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# The Kansas City Courier

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### President's Message

As government employees, we adhere to a code of ethics and receive training annually. We should strive for more than adherence to a code of ethics, which in itself is not inspiring. We should strive for honor and integrity. Honor is the quality of honesty, fairness, and integrity in one's beliefs and actions. In other words, our characters should be like refined gold, free of impurities.

I like this definition for integrity, "the state of being whole, entire or undiminished." What does it mean to be an undiminished person? Perhaps it is that we maintain our moral and ethical purity. As leaders in our families, communities and workplaces, this is what we should strive for as our goal. We should seek to be honest, fair and undiminished. Our code of ethics may tell us what to do, but honor and integrity helps us know why it's worth it to try.

We have many exciting events planned for this year, the highlight being our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball at the Camelot Ballroom in Overland Park. It will be a great evening for dinner, dancing and fun for all. We need volunteers to help plan the Birthday Ball. Please contact me at [Michael.Melloy@gsa.gov](mailto:Michael.Melloy@gsa.gov) if you would like to help.

### Mark your calendars:

- September 12 - AGA-KC Volunteer Day - Kansas City Free Health Clinic
- September 19 - Monthly Luncheon
- October 10 - Fall Education Seminar
- November 10 - KC Chapter's 60th Birthday Ball

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 KC Chapter President  
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## Meeting & Luncheon Information-Wednesday, September 19, 2012

The Kansas City Chapter of the AGA is proud to offer its monthly professional development luncheon at Plaza III Steakhouse on the Country Club Plaza. The topic will be "Ethics Breach-GSA and the Hatch Act." Lunch will be a choice of crab cake sandwich with fries and cole slaw, roast sirloin dip with fries and cole slaw, or grilled chicken and vegetable kabobs over rice. Please remember to provide your lunch choice to Connie Smith when you make your reservation. And remember, the topic is something we can all use a reminder on once in awhile.

Honored Speaker: Dennis C. O'Connell, General Counsel, Heartland Region  
General Services Administration

Time: Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
11:30-1:00

Subject: Ethics Breach-GSA and the Hatch Act (1 CPE)

Location: Plaza III Steakhouse (on the Country Club Plaza)  
4749 Pennsylvania Ave, Kansas City, MO 64112

Cost: \$15.00 Members  
\$20.00 Non-Members

Reservations: Please call Connie Smith 816-926-3646 or e-mail [constance.smith@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:constance.smith@kcc.usda.gov). before 4:00 PM Wednesday, September 12th.

## Professional Development Seminar-Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Save the date and sign-up now. The chapter is again offering a great opportunity to earn 8 hours of CPE in just one day of exciting presentations. Included in the presentations will be one from Linda Wagar from Fox 4 Problem Solvers. The seminar also provides a great opportunity to network and discuss similar interests pertaining to our field of work. The meeting will be held at the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

### Audio Conferences

September 12, 2012  
Pension Accounting and Other Changes from GASB  
2 CPE Hours

September 19, 2012  
Yellow Book Update  
2 CPE Hours

October 17, 2012  
Improving Internal Controls  
2 CPE Hours

For more information on how to register, please see the national AGA Website at [www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx). Make sure you check the website for upcoming conferences providing additional CPEs and networking opportunities.



AGA members form a diverse group of individuals—from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials—working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms. With 90 chapters, there are numerous ways for you to become involved with other government financial management professionals. Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

## AGA Member Types

***Full Government Member*** ***\$90/year***

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This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution to the improvement of government financial management.

***Private Sector Member*** ***\$150/year***

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This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.

***Early Career Member*** ***\$45/year***

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This class of membership is for those who work in private or public sector jobs with less than three years of professional experience.

***Student Member*** ***\$30/year***

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This class of membership is available to college/university students.

***Retired*** ***\$30/year***

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This class of membership is available to those members who have retired. Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out more about our retired membership category.

