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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reaching New Heights



We are into the Spring season which brings about warmer weather, change, and growth. The horizon looks great for the rest of this program year. May has become our CPE month, so earn them all, up to 15 CPEs. Our Spring Seminar was held May 3rd, an event that fosters professional growth, networking and sharing information among government and non-government professionals.

Our National Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) will be May 12th- 14th in Dallas, TX. To gain insight on National's thoughts and plans for our next program year, we have four members from our Chapter's Executive Committee attending the SLM.

We had a wonderful walk for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The weather was a bit cold, and we didn't have many members there. We didn't have a regular monthly meeting in April to give you the chance to participate through donations. Our next monthly meeting will be May 17th at the Ameristar Casino (East of I-435) and you will have an opportunity to make a cash/check donation payable to "MS Walk" at that time. Any donations you can make will increase the Chapters' participation in this Community Service and help in the research and cure for MS.

Also, join us at the Sprint Center on May 31st for the "Get Motivated Business Seminar." Earn 6 CPEs at no cost if registered and go with our local AGA group. See the flyer in this newsletter for details.

We are looking to have a great time in June at our awards ceremony. We will be handing over the gavel to our incoming Chapter president.

Just a reminder, our National Professional Development Conference (PDC) will be July 10th-13th in Atlanta, GA. Mark your calendars and join us. More information is included in this newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming CGFM certified, go to our national website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx> and contact our CGFM Chairperson, Carla Kohler at Kohler.Carla@epamail.epa.gov.

I look forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming events.

Oscar Williams, CGFM
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Advancing Government Accountability



Government needs leaders. Leaders like you: young people with brains, energy and creativity. The opportunities have never been better for a challenging and rewarding job in government financial management. For one thing, they're hiring!

Did you know that 44 percent of all federal workers will become eligible to retire over the next five years? Or that in more than half the states, one in five employees will be retiring over the same time period? That's a lot of job openings. Massive turnover is not only possible, but likely as Baby Boomers leave the work force.

The federal government, for one, is trying to become a more flexible and more competitive employer, offering telecommuting or part-time options. You don't have to be channeled into a traditional career path when you work for government.

And think about this: Government agencies don't just give lip service to diversity; they practice it, valuing minorities and those with disabilities. Pay is better than you think and advancement opportunities come quickly. Some governments will help you repay your student loans; some pay for continuing education and certification.

Governments need sharp financial minds, and not only for traditional audit and accounting functions. Finance managers are becoming more and more valued as key members of decision-making teams, assessing how agencies are performing, helping managers operate their programs more efficiently, and transforming government processes through technology.

Citizens who rely on government services—and that means all of us—will suffer if jobs are not filled with top talent. Start exploring the huge range of ways you can serve the public. Public policies play out in the real world: Be a part of it!

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Please contact Connie at Constance.Smith@kcc.usda.gov with any questions about membership.



May AGA Luncheon Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Ameristar Casino, Prairie Room, East of I-435, Kansas City, MO, (816) 414-7000, Choose from Buffet Items

Speaker: Anne Swafford, Adjunct Professor with Park College, M.P.A & Certified Mediator

Topic: Public Administration with Mediation

Cost: \$15 for members \$20 for non-members

To make reservations please call or e-mail Jim Kirk before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2011.

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Jim Kirk 816-389-3853

James.H.Kirk@usace.army.mil

Credit cards are accepted at the meeting or when making reservations.

Because the chapter must pay for the number of meals reserved, please notify Jim 24 hours in advance if you will not be able to attend the luncheon. Failure to cancel reservations in advance will be charge the price of the meal at the next meeting attended. If you need special accommodations, please notify Jim.

COMING TO
KANSAS CITY!

GET MOTIVATED!
BUSINESS SEMINAR

COMING TO
KANSAS CITY!



All Speakers Live and In Person - All In One Day!
Sprint Center, 1407 Grand Blvd.
Tuesday, May 31, 2011 – 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM



The AGA Kansas City Chapter is hosting a group to attend the Get Motivated! Business Seminar on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. AGA will provide Get Motivated! Tickets and Workbooks for all registered AGA attendees.

Featured speakers are Joe Montana, Laura Bush, General Colin Powell, and Rudy Giuliani, to name a few. For more information on speakers and topics go to www.getmotivated.com and follow the links for the Kansas City event.

An event like this only comes to our city about every 3 years, so don't miss this chance. CPEs available from the Chapter for attendance to this event.

Please RSVP to Mike Melloy at Michael.Melloy@gsa.gov by no later than May 6, 2011 (we will need to provide a headcount to receive tickets by mail).

We will meet at 6:30 AM to distribute tickets the day of the event by the Sprint Box Offices, window number 7 (Grand Blvd. side) to get parking and good seats.

Chapter Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting April 12, 2011

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

Meeting was opened by President Oscar Williams discussing the Spring Professional Development Seminar to be held at Johnson County Community College on May 3rd. Leeanna is asking for help in the preparation of the seminar for the following:

- 1) Create and make copies of the feedback survey
- 2) Stuff envelopes the morning of the seminar
- 3) Breaking out the CPE total and credits for the certificate (Connie and Laura volunteered to help)
- 4) Decorations for table. These will be give-aways to attendees. (Rhonda volunteered to help)
- 5) Sign-in table

Oscar stated he will bring the two banners. We also Becker being a sponsor of the event. We also talked about Becker's desires of having a table setup inside the conference room. Leeanna needs to see if this is possible.

