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President's Message

Hello everyone. Hope your summer went well. We are quickly approaching State budget submission deadlines, as well as federal fiscal year end. And, we may see an end in sight for the extremely hot weather we have been having.

Opportunities still abound at AGA. The Topeka AGA Chapter is a proud supporter of the Race against Breast Cancer. The 5k will be held on September 22, 2012. We currently have a team of 17 individuals registered. If you are unable to participate on the day of the race, other volunteer activities are available the week of the race (such as packet stuffing on Thursday night and event set up on Friday night and Saturday morning). If you are interested please contact either Anna Lippold or Melinda Richter.

There is also still time to volunteer to assist with the Topeka Chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR). The CCRs are due September 30th. If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy Bohnhoff. AGA National needs 50 reviewers to help review chapter CCR's, government and non-profit CCR's that are submitted. Typically, the review takes about 30 minutes. If you are interested, you can visit http://internetmailmanager.com/i/ou.htm?a=281186&b=2271809&c=23822694&d=http://www.agacgfm.org~AGA~Documents~Performance%20*%20Programs~CCRreviewersInfo.pdf and complete the application and submit it to Louise Kapelewski at lkapelewski@agacgfm.org.

If you haven't had an opportunity yet to check out the AGA free tools, please visit the National website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/Advocacy---Accountability/Intergovernmental-Partnership/Partnership-Projects.aspx> and look at the Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative; Cost Allocation/A-87 Products; Fraud Prevention Toolkit; and Single Audit/Improper Payments Improvement Act Products.

We will be hosting another all day Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence on October 22, 2012. Watch your email and the Topeka Chapter website for further details that will be coming out soon. We hope to see you there.

If there is anything that you would like to see the Topeka Chapter do, please contact one of the Board members or myself. We would be happy to help. Thank you for your support.

Paula Hinman, President

Training Calendar

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 at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: **Nick Jordan**, Department of Revenue Secretary

October 22, 2012— **Full-day Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas**

November 9, 2012 – **Half-day Professional Development Seminar in Manhattan, Kansas** from 12:00—5:00 pm—**See attached Flyer**

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

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

Speaker: **Julia Jensen**, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 9, 2013 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

February 13, 2013 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

March 13, 2013 – Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: **Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA**—National AGA President-Elect

April 10, 2013 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

May 8, 2013 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

May 21-22, 2013— **Two-day Professional Development Seminar in Topeka, Kansas**

June 12, 2013 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

Community Service Update



THE RACE
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A comprehensive breast cancer screening program for those who live and work in Shawnee county and six surrounding counties in Kansas and are in need of financial assistance.

The Race Against Breast Cancer, Inc. (RABC) began in 1991 as a community coalition whose mission is to confront the challenge of breast cancer in Shawnee County. The coalition is a registered 501C (3) not-for-profit corporation and to date has funded over 6,000 mammograms to those in need of financial assistance. A volunteer board of directors consisting of community representatives, medical providers and hospital representatives runs the corporation.

We will be collecting donations during our Professional lecture series for RABC as well as sponsoring AGA members in the upcoming race.

Member Benefits

Visit the National AGA website at:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Member-Benefits.aspx>

As an AGA member, you gain access to a host of benefits designed to support your career growth and your success, including:

- Education and networking opportunities through over [100 AGA Chapters](#)
- Five annual [national training events](#) with member rates that save you more than \$150 per event.
- Social networking on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Access to the online members' directory
- [Awards & Scholarship](#) programs
- [Leadership](#) & Volunteer opportunities at the chapter and national level
- [Online Job Bank](#) and Resume Database
- Young Professionals program
- Hundreds of [Continuing Professional Education](#) opportunities
- Periodic complimentary webinars
- Member discounts for [online CPE opportunities](#)
- [Certified Government Financial Manager \(CGFM\)](#) program
- [Advocacy](#) - AGA and its members provide valuable input to standards-setting bodies and policy-makers on behalf of the government financial management profession
- Quarterly [Journal of Government Financial Management](#)
- [Topics](#) weekly e-newsletter
- [Research](#) Series & White Papers
- Discount on CGFM renewal fees
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[Join Today! View the membership types and choose the one that's right for you.](#)

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@ku.edu.

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

News of Note

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.

Government Finance Case Challenge

The best undergraduate accounting/business/financial management/public administration students in the country are invited to compete in the Sixth Annual Government Finance Case Challenge, sponsored by AGA.

Student teams will collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on the creation of a citizen-centric report for a U.S. city, county government or a school district. The registration deadline is Friday, October 19, 2012. The competition begins on Monday, October 22. All members of the two to three highest-scoring teams will receive a scholarship to attend AGA's 11th Annual NLC: Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders, set for February 12-13, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Teams will present their finalized solutions before a panel of federal/state/local government leaders, corporate partners and CFOs. The winning teams will be announced at the awards luncheon on the final day of the conference.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Each student participant will receive a free one-year membership to AGA.