Please contact Alisha Dolt at [alisha.dolt@oig.usda.gov](mailto:alisha.dolt@oig.usda.gov) with any questions about membership.

## Community Service Kansas City Free Health Clinic



The AGA-KC Chapter will be volunteering at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic on Wednesday, September 12, 2012. The Prevention Department of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic needs volunteer groups to compile packets containing pregnancy prevention and informational materials. These packets are distributed by Kansas City Free Health Clinic trainers at various educational presentations.

Make sure to mark your calendars. The service project will be 5:00 to 8:00 PM. We will be volunteering at the Midtown location located at 3515 Broadway, Kansas City MO 64111. If you plan to volunteer, please let Nancy Healy know at [healy.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:healy.nancy@epa.gov) or Kimberlynn Outman at [kimberlynn.outman@gsa.gov](mailto:kimberlynn.outman@gsa.gov).

Just as it was formed to do in 1971, the Kansas City Free Health Clinic exists to promote health and wellness by providing quality health care services, at no charge, to people without access to basic care. Today the clinic provides health care services in general medicine, HIV prevention and primary care, behavioral health, and dentistry. It accomplishes this with a full-time staff of 105, plus an army of over 1,200 volunteers.

One of the largest free health clinics in the country, the Clinic is funded exclusively through donations, grants, special events, United Way and contributed goods and services. With its current funding, staff and volunteers, the Clinic is operating at capacity, caring for as many patients as it can and offering all the services it can. Get involved with the Clinic and be a part of its mission!

*“Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.”*

Walt Whitman

## Can Life Be This Good

William D. Miller

I just returned from San Diego after attending the National PDC. What a fantastic conference that was. It was great to see the Chapter members there and the representation from the entire Midwest Region.

The PDC was chocked full of a variety of subjects and met all the training challenges one would need. I personally attended sessions that ran the gamut of offerings including budget and financing, public reporting, fraud tools, citizen centric reporting and many others. What I gained from these besides the focus of the topic, was the passion the speakers had for the missions of their agencies and the desire to make changes.

I was also privileged to be a judge of the Graduate Student Collegiate Challenge where 3 colleges were finalists in preparing a Citizen Centric Report for the City of San Diego. These students and their advisors made it through preliminary competition rounds to make the final 3. All the presentations were first rate and the winner, Old Dominion University, squeaked by second place Willamette University. The importance of this endeavor is exposing government programs to academia. These students were well versed on the City of San Diego and presented excellent CCRs. Additionally, these students were encouraged by many participants to look into government opportunities for employment and some were already geared to making that decision. So, what has AGA done? They have found a niche to expose government activities to academia which will only grow over time. The timing is right with the pending workforce turnover in the next few years.

I had the honor of having lunch with and introducing Commander Kirk Lippold, the Navy commander on board the U.S.S. Cole when al Qaeda drove a boat into the side of the ship inflicting mortality and casualties to his troops. This was al Qaeda's pre-emptive strike before the twin towers a year later. His speech was mesmerizing as he recounted the attack from start to finish and showed that his training in leadership paid off when he was called upon to make quick and pivotal decisions. He did not have time to think a lot of things through, he relied on what he had been taught. This emphasizes for all of us is how much training is related to our future decisions. That's why AGA is what it is—a consummate trainer.

On the last day I was privileged to watch the major awards ceremony and see Dr. Billy Morehead receive AGA's highest honor—the Robert King Award. Well deserved. Additionally, yours truly received a National President's Award which I dedicate to this chapter of excellence.

What I see time and time again is the opportunity AGA gives to attendees and members for leadership. All of this training is driven toward technical excellence and leadership under fire! Can life be this good?





## CGFM Happenings

### The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

### The Value of CGFM

Since its inception in 1994, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

More than 15,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it's your turn. Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession. We look forward to adding your name to our distinguished list of Certified Government Financial Managers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow 22 percent between 2008 and 2018, which is much faster than the average of all occupations. Accountants and auditors that hold a college degree or certification will have the best job prospects.