Laura mentioned we need to provide gift cards for the speakers.

Awards were next on the topic. We will accept nominations until April 15th. There are currently two tied for the Membership Award. It was moved and seconded to provide awards to both members. The vote was unanimous to provide both awards. The presentation of the awards will be at the June meeting. It was recommended we contact the award recipients early to gain attendance for the luncheon as no CPE's will be offered due to the award presentation.

Pat Hudon, Treasurer, stated we had \$11,412 in checking, savings and the Certificate of Deposit. We have received an additional \$1920 towards the Spring Seminar.

The Fall Professional Development Survey will be forthcoming from Oscar via e-mail. We discussed how to handle the survey for the Spring Seminar. Survey Monkey was mentioned and after some discussion decided not to pursue as the Executive Committee members felt we would receive better results if the evaluation form is completed during and after the seminar.

Mark Brandt, By-Laws, has provided a draft copy for the Executive Committee members to review. He will accept changes until April 30th.

Connie, Membership, spoke about the Chapter Survey. To date, 36 people have completed the survey. Items noted from the survey include: moving the monthly AGA luncheon back to Wednesday and members willing to donate time as an Executive Committee member. The survey cutoff date is April 15th; a reminder was sent by e-mail this week.

Chuck, Publicity and Website, stated AGA information is posted on several sites. The planned deployment date for the website is April 30th. We will post membership, community service events,

seminar, and luncheon dates/information along with pictures to promote our Chapter. He is looking for feedback to further improve the website. For the program year 2011-2012 Steve Bell, FSA, has volunteered to help on the website.

Carrie Miller, Community Service, spoke regarding the upcoming MS Walk event. The event will be held Saturday, April 16th at Black & Veatch in Overland Park. The 5K walk begins at 10 a.m. and welcomes everyone to attend. Donations will be accepted.

The SLM will be held mid May in Dallas, TX. AGA members planning to attend include Jim Kirk, Oscar Williams, Cari Miller and Barry Owens.

Oscar announced the PDC scholarship winners are Jim Kirk and Mike Melloy. The event will be held in Atlanta GA during July. Oscar will check to see if our Chapter has reserved the two rooms provided by National.

There was no new business.

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



Mark your calendar for **July 10–13, 2011** and make plans to join us in Hotlanta for AGA's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)—*the* premier education and networking event for government financial managers and accountability professionals. The theme for this year's conference is "Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Future."

The PDC is the authoritative source for the knowledge and contacts you need to succeed in today's constantly changing environment. Offering 24 CPE hours, the conference covers the latest research and information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment 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 a more effective leader.

In addition to an outstanding technical program, the conference features a numerous 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.

PDC 2011 will be bigger and better than ever! This event is packed with dynamic speakers, informative sessions and unparalleled opportunities to network. And now, everything you need to know about the agenda is available online. *Select the links below to view the preliminary agenda to see the list of speakers, session topics and networking events offered each day.*

- [Sunday Agenda](#)
- [Monday Agenda](#)
- [Tuesday Agenda](#)
- [Wednesday Agenda](#)



AGA's 60th Professional Development Conference & Expositions

July 10-13, 2011 • Atlanta, GA

VIDEO CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

Please complete and email this form to Jerome Bruce, AGA's Director of Meetings & Expositions at jbruce@agacfm.org when you have uploaded your video. **GOOD LUCK!**

Name	
Date	
Mailing Address	
E-mail	
Company / Organization	
Are you a member of AGA?	
Title of your video	
URL where video can be viewed	

**The contest closes on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 11:59 p.m., EDT.
Winners will be announced on or about June 3, 2011.**

I have read and understand the video contest rules for the 2011 PDC and hereby release my video for AGA's use as expressed in the video contest guidelines & rules.

Printed Name	
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TREASURER'S REPORT

**Treasurer's Report
AGA Kansas City Chapter
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Period Ending March 31, 2011**

<u>Bank Account Balance March 31, 2011</u>	
Primary Share Acct	\$1,527.87
Signature Checking	\$2,749.85
6MTH Classic CD	\$7,213.58
Total Account Balance	<u>\$11,491.30</u>
<u>Beginning Book Balance:</u>	
Book Bal. February 28, 2011,	\$11,412.75
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Interest Income:	
Savings	\$0.32
Certificate of Deposit	\$4.57
Total Other Receipts	<u>\$4.89</u>
Refund from Merchant Account	
Deposit	\$555.00
Deposit	\$85.00
Receipts from Activity	\$640.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$644.89</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Luncheon Deposit	\$0.00
Luncheon - Figlios	\$546.10
Credit Card Fees	\$20.24
CEC	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$566.34</u>
Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period	\$78.55
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<u>Ending Book Balance</u>	
<u>January 31, 2011</u>	<u>\$11,491.30</u>
Less Petty Cash	(\$100.00)
Check in Transit-National Donation	\$100.00
Adjustments Book to Bank	<u>\$11,491.30</u>
Bank Balance	<u>\$11,491.30</u>

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