Students will compete with teams from various colleges around the country. The experience promises to challenge students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness of the importance of government accountability and open doors to a future career in government.

*This competition is only open to currently enrolled undergraduate students.

Goto: http://www2.agacgm.org/challenge_grad/index.htm

Young Professionals

Young Professionals (YP) is not relative to age, it is relative to the number of years you have worked in governmental Accounting, Auditing, Finance, Budget and private sector colleagues. We are looking forward to a new year and would love to have anyone that is interested to join our YP group. If you are interested in mentoring this group, then please join us. Watch for upcoming events and gatherings! If you have any questions, please email Linda Shaver, lhshaver@ksinsurance.org.

The mission of the Topeka Chapter is "To facilitate the professional and personal growth of Government Accountability Staff (finance / accounting / budget / audit), and their private sector colleagues, through education and certification, professional opportunity, and networking."

Visit AGA on the Web!

National AGA
www.agacgm.org

Topeka Chapter
www.agaks.org



SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Emily Campbell, CPA, Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Manhattan, will be speaking on Accounting Ethics, Integrity and Leadership.

Matt Schwartz, CPA, Manager at Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC, will be speaking on Federal awards from the perspective of an A-133 audit.



DATE: Friday, November 9, 2012

CPE CREDIT: 4 HOURS **LOCATION:** Manhattan Country Club, 1531 N. 10th St.

REGISTRATION: 11:30 AM

LUNCH & NETWORKING 12:00 PM

SPEAKERS: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Parking Readily Available
FEIN – 480965118-00

REGISTRATION FEE * - SEMINAR SPEAKERS CPE = 4 hours:

	EARLY BIRD BY SEPTEMBER 30 th	BY NOVEMBER 2 nd
MEMBERS:	\$60	\$ 75
NON-MEMBERS:	\$80	\$100
STUDENTS:	\$15	\$ 20

* ***Includes Lunch.***

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

Register at <http://www.agaks.org/seminars/index.shtml>

Or by emailing directly to Russell Shipley at rshipley@btandcocpa.com

If you do not receive a confirmation email from Russell Shipley within 1 day of registration, please email Russell at the above email address.

Register by November 2, 2012; Late Registrations cannot be guaranteed a Lunch

We look forward to seeing you on November 9, 2012



Fall Professional Development Seminar Lawrence, KS October 22, 2012

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration/ Networking (Coffee & donuts provided)
- 8:30 – 10:20 **How to Manage & Lead in Difficult Times** – George Vega
- 10:20 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Understanding the Budget Puzzle & the Impact of the Tax Plan** – Duane Goossen & Scott Brunner, KS Health Institute
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and networking
- 1:00 – 2:15 **Identity Theft: Keeping our data safe** – Jackie Williams, Assistant Attorney General
- 2:15 – 2:25 Break
- 2:25 – 4:30 **OMB Circular Proposed Changes & Statewide Single Audit (A-133) updates** – Katherine Girgis & Chester Moyer, RubinBrown, LLP

8 Hours of Continuing Professional Education – Lunch Included

KU Continuing Education Conference Center; 1515 SW St. Andrews; Lawrence, KS, (785) 864-5823,
kuce@ku.edu

Travel: Take the Iowa Street Exit from the Turnpike & travel South to 6th Street; take 6th ST to Kasold, turn south on Kasold, cross over Bob Billings Pkwy, take the 1st right turn (Seminole Dr) & drive straight ahead until you enter the KU Continuing Education Center's parking lot.

Registration Fees: Member \$150 / Non-member \$175. For more information, visit us online @ <http://www.agaks.org>.

Register at: <http://www.agaks.org/seminars/index.shtml>

Early Bird Registration: Receive \$25 off registration price if registered by October 5, 2012. Seating is limited, so register early.

A special thanks to our presenters. Without them, this seminar wouldn't have been possible.



Fall Professional Development Seminar Lawrence, KS October 22, 2012



The Topeka Chapter of AGA will be hosting 2 Fall Professional Development Seminars. One will be held in Lawrence, KS at the KU Continuing Education Conference Center, 1515 SW St. Andrews, Lawrence, KS (which adjoins the KU Campus just west of Kasold) on October 22, 2012. The second Seminar will be held in Manhattan, KS at the Manhattan Country Club, 1531 N. 10th St. on November 9, 2012. We have an exciting line up at each conference.

For Lawrence: Take the Iowa Street Exit from the Turnpike and travel South to 6th Street; take 6th Street to Kasold, turn south on Kasold, cross over Bob Billings Parkway, then take the 1st right turn (Seminole Dr) and enter the KU Continuing Education Center's parking lot. (See map below)



The seminar provides a full 8 hours of CPE, with lunch included.

Registration: Member \$150 / Non-member \$175 **Register at:** <http://www.agaks.org/seminars/index.shtml>
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