

# Topeka Register

Volume Year 2007

September 24, 2007

## 2007-2008 Officers and Directors

### OFFICERS

Sabrina Wells, President  
sabinamw@cox.net

Larry Barrett, President-Elect  
larry.barrett@khpa.ks.gov

Brandi Baer, Immediate Past President  
brandi\_baer@hotmail.com

Walt Darling, Treasurer  
walt\_darling@hotmail.com

Marti Leisinger, Secretary  
marti.leisinger@co.shawnee.ks.us

### DIRECTORS

Scott Alisoglu, Professional Lecture Series  
salisoglu@topeka.org

Nickie Roberts, Community Service  
Nickie.Roberts@da.ks.gov

Melinda Richter, Awards  
Melinda.Richter@kbi.state.ks.us

Walter Darling, Web Site Director  
Walt\_Darling@hotmail.com

Nick Kramer, CGFM  
CGFM Coordinator  
nick.kramer@kdor.state.ks.us

Linda Farlow, Audio Conferences  
lfarlow@kshs.org

Mary Johnston, Early Careers  
mjohnsto@ksinsurance.org

Dawn Palmberg, Early Careers  
dpalmber@ksinsurance.org

Fred Baer, Bylaws  
fred.baer@washburn.edu

Randy Bailes, CGFM  
Awards  
rbailes@kshs.org

## AGA National News AGA's 2007-08 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign We Have a Dream

We have a dream at AGA—help make it happen and be rewarded in Atlanta! We have a dream of a stronger, more visible Association that can serve you better. AGA has a vision of an Association with more power to help you achieve your professional dreams. You can help make that possible—and be rewarded for it too. How? Participate in the We Have a Dream campaign, and you'll find yourself eligible for fantastic prizes, including AGA Dollars, Bose audio equipment, meeting registrations and get-aways.

Every time a new member joins AGA, we are made stronger. More members mean a greater ability for AGA to help you access excellent

Educational programming and top-notch networking. Don't forget, your dreams for your career are our dreams. We are committed to helping our members reach their professional goals.

We invite each AGA member to recruit at least one new member in the campaign. Show off your enthusiasm with firsthand accounts of how your AGA membership has been a great investment in your professional development and career. Why you? We have found that the majority of new members join AGA because a colleague recommended AGA to them. Remember, EVERY member who sponsors new members is eligible for prizes and recognition!

### Congratulations Members!!



Pam Simecka, CGFM, has been appointed as the new City Controller and Assistant Finance Director for The City of Topeka. She will begin her new duties on September 24.

Nickie Roberts was recently awarded a pin for 30 years of service to the State of Kansas.

## Professional Lecture Series

### Highlights

Maureen Rogers, Finance Director for the City of Merriam, Kansas presented a report on the consolidation of fire services in Merriam in the third installment of the Topeka Chapter Professional Lecture Series held September 6, 2007 at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library. With governments attempting to reduce costs while maintaining—and improving—delivery of services to taxpayers, consolidation is a topic receiving much consideration.

As with most consolidation issues, the combination of Merriam Fire Services and Consolidated Fire District #2, has both advantages and disadvantages. Ms. Rogers explored the projected outcomes of the consolidation—both in terms of costs and services. Although there are significant advantages to maintaining the status quo, an overwhelming majority of members of the MFD support the consolidation of fire services on the basis of improved service to citizens and improved safety for firefighters.



## CGFM Scholarships Available

The CGFM is becoming a more valuable professional designation with each passing year. The AGA National Office reports that many government employers are beginning to give the CGFM the recognition it deserves. In a recent example, the Missouri State Auditor's Office has begun offering salary increases to employees who earn the CGFM designation. Isn't it time for **you** to earn **your** CGFM?

The Topeka Chapter has included an amount for CGFM scholarships in the recently approved FY 2008 budget. If you have ever considered studying for and taking the CGFM exams, and the cost has been a prohibitive factor, now is the time to reconsider.

For more details on earning the CGFM designation, contact CGFM director, Nick Kramer, CGFM at [nick.kramer@kdor.state.ks.us](mailto:nick.kramer@kdor.state.ks.us).

## Community Service Corner

—Please join your fellow AGA members in one, two,.....or *all* of the following worthwhile endeavors:

Submitted by Nickie Roberts

### September 29—Race Against Breast Cancer— Washburn University School of Law

This is an annual event for the Topeka Chapter. This year the Chapter will be paying the registration fees for anyone who wishes to participate in the Race. We have eight participants registered—Scott Alisoglu, Brandi Baer, Fred Baer, Brenda Haya, Shirley Hollis, Nick Kramer, CGFM, Nickie Roberts, and Travis White. Along with participating in the race itself, you may help the cause by helping to stuff registration packets on Thursday, September 27, or by assisting with pre-registration on Friday, September 28.

### October 11—Topeka Rescue Mission

Donate your spare change at the October PLS meeting to help others make a change in their lives

Year Long Project—Collection of metal tabs to support Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your tabs to any meeting.



