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The Kansas City Courier

September 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reaching New Heights

Leadership has been our main topics for the last three month. At our August training, Gale Ross gave a superb presentation on leadership. Our upcoming training will be a change of pace and a special event for September. On September 16th, our training will be at the Treasury building on 4241 Northeast 34th St, KCMO which will include a tour. Be sure to bring your government ID. The weather has been wonderful lately. The cool weather reminds me that Fall is right around the corner. Our Fall Seminar is scheduled for November 16th. Please, continue to let your departments know and we will have more information for you next month.

Thanks to all for your contributions to the success of our back-to-school community service event. National has vacant leadership positions and are seeking volunteers. Go to national's website to view qualifications, submission instructions, and additional information.

National's "What Drives You" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is offering money, a free membership, a chance for a free PDC seat, and spotlight on Early Career will award a Netbook Laptop to the AGA member who recruits the most new members during the Share the Magic Campaign. See the National's Page below or go to www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx

We are continuing our efforts in recruiting new members and strengthening our committees. We would like to thank those who have stepped up. We will be having a Chapter Executive Committee meeting on September 9th at 6:00 PM at Guadalajara Café, 1144 W 103d St, KCMO 64114.

Please, continue to keep Jay Teopaco's wife, Serena, and family in your prayers. To get updates on Serena's progress, Jay wants you to visit this website at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/serenateopaco/journal>

Ken Myers is back to work and doing well. Again, remember to bring your picture ID and enjoy the Treasury tour at our next training meeting.

Oscar Williams, CGFM

Chapter President



KEEPING UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT ISSUES

In today's busy society; everyone knows it is harder than ever to keep up with the latest issues...know who's doing what...and how. One way you can have regular access to the latest information--and build your professional network at the same time--is by attending AGA seminars, conferences, and local chapter events. It is the best opportunity you have to keep on keeping up...and as a member, you're assured of hearing about all of the conferences and meetings well in advance.

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



Association of Government Accountants *Kansas City* Community Service

Thank You for all the AGA members who donated to Salvation Army Bellefontaine school supply drive. This event was a great success! Please view the below pictures of the school supplies collected.



Submitted by Community Service Chair- Carrie Miller

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & TIDBITS

SEPTEMBER AGA MEETING AND TREASURY TOUR

Please join us on Thursday, September 16 for a Tour of the Financial Management Service Center, Bureau of the U. S. Department of the Treasury. The Financial Management Center located in N.E. Kansas City is one of four processing centers and employs over 120 personnel. In 2009, The Kansas City Financial Center issued more than 266 million payments, 82% of which were EFT, totaling more than \$293 billion dollars. Payments include those to recipients of social security benefits, supplemental security income, federal pension benefits, Railroad Retirement Board benefits, federal income tax refunds and others.

Before the Financial Management Service Tour, we plan to meet at a nearby casino for lunch, combined with a short business meeting. The tour will be held instead of a speaker and should be very interesting and informative.

A limit of only 50 people will be permitted for the tour. Please plan to sign-up before Friday, September 10, 2010. We will need your full name for registration with Treasury. In addition, photo identification will be required, for admittance, for each person. We are asked please do NOT bring a laptop computer onto the property. Please plan on carpooling from the casino as Treasury requested we give advance notice of each vehicle. Then, they will provide a parking pass for that vehicle. We will be providing more information as the time approaches, but these items have been set by Treasury as conditions for permitting the AGA tour. I hope to see you there! – **Jim Kirk, CEC, Meeting Co-Chair**

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & TIDBITS CONTINUED

AUGUST AGA LUNCHEON MEETING NOTES

On 17 August, Mr. Gale Ross was our speaker. Gale is Contracting Division Deputy at the Kansas City Engineer District, U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers. Gale spoke after a short business meeting held at Manny's Mexican Restaurant, S.W Blvd, K.C., MO.

Gale's talk was entitled, "Leadership in the Face of Adversity - Change".

Gale quickly engaged the 30 people attending by asking whether they'd been adequately trained to perform their present duties and how did it feel to not be adequately prepared and trained? Gales determined nearly a third of the group had five years experience or less and didn't feel adequately trained.

Keeping his talk on a positive note, Gale "charged" the leadership in the audience to purpose to "train their replacement". To the rest of us, Gale charged us to work to get properly prepared and trained to move into a leadership role in the rapidly changing workplace. By posing additional questions, Gale determined he was speaking to a wide range of government agency personnel that included local, state and federal employees. Gale included a number of personal work experiences, as examples, to illustrate his points on leadership. One personal example included many discussions with his daughter, over some years, until she decided to "choose to have a great day", each day.

