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## Please Have a Safe and Happy New Year!!!



## Look Who is Retiring...



After 35 years of service Nickie Roberts is retiring from the State of Kansas.

## Upcoming AGA Events

### Professional Lecture Series 1/15/09

"The Financial Status of KS & the Governor's Budget Recommendations"

Celtic Fox  
11:30am-1:00pm



Duane Goossen is currently the Secretary of the Dept. of Administration and the Director of the Division of Budget for the State of KS. He is past-president of the Ntl. Assoc. of State Budget Officers and was a State Representative for 14 years. His wealth of knowledge and vast experience in State Government makes this a lecture you won't want to miss!

### Upcoming Audio Conferences

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

4/8/09 - "Auditing"

### AGA Recruiting Tip of the Month

Keep issues of the Journal on display to catch the eye of nonmember colleagues.



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## President's Message

The Holiday Social was a great success with many members attending. I believe that everyone who attended had an enjoyable time with good food and drink. Thanks to everyone whom made this event possible; especially to Melinda Richter and Brandi Baer who headed up the committee.

**The AGA Topeka Chapter Professional Development Conference is set for February 26-27, 2009 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.** There is new information posted on the AGA Topeka Chapter website concerning this conference and you can now sign up on-line for this important conference.

Please check the Topeka Chapter website for additional information on Chapter activities at [www.agaks.org](http://www.agaks.org)

The Chapter is looking for AGA members to assist the Board with various tasks and projects. Would you be willing to help? Should you want to help the Chapter, please let one of the Board members know.

Thank you,

*Larry Barrett*

## "XBRL to Improve Financial & Performance Reporting"

*Submitted by Linda Farlow*

On January 21, 2009, AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference, "How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Based Reporting", one of its important ongoing research projects that demonstrates the value of government financial and performance reporting. You may register now at the Topeka AGA Chapter website: [http://www.agaks.org/Audio\\_Conf](http://www.agaks.org/Audio_Conf). This conference will be held at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, in the Marvin Auditorium.

With new data comes the opportunity to break old paradigms. In the third in a series of audio conferences on the AGA-sponsored research on Performance Based Management (PBM), participants report on the new perspectives brought about by integrated financial and non-financial information. PBM delivers what one pilot test participant calls "integrated awareness," the big picture information that decision-makers need to keep their organizations steering in the right strategic direction. It also provides the data managers need to detect and solve performance problems. All this, plus PBM shows taxpayers both the how and what of their return on investment in government.

To share their expertise and experiences in PBM reporting are **Clifton A. Williams, CGFM, CPA**, Partner, Grant Thornton LLP; and **James Brimson, MS**, founder of Activity Based Management Institute.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Accountant Supervisor: The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS**

This is a hands-on supervisory position that reviews and analyzes all University expenditures to seek out opportunities for improvements, efficiencies, and training in the procurement-to-payment process. This position will also provide various transactional analyses to interpret expenditure data. This work is analytical, creative, evaluative and advisory in nature.

In addition, this position is responsible for the day-to-day supervision and operations of an accounting staff. The accounting staff is responsible for the delegated audit authority given by the State to the University of Kansas. This position also assists with the interpretation of Federal and State laws and regulations, and must be knowledgeable about the State's accounting and reporting standards, and financial system. This position supports the University's policies, implements quality internal controls, and maximizes the value of the University's financial system tools.

**For a complete position description and instructions to apply:**

<https://jobs.ku.edu/> Search on position #00000101

Apply on-line only. A complete on-line application packet includes a completed university application, a cover letter, a resume, and contact information for 3 work-related references. Incomplete application materials may result in disqualification



**Community Service**

AGA Holiday Social was held Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the White Lakes Plaza Clubhouse. Members were asked to donate \$5 for Toys for Tots, which benefits many children in our community. Toys for Tots is a national program by the US Marines and started in 1947. AGA has sponsored Toys for Tots for over 12 years. During the social, we collected \$300 to purchase toys. I would like to thank those members for their involvement with our many community events this past year.



The AGA will be raising money for the Battered Women's Task Force at the upcoming Annual PDC Conference being held Feb. 26-27, 2009. We hope to see you there!



