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Social Event- Oktoberfest

Date: Sept. 19, 2008
Time: 5:30pm
Location: 1235 NW 35th
Topeka, KS



**The Whole Family
is Invited to Attend!!**



**Please Help us
Celebrate the Retirement
of AGA Chapter Member
and AGA Director
Sandra Dreasher**

**Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 from
1:30-3:30pm at the Kansas
Insurance Dept.**

Upcoming AGA Events

Professional Lecture Series: 10/9/08

"Social Intelligence: What is it's Role for
Accountants"
Jayhawk Towers
11:30am-1:30pm



Barbara Carswell uses findings from a recent research survey that looked at the role of interpersonal skills training on efficiency and productivity ... and reviews some of Daniel Goleman's work on both Emotional Intelligence and Social Intelligence ... the talk will summarize five relevant points of connection to accounting.

Upcoming Audio Conferences

12/10/08 - "21st Century Financial
Managers"

1/21/09 - "XBRL to Improve
Financial & Performance Reporting"

4/8/09 - "Auditing"

AGA Recruiting Tip of the Month

Do you know of someone in your office who is involved in governmental accountability? Someone who is a current college student or recent graduate? An intern in your office? Invite them to the next AGA Meeting, Lecture or Audio Conference.

AGA Topeka Chapter

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee

Fox Ridge Clubhouse

August 11, 2008

Submitted by Scott Alisoglu



Members Present: Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Larry Barrett, Linda Farlow, Scott Alisoglu, Melinda Richter, Brandi Baer, Fred Baer, Sandra Dreasher, Sabrina Wells

Members Absent: Muriah Baker, Marti Leisinger, Pam Simecka, Kathy Bohnhoff

Minutes – No changes made. Minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report- Walt noted that an amount of \$2,080 for the PDC should have been shown in the *National* PDC section, not the local PDC section. There is also a question about a \$180 revenue item in the “other reimbursement” line. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Chapter Points – Kathy was absent, but submitted her report via e-mail. *The only thing I have to report is that the Chapter Plans were submitted, earning us 1000 points in the "Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation" category and 200 points in the "Early Career and Student Members" category. The first "points report" is due September 30, covering the months of May through September. There are a couple of deadlines coming up before then. The annual review of chapter finances, conducted by a reviewer independent of the Treasurer and CEC, and a history report are both due by September 30. In the past, the outgoing treasurer (Walt this year) was in charge of finding someone to perform the review---Don Wilson did this for us last year. I am not sure who prepares the history report, but I'm sure one of the board members would know. I'm preparing a checklist of "points eligible" activities that I will send out to the CEC sometime next week so that everyone can determine what points have been earned in their area.*

PDC Report – Marti was absent, but provided the following report via e-mail, which was read during the meeting by Larry. *So far we have: Chevron - Energy Audits, Dr. Farley - Scheduled as first speaker on Thursday Health Agency - Bioterrorism, pandemics Susan Fritzlen - Citizen Centric Reporting Chief Ron Miller Scott got us a speaker for grant management from National Grants Management Association Emergency Management issues - lessons from Greensburg GASB - probably Karen Linn. Still hoping to get Morehead from National*

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Lectures Coordinator – Walt proposed asking new members to take these positions as a way to get them more involved in Chapter activities.

The group decided that the assistant secretary position was unnecessary. However, Walt indicated that the Assistant Treasurer position is important because of the Treasurer’s burdensome workload, which will grow even more this year because of the large number of Chapter events planned to be held during the program year.

Linda Shaver agreed to assist Sandra with the lecture series when necessary. Sabrina said she would ask Kim Mason if she can help with audio conferences as well.

Audio Conferences – Discussion took place about the possibility of holding conference in Manhattan. Walt conveyed that he discussed the issue with Bernie Hayen and noted that he said he would look into allowing Bernie and his staff to attend free of charge. The idea behind Walt’s proposal was to attract potential AGA members to the Manhattan event, which would pay off in the long run. After some debate the board unanimously voted to charge \$20 for the Manhattan audio conference. Students will be allowed in free of charge with valid student ID. However, Linda will ask Bernie about his understanding of what he and his people will be charged, based on his conversation with Walt.

Education Chair Report – Sandra noted that after October the Jayhawk Club eatery will be closed. As such, another location must be found for luncheon lectures. A room at the Celtic Fox is a possibility.

Community Service – A total of \$13.85 was collected through the Loose Change program in June- August. The chapter match will make that amount \$30. The board decided to make the Loose Change program an on-going community service function.

Early Careers – Melinda is sending announcements to Washburn University.

Membership Report – Walt indicated that membership is at 87 this month and last month. Walt also reviewed a statistical analysis of the membership for the board.

Other Business – Walt was congratulated on attaining the Regional Vice President platinum award. The Chapter was given the platinum award in Atlanta. Sabrina gave highlights of the National PDC. The CEC also discussed the possibility of taking an AGA group to see the movie IOUSA



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President's Message

An updated list of Chapter members and non-members who participate in the Chapter's events has been made. Already, these efforts to update the Chapter's membership information has paid dividends in locating lost members. Thanks to everyone who worked to update the membership information; those helping with this project include Brandi Baer, Sabrina Wells and Walt Darling. I firmly believe that

this new master membership list will be a great tool to promote the Chapter activities and keep in touch with members!

The Chapter's Fall Social is planned for Friday, September 19, 2008. Thank you to the two members of the Social Committee (a.k.a. "Recreation Director's" here at camp) Brandi Baer and Melinda Richter for putting together this fun event and to Walt & Pam Darling for hosting the event. Please plan to attend the social and enjoy the food, drink and music.

The monthly Lecture series and luncheons will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Jayhawk Tower. Several Audio Conferences are planned this year; the September Conference is being presented at The University of Kansas in Lawrence. Please visit the Topeka Chapter website at www.agaks.org for additional information on Chapter activities.