One of the "take-away" points that Gale shared, was how to deal with unexpected change. To illustrate the unexpected change, Gale used the ARRA "Stimulus Package" (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) which, he explained, was added to the existing Corps of Engineers full-time workload. He estimated the ARRA, with its reporting and compliance guidance, added another one-third more work. Training and guidance, he explained, followed after the Act's implementation. What do you do and who do you ask were questions he posed as he reviewed his initial feelings as he read about the new Act. As answers to these questions, he explained much was learned by doing as projects were awarded contracts and implemented using ARRA funds. The ARRA reporting appears to have become the new standard, for Government Reporting at all levels from local, state, and federal.

Questions were asked of Gale, which then concluded the August AGA meeting. – **Jim Kirk, CEC,**
Meeting Co-Chair

Why Earn the CGFM?

The Certified Government Financial Manager

The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

Since its inception in 1994, the 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 14,000 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 18 percent between 2006 and 2016, which is faster than the average of all occupations. Accountants and auditors that hold a college degree or any other 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 (CGFM) 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

Value and Recognition of the CGFM Credential

The foundation of the CGFM is the requirement for Education, Experience and Examination. Building on this foundation is a [Code of Ethics](#) and required Continuing Professional Education (CPE).

This designation is already recognized as a professional standard. Each year, more and more federal agencies and state and local governments are realizing the value of the CGFM and are formally embracing the designation. It is often listed as a preferred hiring qualification on federal RFPs. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Board of Regents has also recognized the CGFM. It is accepted as a waiver for part IV of the CIA examination.

Toward the Future

The challenge facing today's government financial managers is to keep up with the changing times. New innovations, new regulations and new methods of implementation require staying abreast of the latest developments.

AGA presents a dynamic program of educational events every year that will expand your knowledge and sharpen your skills.

The field of government financial management will be far different tomorrow from what it is today. Having a broad knowledge and a recognized professional designation will be the way to distinguish yourself from the crowd.

There's no time like the present for joining the thousands of other leaders in government financial management who already have discovered the unique value and benefit of the CGFM designation.

"In the aftermath of the accounting scandals, professional certification is even more important to ensure that accountants' credentials and knowledge of ethics are sound. Regardless of specialty, accountants and auditors who have earned professional recognition through certification or licensure should have the best job prospects." —Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009 Edition

For additional information locally, please contact the Kansas City Chapter CGFM Chair

Carla Kohler at kohler.carla@epa.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs Certification Benefit



Earn your CGFM certification today and have the VA pay for your examination fees!

The new VA certification benefit provides reimbursement for certification examination fees to eligible veterans.

You may receive the benefit if you are eligible for:

- The Montgomery GI Bill
- VEAP
- Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)

You usually have ten years after your discharge from the military to use your benefits. To find out if you are eligible, check the [VA website](#), or call 1.888.GIBILL-1.

You can receive up to \$2,000 per examination but no more than the actual cost of the test. You can receive benefits to retake a test you failed.

The CGFM certification examination has been approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs for reimbursement.

For more information on the CGFM Program, [click here](#).

[CGFM TOPICS Newsletter](#)

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Kansas City, Missouri



August 22, 2010

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
Money Laundering and Financial Drug Investigations

October 12, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners will hold its Fall 2010 Workshop on October 12, 2010. Chapter Members Robert (Bob) Hawkins, CFE and Everett (Chip) Barger, CFE, CAMS will give a presentation on Money Laundering and Financial Drug Investigations.

Bob Hawkins has 32 years of experience as a Special Agent with the Criminal Investigation Division of IRS, primarily with investigative experience (24 years) in drug trafficking and related money laundering and financial investigations. In addition, he has extensive experience in investigation of tax evasion, public corruption and gambling.

He also served as instructor and trainer for Special Agents with the IRS and local, state, and federal law enforcement officials on conducting financial investigations.

As a Financial Investigator for the past five (5) years with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) his experience involves financial investigations of major drug trafficking organizations and the forfeiture of assets acquired from those activities.

Chip Barger began his 36 year investigative career with the DEA. After 10 years with the DEA, Chip became a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

While at the FBI, Chip investigated a wide variety of criminal activity including Civil Rights violations, general government crimes, bank robberies, drug investigations and other white collar crimes that included his experience as a surveillance aircraft pilot, polygraph examiner and asset forfeiture coordinator. He has provided instruction to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement authorities on topics including Asset Forfeiture and Interviewing.