Please contact Nickie Roberts for more details on any of the Topeka Chapter community service events at 296-7917, or email [nickie.roberts@da.ks.gov](mailto:nickie.roberts@da.ks.gov)



## Save the Date!!!

### Upcoming Events

- October 11, 2007—Professional Lecture Series  
Jim Martin, Professor of Accounting,  
Management, and Finance  
Washburn University  
Topic: Regulator and Market Response to Wall  
Street's Bad Behavior  
Location: Old Prairie Town, Warde-Mead Park  
Preston Hale Reception Room
- November 14, 2007—Audio Conference—"Tools for Performance  
Audit Efficiency"—Topeka/Shawnee County  
Public Library
- December 12, 2007—Audio Conference—"Anatomy of Fraud: Case  
Examples of Greed, Collusion, and Override  
of Controls"—Topeka/Shawnee County  
Public Library
- March 6 & 7, 2008—Professional Development Conference  
Capital Plaza Conference Center

### CEC Highlights

Submitted by Marti Leisinger

The September CEC meeting was held at 11:45 a.m. on September 5th at the Kansas State Historical Society with the following members in attendance: President Sabrina Wells, Kathy Bohnhoff, Linda Farlow, Brandi Baer, Nickie Roberts, Melinda Richter, Marti Leisinger, Randy Bailes, CGFM, and Nick Kramer, CGFM.

After a brief discussion, and adjustment of projected fiscal year receipts to \$31,000 and projected fiscal year disbursements to \$34,000, the budget for fiscal year 2008 was approved unanimously by the committee. Melinda reported that the Chapter currently has earned 4100 Chapter Recognition points for this year. Sabrina presented the Early Careers report submitted to her by Dawn and Mary. The Topeka Chapter is participating in Washburn's Career Fair in Landon Arena on September 12. (See more details in President's Message)



Nickie reported that the Topeka Chapter would be participating in the American Heart Walk on September 15th at Lake Shawnee and in the Race Against Breast Cancer at Washburn Law School on September 29th. On Thursday evening, September 27th, members may participate by helping to stuff packets and/or they may assist at the pre-registration Friday evening from 4:15-7:00. The registration fee for any members wishing to participate in the Race will be paid by the Chapter. A motion to match loose change donations received for the Topeka Rescue Mission at the September and October meetings, with the maximum set at \$50.00, passed on a unanimous vote.

Nick presented the CGFM Plan of Action for 2007-2008. It was decided that more emphasis should be placed on recognizing members with the CGFM designation, including recognizing the Chapter's CGFMs at a meeting and including the designation after the person's name when they are mentioned in the newsletter. Other items discussed included setting the 24th of each month as the publication date for the newsletter, and upcoming audio conferences.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



TOPEKA  
CHAPTER

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTANTS  
PO BOX 206  
TOPEKA, KANSAS



## *President's Message*

*Advancing Government Accountability*



Topeka Chapter AGA participated in the annual Washburn Career Fair on September 12, at Lee Arena on the campus of Washburn University. More than 150 booths filled the arena. Among those recruiting for talent were law enforcement entities, medical service providers, and several financial management companies. The fair was well attended by Washburn students and provided a wonderful forum for Topeka AGA to inform students in business, marketing, finance and accounting majors, that the Association of Government Accountants is there for them and that the organization can be a valuable networking and career enhancement tool both locally and nationwide. It has been a true honor having such a wonderful business relationship with the Washburn Community. It is my hope that those students, whom we met and exchanged contact information, will in some way fit into their busy schedules, time to learn more about AGA. Early careers co-chairs Dawn Palmberg and Mary Johnston are to be commended for suggesting that Topeka AGA reach out to the Washburn student population in this way. A special thanks also to Kathy Bohnhoff. Kathy helped with staffing the booth and meeting and greeting prospective student members. Have a good month! --Sabrina

If you have a topic or news item you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Kathy Bohnhoff at [kbohnhof@ksinsurance.org](mailto:kbohnhof@ksinsurance.org) She will do her best to include it in the next issue.

**We're on the web!**

**[www.AGAKS.org](http://www.AGAKS.org)**



**Receipts:**

	Budget 2007-2008	Budget 2006-2007 ACTUAL	Budget 2005-2006 ACTUAL	Budget 2004-2005 ACTUAL
Interest Earnings	25.00	17.28	21.07	145.92
Chapter Meetings	3,500.00	3,715.00	3,067.00	1,715.00
PDC Current Year	20,975.00	-	21,550.00	15,200.00
PDC Current Year Sponsors	2,000.00	-	1,600.00	1,250.00
PDC Prior Year	-	22,210.00	-	1,400.00
PDC Prior Year Sponsors	-	770.27	1,000.00	8,500.00
1/2 Day Training	250.00	-	1,110.00	-
One Day Trainings (2)	1,000.00	-	-	200.00
National Awards	-	-	-	268.00
Donations for Charities	1,000.00	800.00	585.00	-
Memberships	1,500.00	840.00	594.70	30.00
Other	750.00	328.05	15.79	-
Subtotal Receipts	31,000.00	\$ 28,680.60	29,543.56	28,708.92

**Disbursements:**

Chapter Meetings	4,800.00	4,763.23	3,758.21	2,261.34
Exec. Committee Meetings	975.00	1,077.22	498.90	571.69
Memberships	3,500.00	3,100.00	2,529.70	30.00
March Madness Reimburse	-	-	1,040.00	-
Training Events	800.00	-	891.02	-
PDC Prior Year	-	-	24.49	7,691.09
PDC Current Year	17,645.00	20,345.13	17,437.21	10,711.34
National PDC	2,000.00	1,880.60	2,317.89	-
Regional Training Registration	-	-	-	-
Community Service	1,000.00	928.69	1,685.00	363.97
Scholarship - CGFM	500.00	109.00	-	-
Scholarship - Universities	-	-	7,500.00	4,000.00
Picnic/Holiday Social	2,000.00	1,126.06	764.97	-
Tax Consulting	-	-	-	-
General Operating Expenses	780.00	778.36	698.14	1,315.39
	34,000.00	\$ 34,108.29	38,145.53	26,944.82

Carry-Over Previous Year	17,873.20	23,300.89	32,902.79	31,138.76
Ending Balance	14,873.20	17,873.20	23,300.82	32,902.86