# *The 20th Annual AGA Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference*

Communication: Your Role as Fiscal Manager

February 26th-27th

8:30am-5:00pm

Capital Plaza Hotel

If you are in finance, procurement, auditing, or another accounting service within government, you need to be here. This ambitious undertaking has been laid out with you in mind.

## **Confirmed Speakers**

Dr. William A. Morehead, CGFM, CPA—  
Delta State University

Dr. Jerry Farley, President; Washburn Uni-  
versity

Shelly Buhler; Chair, Shawnee County Com-  
mission

William Bunten, Mayor, City of Topeka

Kent Olson, Director of Accounts & Reports

Maggie Kelly, Certified Laugh Leader

## **Topics & Issues:**

Coping

Humor and Stress Reduction

Communication Skills

Internal Controls - "A Fresh Approach"

Ethics

Leadership

Record-Keeping in Government Finance

**SAVE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

Visit Us At <http://www.agaks.org/pdc/index.shtml> to  
register now!



If you have a topic or news  
item you wish to have in-  
cluded in the Topeka Regis-  
ter, please contact Muriah  
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## **Website Maintenance**

We are currently looking for a Member  
who would like to perform maintenance  
and updates to our Chapters' website; ex-  
perience with  
Dreamweaver is  
preferred. For more information please  
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AGA's Financial Report  
for the Period Ending November 30, 2008



	Budget						Amount over or under	
	2008-2009	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Year to Date Actual	Budget
<b>Receipts:</b>								
Interest Earnings		-	-	3.77	-	-	3.77	3.77
Chapter Meetings (PLS)	3,000.00	210.00	320.00	275.00	120.00	300.00	1,225.00	(1,775.00)
Audio Conferences			60.00	100.00	40.00	-	200.00	200.00
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		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Day Training	1,350.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,350.00)
National Awards		-	-	-	-	165.00	165.00	165.00
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	378.77	160.00	465.00	1,836.83	(31,613.17)
<b>Disbursements:</b>								
Chapter Meetings (PLS)	4,000.00	337.57	112.00	232.00	192.00	269.10	1,142.67	2,857.33
Exec. Committee Meetings	800.00	57.72	40.97	73.35		141.58	313.62	486.38
Memberships	3,000.00		90.00				90.00	2,910.00
Audio Conferences			1,270.20			42.55	1,312.75	(1,312.75)
Training Events	1,350.00					510.00	510.00	840.00
PDC Prior Year		2,082.00					2,082.00	(2,082.00)
PDC Current Year	25,000.00			105.07		70.71	175.78	24,824.22
National PDC	1,500.00		164.22				164.22	1,335.78
Community Service	1,000.00			200.00			200.00	800.00
Scholarship - CGFM	200.00						-	200.00
Scholarship - Universities							-	-
Picnic/Holiday Social	1,500.00			126.56		403.05	529.61	970.39
Awards							-	-
General Operating Expenses	750.00			2.87		16.32	19.19	730.81
	39,100.00	2,477.29	1,677.39	739.85	192.00	1,453.31	6,539.84	32,560.16
Prior Year Ending Cash Balance	7,701.18							
Beginning Cash Balance	7,701.18	7,606.21	5,561.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74		
Outstanding Liabilities Neutralized	94.97			(3.77)				
<b>Current Month Net Difference</b>	<b>(5,650.00)</b>	<b>(2,044.23)</b>	<b>(1,277.39)</b>	<b>(361.08)</b>	<b>(32.00)</b>	<b>(988.31)</b>	<b>(4,703.01)</b>	
Transfers from Savings								
Ending Cash Balance		5,561.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74	2,899.43		
Outstanding Liabilities								
Unencumbered Balance		5,561.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74	2,899.43		
<b>Cash Balance Consists of:</b>								
Checking Account	7,701.18	5,561.98	4,508.84	4,157.59	3,887.74	2,951.31		
Savings Account (11/30/06)	7,524.00	7,524.00	7,524.00	7,526.50	7,526.50	7,526.50		
0.24% Interest				3.77				
CD - 03 (12/15/2008)	5,735.13	5,735.13	5,735.13	5,735.13	5,735.13	5,735.13		
4.11 % Interest	36.46							
	20,901.80	18,821.11	17,767.97	17,419.22	17,149.37	16,212.94		