background music during the evening. A hospitality room will also be open Wednesday and Thursday evening. The PDC Committee encourages attendees to take advantage of both of these fantastic networking opportunities.

These are just a few of the events that will make the 2006 PDC extraordinary, please join us to take advantage of some of the other informative and exciting events at the PDC.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 PDC !

Holiday Gift

2005 Toys for Tots

I would like to thank the members of AGA for contributing to the Toys for Tots. We collected an astounding **\$285 total** this year, which included a \$100 donation from the Topeka AGA Chapter.

During the Holiday Social on December 2nd, many door prizes were given out. Door prizes ranged anywhere from a car wash to gift certificates to local restaurants and retail businesses.

With the \$285, I was able to purchase and deliver 95 toys to the US Marines.

Thank you for helping make this one more successful community service event!

Nickie Roberts
Public Service Chair

The Topeka AGA Chapter would like to recognize the following businesses for their donations. We greatly appreciate your support in our community service activities.

CD Tradepost

Hillmer's

Eagle car wash

Squeaky Clean Car Wash

Maximus Fitness and Wellness

Hollywood Theatre

Red Robin

Texas Roadhouse

Coyote Canyon

Maggie Moo's Ice Cream

Field of Greens

Longhorn Steak House

Celtic Fox

CGFM

The Topeka Chapter of AGA is proud to announce that Pam Simecka is the new Director of CGFM. The CEC would like to thank Pam for accepting this role in the Chapter.

Education Requirements for CGFM

In order to qualify to sit for the CGFM an individual must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Individuals wishing to sit for the CFGM must also have 24 credit hours composed of course work in the following areas:

- Accounting

- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Economics
- Finance
- Electronic Data Processing
- Information Resources Management
- Public Administration
- Other Financial Management Topics

Proof that applicants meet the education requirements must be submitted with the CGFM application and \$85 nonrefundable application fee.

2006 PDC Schedule



AGA



Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference Class Schedule

The Expanding Role of Today's Financial Manager

THURSDAY 2/23/06

7:45	8:45	West Lobby	Continental Breakfast Registration		
		Room	Title	Presentor	CPE
8:45	9:00	General Session -	Welcome	Scott Alisoglu	15
9:00	10:30	Salon C	National AGA Topic	Sam McCall	90
10:30	10:45	Break			
10:45	11:45	Salon A	Ethics	Bernie Hayan	60
10:45	11:45	Salon C	IT Security Policy Cycle	Norm Schutte	60
11:50	12:50	Salon B	LUNCH	Dr. Farley	
1:00	2:30	Salon C	Today's Health Insurance Concerns	Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance	90
2:30	2:40	Break			
2:40	3:45	Salon C	Fraud Awareness	Sam McCall	65
2:40	3:45	Salon A	Bonds & Debt	Linda Wood	65
3:45	4:00	Break			
4:00	5:00	Salon C	Leadership	Tom Sadowski	60
Total CPE Minutes					380
Total CPE Hours					7.6

Thursday Evening Reception - Salon B

4:40	5:30	Open Bar	Networking
5:30	6:00	Open Bar	Appetizers
6:00	6:30	Open Bar	Appetizers
6:30	8:00	Cash Bar	Music by Andy McKee
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			Networking

FRIDAY 2/24/06

7:30	8:30	West Lobby	Continental Breakfast		
		Room	Title	Presentor	CPE
8:30	8:40	General Session -	Welcome/Overview	Scott Alisoglu	10
8:40	10:10	Salon C	Education Panel	TBA	90
10:10	10:25	Break			
10:25	11:25	Salon A	Communication Skills	Pearl Rovaris-MacDonald	50
10:25	11:25	Salon C	Internal Controls	Nick Kramer	50
11:30	12:30	Salon B	LUNCH		
12:40	1:40	Salon C	TBA	Marvin Stottlemire	60
12:40	1:40	Salon A	KPERS	Glen Deck	60
1:40	1:50	Break			
1:50	3:20	Salon C	Humor in Your Life & Work	Pearl Rovaris-MacDonald	90
3:20	3:35	Salon C	Closing		15
Total CPE Minutes					320
Total CPE Hours					6.4
Conference CPE Hours					14

Credit hours are recommended in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Formal CPE Programs. Your state board is the final authority for the number of credit hours allowed for a particular program.



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Any idiot can face a crisis - it's day
to day living that wears you out.
Anton Chekhov

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President's Message

Starting 2006 Strong



We have officially made it to another year. The AGA Chapter's success in 2005 derived from an enthusiastic membership, which has increased by 34 percent from the prior year, as well as the offering of a range of educational opportunities. A smashing Holiday Social served as the capstone event.

As we move further into 2006, the Chapter will continue providing quality professional development programming to both members and non-members alike. Recently, the Chapter sponsored an audio conference on "Time and Effort Reporting for Federal Grants: A Guide to Careful Documentation" (A Thompson Interactive Event). Documentation of labor hours spent on federal grants for purposes of justifying salaries financed through a particular federal program is of critical importance. It is the AGA Chapter's hope that by sponsoring these types of training events that city and state agencies will survive Single Audit scrutiny unscathed.

January and February will be busy months. In addition to the aforementioned audio conference, State Budget Director and Secretary of Administration Duane Goossen will be our featured presenter at a January 12th Lecture Series Luncheon at the Top of the Tower restaurant. Following Mr. Goossen will be Senate President Steve Morris on February 9th at the same location. February will end with a bang as the Chapter hosts the 2006 Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference on February 23 -24.

Before I sign off, I wanted to recognize a couple of members. First, I would like to congratulate Immediate Past President Walt Darling on acceptance of a position as AGA Regional Vice President-Elect. I couldn't think of a more capable person to fill such an influential position. Secondly, please welcome Pam Simecka as our new Certified Government Financial Manager Program Chair. Ms. Simecka is an Accountant for the City of Topeka's Water Pollution Control Division. Pam replaces Rhonda Mings who stepped down due to other commitments. Thank you Rhonda for your service on the AGA Chapter Executive Committee.

That's it for now, folks. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming AGA events. Here's to another great year!

Upcoming Events

- January 12, 2006, 11:30 AM— Duane Goossen, Director of Budget and Secretary of Administration State of Kansas, Top of the Tower, Highlights of the Kansas State Budget 2006 Legislative Session
- February 9, 2006, 11:30 AM—Steve Morris, Senate President, Top of the Tower
- February 23 & 24, 2006—Topeka Chapter PDC at the Holidome.
- February 23, 2006, 5:00 PM— Evening Social at Holidome.

If you have a topic or story you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Brandi Baer at bbaer@khp.ks.gov. She will do her best to include it in the next volume.