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President's Message

From the Topeka Chapter President, Boyd Jantzen

I can't believe that it is June. June is the final month of my year as president. It has been rewarding serving as your president of the Topeka Chapter of AGA. It has been a successful year as we have provided training for over a hundred members and non-members, have promoted accountability reporting, did community service and had some fun along the way. We have a successful chapter because of the board members. I want to thank all of the board members for the hours they volunteer to make the monthly events possible.

During the month of May, five board members including myself were able to attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) in Las Vegas. The SLM is designed to bring national, sectional, regional and chapter leaders together to discuss the objectives of being a better organization, to find ways to improve the organization through its members and the leadership, and to discuss AGA's national direction and initiatives. It was the first one I had ever been to and I was amazed and inspired. There was lots of discussion on how to achieve the mission of AGA. We did manage to find time to visit some casinos and other sight that Las Vegas has to offer.

On May 23rd the chapter was busy conducting a professional education seminar in Topeka and it was a success. We had a great assembly of training programs and presenters. I want to thank all the presenters again for doing a great job. I wanted to publicly say thanks to Paula Hinman for making the all-day professional education seminar in Topeka a success.

In closing, we need volunteers to help make the chapter successful. Please consider making an investment in your career by lending your talents to AGA in serving your fellow members. Please consider being a board member or just become an active participant. By becoming an active member you can build a network, share knowledge, and access career opportunities.

Make sure you stay in touch and thanks for everything that you do for AGA, through your membership, and your service. You are an example of what outstanding accountability professionals can do.

Training Calendar

June 13, 2012 – Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: **Katherine Girgis**, Single Audit Update—see attached flyer.

July 11, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

August 8, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

September 12, 2012 – Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: **Jim Martin**, Henrietta and G.W. Snyder Jr. Professor in Business

October 10, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

November 9, 2012 – Half-day Professional Development Seminar in Manhattan, Kansas

November 14, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

December 12, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

The lecture held on February 8, 2012 is still planning on being rescheduled due to events beyond our control. As soon as we know the date, we will let you know.

News of Note

Carolyn Brock—Congratulations on your retirement from the Kansas Lottery!

Pam Simecka—Congratulations on being appointed new Interim City Manager

Paula Hinman—Congratulations on your new position as the Budget/Business Director for Kansas Geological Survey at the University of Kansas. To contact Paula at her new position, email her at phinman@ku.edu, or pshin87@aol.com.

If you know of any accomplishments or acknowledgements that you would like to share, please email me at rshipley@btandcocpa.com to get them into the next newsletter.

AGA Training Opportunities

Don't Miss the Best Training Event of the Year

AGA's 61st Annual PDC: Training to Solve Today's Fiscal Challenges, is the premier education and training event for government financial managers and accountability professionals nationwide. Make plans now to join AGA in San Diego, July 29--Aug. 1. Earn up to 24 CPE hours at more than 80 training sessions. [Learn more.](#)

Introduction to Information Technology

This course is designed for staff with little or no background in information technology and related concepts. It is aimed at individuals who will be conducting IT audits or those with financial backgrounds who have recently switched to the IT area. The primary objectives of this course are to introduce and explain the vast array of IT concepts so that as these topics arise throughout related audits and evaluations, the participants are knowledgeable and able to complete their tasks.

The course covers the following topics:

- Introduction to IT
- System components (e.g. servers)
- Concepts
- Firewalls & Intrusion detection
- Physical and Logical security
- Encryption & VPN

AGA-sponsored courses are developed and taught by experts in their field of study. [See the complete catalog.](#) For pricing and scheduling information, contact onsitecourses@agacgfm.org.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Friday, July 13th, the Topeka AGA Chapter has scheduled their Summer Social. Please mark this on your calendars to come socialize (network), enjoy some good food, and just have a good time. Formal announcement to come.

Community Service Update



TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION



The Topeka Rescue Mission is a homeless shelter which has served Topeka, Kansas

for more than 59 years. TRM is dedicated to providing food, shelter, clothing, training and hope to homeless and impoverished men, women and children. In 2011, TRM sheltered 2,201 different people and provided more than 524,585 meals.