Since retiring from the FBI he has conducted financial investigations and performed asset forfeiture work with the DEA and now with the FBI Forfeiture Support Project. He is also a member of the International Association for Asset Recovery. He is a licensed private investigator in Kansas and Missouri.

The workshop will provide four (4) hours of CPE on Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture and it will be held at the KU Edwards Campus, 12600 Quivira, Overland Park, Kansas. Registration will begin at 7:30 am and the workshop will begin at 8:00 am and conclude by 12:00 pm.

The cost for the workshop will be \$40.00 for chapter members and \$50.00 for non-chapter members. The fee

includes continental breakfast, fruit, pastries and beverages.

Early Bird Rate: If you register by Wednesday, September 15, 2010, the cost will be \$30.00 for chapter members and \$40.00 for non-chapter members. Payment must be received by September 15, 2010.

Registration commitment forms should be mailed or e-mailed no later than Monday, September 20, 2010. Payment is expected with the reservation form or with prior approval to be delivered upon check-in.

The chapter reserves the right not to accept registrations the day of the seminar.

Since seating is limited, chapter members will be provided priority commitment registration.

Enclosed, is a registration commitment application. If requested, an agenda will be mailed with your confirmation notice.

Ample parking is available on the east and south side of the Edward Campus Building. Parking can be accessed on the east side from Quivira and on the south side from 127th Street.

Please note that the temperature and comfort of the room does vary throughout the day. **For your own comfort, please bring a sweater or jacket for room temperature fluctuations.**

To secure your reservation, please make your check payable to "KC-CFE" and mail it along with your registration form to:

Tim Page
Secretary
Greater KC-CFE
P. O. Box 12245
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

If you have any questions, please call me at (913)888-4779 or e-mail me at tpage3@kc.rr.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Page, CFE
Secretary/Chapter Training Director
Greater Kansas City Chapter of
Certified Fraud Examiners
P. O. Box 12245
Overland Park, Kansas 66212
Enclosures

REGISTRATION COMMITMENT
GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS

Money Laundering and Financial Investigations

October 12, 2010

NAME: (MR./MS.) _____

HANDOUT PREFERENCE: ELECTRONIC OR HARD COPY (circle one)

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ EXT: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Seminar confirmation will be sent via e-mail upon request)

ARE YOU A CFE? (YES/NO) _____ CFE (# _____)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: (CPA, etc.) _____

NAME ON BADGE: _____

You may now pay by credit card – circle that payment option and a PayPal link will be sent to you by e-mail.

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FEE ENCLOSED: (Circle One)

Members	\$	Non-Members	\$
Early Bird-by September 15, 2010	30	Early Bird-by September 15, 2010	40
September 15, 2010 and after	40	September 15, 2010 and after	50

**TRAVEL, LODGING AND INCIDENTALS ARE NOT INCLUDED.*

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS:

CFE's: CFEs MAY CANCEL WITHOUT CHARGE. CANCELLATIONS ON OR AFTER THE START DATE OF THE WORKSHOP ARE TRANSFERRABLE TO FUTURE WORKSHOPS AND ANNUAL SEMINARS ONLY.

NON-CFE's: Non-CFEs MUST CANCEL AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE WORKSHOP DATE FOR A REFUND WITHOUT CHARGE. CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE WORKSHOP DATE ARE SUBJECT TO A \$10 NONREFUNDABLE SERVICE CHARGE. CANCELLATIONS ON OR AFTER THE START DATE OF THE WORKSHOP ARE TRANSFERRABLE TO FUTURE WORKSHOPS AND ANNUAL SEMINARS ONLY.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Tim Page
Secretary
Greater KC-CFE
P. O. Box 12245
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

