



# Topeka Register

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## President's Message

Paula Hinman.

Happy Holidays everyone. It is that time of year to start thinking about New Year's resolutions. If you are interested in increasing your networking opportunities, please consider joining AGA at some of our upcoming functions. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have Julie Jenson with the FBI talk about Credit History Fraud.

Our Chapter is also looking into the possibility of hosting CGFM review course #2, which focuses on Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting. Anyone would be able to attend this class, even if you are not pursuing CGFM certification. If you are interested in attending this session or learning more about it, please contact Linda Shaver @ [lhshaver@ksinsurance.org](mailto:lhshaver@ksinsurance.org). We are looking at hosting the seminar January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

Boyd Jantzen hosted the Topeka Chapter Holiday party at his house on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$170 for Toys for Tots.

If you are interested in serving on the Topeka Chapter Board, we have a few board positions available. Please contact one of the Board members for more information.

Best wishes on a Happy and prosperous year.

Paula Hinman, President

## Update Your AGA Membership Profile on the National website

Have you updated your AGA member profile recently? Ensure that you are receiving all available AGA member benefits by verifying your information today! Begin by logging onto [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org), using your AGA ID, and your password (usually first initial and last name). As an added incentive, we will award a complimentary registration to the NLC: Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders training event, February 12-13, 2013, to each of two randomly selected members who update their profile before the end of this year. The conference will be held in Washington, DC (value \$290.00).



## Training Calendar

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

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

Speaker: **Secretary George**, Kansas Department of Commerce

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.

[See website \(www.agaks.org\)](http://www.agaks.org) to register for CPE events.

## Reasons to Join the Topeka AGA Board

1. Networking
2. Assist others in learning about government, accounting and AGA.
3. Go to the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM). Board members who hold certain positions are invited to attend. These positions include President-Elect, Membership Chair, CGFM Chair, Accountability Chair and Education Chair. The 2013 SLM is in Dallas.
4. SLMR in Kansas City in January 2013 for any interested Board members.

## 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](mailto:rshipley@btandcocpa.com), Melinda at [Melinda.Richter@kbi.state.ks.us](mailto:Melinda.Richter@kbi.state.ks.us), or Paula at [Phinman@ku.edu](mailto:Phinman@ku.edu).

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

## US Bank Contribution Update

### U.S. BANK IN TOPEKA PROVIDES \$250 CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTANTS – TOPEKA CHAPTER

**TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 12, 2012)** – U.S. Bank in Topeka has made a \$250 contribution to the Topeka Chapter of the American Governmental Accountants (AGA).

The funds will assist AGA in providing education to government -- primarily state – employees, and will be used for sponsoring training seminars.

“U.S. Bank in Topeka is pleased to provide this contribution to the Topeka Chapter of the AGA,” said Wendy Wells, president of U.S. Bank in Topeka. “The AGA is Kansas's premier governmental finance professional organization. U.S. Bank is proud to partner with governmental finance professionals serving cities, counties and state government. ”

U.S. Bank operates nine branches in the greater Topeka area. U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB), with \$352 billion in assets as of September 30, 2012, is the parent company of U.S. Bank National Association, the fifth-largest commercial bank in the United States. The Company operates 3,086 banking offices in 25 states and 5,080 ATMs and provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products to consumers, businesses and institutions. U.S. Bancorp and its employees are dedicated to improving the communities they serve, for which the company earned the 2011 Spirit of America Award, the highest honor bestowed on a company by United Way. Visit U.S. Bancorp on the web at [www.usbank.com](http://www.usbank.com).



## News of Note

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

## Potential CGFM Part 2 Training Opportunity

The Topeka AGA Chapter is seeking interested individuals for a potential Part 2 Training for the CGFM.

Pete Rose, who co-authored the Course 2 Study Guide, is available for training Jan 23 – 25, the days preceding the SLM-R in KC. Course 2 covers Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting. So for those who need CPE, this is perfect as a refresher course and 24 CPE hours. For those looking for staff training, again this is very appropriate in the relevant areas. And, of course, for those who are interested in completing their CGFM examinations, this is extremely beneficial. Cost of the course for everyone is dependent on the total number of attendees as we will not be doing this as a fundraiser, but will be in the \$450 range, depending on the final number of enrollees. Included in this price is the Course 2 Study Guide, (\$85 value), and there will be 10 exam vouchers that will be distributed to the first 10 who sign up and require the vouchers for testing purposes. Arrangements are not final at this point, so we are asking those interested to contact me immediately to finalize plans at [lhshaver@ksinsurance.org](mailto:lhshaver@ksinsurance.org)

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## 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](mailto: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."*

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