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The Kansas City Courier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reaching New Heights

Moving to new heights! There were many exciting things that happened this month! What a great tour we had of the Treasury building! Thanks to Jim Kirk for arranging and setting up the tour of the Financial Management Center.

We had our second CEC meeting on Sep 9th. Your Chapter Executive Committee has been very busy doing exciting things. I would like to thank Chuck Koelsch as we are online with a website. The website address is <http://posting.kc.backpage.com/online/classifieds/ViewAd?oid=3956348&uid=527ae9cd0223d2c31f4afed8404fb819> & <http://kc.backpage.com/Events/financial-management-service-center-tour/3956348>. Although we are still in the site development and building phase our website has information on the current meeting and the upcoming seminar.

Continue to echo the message about our upcoming fall seminar, "Branching Out", scheduled for November 16, 2010 at JCCC. Leeanna Wilder is doing an excellent job in putting together the Fall seminar and is still taking suggestions on possible speakers for our Spring seminar. Please send Leeanna information on speaker (s) you have experienced and think would be excellent or if you would like to be a speaker at a seminar to Wilder.Leeanna@epa.gov. Our seminar will be the only training activity we will have in November. Thanks Leeanna!

To make paying for training events more convenient and secure for you, we have ordered a wireless credit card scanner that should be available at our next meeting. With the scanner we will still be able to accept the cards we currently accept and more, your card information would be secure, and you will get a receipt right on the spot. We will still have the ability to process your agency payments as usual. Thanks Pat Hudon!

We are reviewing and updating our Chapter Bylaws. Mark Brant and Michael Malloy are doing good things with that. Mark and Michael provided some excellent comments and insightful ideas at our last CEC meeting. If any of you would like to come to one of our CEC meetings, just let me know. Upcoming CEC meetings will be in January and May 2011. Thanks Mark and Michael!

Thanks to all of you for your participation in our local and national membership drives. If you have any questions about membership, Connie, our membership chair, can answer it. She works wonders when it comes to membership. Thanks Connie!

Continue to keep Jay and his family in your prayers.

Our next training meeting will be at Cascone's on Oct. 19th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Oscar Williams, CGFM

Chapter President



AGA Kansas City Chapter Welcomes Our Newest Members!

Please help us extend a warm AGA Kansas City Chapter welcome to our newest members. We hope to see you soon at the upcoming luncheons and to take part in all of our planned activities. Again, welcome!

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| Alisha Dolt | USDA OIG |
| Stephanie Goings | USDA OIG |
| Jill Talbot | USDA OIG |

Connect – AGA Supports You!

Be part of something larger than yourself—AGA. With 14,000 members from all three levels of government, nonprofits, private sector organizations and academia, AGA offers a diverse network of professionals. Get involved. AGA members can support your career and provide opportunities for professional growth that you can't find at your job alone.

AGA members come from many different discipline areas - accounting, auditing, budgeting, consulting, finance, grants, investigation, management and systems. Your Association is here to provide professional networking, mentoring, access to career opportunities and educational resources to help ensure success and continued professional development of younger members.

AGA has reduced fee memberships for full-time students and young professionals:

Student - available to full-time college/university students that are not gainfully employed - \$30/year

Early Career - available to individuals with less than three years of working experience - \$45/year

Enjoy all of the same benefits and privileges as established professional members.



Network – AGA is your link!

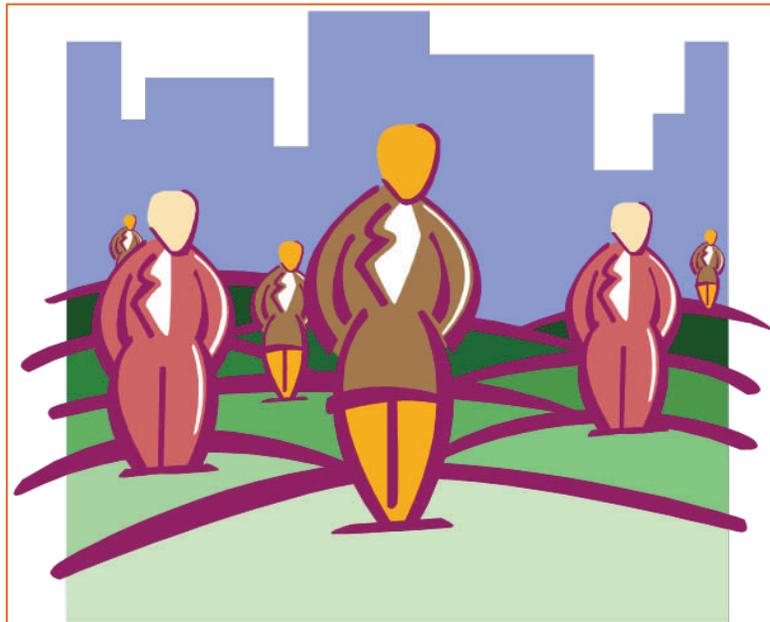
A true professional knows the value of good contacts. By becoming an AGA member, you join a powerful national network. You will have countless opportunities to meet other financial management professionals, senior ranking officials and distinguished leaders through AGA-sponsored social events, chapter meetings and educational seminars. With more than 88 chapters across the United States, becoming involved with a chapter and meeting other professionals is easy.

