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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is AGA's mission of providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability. Our chapter focuses on providing training, continuing education and networking for our members.

We had an excellent program year from June 2009-May 2010. I would like to thank our Past President, Laura Logan, for the excellent service she provided as President and for the support she continues to provide as Past President. Our 2009-2010 program year marks the second consecutive year the Chapter has received the Platinum Award for chapter recognition on the national level. We provided over 1,500 CPE through our monthly training meetings, seminars, and hosting the CGFM course and audio conferences. Congratulations to you as a chapter for your dedication in promoting transparency and accountability through education and community services to the financial and local community.

I would also like to thank the past and current CEC members for their dedication and support to AGA and the chapter. I look forward to working with this year's CEC as we journey forward. The chapter will continue to focus on Education, CGFM certification, Communications, Membership, Awards, Early Career Development, and community services. Together, we will work to expand opportunities to enhance your government financial management careers.

Each year our chapter has raised the bar higher and higher. For the new program year, we want to continue as we have in the past by climbing to new heights. Our goals this program year are to keep up the momentum, carry on with unfinished work from our prior journey(s), seek accomplishments in areas the chapter has never ventured in before, and soar to new heights. To stay focused on our goals as a chapter, we have adopted a new theme for this program year - "**New Heights.**"

We've made an excellent start as we closed out the old year with our awards program. Congratulations to all award recipients for your contributions in helping the chapter reach and surpass its goals. Keep up the good work.



It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as chapter president for the program year 2010-2011.

See you at our next meeting on July 20th

Oscar Williams, CGFM

Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AGA Membership Opportunity

Challenges - Climbing to New Heights with AGA

The Kansas City AGA Chapter is pleased to announce the sponsorship of this year's AGA Membership Opportunity – *Challenges – Climbing to New Heights with AGA!*

For the meetings starting in July 2010 and running through February 2011, we will give all potential members a ticket which will give them a chance to win an AGA membership and the sponsoring member a great gift. The more times you attend a meeting, the more chances you have at winning. During the March 2011 meeting, we will draw five (5) tickets. Those five (5) tickets will be the winners and all winners will be given a free membership.

The Challenge – as an AGA Member: Reach out to as many perspective members as you can and invite them to attend our meetings. Share with them the benefits of the organization and how the Kansas City Chapter is among the leading chapters who continually provide top notch training programs helping to meet our CPE requirements at affordable costs.

Be sure to let us know which potential members you have invited or have the potential members give us your name when making reservations for the luncheon so that we can make sure they are eligible for the tickets.

Luncheon Prices:	Members	\$15
	Non-members	\$20

The AGA Membership Opportunity will be a great way to enjoy the association and climb to new heights!

Please contact Connie at constance.smith@kcc.usda.gov with any questions about membership.



Association of Government Accountants Community Service

**All AGA members, family and friends are welcome to donate to
Salvation Army – Bellefontaine school supply drive.**

The following items are needed: all standard school supplies: backpacks, scissors, watercolors, markers, pocket folders, index cards, 3-ring binders, glue, glue sticks, erasers, notebook paper, color pencils, highlighters, Kleenex, crayons, pencil boxes, pencil pouches, rulers, packages of pens, packages of pencils, spiral notebooks etc.

*Please bring at least 3 school supplies and receive \$5 off lunch during
July & August. Also, cash donations will be accepted.*



Welcome to AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Location: Orlando World Center Marriott

Conference: July 11-14, 2010

EXPO: July 11-13, 2010

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in sunny Orlando, Florida for AGA's 59th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition— *the* premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals.

Worth 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery Act, the constantly changing rules and standards, new management techniques, technological advances and practical tips for bringing greater efficiency to government operations. The PDC offers a comprehensive program, captivating speakers, lively discussions, top-quality education sessions, and equips you with knowledge and skills you need to be more effective leader.

While the PDC has long been respected for offering the best training in the profession, it also offers a number of networking events to help you make new contacts, exchange ideas and collaboratively work on solutions to common problems. Exhibitors are also available to demonstrate the newest products, tools and cutting-edge technology available to help your agency achieve its mission.

Registration fees are \$800 for AGA members and \$1000 for nonmembers until June 11, 2010. Register online and save \$25. Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to Dream. Learn. Achieve. – Register today!

- [Register Online Now](#)
- [Registration Form](#) (PDF)

We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy everything the Orlando World Center Marriott has to offer. A championship golf course, a full-service spa, and a network of six pools, waterfalls, waterslides and whirlpools, and delectable dishes at world-class restaurants, fun and games at the upscale sports bar, make this hotel a one-stop-shop for relaxation and fun. Discover the magic of Orlando, with its theme parks, water attractions, and many other family destinations, along with the best golfing, night clubs and restaurants in the country.

