

# Topeka Register

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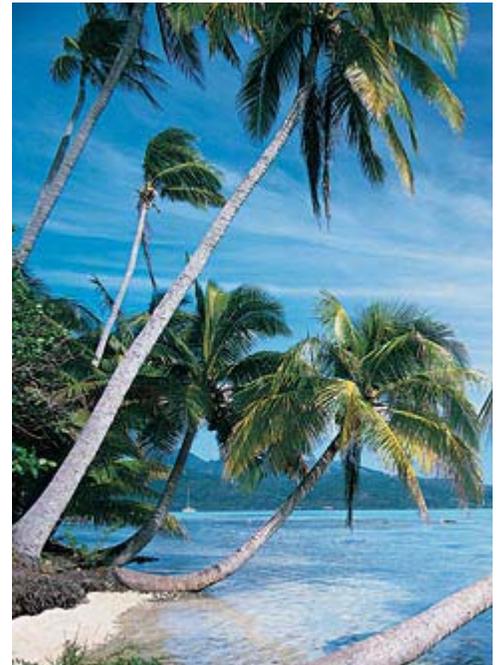
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## KPERS Lecture

In June, Mary Beth Green from KPERS came and discussed with AGA members legislation affecting KPERS programs.

Attendees discussed issues regarding the future outlook of programs and the potential impact that those issues may have on benefit programs.

The lecture focused primarily on the Death and Disability Program within KPERS, and allowed attendees to observe a breakdown of requirements and benefit limitations.



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## Transition Period

July 1st marks the transition from the Topeka AGA Chapter's current Officers and Directors to the new Board.

At this time, we here at AGA, would like to thank the Officers and Directors who, throughout the past year, have dedicated much time and effort to AGA. Without the extensive efforts of these individuals the Topeka Chapter would not have been able

to achieve the advancements that have occurred throughout the past year.

AGA Officers have carefully selected replacements whom they believe will continue to anticipate the ever changing needs of AGA members. The individuals nominated for AGA member's vote will strive to continue the proactive strategies enacted by the current Officers.

# 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!

In the coming year the Topeka AGA Chapter will suffer a substantial loss. Two of the Topeka Chapter's longest active members will be leaving the organization to pursue Officer positions at another organization.

Carolyn Brock and Randy Tongier, the two members AGA will lose this year, have been great assets to the Chapter. They have continually strived to advance the Topeka Chapter throughout their years of membership and have helped shape the organization.

Throughout the past year Carolyn Brock has filled the Topeka Chapter's Secretary position and Randy Tongier has served as the Awards Director. Both of these individuals have contributed years of hard work to AGA and have helped form the present AGA Chapter.

The AGA Board and Officers thank Carolyn and Randy for their years of service and hope that they are as successful in their future

endeavors as they have been in their past endeavors.



Randy Tongier



Carolyn Brock

# 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.

## Future of the Chapter

As the Topeka Chapter AGA transitions from the current Directors and Officers, AGA members will observe new trends in the organization.

In the new year the Topeka AGA Directors and Officers will endeavor to provide members with new opportunities. The new plans include striving to offer quarterly four hour CPE sessions and to continue the lecture series throughout the summer.

As Directors and Officers strive to make improvements to the organization, in the new year, they would greatly appreciate hearing the ideas and comments of the members. Please contact any of the Topeka Chapter Directors or Officers with your ideas or comments.

# Highlights of the Past Year

This has been a fantastic year for the Topeka AGA Chapter. We have offered our members many opportunities to network and to participate in events that enhance their understanding of issues that are affecting their chosen careers.

## Highlights of the last year include:

- Monthly **“Professional Lecture Series”** that provided educational and networking opportunities as well as CPE credit.
- Midwest Regional PDC was held May 12th and 13th and covered a variety of topics related to government and accounting.
- Community Service. The Chapter participated in a variety of volunteer activities throughout the year including:
  - Race Against Breast Cancer
  - Rescue Mission
  - Toys for Tots
  - VITA
  - American Heart Walk
  - Battered Women’s Task Force
  - Ronald McDonald House (Tab collec-

- Governor Sebelius signed a proclamation designating March Certified Government Financial Manager Month.
- Established **“March Madness”** as an opportunity to encourage continued membership in AGA
- Re-issuance of the Newsletter.
- Topeka Chapter achieves **“Platinum”** status!
- Began setup of the official Topeka Chapter web site.
- Coordinated Accounting training through ACCC to increase the knowledge and understanding of our finance staff.

The Board would like to see this momentum carried into the new term, and believes that with the continued support of our members the next year will be as rewarding as the last.

Congratulations, to all the AGA members who helped make this year a success, and contributed to achieving the Platinum award this year.



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



# National Membership

During the 2004-2005 year, AGA National President, Bobby Derrick, challenged every member to recruit at least one new AGA member. He took the challenge one step further and proposed that AGA Leaders recruit five new members each.

Because of this challenge AGA had nearly 1,800 new members join during the past membership year. Of which, 856 were recruited by 436 current AGA members.

Achievement Awards were presented to the following individuals:

**Recruiter of the Year** — Marion Demer, Idaho Centennial Chapter, 32 new members

**Top Sponsor** — Kirk Schanzenbach, New

York Capital Chapter, 24 new members

**Top Sponsor** — Nancy Zmyslinski, Greater Columbus Chapter, 24 new members

Highest Overall Growth Achievements were presented to the following chapters:

**Group A**— New York Capital Chapter

**Group B**—Inland Empire of California Chapter

**Group C**—Maine Chapter

**Group D**—Gaum Chapter

**Group E**—Lincoln Chapter

**Group F**—West Central Mississippi Chapter

# Fall Staff Development Classes

For those members of AGA who are interested in the 2005 Fall Staff 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

### Passing of the Torch

My past year as President has been very exciting and eventful. I have very much enjoyed my time spent as your President, and I feel that AGA has made great advancement throughout the past year. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your Chapter President and I thank the membership for bestowing me with such an opportunity.

### Enhancing Government Accountability



"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."  
*Tom Brokaw*



As many of you are aware next year's Topeka Chapter President will be Scott Alisoglu. Scott has worked extremely hard this past year in helping to prepare the Midwest Regional PDC and has shown he is more than capable of leading the Chapter into its next stage. I believe Scott will continue the proactive strategy that has been in place this past year, and the Chapter will continue offer programs that are informative and educational for members.

The future looks outstanding for the Topeka AGA Chapter and I believe that members will continue to see improvements for many years to come. I encourage members to take an active role in the organization to take full advantage of the opportunities available at AGA. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the organization please contact any of your AGA Directors or officers.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Carolyn Brock and Randy Tongier for their many years of dedication to AGA. Throughout the years Carolyn and Randy have helped to build AGA into the organization it is today. The Chapter will not be the same without them.

Once again thank you for the privilege as serving as your Chapter President, and I wish you all the best in the future.

## Upcoming Events

- June 30, 2005—The GAGAS continuing professional education requirements go into effect.
- June 12, 2005—Professional Lecture Series, Jeff Elrich, Director of the Masters of Science in Management at Friends University in Wichita, KS.
- 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.