Reminder

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.

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.

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



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & TIDBITS

Tour of Kansas City Regional Financial Center, Department of the Treasury

For the September AGA meeting, the setting was Treasury's Kansas City Regional Financial Center (RFC) located on N. E. 34th Street, K.C. MO. Following an excellent lunch at Harrah's Buffet, the AGA group and guests arrived at the Treasury facility at 1 PM on 16 September 2010. We were checked into the facility by presenting photo identification and passing through a metal detector at the front door and provided a visitor's badge for each person.

Our host for the Treasury tour, Lauren Ray, met us at the door and helped get each of the 27 persons into the facility and gathered in a 50 seat auditorium where she welcomed the AGA Chapter and guests. Next, she provided a short 15 minute historical account of the 1935 formation of the Treasury Regional Financial Centers and changes for this Kansas City office. Changes included transition from few employees to about 124 presently, from downtown locations to the present site in N.E. Kansas City and growth from manual Government check writing and signing to use of the current machine which regularly produces 85,000 signed checks/hour. It encloses them in envelopes and puts these in the U.S. Mail Service all done securely in the RFC facility.

At the conclusion of the very informative and interesting film, the group formed into three smaller groups and each left the auditorium room to start their tour of the RFC. In the smaller group that I accompanied, we saw the mail receiving area and how customer's requests for financial services were received, accounted for and securely handled through each step. We saw material storage areas that stored and handled the paper-like material that, when processed, would become a Government check that would be signed and placed in an envelope and then posted. We were shown the equipment doing the physical check writing and the computer components tracking and accounting for each of these processes and all checks. We passes through work areas to assist in scheduling customer requests for check printing services, such as Social Security Administration check support and SSA Supplemental Benefit checks, USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation checks, etc, to list names of a few customers of the RFC.

When printing so many checks, some problems of delivery or non-receipt happen and we were shown work areas where the specialists received such trouble calls and resolved each. As noted on the Treasury's web site, few problems are experienced and are usually quickly resolved. The statistics are very impressive, of the amount of funds expended, and the success rate of delivery of the funds by signed check. Please go to the RFC's web site to learn more.

At the conclusion of this most informative tour we again assembled in the small auditorium and when fully gathered we left as a group, returning the Visitor's badges we'd been provided. What a tour!

Jim Kirk, James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil

CEC, Meeting Co-Chair

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & TIDBITS CONTINUED

Chapter Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting, September 9, 2010

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

Meeting was opened by President Oscar Williams discussing the 2009 Financial Review. It was noted that the review could have listed observations.

Next on the agenda was Pat Hudon to discuss this year's budget. Carrie Miller asked for the Community Service budget be changed from \$200 to \$500. With that change, Laura Logan moved we accept the budget as stated. Motion was seconded by Chuck Koelsch. Motion was passed unanimously. CEC is considering the purchase of a credit card scanner. Pat provided several options available including the lease or purchase of a scanner. Committee members suggested we need a comparison between the options. Pat will send the CEC members a comparison; members will respond via e-mail as to their preference. We hope to have the scanner available for the Fall Seminar. We also discussed purchasing a gift for a CEC officer who is taking a leave of absence due to a family tragedy. Carrie made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card and a plant arrangement. Constance Smith seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

The cost of meals for our monthly meetings was discussed. Our chapter is losing money some months due to contractual arrangements required by some eating establishments. It was decided we need to look at more options this year.

Next on the agenda was the Fall Seminar. Leeanna Wilder stated the event is scheduled for November 16th at the Johnson County Community College. She has several speakers lined up and presented a list of probable speakers and topics. She asked for suggestions on speakers and topics and received feedback from the group. The Fall Seminar theme will be "Branching Out". Leeanna will send more information to the AGA Chapter in the near future. She also noted the Spring Seminar may be held at the Kaufmann Foundation.

There will be no November regular monthly meeting due to the Fall Seminar being held that month.

Mark Brandt was next on the agenda to discuss By-Laws. The CEC officers made several suggestions on changes. Mark will work with Michael Melloy to incorporate changes, review and send out to the CEC committee for review and further comments. They will incorporate any additional changes and sent out again for final review.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the Kansas City AGA Chapter website. The CEC Webmaster Chair position was discussed due to the delay in getting the website up and running. Mark made a motion to replace the position with Chuck Koelsch. Motion was seconded by Constance and passed unanimously. Chuck stated we should expect the website to be up and running within 30-45 days.

