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President's Message

As my year as President of the Topeka Chapter winds down to a close, I've been reflecting on the busy year that we've just had. The year has gone by fast, and I've been honored to serve as the Chapter's President. Our Chapter has again achieved Platinum status, which is the highest status a Chapter can attain.

Just a quick summary of the major activities over the last year:

In August, we received a membership scholarship from the National AGA office.

In September we prepared and submitted our first Citizen Centric Report. (Visit our website at: http://www.agaks.org/pdf/mission/2011_2012_CCR.pdf to review the report).

On September 12, 2012, we sponsored a table at the Washburn University Career Fair.

On October 22, 2012, we hosted an all-day Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence, KS.

On November 9, 2012, we hosted a half-day Professional Development Seminar in Manhattan, KS.

On December 7, 2012, we hosted a winter social which raised money and collected gifts for Toys-for-Tots.

On January 26, 2013, we hosted the Sectional Leadership Meeting for the Region (SLM -R) in Kansas City, MO. Evie Barry, National AGA Director of Performance Reporting, was a special guest.

In March 2013, we received a proclamation from both the Governor of Kansas and City of Topeka.

On March 12th & 13th, 2013, we hosted Mary Peterman, National President Elect, at our Chapter Executive Committee meeting and Professional Lecture Series.

On March 20-22, 2013, we hosted the CGFM review course for Section II, in Lawrence, KS led by Pete Rose.

April 19-21, 2013, board members from our Chapter attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Los Angeles, CA.

On May 9, 2013, we hosted an all-day Professional Development Seminar in Topeka, KS.

In addition, we have continued on a monthly basis to have Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meetings, Professional Lecture Series talks over the lunch hour, distributed a newsletter and maintained a website.

The coming of the New Year provides additional opportunities to serve on the Board. If you've been thinking of polishing off your leadership skills, please consider joining us on the board. It will be a very busy and rewarding experience.

As I confidently pass the torch into the very capable hands of our President-Elect Russell Shipley, I'm looking forward to another very busy year with the Topeka Chapter. Have a safe and fun summer!

Paula Hinman, President



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Training Calendar

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

Speaker: Dr. David Sollars, Washburn University Dean, School of Business and Professor of Economics

July 10, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

Speaker: Marissa Szukala, MS, CHES, AcSM-HFS

Topic: Introduction to Employee Health Management & HealthQuest

August 14, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

September 11, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

October 9, 2013—Professional Development Conference—Manhattan, Kansas

November 13, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

December 11, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

January 8, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

February 12, 2013—Professional Development Conference—Lawrence, Kansas

March 12, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

April 9, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

May 14, 2013—Professional lecture series at Jayhawk Tower.

See website (www.agaks.org) to register for CPE events.

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 rshiple@btandcocpa.com, Boyd at b_jantzen@hotmail.com or Paula at Phinman@ku.edu.

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

CGFM/CPA Training Opportunity

The AGA Topeka Chapter is considering sponsoring other CGFM Training Courses during the next year. This would again be a three day training event similar to the one held this past March. The topics for this course are separated into Course 1: Governmental Environment and Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control. Links to more detailed information are below:

[http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-\(GFM\)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course1](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course1)

[http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-\(GFM\)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course3](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Preparing-for-Examinations/Government-Financial-Manager-(GFM)-Training-Progra.aspx#Course3)

Course 1 is normally held the first day followed by Course 3 on the second and third day. Study guides are included in the cost of registration. Registration costs depend on the number attending but would be in the \$500 range, but the costs cannot be finalized at this time. We would again like to sign Mr. Pete Rose as instructor, but again that depends on his dates of availability.

For those interested in pursuing the CGFM certification, these courses are an invaluable tool in preparing for the examinations. For those of you wanting an excellent training tool or CPE hours, these are excellent courses as well.

Because the cost of the courses are somewhat expensive, we need at least 20 people committed to attend before we can finalize the training plans. At this point, we are compiling a list of those people who have had a sincere interest in attending, and we are looking for what the best dates for you to attend the courses, and if you have a preference as to Lawrence, Topeka, or Kansas City. Please contact Linda Shaver, CGFM Chair, by email lhshaver@ksinsurance.org if you are interested, as soon as possible.

Lead and Succeed Within Your Auditing Career - Don't Miss the Best Training Event of the Year!

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AGA's [62nd Annual PDC, 'Big Challenges, Bigger Thinking'](#), is the premier education and training event for government financial managers and accountability professionals nationwide. If you have not registered, make plans now to join us in Dallas, July 14-17.

Your success as an auditor relies upon continual professional development. AGA is here to assist! Our auditing-focused training sessions are guaranteed to provide you with more in-depth knowledge, and will improve your core competencies within the field.

Sessions include:

- Tackling and Elimination of Improper Payments
- Internal Controls
- Preventing Fraud by Setting the Right Tone at the Top
- DoD Audit Readiness

[And more!](#)

That's not all! Be sure to take advantage of:

- More than 80 training sessions
- Earn up to 24 CPE hours
- Valuable networking opportunities
- Solutions to common challenges

Take Advantage of Special Savings

AGA members: save \$200

Early bird discount (by June 14): save \$100

Register online: save \$25

Active CGFMs: save \$50

Government employees: save \$50

Total: Save up to \$425!

Go to the following website to sign-up and for additional information:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/PDC2013/Registration.aspx>

Other Training Opportunities

Two Grant Training Opportunities Coming to Kansas

Grant Writing USA and will present two grant writing workshops in Kansas.

Learn where to find the grants and how to get them in Haysville/Wichita.

Join us July 10-11, 2013 when The Learning Center hosts Grant Writing USA's two-day grant writing workshop in Haysville/Wichita. Attend this proven class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. Beginning and experienced government and non-profit personnel are welcome to attend. You do not need to work in the same profession as the host agency. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials. See link below for additional information:

http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/wichita-kansas-july-2013.html?utm_source=julie&utm_medium=email&utm_content=combo-gfoa&utm_campaign=wichita-kansas-july-2013

Learn where to find the grants and how to get them in Topeka.

Join us August 8-9, 2013 when the Topeka Police Department hosts Grant Writing USA's two-day grant writing workshop in Topeka. Attend this proven class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. Beginning and experienced government and non-profit personnel are welcome to attend. You do not need to work in the same profession as the host agency. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials. See link below for additional information:

http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/topeka-kansas-august-2013.html?utm_source=julie&utm_medium=email&utm_content=combo-gfoa&utm_campaign=topeka-kansas-august-2013

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.

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 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!

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