

# Topeka Register

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Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

**Adlai E. Stevenson**

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## Budgeting Resource Lecture

The chapter's Professional Lecture Series continued in July with an interesting and informative presentation titled "Budgeting Resources through Zero-Based Budgeting". Zero-Based Budgeting builds the budget based on the input costs required to produce a product or service, versus distributing allocated resources to the product or service, resulting in a more efficient use of resources to produce a quality product or service.

One hour of Continuing Professional Education credit was offered. The lecture was held at the Topeka Shawnee County Library, registration included lunch.

The presenter for this series was Jeff Ehrlich. Jeff is the Director of the Masters of Science in Management at Friends University in Wichita, Kan. In addition to his directorship duties, Jeff teaches in the Graduate School, mainly accounting and finance, while specializing in and researching performance management and business process re-engineering issues, provides consulting services, speaks to various groups, and is completing his doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

Jeff has other interesting topics that the board hopes he will present at future events.

## 2005 Fall Seminar

The AGA Lincoln Chapter is conducting a Fall seminar worth 6 hours of CPE.

AGA National President, Sam McCall, will be presenting on “Government Auditing Standards, Internal Auditing Standards, and Fraud Prevention & Internal Controls.” An audio conference on “Ethics” is also included

The seminar will be held from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM at the Villager Courtyard & Gardens in Lincoln Nebraska.

### **Schedule:**

Sam McCall—8:30 to 12:00

Lunch—12:00 to 1:00

Audio Conference—1:00 to 3:00

### **Cost:**

AGA Member—\$60.00 includes lunch

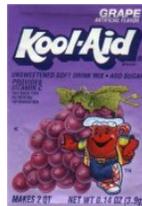
AGA Member—Audio Conference only - Free

Non-Member—\$100 includes lunch

Non-Member—Morning presentation, includes lunch - \$80.00

Non-Member—Audio Conference only - \$25

For additional information please contact Syed Hassan at [shassan@notes.state.ne.us](mailto:shassan@notes.state.ne.us).



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## 2005 National PDC

The 2005 National PDC was held July 10th through July 13th in Orlando, FL.

The 2005 conference was attended by 1,600 government accountability professionals. The conference presented professionals from across the nation the opportunity to discuss issues of common concern.

The conference began with an extremely candid presentation from keynote speaker Retired Army General Jack Keane. General Keane discussed his 37 years of leading American soldiers and his thoughts on the war on terrorism.

Conference attendees were also given the opportunity to hear Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, talk about living up to our potential. Dr. Jemison spoke very eloquently on the idea of not limiting yourself on the basis of others beliefs, but reaching for what you believe is possible.

Cynthia Cooper, WorldCom whistleblower, presented insight into the decision to go public with the \$3.8 billion fraud at WorldCom. The decision, which she claimed was easy was not without sacrifice, but she also noted that sometimes making the right decision has a high price. In total WorldCom laid off 17,000 employees and filed for bankruptcy of eleven billion dollars.

Conference attendees were also given the opportunity to attend many smaller breakout sessions. Breakout sessions included topics on innovative auditing techniques, Homeland Security audits, leadership, Sarbanes-Oxley, and procurement cards.

The National PDC provides great opportunities to learn about government accountability and networking. The 2006 PDC will be held in San Diego, CA at the Marriott Hotel & Marina, June 18th through the 20th. Please, plan to attend, it is a wonderful experience.

# 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 the 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 relationships.

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.

## Community Service

This year the Topeka AGA Chapter is planning many wonderful community service projects.

Nickie Roberts, Director of Community Service, is working hard to plan events for the year. Please, contact her if you have any community projects you would like AGA to consider participating in. Nickie is also responsible for tracking AGA member community service contribution. Please, let her know when you participate in community service activities.

### **Community Service Projects:**

September 17th—Race Against Breast Cancer

October—Rescue Mission

November & December—Toys for Tots

January & April—VITA

April—American Heart Walk

May—Battered Women's Task Force

Year Long—Ronald McDonald House (can tabs)

# 2005-2006 Board of Directors

July marked the new year for the Topeka AGA Chapter, and with the new year has come a new Executive Committee.

This year's Topeka AGA Chapter Executive Committee are looking forward to providing the local finance community with many opportunities to gain networking and continuing education credits.

The Executive Committee would like you to feel free to voice your ideas and concerns to them so that they can better meet the needs of the community.