#### **Give Yourself an Edge Over Your Competitors**

Recent research has shown that employers attribute their recruiting difficulties to a shortage of qualified professionals. Give yourself a competitive advantage by showing your commitment to lifelong learning. You need a credential that shows you are qualified and have the skills to lead. The Certified Government Financial Manager does this like no other credential.

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.

*"In today's complex and changing world, a professional certification provides prospective employers with a degree of confidence that candidates are prepared for the real world."*

*John Radford, CGFM, State Controller, State of Oregon*

## Accountability Outreach and Call for National Award Nominations

### Accountability Outreach

#### Accountability Outreach – AGA’s Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative

Harry Heflin, CPA, CGMA, CGFM

Well summer is almost over, school is getting ready to start (or has already in some school districts) and it’s the start of another AGA program year. Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. But it’s also time for the first *Citizen-Centric Report (CCR)* newsletter article. I thought that would make your day!

Our chapter’s CCR for the 2011-2012 program year is out to all chapter officers for review and comment. So by the time you are reading this, our CCR should be already posted to our website for your reading pleasure. And if it’s not posted, it will soon be.

As a chapter program, the Accountability Outreach Committee can earn a maximum of 2,000 points in a program year for the chapter. I expect that we will have well over one-half that amount by the end of September. We will receive 500 points for submitting our CCR to national not later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, and we will receive an additional 500 points for our submission being the second CCR in a row (program years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012). We will be submitting our CCR for a peer review-and we will receive points for that; and we will also receive points for posting our CCR to our website. It’s a good start.

Bill Miller and I continue to work with several local governmental entities and encourage them to prepare and publish CCRs for their citizens and stakeholders. As I’ve said before, this is the hard part, but we’re making progress.

When it’s published, I hope you enjoy our chapter’s CCR—we had a very productive program year. If you have any comments/suggestions just give me a call (913-367-7070) or drop me an email at [hheflin49@aol.com](mailto:hheflin49@aol.com).

### Call for Nominations

Who do you know that deserves special recognition for contributions to our field? Please help us acknowledge financial professionals at the federal, state and local level and private sector who are leading the way. Due date is Nov. 9, 2012.

There are two groups of awards in which you can nominate a fellow financial profession who has performed to a high standard — Federal Leadership Awards or State and Local Government Leadership Awards. Nominees do not have to be AGA members (although we prefer they join). Eleven awards will be presented at AGA’s 11th national Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. with the theme Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders.

Awards include Distinguished Federal Leadership Award, Elmer Staats Award, Andy Barr Award, Excellence in Government Leadership Award, William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award, Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award, and the Private Sector Financial Excellence Award. So if you know someone distinguished or excellent, nominate them now.

To learn how, please visit the AGA’s website at [http://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Awards---Recognition-\(1\).aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Awards---Recognition-(1).aspx)

**Treasurer's Report**  
**AGA Kansas City Chapter**  
**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements**  
**For Period Ending July 31, 2012**

Bank Account Balance July 31, 2012:

Primary Share Acct	\$	4,219.71
Signature Checking		7,510.15
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,729.86</b>

Beginning Book Balance:

Book Balance June 30, 2012		\$ 12,189.71
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Receipts:

*Interest Income:*

Savings		1.21
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.21</b>

*Other Receipts:*

June Luncheon - The Café at Briarcliff		20.00
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20.00</b>

<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 21.21</b>
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Disbursements:

AGA Scholarship (305)		250.00
Aug Luncheon Deposit - The Grand St. Café		200.00
Credit Card fees		31.06

<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$ 481.06</b>
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Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period		\$ (459.85)
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Ending Book Balance

July 31, 2012		<b>\$ 11,729.86</b>
Less Petty Cash		(100.00)
Managed Web Business, LLC (Chapter Website)		(50.00)
<b>Adjusted Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,579.86</b>

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