The rate is \$108 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, **rates are only guaranteed until June 18, 2010, or until the room block is sold out.**

Reservations received after June 18, *or after the room block has been filled*, will only be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates.

To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the “AGA PDC” to receive the discounted rate. You can also [reserve a room online](#).

Information about the agenda, speakers, travel discounts and tours is coming soon. Stay tuned to the website for more information...See you in Orlando!

- [Ad/Exhibit/Sponsorship Info](#)
- [Ad/Exhibit/Sponsorship Application](#)
- [Exhibit Floor Plan](#)
- [PDC 2009 Website](#)

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CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & TIDBITS

Chapter Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting , June 10, 2010

In attendance were Bill Miller, Oscar Williams, Laura Logan, Constance Smith, Carrie Miller, Mark Brandt, Pat Hudon, Jay Teopaco, Chuck Koelsch, Owen Gilchrist, Leeanna Wilder, Jim Kirk and Rhonda Lucas.

Meeting was opened by incoming President, Oscar Williams, and introductions were made. The Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) held in May was discussed. It was suggested that everyone access the national website and research our applicable position description when drafting our Chapter Plan. It was recommended the Chairs recruit one to two members to help in carrying out their duties this next year. Plans are due to Oscar Williams by June 30th. Milestones for the past year include exceeding our chapter goals; chapter met standing of "Platinum". Laura suggested we should focus on some areas this coming year where our chapter did not receive any points. The theme for this next year will be "New Heights". Committee plans for the next year are as follows:

Meeting and Program Chairs. Monthly meetings will continue to be held on the same day of the month as this past year (third Tuesday of the month). Jay Teopaco requests any ideas on speakers/topics be sent to him. Items discussed were: personal development, Federal Executive Institute, tours to the Department of Treasury (tour check processing) and the Federal Executive Board (market our training). We will plan for nine monthly meetings. Laura suggested that we have joint meeting with other professional groups. Audio-conferences were addressed by Laura Logan. It was recommended, discussed and agreed by all that we will not do audio-conferences this coming year.

Seminar Chair. We will hold two seminars this next year (Fall and Spring). It was noted the Spring seminar this past year was timely for renewing membership fees. Seminar attendance and fees were discussed. We agreed not to lower our current non-member prices for our seminars.

Membership Chair. The goal this next year will be 18 new members. We will continue reaching out to new members through various activities.

Early Careers Chair. Several ideas were discussed such as contacting colleges, Royals game, T-Bones game, Happy Hour and PowerPlay.

Community Service Chair. We are trying to plan something for the month of August. Harvesters will take place in the Fall. Several ideas were discussed such as Habitat for Humanity, Day of Caring, Special Olympics, donation "walks", and relief to caregivers.

Awards Chair. We will continue as in the past. We need to ensure the names of those attending events are relayed to the Awards Chair.

By-Law Chair. We will begin putting together bylaws for our Chapter.

Website Chair. We will have a Chapter website up and running soon. There was some discussion on payment options on the website.

Publicity Chair. Suggestion was made to begin running press releases in local papers. This would include recognition for Carrie Miller's national recognition.

Other discussion included the PDC to be held in July, 2010. We will be sending a donation for the PDC Silent Auction. Pat Hudon will order and have the basket delivered. A motion was made by Laura Logan for the Chapter to pay the registration and room fee for Jim Kirk and Leanna Wilder (alternate Owen Gilchrist) to attend the PDC in July 2010. Motion was seconded by Chuck Koelsch. Motion was unanimously approved.

The June agenda was discussed as to the order of items occurring. Laura Logan will contact the State Board of Accountancy to determine what topics warrant CPE earned. Bill Miller stated our Chapter will need to submit CPE's earned to Regional Vice President along with verification of our Chapter bank balance.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Rhonda Lucas, Rhonda.Lucas@one.usda.gov
CEC, Secretary

UPCOMING LUNCHEON MEETINGS

July Meeting:

Date: July 20, 2010

Time: 11:30

Location: Jack Stack BBQ, Freight House, 101 West 22nd St. KCMO,
816-472-7427

Topic: Professional Communication

Speaker: Ms. Myra Dillingham, Arym Consulting

August Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Location: TBD

Speaker: Gale Ross, ACE Deputy Contracting Officer

Topic: Army Corps of Engineer's ARRA Reporting/Leadership

Jay Teopaco, Teopaco.Julius@epamail.epa.gov

CEC, Program and Technical

TREASURER'S REPORT

**Treasurer's Report
AGA Kansas City Chapter
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Period Ending May 31, 2010**