The following is a list of the names and titles of the new Executive Committee:

## ***Officers***

President: Scott Alisoglu

President-Elect: Brenda Adkins

Immediate Past President: Walter Darling

Secretary: Debby Fitzhugh

Treasurer: Debbie White

## ***Directors***

Bylaws and Procedures: Shirley Moses  
Communications: Brandi Baer

Community Service: Nickie Roberts

Professional Lecture Series: Sabrina Wells

Membership: Shirley Hollis

Professional Certification: Rhonda Mings

Programs/Technical Meetings (Topeka):  
Brandi Baer

Programs/Technical Meetings (Lawrence):  
Rhonda Mings

Awards: Marsha Pappen

Web Site: Walter Darling

Throughout the year AGA will introduce these individuals at meetings so that attendees will have the opportunity to become acquainted with these individuals.

## New Opportunities

Through the years Carolyn Brock and Randy Bailes have played pivotal roles in the Topeka AGA Chapter.

AGA would like to congratulate these outstanding individuals on their recent accomplishments.

Carolyn Brock was recently appointed to the State Lottery as the Director of finance, and Randy Bailes was recently appointed to Kansas Museum of History as the Director of Finance/Human Resource.

Carolyn and Randy have shown great support for AGA over the year. The Topeka AGA Chapter could not have become the prestigious organization it is today without their help.

Carolyn and Randy, thank you for all you've done for AGA, and congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

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# Topeka Chapter 25th Anniversary

July 30, 2005 marked the Topeka Chapter's 25th anniversary.

At the National PDC, in Orlando, Florida, Walt Darling accepted, on behalf of the Chapter, a certificate of recognition for the time members have dedicated to advancing government accountability.

The Topeka Chapter Officers and Directors would like to congratulate all current and past members on their 25 year commitment to advancing government accountability.

The below certificate was earned through the hard work and dedication of our members.

Congratulations and here is to another 25 years!



## Presented to AGA's Topeka Chapter

*Chartered July 30, 1980*

*On behalf of AGA's National Board of Directors and National Office staff, we extend warmest congratulations to the Topeka Chapter on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. We are proud to mark this hallmark event with the chapter members and enthusiastically applaud the Chapter's long history of service excellence.*

*Topeka Chapter members have much to be proud of during this anniversary year. The Chapter's contributions are invaluable to AGA and we sincerely appreciate the time and effort Chapter members invest to support AGA in advancing government accountability. We want to express AGA's sincere appreciation and congratulations to the Chapter members on this historic occasion.*

Congratulations,

Sam M. McCall, CGFM  
2005-2006 AGA National President

Raymond P. Van Dambur, DBA, CPA  
Executive Director



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All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity; but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible.

Thomas E. Lawrence



## *President's Message*

### 2005-2006 Year



As I begin my term as President I would like to thank Walt Darling for the leadership and guidance he showed during his term as President. Walt set the bar high for future Presidents, and I hope that my term is as successful as his in promoting the advancement of government accountability and professional development. Walt will continue to play a vital role in our Chapter as Immediate Past President and as the Director of the Web Site. Give him your support as he takes on his new responsibilities.

The current year Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members are extremely enthusiastic about the education and training line up we are offering in the 2005-2006 year. Our Chapter will be taking a much more aggressive approach in offering professional development opportunities. AGA will continue to offer monthly luncheon professional lecture series and the Professional Development Conference, but this year we will continue to offer several special lectures, lasting up to four hours in length, as well as audio conferences. I encourage anyone with ideas for professional development opportunities to contact one of your CEC members.

The Topeka Chapter will also be participating in various community service projects throughout the year. Our members have always shown an interest in the needs of the community, and I encourage members to continue supporting these projects.

The Topeka Chapter has an exciting year ahead of it. Our Chapter will lead by example in providing the best professional development, education, and community service activities in the region. In the short time the CEC has been together the members have shown a willingness to work hard and a dedication to Chapter excellence. There will always be organizations that find satisfaction in average, even subpar, achievement. The Topeka Chapter of the Association of Government Accounts is not one of them.

## Upcoming Events

- August 15, 2005– Enrollment for Fall 2005 Workforce Development Classes through Allen County Community College closes.
- August 18, 2005—Luncheon Lecture with Neil Dobler, Acting City Manager of Topeka, 11:30 to 1:00.
- September 2, 2005— Lincoln Chapter Fall Seminar, 8:30 to 3:00
- September 14, 2005—Professor Charles Krider lecture on national economic trends from 8:30 to 10:30.
- September 17, 2005—Race Against Breast Cancer
- October 2005—Community service project for the Rescue Mission.