PLEASE RETURN ONE FORM PER PERSON. THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED, IF NECESSARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report AGA Kansas City Chapter Statement of Receipts and Disbursements For Period Ending July 31, 2010	
<u>Bank Account Balance July 31, 2010</u>	
Primary Share Acct	\$1,525.36
Signature Checking	\$2,633.86
6MTH Classic CD	\$7,172.98
Total Account Balance	<u>\$11,332.20</u>
<u>Beginning Book Balance:</u>	
Book Bal. June 30, 2010	\$11,354.02
<u>Receipts:</u>	
<u>Interest Income:</u>	
Savings	\$0.24
Certificate of Deposit	\$8.08
Total Other Receipts	<u>\$8.32</u>
July Luncheon	\$375.00
Refund from Merchant Account	\$75.00
Royals reimbursement	\$36.00
Fall Seminar - Prepaid	\$1,280.00
Refund from Merchant Account	\$18.00
<u>Receipts from Activity</u>	<u>\$1,784.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,792.32</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
July Luncheon - Jack Stack	\$464.00
Aug Luncheon Down Payment - Manny's	\$0.00
Credit Card Fees	\$70.14
Total Disbursements	<u>\$534.14</u>
<u>Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for pe- riod</u>	<u>\$1,258.18</u>
<u>Ending Book Balance</u>	
July 31, 2010	<u>\$12,612.20</u>
Less Petty Cash	(\$100.00)
Credit Card Payment - In-Transit Fall Seminar	-\$1,280.00
Check in Transit-National Donation	\$100.00
July Credit Payment not yet Processed	
Adjustments Book to Bank	<u>\$11,332.20</u>
Bank Balance	<u>\$11,332.20</u>

Chapter Executive Committee—Program Year 2010–2011

Position	Name	Work Phone	Email Address
President	Oscar Williams	816-997-6939	Oscar.williams2@va.gov
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AGA National's Page

"What Drives You" to Recruit? Campaign Incentives

Many are **DRIVEN** by the opportunity to expand the Network. Others are **DRIVEN** by the opportunity to help their chapter. Everyone is **DRIVEN** by the spectacular recruitment incentives. The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win. This year we asked our Emerging Leaders Focus Group what types of incentives to add to the already great prizes offered by the member get a member program. They responded by beefing up the individual prizes and expanding the chapter incentives for the campaign.

Everyone Wins!

- Recruit ONE or more members, receive a **Sponsors Only** lapel pin.

Sponsoring Two or More

- Recruit TWO members and start earning **AGA Dollars**. You'll earn five AGA Dollars for each new member that joins. Recruit two members, earn 10 AGA Dollars, recruit four members, earn 20 AGA Dollars and so on. AGA Dollars are good for one year and are like cash and can be redeemed towards publications, membership dues renewals and national conference registrations.

Sponsoring Six or More

- Recruit SIX members by December 31, 2010 and receive next year's **membership dues renewal FREE**.

Sponsoring 10 or More

- Recruit 10 or more members by March 31, 2011 and be placed into a fishbowl drawing for a **complimentary 2011 Professional Development Conference Registration**. After 10, each new member is another chance at the drawing. Recruit 10 members, get one chance at the drawing, recruit 16 members, get seven chances and so on. The more members recruited the more chances to win.

Spotlight on Early Career/Tomorrow's Professionals New Members

- A **Netbook Laptop** will be awarded to the AGA member who recruits the most new Early Career members during the Share the Magic Campaign.

NEW! Spotlight on Chapters

- A recruitment stimulus in the form of a **\$100 American Express Gift Card** will be raffled to chapters that have at least 10 members who have actively sponsored new members into AGA during a specified time frame. There will be a series of three drawings 5/1-8/30; 9/1-12/31; 1/1-4/30. The gift cards must be used towards chapter recruitment and retention programming.

Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition

- Recruiter of the Year (one winner)-The member who recruits the most new members from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a **complimentary AGA National Meeting registration and 4-Nights at the Marriott.**
- Top Sponsor (two winners)-The next two members who recruit the highest amount of new members from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor distinction and each will receive a complimentary **AGA national meeting registration.**
- Chapter Overall Growth (six winning chapters)-Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping for the membership year will each win a **complimentary AGA national meeting registration.** Chapters decide who receives the registration. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

Start Recruiting Today!

AGA's Fifth Annual Internal Control & Fraud Conference will be held Sept. 15–16 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Worth 14 CPE hours, the conference will focus on management’s responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse.

AGA Member	Fax/Mail	Online
Early (by Sept. 3)	\$500	\$475
Standard (after Sept. 3)	\$600	\$575
Nonmember	Fax/Mail	Online
Early (by Sept. 3)	\$675	\$650
Standard (after Sept. 3)	\$775	\$750

Sixth Annual Performance Management Conference (PMC) will be held on the East Coast. Scheduled for Oct. 13-14 in Baltimore, MD, this conference has it all. It is designed for those who are leading the performance practice at their government entity and for those who are new to the process. We'll talk about what works and what doesn't in performance management.

AGA Member	Fax/Mail
Early (By Aug. 30)	\$395
Standard (After Aug. 30)	\$445
Nonmember	Fax/Mail
Early (By Aug. 30)	\$450
Standard (After Aug. 30)	\$495