AGA Chapter will match the donations we have collected at the previous membership meetings to help those at the Topeka Rescue Mission. We have currently raised \$22.84 of funds that will be matched by the AGA Chapter. We are also collecting your hotel samples of shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soaps to donate to the Topeka Rescue Mission. Please bring them to the monthly meeting, June 13, 2012. They are forever needing items and can be found on their web site.

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

Through your involvement with AGA, we are meeting the needs of our community. We are very fortunate to have what we have in our lives.

Starting at the July meeting we will be collecting the loose change for the Red Cross.

Nickie Roberts

"We are here to give. Our mission in life is to offer our gifts to benefit one another, to create mutual gain in the world. This is called teamwork--a win/win mindset stemming from a genuine commitment to the rules that allow it to happen."

Pulling Together by John Murphy

AGA, Topeka Chapter Board Meetings

The Board meets monthly and we invite you to attend our meetings if you are interested in joining the Board, interested in the Board or AGA activities or if you are just bored for an hour or so in the evenings. Please contact Russell at rshipley@btandcocpa.com, Melinda at Melinda.Richter@kbi.state.ks.us, or Paula at Phinman@kgs.ku.edu.

We also invite you to check us out on LinkedIn, Facebook and of course our website!

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Visit AGA on the Web!

National AGA
www.agacgm.org

Topeka Chapter
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SLM Article

The **Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM)** was held in Las Vegas this year. This is an annual event put on and paid for by National AGA which allows up to five Board members to attend for insights, inspiration, and to bat around ideas with other Chapters across the U.S., including the Hawaii, Guam and the Japan Chapter.

Through this event, we came into direct contact with our neighbor chapters from Kansas City, Omaha and Mid-Missouri and discussed possible future joint events, best practices, and just got to know other passionate AGA Board Members.

We also got the opportunity to listen to several National AGA speakers and what they thought was on the horizon. One such item was the Citizen-Centric Reporting with this possibly being a report of the future that all entities and agencies will be putting out the public to keep the public informed of each entity/agency's purpose and production. Our local Topeka Chapter AGA will be preparing one in the coming months and will send it out for all to see what one consists of and then if you would like to have one prepared yourself, you will be able to contact us for questions and any help you may need.

Member Highlight



To AGA Members,

After much thought, I will finish this year as your Community Service Director. There are many in our community that need our involvement. A month ago, I saw this quote on Capper's sign on 10th street, "Volunteer... A gift of time."

I have gained so much from my community involvement and meeting those that we can reach out to. I would encourage you to get involved with AGA and our Board of Directors.

Nickie Roberts

Just a reminder—Students may attend the Professional Lecture Series for FREE!

Also, please forward this newsletter to anyone who may be interested in AGA, or just in the newsletter itself.

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Association of Government Accountants
Professional Lecture Series



GUEST LECTURER

LECTURE SPEAKER: **Katherine Girgis**, with RubinBrown LLP will speak on the Statewide Single Audit for the State of Kansas. Her firm has been engaged as the Single auditor for the State, and completed their first audit of the State in 2011, and are preparing for the second year's audit. Come and hear about prior year findings, best practices for improvement for the current year's audit and Governmental Accounting rule changes.

DATE: Wednesday, June 13, 2012

CPE CREDIT: 1 HOUR

LOCATION: Jayhawk Tower, 7th & Jackson, Topeka, Senate Room

REGISTRATION: 11:15 AM

LUNCH: 11:30 AM

SPEAKER: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Parking Readily Available
FEIN – 480965118-00

REGISTRATION FEE * - LECTURE SPEAKER CPE = 1 hour:

MEMBERS: \$10

NON-MEMBERS: \$15

*** Includes Lunch.**

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF AGA TO ATTEND

Register at http://www.agaks.org/education_training/pls/register.shtml
By Noon on Monday, June 11, 2012; Late Registrations cannot be Guaranteed a Lunch

We look forward to seeing you on June 13, 2012