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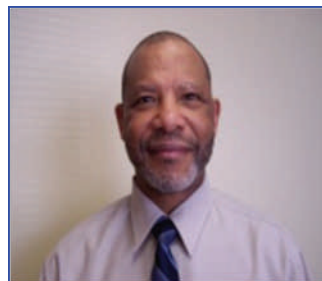
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reaching New Heights



Last month was very busy. I hope that you accomplished all your endeavors and that AGA was able to help you move closer to meeting your Continuing Professional Educational needs. The Chapter would like to give Mrs. Anne Swafford a huge thank you for speaking at our last training meeting. Useful resolution techniques in dealing with conflict in the work place, home, AGA committees, or dealing with others in general were discussed by Mrs. Swafford.

Our website is up and running at <http://www.kcaga-cgfm.org/index.html>. We thank those who have labored hard at this task. With technology, meeting AGA educational goals have been made easier with increased capabilities to communicate our services and to do greater things. Please go to our website once or twice a day for new information and to build our traffic count.

We are working on an agreement with Becker to provide an opportunity for our non-government members to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPEs) at a discount online through Becker. Once completed, the agreement will be announced to you jointly with Becker.

Following the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Dallas, we had a good time with the group gathering at the "Get Motivated Business Seminar" on May 31st here in Kansas City. We should be motivated and ready to kick off another program year. Well, in July, we will be off and running. First, we will take this month to recognize those who have contributed to the success of AGA, the Chapter's activities, and the financial community this year.

So, please come and join us at 11:30 A.M. on June 21, at Bo Ling's Restaurant for our awards program.

Don't forget about the AGA National Professional Development Conference in July.

Oscar Williams, CGFM
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AGA Kansas City Chapter Welcomes Our Newest Member!

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

Kimberlynn Outman

US Coast Guard

AGA members form a diverse group of individuals—from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials—working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms. With 90 chapters, there are numerous ways for you to become involved with other government financial management professionals.

Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

AGA Member Types

Full Government Member: This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$90/year

Private Sector Member: This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$150/year

Early Career Member: This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. \$45/year

Student Member: This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30/year

Retired: This class of membership is available to those members who have retired and is available at \$30/year. Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out more about our retired membership category.

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



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS



June AGA Luncheon Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Bo Ling's, 4800 Main Street, Kansas City, MO, in the Kansas City Board of Trade Building

Speaker: Oscar Williams, President, AGA, Kansas City Chapter

Topic: Awards & Upcoming Chapter Events

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, June 17, 2011.

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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.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS CONTINUED

The SLM

June is here and a new program year is upon us. Last month, May 12th-14th, at the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) in Dallas, National and Regional Representatives congratulated the Chapters on their accomplishments for the year. They also introduced some changes and challenges for the upcoming year. As things change over time, National has made significant progress toward updating its strategic plan.

National would like to place increased emphasis on promoting AGA's Citizen Centric Report. National wants each chapter to establish a new chair, the Accountability Chair. The Accountability Chair will serve as the coordinator for promoting the Citizen Centric Report (CCR) to surrounding county and city governments. As James Kirk, the Chapter's incoming President, has stated, the first CCR due National is our Chapter CCR. So, if you are interested in taking the lead as Accountability Chairperson, please let Jim know.

As always, National and Regional coordinators talked about communication and leadership expectations at the Chapter level. Other initiatives include improving regional and chapter communications through the use of new technology and media. National reminded everybody that national conference call numbers are available if needed.

National is nearing the launching of its new website. Look for changes in appearance, navigation, and ease of obtaining real-time information and services (including immediate output of membership info).

Another big topic was the expectations for Chapter leaders and providing the opportunity for members to grow by serving as chapter and regional leaders.

Each year our chapter will have Chapter Executive Committee positions to fill. Leadership opportunities will always come around. After this year, we will need a Newsletter person. If you are interested, please talk to Jim or our current Communication/Newsletter Chair, Mary Eckart. You can work with Mary this year in preparation for doing the newsletter next year.

We had our usual Regional workshop where regional vice presidents meet with chapter reps to discuss goals and expectations. The workshop includes a discussion of regional and chapter issues and concerns, Chapter best practices, Chapter officers for the next year, and assistance from regional officers. Regional issues and concerns focused on developing the Accountability chair.

Best practice talk covered audio conferences options, early careers activities, and membership recruitment. Other Chapters had success with ordering audio conference CDs. This allowed for easy scheduling and better quality in presentations. In reference to webinars, National has issues with how to validate actual participation. Chapters are still having issues with audio conference presentations.

In building up Early Careers membership, other chapters have been very active with local universities and colleges, meeting with accounting professors, getting opportunities to speak at job fairs, offering scholarships, and free membership.

The second day, we had workshops for various chapter committees: Education, Certification, Membership, Accountability and Tips for running a successful chapter. We left Dallas at about mid-day to get back to Kansas City.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS CONTINUED

CPE Opportunities

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Heartland Chapter

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Heartland Chapter will be holding their 2011 Annual Fraud Seminar on June 20 & 21st at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This year's speakers and agenda should be fantastic. Registration is going on now, so please send your forms in today (or register online at www.heartlandcfe.com)

The American Society of Women Accountants

One of our AGA members has made us aware of a CPE opportunity that may be of interest to fellow accountants. The American Society of Women Accountants is holding a conference on July 15 and 16. There will be 12 hours CPEs available at the conference which will be at the Memorial Union on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames, Iowa.

Early bird registration ends June 11. More information about speakers will be available on this web site soon. Information for this conference is at: <http://www.amesaswa.org/regConference.asp> or contact Denise Ragias, Consultant, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319, 515-281-4741 (office), denise.ragias@iowa.gov, www.iowa.gov/educate



HEY KANSAS CITY AGA

YOUR CHAPTER IS BACK ONLINE!!

VISIT OUR NEW

WEBSITE @ www.kcaga-cgfm.org

The Website will allow you to:

- Check on the latest happenings
- Locate the phone number for any of your Chapter Executive Committee members
 - Find the current and archived Newsletters
- Check to see if your picture from a recent event is online (See “About Us”)
- Find quick links to AGA National sites of interest



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.

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