

# The Kansas City Courier

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Reaching New Heights

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving! Since we will not be having a training luncheon in December, I will see you next year. Have a joyful Holiday Season!

The AGA Fall Seminar, just like in prior years, brought together dynamic speakers and multiple interesting topics to provide a day of excellent training. We had 67 to attend. If you were not there, don't fret, you will have an opportunity to be at our upcoming Spring seminar in April. The Chapter would like to express our gratitude to our partner, Becker Professional Education, for their presence and assistance in providing the seminar.

We've had an outstanding year thus far, and I am looking forward to 2011. Our main goal for the rest of this program year will be to get our officers for the upcoming program year. Our new program year begins June 2011 and ends in May 2012. It is important that we have a standing Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to facilitate chapter activities during the next program year. In order for the chapter to remain vibrant, active, and have a smooth transition, we need you as dedicated accountability professionals to serve on the CEC. We need members to fill the following positions:

**Chapter Officers**

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

**Chapter Directors:**

- Awards Chair
- By-Laws/procedures Chair
- CGFM Chair
- Community Service Chair
- Communication/Newsletter Editor Chair
- Publicity Sub-chair
- Liaison for Other Professional Organizations Sub-chair
- Historian Sub-Chair
- Education/Professional Development Chair
- Membership Chair
- Early Careers Sub-chair
- Program Chair
- Meeting Chair
- Website Chair

The President's and Immediate Past President's positions are filled by the current President-Elect and current President respectively. Chapter officers serve a one year term and directors serve no more than two years as the same committee chair. We need new officers and directors because most of our current officers have served their term. Please let one of the following members know what committee you would like to serve on for the next program year:

- James Kirk, President-Elect, 816-389-3853, [James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil](mailto:James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil)
- Laura Logan, Immediate Past President, 816-823-4530, [Laura.Logan@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:Laura.Logan@kcc.usda.gov)
- Rhonda Lucas, Secretary, 816-926-7935, [Rhonda.Lucas@one.usda.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Lucas@one.usda.gov)
- Oscar Williams, President, 816-728-8208, [Oscar.Williams2@va.gov](mailto:Oscar.Williams2@va.gov)

**Oscar Williams, CGFM  
Chapter President**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### **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!

<b>Seth Boehmer</b>	<b>GSA</b>
<b>Eric Clevenger</b>	<b>City of Kansas City, MO</b>
<b>Larry Durant</b>	<b>USDA</b>
<b>Deborah Jenkins</b>	<b>City of Kansas City, MO</b>
<b>Malou Nasto</b>	<b>City of Kansas City, MO</b>
<b>Barry Owens</b>	<b>Morgan Franklin</b>
<b>Suzanne Polys</b>	<b>City of Kansas City, MO</b>
<b>Marcy Randall</b>	<b>Becker Professional Education</b>
<b>Maureen Rogers</b>	<b>City of Olathe, KS</b>
<b>Kristi Young</b>	<b>City of Kansas City, MO</b>

### **AGA National Membership News!**

Remember to log in to the National website <http://www.agacgfm.org> and update your profiles with correct addresses before Dec. 31, 2010 for a chance to win one of three Amazon Kindles. In addition any member that has sponsored 6 new members into AGA since May will earn free membership.

### **Challenges – Climbing to New Heights with AGA!**

The Kansas City AGA Chapter would like to remind you of the sponsorship of this year's AGA Membership Opportunity – *Challenges – Climbing to New Heights with AGA!*

We have only two more months, January and February, to 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 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](mailto:Constance.Smith@kcc.usda.gov) with any questions about membership.



# Training Opportunity!!!

## Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting & Budgeting

Hosted by the Des Moines Chapter AGA

This course is designed for Financial management professionals who want to learn about or refresh their understanding of governmental accounting, financial reporting and budgeting, and how it differs from private sector financial activities. Learn about the unique aspects of accounting and reporting for the federal government as well as state and local governments. **This course is also an aide in studying for the 2nd CGFM Exam.** Course materials/study guides will be provided to each participant.

To learn more information, select course number 5602 at:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/instructorcourses.aspx>

This is a three day course worth 24 CPE in the field of Governmental Accounting. The course will be offered on February 21st—February 23rd, 2011 in the Grant Room of the Jessie M. Parker Building in Des Moines. The course is being offered at a cost of \$400 for members and \$475 for non-members.

A minimum of 20 participants is required before the course can be offered. Space is limited to 35 for this program, so register early. **The first 10 individuals to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for the 2nd CGFM exam at no charge.**

To sign up for the course, please go to <http://desmoinescgfm.eventbrite.com>. There is no cost for signing up through our online system as it is only to reserve your spot. However, to participate in the class, you must send your check and a copy of your online confirmation to: Association of Government Accountants, Des Moines Chapter, PO Box 6034, Des Moines, IA 50309. **You are not considered registered until payment is received.** Registration must be received by December 31, 2010. Hand delivered payments will not be accepted.

