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From the President...

With this being the last opportunity to address you in 2009, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you joined with us for our holiday party, thanks also for celebrating the closing of one year and the beginning of our new one. Your attendance is what networking is all about, and so many friendships have been created through associations like AGA.

We have an exciting line-up of activities scheduled for this next year. Our Professional Lecture Series will be continued on a monthly basis and we have added Seminars of 5 to 8 CPE each in March and May. The March Seminar will be held in Lawrence, so those of you in Topeka or Kansas City, please consider the short drive to join us for an in-depth look at fraud in government.

Our May Seminar is focused on Ethics, and will have a number of speakers to challenge your thoughts on what is and what is not ethical. This 8-hour CPE Seminar will give you an opportunity to gain new insight into the changing definition of "Ethics."

Marti Leisinger

AGA Membership Profile

It's that time of the year again, and AGA will be kicking off its 2010 membership renewal drive. As part of our ongoing effort to ensure that your AGA membership is as valuable as possible, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to log in and update your contact information.

More than ever the citizens of this great nation need what AGA members can provide--transparent and understandable financial information about their government. And your professional Association, AGA, is here to support you and the entire profession in this endeavor.

AGA appreciates your support and participation this year. As a way of saying thank you for your time, if you update your member information online by **Dec. 31, 2009**, you will be entered into a drawing for one of three Sony® Webbie HD™ MP4 and 5MP all-in-one camera.

Updating your information will enable us to keep in contact with you and ensure that our services and events remain focused on your needs. Go to www.agacgfm.org and log in using your member ID.

If you prefer to update your information over the phone, or if you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 800.AGA.7211.

AGA looks forward to working with you to enhance your financial management career. Thank you for continuing to be an important part of AGA, and we appreciate your time in updating your contact information.

Spring Seminar

May 19th, 2010

Why Smart People Do Dumb Things

(registration begins at 7:30)

Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus

1050 6th Avenue Des Moines, IA

You are invited to attend the Des Moines Chapter's Spring Seminar with keynote speaker Patrick Kuhse. Patrick Kuhse went from being a successful stockbroker, to an international fugitive, to incarceration in two countries and is now visiting Des Moines to talk about Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things

An audio conference discussing ethical behavior will follow. The program will conclude with the Honorable

David Vaudt, Iowa State Auditor discussing the "Results of the Legislative Session." A total of 6 CPE (5 of Ethics) is offered for this program.

For more information and to register, go to:

<http://dsmspringseminar.eventbrite.com>

Registrations received before February 28th qualify for our "Early Bird" discount. All registrations must be received by April 30th.

Sectional Leadership Meeting

The **AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting** is currently in the works. What is the SLM? It's an opportunity for **YOU** to take a roll in leadership, and National AGA gives you all the tools to be successful.

National pays for 4 people to attend the SLM: the Chapter President-Elect, the Membership Committee Chair, the Early Career Chair, the Education Chair, and/or the CGFM chair.

In two jam packed, fun days they provide the basics of AGA's structure and tools, and they provide breakout sessions with people that lead at the Regional level to teach the best practices of each position. You get to meet all the folks that work in the national office who are a huge resource; and you get to meet the people in our region and across the nation! Best of all, you get to know your Topeka Chapter co-chairs so you can hit

the ground running together for a great year.

This year's meeting will be held May 14th and 15th in our very own Kansas City. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport. Again, National AGA pays for the entire stay so no travel budget is needed! If you are interested in serving the Topeka Chapter AGA in a chair position for 2010-11 or any other position please contact Marti Leisinger, at Marti.Leisinger@co.shawnee.ks.us

"It's an opportunity for YOU to take a roll in leadership..."

Annual Holiday Party Takes Center Stage

Our largest event of the year included old friends and new acquaintances. A wide selection of drinks and snacks was available. In addition, a buffet featuring smoked beef and chicken by the Rib Crib and a great selection of desserts kept everyone full. Organized by President Marti Leisinger, the event had the best attendance ever and included a number of participants new to AGA.

The event was highlighted by our

annual fundraiser for Toys-4-Tots. Nickie Roberts, Community Service Chair, raffled off a large number of prizes and gift-certificates. The event raised an all-time high \$525 for the Toys for Tots Program.

The Marines were on hand to meet everyone and to thank the group for their efforts on behalf of the Program.





Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition—the premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to

help your agency achieve its mission.

Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010. Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations



Don't Forget the "FAMILY"

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions,

and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, **rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.** Reservations received after June 18, *or after the room block has been filled*, will only be made on a space-available basis, and

may be subject to significantly higher rates.

To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also reserve a room online.

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

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Chapter Mission...

"TO FACILITATE THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OF GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE/ACCOUNTING/BUDGET/AUDIT STAFF THROUGH EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY, AND NETWORKING."



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Mark Your Calendars...

Upcoming AGA Events:

2009 Professional Lecture Series

December 10, 2009

Ted Clark, Director—Anti-Fraud Division

Kansas Insurance Department

Identity Theft & Fraud

Shawnee County Public Library – Anton Room 202

2010 Professional Lecture Series

January 21, 2010—The State Budget Crisis

• State Budget Director—Duane Goossen

• Jayhawk Tower (tentative)

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2010 Professional Lecture Series

February 11, 2010

2010 Professional Development Seminar

March 3, 2010—Lawrence, Kansas

KU Continuing Education Center

Eight-Hour CPE

2010 Professional Lecture Series

April 20, 2010

2010 Professional Development Seminar

May 19, 2010

Eight-Hour CPE

2010 Professional Lecture Series

June 10, 2010

2010 Professional Development Conference

Location: Orlando World Center Marriott

Conference: July 11-14, 2010

EXPO: July 11-13, 2010