Should you have some time and want to assist the Chapter, please let one of the board members know what you would like to do to help.

Thank you,

Larry Barrett

Upcoming Community Service Events

Oct. 4th, 2008 Center

Race Against Breast Cancer-Washburn Law

-The Topeka AGA Chapter has approved to pay the \$20 Early Registration Fee. Early Registrations must be received by 9/24/08. If interested please contact Nickie Roberts at 296-7917.

Nov. & Dec. 2008

Toys for Tots

-Donations collected at Nov. meeting and During the Holiday Social

Year-Round

Topeka Rescue Mission Loose Change Program

-Collection of loose change at meetings

Year Round

Battered Women's Task Force

State of Kansas
Sunflower FMS Project

Submitted by Kent Olson



For many years, the State of Kansas government community has shared a vision that it should implement a new financial management system to integrate the State's workforce, business processes and technology investment. Benefits of an integrated system include improved efficiency, management decision-making, transparency, and customer service.

In 2006, a needs assessment was conducted to evaluate the business case for the procurement and implementation of a new statewide financial management system. With results that clearly demonstrated the need, a core project team began working with sponsors to prepare a foundation for the project. The Steering Committee established the formal vision, the project objectives, and the governance structure. During the past year, extensive work has been done to assess enterprise readiness, document and analyze agency shadow systems, map business process, analyze the chart of accounts and commodity codes, and award contracts for software and integration services. Near the end of August, 2008, final negotiations were completed for both the software and integration services. Accenture has been selected to partner with the State of Kansas to implement PeopleSoft Version 9.0 for financial functionality. PeopleSoft Version 8.9 is already being used for human resources/payroll.

Beginning in October, 2008, the Sunflower Project will begin its implementation phase by conducting project team training and the developing the detailed work plan. The project team will then work with agencies to conduct conference room pilot sessions from November, 2008, until January, 2009 . These activities will help determine how the software needs to be configured to meet the business requirements of the State of Kansas. Beginning in February, 2009, a data center will need to be built to host the software. In March, 2009, interface and data conversion standards will be made available to those agencies that will need to modify systems by January, 2010. Integration testing will start in January, 2010, followed by acceptance testing starting in March, 2010. The Go-Live date will be July 1, 2010!

The functional scope of the financial management system has been defined to include Purchasing, General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Employee Reimbursements, Project/Grants, Asset Management, and Reporting/Data Warehouse. An analysis of Time and Labor will be conducted, with a determination to be made early in 2009.

Participation of the state government business community is critical to the success of the Sunflower Project. To learn more about the project and the many ways that you and your agency can be involved, please visit the project website at <http://www.da.ks.gov/ar/fms/>. Included on the main page of the site is the contact information for key members of the project team.

	Budget												Amount over or under		
	2008-2009	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Year to Date Actual	Budget
Receipts:															
Interest Earnings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapter Meetings (PLS)	3,000.00	210.00	320.00											530.00	(2,470.00)
Audio Conferences			60.00											60.00	60.00
PDC Current Year	24,000.00														(24,000.00)
PDC Current Year Sponsors	2,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,600.00)
PDC Prior Year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PDC Prior Year Sponsors	1,350.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,350.00)
Day Training		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Awards	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000.00)
Donations for Charities	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000.00)
Memberships	1,000.00	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00	(980.00)
Other/Reimb	500.00	223.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223.06	(276.94)
Subtotal Receipts	33,450.00	433.06	400.00											833.06	(32,616.94)
Disbursements:															
Chapter Meetings (PLS)	4,000.00	337.57	112.00											449.57	3,550.43
Exec. Committee Meetings	800.00	57.72	40.97											98.69	701.31
Memberships	3,000.00		90.00											90.00	2,910.00
Audio Conferences			1,270.20											1,270.20	(1,270.20)
Training Events	1,350.00													-	1,350.00
PDC Prior Year		2,082.00												2,082.00	(2,082.00)
PDC Current Year	25,000.00													-	25,000.00
National PDC	1,500.00		164.22											164.22	1,335.78
Community Service	1,000.00													-	1,000.00
Scholarship - OGRM	200.00													-	200.00
Scholarship - Universities														-	-
Picnic/Holiday Social	1,500.00													-	1,500.00
Awards														-	-
General Operating Expenses	750.00													-	750.00
Subtotal Disbursements	39,100.00	2,477.29	1,677.39											4,154.68	34,945.32
Prior Year Ending Cash Balance	7,606.21														
Beginning Cash Balance	7,606.21	7,606.21	5,561.98												
Outstanding Liabilities Neutralized															
Current Month Net Difference	(5,550.00)	(2,044.23)	(1,277.39)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,329.62	
Transfers from Savings															
Ending Cash Balance		5,561.98	4,284.59												
Outstanding Liabilities															
Unencumbered Balance		5,661.88	4,284.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cash Balance Consists of:															
Checking Account		5,561.98	4,284.59												
Savings Account (1130106)		7,524.00	7,524.00												
0.24% Interest															
00 - 03 (12/15/2008)		5,735.13	5,735.13												
4.11 % Interest															
Total		18,821.11	17,543.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
August Lecture made \$13.00 August Audio Conference loss \$151.80															

Food for Thought...

According to a recent survey conducted by www.RevenueRecognition.com & IDC (sponsored by Softrax Corp.) which involved 685 companies, 92% use spreadsheets for critical accounting activities in their revenue reporting processes. Only 8% of companies say they are able to complete their revenue reporting without using spreadsheets.

-Innovation is Missing from Internal Control Systems; Internal Control Institute



If you have a topic or news item you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Muriah Baker at Muriah.Baker@da.ks.gov



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