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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!



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The AGA offers the ability to gain CPE hours online through their Journal CPE Quizzes. They offer an interactive CPE Program for Gov. Financial Management Professionals on the move.

Here is How it Works: Read an issue of the Journal of Gov. Financial Management and take the relevant quiz.

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<http://www.agacgfm.org/CPEOnline/default.aspx>

Upcoming AGA Events

Chapter Updates...

Larry Barrett, President of the AGA Topeka Chapter will be undergoing back surgery on January 22nd and is anticipating six months of intensive physical therapy in Wichita to recover from the surgery. He has therefore resigned his position as President. The Topeka Chapter of AGA would like to recognize and thank President Larry Barrett for his leadership efforts this past year. The members wish him well in his back surgery next week and send best wishes for a very speedy recovery. Walt Darling volunteered to fulfill Larry's term, which continues until Marti Leisinger is scheduled to become President on July 1st, 2009.

Sandra Dreascher notified the AGA that her current responsibilities preclude her from fulfilling the role as Program Chair. She is still interested in working as a part of the Program Committee, and is interested in participating in locating speakers, but cannot take the lead at this time. Sabrina Wells agreed to step up and fulfill the remaining portion of Sandra's term as Program Chair.

AGA Recruiting Tip of the Month

Invite a friend or colleague to attend the upcoming PDC being held Feb. 26th & 27th at the Capital Plaza Hotel. You won't want to miss it!



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Upcoming National Events...

AGA's Seventh Annual
National Leadership Conference
2/19/09-2/20/09
Washington, D.C.

AGA's 58th Annual
Professional Development
Conference & Exposition

6/21/09-6/24/09
New Orleans, LA
Or
7/11/09-7/14/09
Orlando, FL



President's Message

The Audio Conference Series will resume on January 21, 2009. The topic will be "How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting." The lecture will take place at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library in the Marvin Auditorium 101A.

The AGA Topeka Chapter Professional Development Conference is set for February 26-27, 2009 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. People who are interested in attending this conference are urged to begin signing up to attend. The conference should be another very good experience and the high point of the AGA Topeka Chapter's year. Please check the AGA Topeka Chapter website for additional information concerning the conference.

Please check the Topeka Chapter website for additional information on Chapter activities. Here is the link 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

Topeka Chapter AGA Scholarships...

Know of any Business Majors at the following schools: Allen County Community College,
K-State or W.U.?

If so, tell them to contact their Financial Aid Office regarding the AGA Scholarship's available, and the qualifications to receive.

The National AGA offers scholarships as well, information can be found at:

<http://www.agacfm.org/membership/awards/>

Community Service

Submitted by: Nickie Roberts

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION-MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROGRAM

At each monthly membership meeting this year, members have an opportunity to donate their loose change that will go to the local Topeka Rescue Mission.

The Topeka Rescue Mission is a Christian ministry dedicated to providing food, shelter, clothing, training and hope. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Additional Services

- Christian Guidance
- Individual Advocacy Services
- 12-Step Recovery Programs: Overcomers Outreach and PALS
- Work Training program
- Recovery/Relapse-Prevention Program
- Casework services through Valeo and Veterans Affairs
- Educational Services by USD 501
- Health clinic through Volunteer Nurses, WU School of Nursing, and Kaw Valley LPN students
- Structured playgroup provided for pre-schoolers on weekdays
- Provide free furniture, misc. household items, hygiene kits and food boxes.

As of today's date, we have collected \$30.73.

Additional information on the shelter can be found on their web site:

<http://www.trmonline.org/index.php>

BATTERED WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

During the 2009 Professional Development Conference, our community service project will go towards assisting our local Battered Women's Task Force.

Additional information can be found on their web site:

<http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=8nKFITNvEoG&b=1069861>





AGA Topeka Chapter

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee

Fox Ridge Clubhouse

January 14th, 2009

Submitted by Walt Darling

Sectional Leadership Meetings

Walt noted that the SLM is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd this year. The National Organization is providing financial support to allow the Chapter to provide its President-Elect and three additional persons. Following discussion, Sabrina moved that the persons named to represent the Topeka Chapter include Brandi Baer, Nickie Roberts, and Marti Leisinger. Walt noted that he and Melinda would be able to attend the SLM under their Regional positions, allowing the Chapter to have a total of six persons in attendance.

PDC Planning Update

Marti Leisinger provided an overview of the PDC planning. She distributed a schedule of speakers and topics.

Audio Conferences

Linda Farlow updated the CEC on the audio conferences. The next will be held at the Topeka Shawnee County Library on the 21st. Lawrence will be the site for the April 8th audio Conference on Auditing. The final audio Conference for this year will be on Ethics, and will be held on May 13th in Topeka.

