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President's Message

Welcome to a new year of the Topeka AGA. A new fiscal year that is. I am hoping everyone had a nice long holiday weekend and great 4th of July.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Paula Hinman for her last year of service as President of the Topeka Chapter and her leadership in getting the Topeka Chapter the Platinum Level Award. I would also like to thank all the other Board members for their service and continued service on the Board.

As this year's President, I am hoping to continue our strong role in providing great CPE events to our members and non-members. My goal as well as the goal of the entire Board is to once again to attain the Platinum Level Award for our Chapter. I would like to keep you, the members and potential future members, informed as to our progress and what it takes to attain such an award. Starting this month, on page 4, this newsletter will be showing you the recognition category, the breakdown of points awarded, the maximum and the percentage attained. The award points are based on numerous areas within each category and are collected from June 1—May 31 for reporting on the fiscal year July 1—June 30. Help us to reach our goal!

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Training Calendar

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

CGFM Courses 1 & 3

The CGFM Course 1 covers the **Governmental Environment** and Course 3 covers **Governmental Financial Management and Control**. We offered Course 2 this past year in March and would like to offer the other two courses this fiscal year. But we need your input! Since plans are not finalized, costs cannot be determined but would run in the neighborhood of the Course 2, which was just under \$500 for the three day course. The Course 1 and Course 3 are offered in a similar format, with Course 1 being covered on Day 1, and Course 3 covered on Days 2 and 3. While these are excellent tools for preparing for the CGFM examinations, they are also excellent general training opportunities and offer 24 CPE hours. Below is a link to the course descriptions.

[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)

Twenty individuals are needed to hold the Courses. Would you be interested in attending and giving your input as to when you would prefer to schedule the courses? We are considering November of this year or March of 2014 as possible dates, but we want to meet your schedules. Email Linda Shaver at lhshaver@ksinsurance.org

2013-2014 Sponsorship

For the 2013-2014 Topeka AGA fiscal year, we have been sponsored by Berberich Trahan & Co.

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- Small businesses

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Chapter Recognition Program Period Report

Our current standing as of **June 30, 2013**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	1,625	3,000	54%
Education & Professional Development	450	4,000	11%
Certification	50	4,000	1%
Communications	775	3,000	26%
Membership	350	4,000	9%
Accountability	0	2,000	0%
Community Service	0	2,000	0%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	3,250	23,000	14%

Members Only Webinar

Members Only Webinar: The Federal Budget Process – How it Works from Conception to Programs

August 7, 2013 | 2 – 3 p.m. ET | 1 CPE Available

Speaker: Joseph L. Kull, CGFM, CPA, AGA Past National Treasurer, Director, PwC

Join us for this complimentary Members Only webinar on the federal budget process from start to finish, and yes, there is an end to the process! We'll start with a little historical perspective, and then follow the 'budget' from a federal agency through the Office of Management and Budget, Congress, back to the executive branch, and finally down to the agency, and ultimately a program.

Go to the below site to register:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/Events---CPE/Audio-Conferences/080713budgetprocess.aspx>

News of Note

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

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!

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, lshaver@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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