For more information (including hotel listings), contact Natalie Storm at 515-281-8047.

(Refunds will not be given on an individual basis, however a substitution is allowed. If the course must be cancelled due to lack of participation, a full refund will be given to each individual. In the event of inclement weather, the course will be postponed to a later date.)



## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

### Call for National Awards Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for 13 national awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Atlanta, **July 10-13**. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due by **April 15**. Read the complete list of available awards and download nomination forms. For more information, contact [Louise Kapelewski](mailto:Louise.Kapelewski@agacpa.org).

**I would like to remind members that they earn points for the Member of the Year Award Race for attendance at monthly meetings, serving as a committee or board members, sponsoring guests and new members, serving as a speaker or panel member during our events, participating in our community service projects, and/or publishing articles in any of our trade magazines.**

**Michelle Holland, [Michelle.Holland@jocogov.org](mailto:Michelle.Holland@jocogov.org)**

**CEC, Awards**

### AGA Fall Seminar & Future Luncheon Meeting News

The AGA Fall Seminar was a Big Success with a variety of topics and speakers that covered auditing, accounting, customer service and ethics. There were "take-aways" and good to know information that I know I would not have gotten without attending the Training Seminar. Leeanna Wilder, outdid herself, as the Seminar flowed smoothly due to her excellent preparation. A Big THANK YOU to Leeanna!

Speaking of training, please note that the Association of Government Accountant's Professional Development Seminar will be **July 10-13, 2011**, *Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Future* and held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA. Please consider this event when planning your future training needs. It is an excellent opportunity to network with others in the resource management field.

No December 2010 meeting is planned. However, please mark your calendars for the January 2011 meeting with our speaker from the U.S. Attorney's (Western Missouri District) Office speaking on civil cases of note which will probably include an update on mortgage fraud, etc.

For February 2011, H & R Block Tax preparers have provided us updates on tax law change and we plan to have them speak with us again. We look forward to these annual events as they give a good overview of tax law changes and use plain English and working examples to illustrate changes that are new for the 2010 tax year. While this is not an exhaustive discussion it serves to help us know about significant changes and ideas that we may share with others. As AGA members we are expected to "know about these things" and attending the February AGA meeting is an excellent way to keep informed. I hope to see you there.

**Jim Kirk, CGFM, [James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil](mailto:James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil)**

**CEC, Meeting Co-Chair**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Member of the Year Award - Cumulative Points</b>
Kirk, James	260
Kohler, Carla	250
Logan, Laura	250
Holland, Michelle	240
Williams, Oscar	240
Brandt, Mark	225
Thatch, Charlene	210
Petrie, Howard	200
Smith, Constance	200
Williams, Rusty	200
Eikman, Tonya	195
Given, Erin	190
Hudon, Pat	190
Melloy, Michael	190
Wilder, Leeanna	190
White, Gary	185
Agee, Shannon	175
Miller, William	175
Breashears, Susan	165
Lucas, Rhonda	150
Curran, John	125
Doerr, Steve	125
Graham, Lashena	125
Hensley, Lauren	125
Kelley, Joyce (Myrna)	115
Bell, Steven	100
Melody Bingham	100
Bree, Kerri	100
Ellis, Maria	100
Healy, Nancy	100
Henry, Tami	100
Kaps, Anne	100
Kleffner, Ken	100
Smith, Lynn	100

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

<u>Bank Account Balance October 31, 2010</u>	
Primary Share Acct	\$1,526.31
Signature Checking	\$2,957.84
6MTH Classic CD	\$7,189.20
Total Account Balance	<u>\$11,673.35</u>
<u>Beginning Book Balance:</u>	
Book Bal. September, 2010	\$11,417.59
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Interest Income:	
Savings	\$0.32
Certificate of Deposit	\$5.47
Total Other Receipts	<u>\$5.79</u>
October Luncheon	\$310.00
Refund from Merchant Account	
Fall Seminar - Prepaid	\$240.00
Deposit	\$55.00
<u>Receipts from Activity</u>	<u>\$605.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$610.79</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
October Luncheon - Cascones	\$95.83
Gift Cards	\$160.00
Gift Flowers - Jay's wife	\$54.20
Credit Card Fees	\$45.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$355.03</u>
<u>Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period</u>	\$255.76
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<u>Ending Book Balance</u>	
<u>October 31, 2010</u>	<u>\$11,673.35</u>
Less Petty Cash	(\$100.00)
Credit Card Payment - In-Transit Fall Seminar	
Check in Transit-National Donation	\$100.00
October Credit Payment not yet Processed	
<u>Adjustments Book to Bank</u>	<u>\$11,673.35</u>
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$11,673.35</b>

## Chapter Executive Committee—Program Year 2010–2011

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