Monthly Financial Report

Pam Simecka presented the financial report. Pam presented the letter provided by Don Wilson as the reviewer of our financial records. In part, that letter stated, "The records were found by me to be well organized and thoroughly documented over all. I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Budget Report, Checkbook Register or other records, or to any aspect of the organization's accounting practices. It appears that the financial records were presented fairly and accurately." The CEC noted Don's effort on behalf of the organization and thanked him for his time and expertise.

Spring Social

Brandi Baer and Melinda Richter, co-chairs of the Social Committee, noted that they are planning two socials for the spring. The first will be held during the Professional Development Conference and is said to have an interesting and fun theme. The second is anticipated for Early June and both co-chairs indicated that it would be a time no one will want to miss.

Certification

Brandi Baer noted that she had been successful in putting together a CGFM study group, but was working to solicit additional members prior to starting the meetings. Brandi has been working on the Proclamations for March and has already submitted the proclamation request for the State of Kansas. She still plans to submit a request for the City of Topeka. Marti Leisinger volunteered to submit the request for Shawnee County.

Early Careers

Melinda Richter initiated a discussion regarding an upcoming Career Fair being held on February 18th. The CEC determined that the primary purpose of the Career Fairs was to attract students to jobs that companies have open and that nothing had been gained by attending previous fairs. It was decided that the Chapter should not attend.

Chapter Recognition Program

Kathy Bohnhoff presented a report on the points as of the December submission. Her report indicates 13,550 points of the 19,500 points needed for Platinum have been accumulated. She noted that this point level exceeds by almost 2,000 points the level the Chapter had at this same time last year. Kathy indicated that we appeared to be on-track to reach the Platinum level again this year.

Bylaws

Fred distributed the rules under the Bylaws for establishing a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be established as soon as possible so we can proceed with the election of officers and the selection of Directors.

Community Service

Nickie Roberts noted that \$313 was raised during the Toys for Tots Community Service efforts. Nickie noted that the VITA program is underway.

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, Accounts & Reports
and Project Director, Sunflower FMS Project

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

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ter, please contact Muriah
Baker at
Muriah.Baker@da.ks.gov



Website Maintenance

We are currently looking for a
Member who would like to perform
maintenance and updates to our
Chapters' website; experience with
Dreamweaver is helpful. For more
information please contact Walt
Darling at:
Walt_Darling@hotmail.com



	Budget							Amount over or under	
	2008-2009	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Year to Date Actual	Budget
Receipts:									
Interest Earnings		-	-	3.77	-	-	3.78	7.55	7.55
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	-	175.00	375.00	375.00
PDC Current Year	24,000.00						1,870.00	1,870.00	(22,330.00)
PDC Current Year Sponsors	2,800.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,800.00)
PDC Prior Year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PDC Prior Year Sponsors		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Day Training	1,350.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,350.00)
National Awards		-	-	-	-	185.00	-	185.00	185.00
Donations for Charities	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	313.00	313.00	(887.00)
Memberships	1,000.00	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	20.00	(980.00)
Other/Reimb	500.00	223.08	-	-	-	-	-	223.08	(276.94)
Subtotal Receipts	33,450.00	433.08	400.00	378.77	180.00	485.00	2,161.78	3,998.81	(29,451.39)
Disbursements:									
Chapter Meetings (PLS)	4,000.00	337.57	112.00	232.00	192.00	289.10		1,142.87	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	369.87	899.28	606.72
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	369.87	6,903.51	32,196.49
Prior Year Ending Cash Balance	7,701.18								
Beginning Cash Balance	7,701.18	7,808.21	5,581.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74	2,899.43		
Outstanding Liabilities Neutralized	94.97			(3.77)					
Current Month Net Difference	(5,850.00)	(2,044.23)	(1,277.39)	(361.08)	(32.00)	(988.31)	1,798.11	(2,304.39)	
Transfers from Savings									
Ending Cash Balance		5,581.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74	2,899.43	4,697.54		
Outstanding Liabilities									
Uncumbered Balance		5,581.98	4,284.59	3,919.74	3,887.74	2,899.43	4,697.54		
Cash Balance Consists of:									
Checking Account	7,701.18	5,581.98	4,508.84	4,157.59	3,887.74	2,951.31	4,816.47		
Savings Account (11/30/08)	7,524.00	7,524.00	7,524.00	7,526.50	7,526.50	7,526.50	7,530.28		
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	5,735.13		
4.11 % Interest	36.48								
	20,901.80	18,821.11	17,787.97	17,419.22	17,149.37	16,212.94	18,081.88		