<u>Bank Account Balance May 31, 2010</u>	
Primary Share Acct	\$3,083.54
Signature Checking	\$829.24
6MTH Classic CD	\$11,153.06
Total Account Balance	<u>\$15,065.84</u>
<u>Beginning Book Balance:</u>	
Book Bal. April 30, 2010	\$17,109.25
<u>Receipts:</u>	
<u>Interest Income:</u>	
Savings	\$0.80
Certificate of Deposit	\$12.23
Total Other Receipts	<u>\$13.03</u>
May Luncheon	\$450.00
May Audio Conference	\$110.00
Spring Seminar	
Chapter Recruitment at the Royals	\$90.00
<u>Receipts from Activity</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$663.03</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
May Luncheon - Ameristar	\$713.41
May Luncheon - Projector & Speaker's room - Ameristar	\$331.06
June Luncheon Down Payment	\$100.00
Seminar Expenses	\$165.98
Awards-Dean's trophies	\$213.00
Chapter Recruitment at the Royals	\$516.22
<u>Credit Card Fees</u>	<u>\$144.77</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,184.44</u>
<u>Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period</u>	(\$1,521.41)
<u>Ending Book Balance</u>	
May 31, 2010	<u>\$15,587.84</u>
Less Petty Cash	(\$100.00)
Mar Luncheon Receipts in transit	(\$230.00)
Check in Transit-Awards	\$213.00
May's Luncheon Receipts in transit	(\$390.00)
Credit Payment not yet Processed	(\$15.00)
Adjustments Book to Bank	<u>\$15,065.84</u>
Bank Balance	<u>\$15,065.84</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of May 31, 2010**

Assets

Current Assets:

Petty Cash	\$100.00
Checking	\$829.24
Share Savings Account	\$3,083.54
Cash on Hand	\$422.00
CD	<u>\$11,153.06</u>

Total Current Assets: \$15,587.84

Total Assets: \$15,587.84

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities: \$0.00

Total Liabilities: \$0.00

Equity:

Unrestricted Balance of Funds 2009	\$12,455.51
Net Funds from Activities for Period	<u>\$3,132.33</u>

Total Equity: \$15,587.84

Total Liabilities & Equity: \$15,587.84

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS - PROGRAM YEAR 2009/2010
June 2009 ~ May 2010

<u>Revenue</u>		
Meetings		\$4,650.00
Membership Cmtee		\$180.00
Audio Conferences		\$1,510.00
Seminar - Fall		\$2,945.00
Seminar - Spring		\$4,720.00
CGFM		\$25,600.00
Awards Ceremony		\$0.00
National/Regional Support		\$221.00
Credit Card Refunds		\$0.00
Interest & Misc		\$159.66
Early Careers		\$90.00
Community Service Donations		<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$40,085.66</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Meetings		
Free Lunches	\$125.45	
All Other Lunch costs(Excluding Free/Speaker)	\$4,931.60	
Speaker Lunch	\$133.17	
Materials/Supplies	\$416.05	
Future Meeting Deposit(s)	\$457.00	
Speaker's Gifts	\$115.00	
CGFM	\$19,243.12	
Meetings/Seminar Refunds	\$560.00	
Seminar - Fall	\$2,139.80	
Seminar - Spring	\$490.98	
Awards	\$0.00	
Award Certificates/Trophies/Plaque	\$213.00	
Awards Ceremony Room/meals	\$0.00	
Scholarships	\$0.00	
Community Service	\$231.50	
Membership Cmtee	\$868.50	
Treasurer	\$0.00	
Bonding	\$124.74	
Credit Card Utilization Cost	\$1,700.60	
Audio Conferences	\$2,390.00	
Webmaster	\$0.00	
Historian	\$0.00	
President	\$0.00	
CEC Planning Lunches	\$331.55	
PDC Donation	\$69.95	
Special Awards	\$297.70	
PDC Attendance	\$0.00	
PresElect	\$0.00	
SLM	\$0.00	
Early Careers	\$689.31	
Past-President	\$0.00	
PDC	\$1,358.70	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$11.80	
Prior Period Payment Processed *	<u>\$53.81</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$36,953.33</u>	
Net Balance of Funds		<u>\$3,132.33</u>
Net Position		<u>\$15,587.84</u>

*Prior period reimbursement of \$53.81 processed in current period.

Note: \$20 write-off for May's training meeting uncollectible. Payment of \$2,201.23 for room & catering for the Spring seminar was paid in June and is not reflected in this report.

Chapter Executive Committee—Program Year 2010–2011

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