

# Topeka Register

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## March Luncheon & Lecture

On March 23, 2005 a special luncheon and lecture was held at the Top of The Tower. Twenty-eight people attended this special meeting.

To show its appreciation for members the Topeka AGA Chapter covered the cost for members to attend the lunch and lecture.

The lecturer for this special occasion was the Honorable Steve Morris, President of the Kansas Senate. Senator Morris discussed current legislation, the problems facing legislation, and possible problems in future legislation.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to question the Senator about legislation issues and to discuss their views of legislation and possible outcomes.



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## 2005 Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference

This year's theme for the Professional Development Conference is "Accountability Challenges in an Interdependent World". The 2005 Midwest Regional Development Conference will be held May 12 & 13 from 8:30-5:00 at the Topeka Holiday Inn Holidome.

Topics and issues to be discussed are the State Budget Update, Overview of Sarbanes Oxley, Diversity in the Workplace, Identity theft, GAO Domestic Workgroup, The USD 501

Check Scam, and Ethics.

The Registration fee for this years conference is \$220 for members, and \$250 for non-members. However, participants have the opportunity to **SAVE \$20** be registering by **April 1, 2005**.

Registration for the conference may be completed online at:

<http://da.state.ks.us/ar/forum/aga/default.htm>

# March Madness

The AGA Topeka Chapter's March Madness is quickly coming to an end. To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity individuals wishing to renew their membership or join AGA must do so by March 31, 2005.

As of March 24, 2005 the Topeka Chapter has 40 individuals who have already taken advantage of this Madness to join AGA. Topeka Chapter Officers and Directors would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and past AGA members who will be participating in the organization in the coming year.

Registration may be completed at:  
<http://www.agacofm.org/membership/join/>.



## MARCH MADNESS!

### SCORE BIG IF YOU JOIN OR RENEW BY MARCH 31ST!

<p><b>CURRENT MEMBER</b>  <b>Renewal Cost = \$90</b>  <b>Reimbursement up to \$60</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$30 if you renew by March 31st</li> <li>\$40 if you beat the deadline and you serve on a committee</li> <li>\$60 if you beat the deadline and you serve as a committee chair</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEW MEMBER</b>  <b>Membership Fee = \$90</b>  <b>Reimbursement up to \$40</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$40 if you beat the deadline and you serve on a committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b>  <b>Membership Fee = \$30</b>  <b>Reimbursement up to \$30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of \$30 fee if you beat the deadline and you serve on a committee</li> </ul>
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**FINE PRINT**

- Must beat the March 31st deadline for registration
- Must attend at least two sessions of the Professional Lecture Series prior to reimbursements being paid
- Reimbursements are for individual paid memberships—Married/couple reimbursements from another source do not qualify
- Registration receipt, with date paid, is required
- Reimbursements cannot exceed amount paid
- Chair reimbursements limited to 1 per committee
- Committee reimbursements limited to slots available

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR COMMITTEES

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

<p><u>AGA Midwestern Regional Professional Development Conference</u></p> <p>President-Elect (Chair)          Immediate Past President          President          Member from Federal Agency          Member from University          Chair of Education and Training Committee          Chair of Professional Lecture Series: Committee Student</p> <p><u>Membership Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Member from Federal Agency          Member from Manhattan          Member from Lawrence          Member from Wichita          Chair of Professional Certification Student          Retired Member</p> <p><u>Topeka Chapter History Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Director of Communications Student          Retired Member</p>	<p><u>Education and Training Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Member from Federal Agency          Member from University          Member from Wichita Area          Program/Technical Committee Chair          Chair of Professional Certification          Retired Member          Chair of Professional Lecture Series: Student</p> <p><u>Chapter Recognition Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Immediate Past Committee Chair          Director of Communications          President          Immediate Past President          President-Elect          Student</p> <p><u>Entertainment and Awards Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Director of History          Director of Facilities          Director of Membership          Director of Communications: Student          Retired Member</p>	<p><u>Early Careers Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Member from Federal Agency          Member from KU          Member from KSU          Member from Washburn          Member from WSU          Member from A&amp;R          Member from Revenue          Member from SRS Student</p> <p><u>Community Service Committee</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Member from Manhattan Area          Member from Lawrence Area          Member from Topeka Area          Member from Wichita Area Student</p> <p><u>Professional Lecture Series</u></p> <p>Committee Chair          Member from KSU/Manhattan Area          Member from KU/Lawrence Area          Member from WSU/Wichita Area          Member from Washburn/Topeka Area          Member from student of ACCC Student          Retired Member          Education and Training Committee Chair</p>
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# Topeka American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is a unique campaign that blends the benefits of physical activity, community involvement, and personal giving to fight the nation's number one and number three killers—cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Walkers participate in this non-competitive event by forming teams of employees, family members, friends and others. Participants of all ages from company or family teams raise money to fight heart disease and stroke, and then walk in the event. This is an opportunity for AGA members to promote cardiovascular health and awareness in the

Shawnee County community.

The walk is scheduled for Saturday April 23, 2005 in Downtown Topeka. Check-In is at 9:00 AM and the walk begins at 10:15 AM.

If you are interested in walking or volunteering to help please contact Nickie Roberts at [Nickie.Roberts@da.state.ks.us](mailto:Nickie.Roberts@da.state.ks.us).

# AGA's 54th Annual PDC

Registration for AGA's 54th Annual PDC is Now Under Way.

Join us in sunny Orlando for the government financial management education event of the year!

AGA invites you to attend its 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, to be held July 10 – 13, 2005, in Orlando, FL.

Take the CGFM Examinations at the PDC. This year AGA is offering a unique opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM right at the PDC in July. To help you reach that goal, we are offering a special two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on July 9 – 10.

More good news: the Intensive Review Course is

only \$175 for qualified participants and the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost.

