

# Topeka Register

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## Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference

The 2005 Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference occurred May 12th and 13th. The Conference was extremely successful in, not only providing informative courses but also providing outstanding networking opportunities.

This year's PDC was attended by 69 individuals. Also, in attendance was Bobby Derrick, the National President of AGA.

The conference covered a variety of topics relating to the efficient and effective operation of organizations.

Participants were given the opportunity to attend a social Thursday evening at which the Legacy Bluegrass Band provided entertainment and door prizes donated by local organizations were given away.



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## Battered Women's Task Force Donation

This year at the Professional Development Conference the Topeka AGA Chapter took the opportunity to raise money to buy and donate items needed at the Battered Women's Task Force.

Money for this project was raised through the sales of raffle tickets for door prizes that were given away at the Thursday evening social and Friday afternoon.

Through this fundraiser AGA was able to raise one hundred thirty-three dollars with which phone cards, diapers, and baby wipes were purchased and donated to Battered Women's Task Force.

The Topeka Chapter Board would like thank Brian Christenson of Solbourne for his donation of a DVD player which he won in the raffle and donated back to the cause.

# Free Continuing Professional Education

Western CPE's is offering individuals needing CPE credits the opportunity to obtain free credits by participating in their new self-study program.

## What is required of you?

Just sign up for one of Western CPE's self study programs, complete the program within a specified period of time, and report back to Western CPE's on the amount of time the course took and what you thought of the course.

The following courses are available:

- Using the Internet in Estate Planning
- Tax Issues for Debt & Interest
- Free Cash Flow: A Powerful Decision-Making Metric

- Assets, Income & Cash
- Tax Planning for Asset Protection
- Getting Cash Out of Your Business
- Interest & Debt
- Tax Solutions for Families
- Estate Planning Techniques
- Tax Aspects of Marital & Financial Set-backs
- The Basics of Partnership Taxation
- Tax Analysis of Investments Using the Internet

For further information or to sign up for any of these courses please visit [www.westerncpe.com/inhouse/index.cfm](http://www.westerncpe.com/inhouse/index.cfm).

## Thank You!

The Topeka Chapter AGA Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals who participated in the 2005 Midwest Regional PDC.

The Board would also like to recognize the vendors who helped make this year's PDC possible; Oracle, PeopleSoft, Solbourne, and Imagenow.

The Board would like to extend its thanks to all the speakers at the conference, who presented an array of topics.

Several individuals invested a great deal of time and effort into the coordination of this conference. We would like to thank the following individuals for their dedication to this process Scott Alisoglu, Don Wilson, Rhonda Mings, Randy Tongier, Walt Darling, Shirley Hollis and Nickie Roberts. This event would not have been possible if not for their efforts.

The Topeka AGA Chapter would also like to thank the companies that donated door prizes for the Battered Women's Task Force fundraiser. Companies providing door prizes included Angie's Spa, Goodyear, Field of Greens, Flowers by Bill, Coyote Canyon, Maggie Moo's, Maximus Gym, Jazzercise, Tami's Antiques and Florals, Personally Yours, Clubhouse Inn, Holiday Inn West, Eagle Car Wash, Chili's, Texas Roadhouse, Martinelli's, and Simplete Advertising. The Topeka AGA Chapter provided several door prizes as well including a DVD player, and gift certificates to Starbucks, Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday, and Red Lobster.

Proceeds from this fundraiser purchased two packages of phone cards, three cases of baby wipes, and one case of diapers for the Battered Women's Task Force.

Once again thank you to all who participated in this year's Midwest Regional PDC.

# COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

## AGA Midwestern Regional Professional Development Conference

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

## Membership Committee

Committee Chair  
Member from Federal Agency  
Member from Manhattan  
Member from Lawrence  
Member from Wichita  
Chair of Professional Certification  
Student  
Retired Member

## Topeka Chapter History Committee

Committee Chair  
Director of Communications  
Student  
Retired Member

## Education and Training Committee

Committee Chair  
Member of Federal Agency  
Member of University  
Member from Wichita Area  
Program/Technical Committee Chair  
Chair of Professional Certification  
Retired Member  
Chair of Professional Lecture Series  
Student

## Chapter Recognition Committee

Committee Chair  
Immediate Past Committee Chair  
Director of Communications  
President  
Immediate Past President  
President-Elect  
Student

## Entertainment and Awards Committee

Committee Chair  
Director of History  
Director of Facilities  
Director of Membership  
Director of Communications  
Student  
Retired Member

## Early Careers Committee

Committee Chair  
Member from Federal Agency  
Member from KU  
Member from KSU  
Member from Washburn  
Member from WSU  
Member from A&R  
Member from Revenue  
Member from SRS  
Student

## Community Service Committee

Committee Chair  
Member from Manhattan Area  
Member from Lawrence Area  
Member from Topeka Area  
Member from Wichita Area  
Student

## Professional Lecture Series

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

There are still plenty of committee opportunities available. To make this organization successful it is necessary that members play an active role in the planning of events.

Serving on a committee is an excellent networking opportunity allowing participants to form valuable

contacts.

Serving on a committee also allows participants to have a voice in the governance of the Topeka AGA Chapter, and is an opportunity to institute new ideas and direction into the organization.

## CGFM Scholarship

Rutgers University created a scholarship program for AGA members interested in earning the CGFM certification. These courses are completely available online. Candidates for the scholarship certificate program should hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and submit unofficial copies of their transcripts along with a resume and two letters of recommendation to:

Robert H. Werner Ph.D., CGFM, Rutgers Business School  
MACCY Program in Governmental Accounting  
Levin building  
94 Rockefeller Road  
Piscataway, NJ

The application deadline for the 2005 Fall semester is June 15, 2005.

For more information please contact Professor Werner at (732) 445-4441, or at [Werner@business.rutgers.edu](mailto:Werner@business.rutgers.edu) or visit <http://gov-maccy.rutgers.edu>

# 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 Workforce 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

participants 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**

Course Number	Sec	Course Title	..... Cr. Hrs.	Instructor	Day	Time
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**Capitol Complex, KHP 7<sup>th</sup> & Jackson, Topeka  
(Enrollment open until 8/15/05)**

**Contact Walt Darling (785-296-6800) [wdarling@khp.ks.gov](mailto:wdarling@khp.ks.gov)**

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



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## *President's Message*

### Professional Development

I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who participated in the 2005 Midwest Regional PDC. I believe participants were provided an excellent opportunity to explore the new problems faced by individuals dealing with government finance and possible solutions to those problems. I encourage all of you to continue to enhance your knowledge of changes in your work environment by seeking out other CPE training courses.

Myself and the Board members of the Topeka AGA Chapter are dedicated to bringing you valuable CPE courses. If there is a topic you would like to see further explored or a suggestion you would like to make regarding CPE courses please contact any of the Topeka AGA Chapter Board members, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

This year the Topeka AGA Chapter has decided to experiment by continuing our lecture series during the summer months. June 9th Glen Deck, Executive Director of KPERs will be our Professional Lecture Series speaker. Mr. Deck will be updating us on all the changes made by the legislature to the retirement system. Though traditionally the Topeka AGA Chapter has not scheduled events for the summer months the Board has decided to sponsor several lectures this summer in an effort to build interest in our organization. I hope to see all of you at our summer lectures.

AGA is dedicated to providing professional development opportunities, and I hope that many of you take advantage of the courses designed by the Board. However, I also hope that AGA members take advantage of programs offered outside of AGA. This month there are two opportunities available, Western CPE and the Rutgers CGFM scholarship, designed to promote professional development. I encourage anyone needing CPE or interested in taking the CGFM to participate in these programs.

## Upcoming Events

- June 9, 2005—Professional Lecture series with Glen Deck, Executive Director of KPERs updating us on all the changes in the retirement system by the legislature.
- June 30, 2005—The GAGAS continuing professional education requirements go into effect.
- July 7 & 8— Intensive Review course in Orlando, FL for the CGFM Examination
- July 10-13, 2005— 54th Annual PDC in Orlando FL.
- August 15, 2005— Enrollment for Fall 2005 Workforce Development Classes through Allen County Community College closes.