New Business included the discussion of member recruitment. Reaching out to local agencies such as the Financial Executive Board (FEB) are options we should look into. This would provide an opportunity our Chapter to influence the FEB that AGA can provide low cost educational opportunities at no cost to the government along with networking opportunities. We also discussed how we can persuade suspended members to become active AGA members. It was suggested we offer incentives.

Chuck brought some examples of how we are publicizing our AGA events, such as luncheons, on several websites.

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

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

CEC, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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| <u>Bank Account Balance August 31, 2010</u> | |
| Primary Share Acct | \$1,525.68 |
| Signature Checking | \$3,821.30 |
| 6MTH Classic CD | \$7,178.44 |
| Total Account Balance | <u>\$12,525.42</u> |
| <u>Beginning Book Balance:</u> | |
| Book Bal. July 31, 2010 | \$12,612.20 |
| <u>Receipts:</u> | |
| Interest Income: | |
| Savings | \$0.32 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$5.46 |
| Total Other Receipts | <u>\$5.78</u> |
| August Luncheon | \$430.00 |
| Refund from Merchant Account | \$35.00 |
| Royals reimbursement | |
| Fall Seminar - Prepaid | |
| Refund from Merchant Account | |
| Receipts from Activity | <u>\$465.00</u> |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$470.78</u> |
| <u>Disbursements:</u> | |
| August Luncheon - Manny's | \$392.80 |
| SeptLuncheon Down Payment - Casino | \$0.00 |
| Checks 266/267 | \$72.21 |
| Credit Card Fees | \$92.55 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$557.56</u> |
| Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period | (\$86.78) |
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| Ending Book Balance | <u>\$12,525.42</u> |
| August 31, 2010 | <u>\$12,525.42</u> |
| Less Petty Cash | (\$100.00) |
| Credit Card Payment - In-Transit Fall Seminar | |
| Check in Transit-National Donation | \$100.00 |
| July Credit Payment not yet Processed | |
| Adjustments Book to Bank | <u>\$12,525.42</u> |
| Bank Balance | <u>\$12,525.42</u> |

Chapter Executive Committee—Program Year 2010–2011

| Position | Name | Work Phone | Email Address |
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| President | Oscar Williams | 816-997-6939 | Oscar.williams2@va.gov |
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Regional & National Page

This message is sent on behalf of AGA Immediate Past National President Billy Morehead

Dear AGA Chapter Officers 2009-2010:

Please consider the opportunity of serving as an AGA Regional Vice President (RVP). If you are a member in good standing and if you have already served as an AGA Chapter Officer for at least one year by July 2011, then you are QUALIFIED!

I know this e-note will go out to many who have already served on a national level. Maybe you can think about serving again. And to those of you who have not already served on a national level - please consider it! This is an exceptional opportunity to travel (RVPs travel to each chapter in their region) to connect with other national leaders, and to expand your leadership experience.

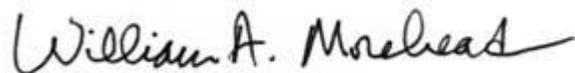
If you want more information, please visit AGA's website at:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/about/governance/>

Or, contact me and I can send you the information. I can even put you in contact with past RVPs who can tell you about their experiences and can tell you more about the commitment.

JOIN THE TEAM THAT'S LEADING YOUR PROFESSION INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

Best,



William A. Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA

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2010-2011 Nominating Committee Chair

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National is still seeking nominees to serve in leadership positions.

Members Are Invited to Accept the Challenge of AGA National and Regional Leadership

AGA's National Nominating Committee is currently seeking members for volunteer leadership positions as:

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services - Section III
- Senior Vice President At-Large
- Fifteen Regional Vice Presidents (RVP)-Elect

Term

The three-year terms begin July 1, 2011.

Qualifications and Eligibility

To serve in any of these positions, candidates must be AGA members in good standing and have professional backgrounds for each position. Persons serving as National President, National President-Elect, National Treasurer, National Treasurer-Elect, Senior Vice President, and Regional Vice President may not serve concurrently in any other elective Association office, except the National Executive Committee. Other qualifications apply.

Submissions

All submissions will be forwarded to the National Nominating Committee, which will choose the slate of candidates. Nominations are due **Friday, Oct. 29, 2010**.

Please note that since the committee often receives more than one nomination per position, not every nominee will be selected. Candidates for elective office are reminded that the National Bylaws do not permit campaigning for elective office. Additionally, only ONE nomination per candidate is necessary and candidates should not solicit additional nominations. Also, the committee will not recognize endorsements of candidates.

For More Information

If you are interested in serving or know of potential leaders, please [click here](#) for a Nominations Brochure that contains information about position terms, qualifications and eligibility, a list of Sections/Regions/Chapters, and National Officer Nomination Form. Or, contact [Louise Kapelewski](#), Nominating Committee staff liaison, at the National Office at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 321.