**You cannot afford to miss this opportunity!** Pre-registration is required. This is a special limited enrollment offer for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Exams and need extra reinforcement of the material.

Participants must attend the Intensive Review Course to take the CGFM Exams at no cost. Participants must have satisfied the education and experience requirements for the CGFM prior to registering for this event.

For more information please contact Katya Silver at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313, or [ksilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:ksilver@agacgfm.org).

## Fall Accounting Staff Development Classes

For those members of AGA who are interested in the 2005 Fall Workforce Development classes offered through Allen County Community College, the tentative Fall Schedule follows.

Classes will begin the week of August 22, 2005 and end the week of December 16, 2005. Registration ends August 15, 2005 and AGA encourages all par-

ticipants to register early.

Please contact Walt Darling at (785) 296-6800 or [wdarling@khp.ks.gov](mailto:wdarling@khp.ks.gov) with any questions or concerns.

**Allen County Community College**  
**Fall 2005 Workforce Development Class Schedule**  
**Classes begin week of August 22, 2005 through December 16, 2005**  
*Classes forming through August 15, 2005*  
**Enroll by calling Burlingame Campus 785-654-2416, or site coordinator listed below**

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>..... Cr. Hrs.</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
.....						

**Capitol Complex, KHP 7<sup>th</sup> & Jackson, Topeka**  
**(Enrollment open until 8/15/05)**

<b>Contact Walt Darling (785-296-6800) <a href="mailto:wdarling@khp.ks.gov">wdarling@khp.ks.gov</a></b>						
BUS 111 F1		Accounting I	3	Jerry Langham	Fri	8:30 – 11:30
BUS 112 F1		Accounting II	3	Jerry Langham	Thur	8:30 – 13:30



**AGA Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference  
THURSDAY 5/12/2005**

7:00 8:00 Continental Breakfast  
7:45 8:45 Registration

		<u>Room</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Presentor</u>	<u>CPE</u>
8:45	9:00	General Session - Salon C	Welcome	Walt Darling	10
9:00	9:15		Overview	Scott Alisoglu	10
9:15	10:45	General Session	National AGA Topic	Bobby Derrick	90
10:45	11:00	<b>Break</b>			
11:00	11:50	Breakout Session	GASB Update		60
11:00	11:50	Breakout Session	Check 21	Randy, UMB	60
<b>11:50 12:50 LUNCH</b>					
1:00	2:30	General Session	Diversity in the Workplace	Diversity Panel	90
2:30	2:40	<b>Break</b>			
2:40	3:30	Breakout Session Salon A	Ethics in the Workplace	Bernie Hayden	50
2:40	3:30	Breakout Session Salon C	CGFM	Bobby Derrick	50
3:30	3:40	<b>Break</b>			
3:40	4:40	General Session	TBA	TBA	90

Total CPE Minutes 350  
Total CPE Hours 7

**FRIDAY 5/13/2005**

		<u>Room</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Presentor</u>	<u>CPE</u>
7:30	8:30		Continental Breakfast		
8:30	8:45		Overview	Scott Alisoglu	
8:45	10:15	General Session	State Budget Update	Duane Goossen	90
10:15	10:30	<b>Break</b>			
10:30	11:20	Breakout Session	GAO Domestic Workgroup	Janet Kasper	50
10:30	11:20	Breakout Session	Identity Theft	Bryan Brown	50
<b>11:30 12:30 LUNCH</b>					
12:45	1:45	Breakout Session	Fraud	John McElroy, Tom Clevenger	60
12:45	1:45	Breakout Session	Sarbanes Oxley	Jerry Lantham	60
1:45	2:00	<b>Break</b>			
2:00	3:30	General Session	USD 501 Check Scam	Randy Tongier	90

Total CPE Minutes 400  
Total CPE Hours 8



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## President's Message

### Beginning of a New Year

The Topeka AGA Chapter is making great strides in promoting knowledge and networking opportunities to the local community of governmental workers. Our March Madness special has been designed to compel past members and new recruits to join early to provide the greatest benefit to our next year's members. This has been a successful campaign so far, but we continue to encourage those who have not yet joined to register by March 31st.

### Enhancing Government Accountability

The PDC scheduled for May 12th and 13th will provide members with an excellent opportunity to network, and discuss issues affecting professionals in government. We are expecting a healthy turnout of professionals and encourage all members to register for this occasion.



Governor Sebelius signed proclamation making March Certified Government Financial Manager month.

The Topeka Chapter is celebrating its 25th anniversary. To celebrate this event, Governor Sebelius of the State of Kansas has issued a special proclamation that declares March as Certified Government Financial Manager Month.

The Topeka Chapter Officers and Directors continue to look for ways to promote the success of its members, and welcome ideas that members may have. While the Officers and Directors will continue to do their best to ensure that great opportunities are available to members it is ultimately the responsibility of members to take advantage of them.

We encourage our members to become involved in organization activities, and to take leadership roles in the organization. We still have many committee openings available, and feel that participation in these committees will provide a source of networking and recognition with professionals in government. Please contact any of your Topeka Chapter AGA Officers or Directors if you are interested in serving on a committee.



We're on the web!  
<http://da.state.ks.us/ar/forum/aga/default.htm>

## Upcoming Events

- March 31, 2005- March Madness early AGA registration opportunity ends.
- April 1, 2005- Early enrollment saving opportunity for the AGA Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference ends.
- April 14, 2005- AGA Luncheon and Professional Lecture series. This will be an opportunity for an hour of continuing education credit.
- April 23, 2005- The Topeka American Heart Walk.
- May 12 & 13, 2005- AGA Midwest Regional Development Conference.
- August 15, 2005- Enrollment for Fall 2005 Accounting Staff Development Classes through Allen County Community College closes.

