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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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President's Message

This is my final President's message as AGA-Kansas City Chapter President. It has been my privilege and honor to have served the Kansas City Chapter for the last almost 2 years. I appreciate working with such a dedicated and supportive leadership team, the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members made it easy to lead.

We got notice from AGA's National Office that the Kansas City Chapter will receive the Platinum Award for the second year in a row. This is a high honor for us as a Chapter and it could not have been achieved without every-one's support and dedication to the mission and goals of our Chapter. The award will be presented at the AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Dallas, Texas.

Barry Owens will be serving as the Chapter President starting July 1st for the 2013-2014 program year. Barry recently joined USDA after working in the private sector. Barry's enthusiasm and sense of humor will be of great service to our Chapter. I look forward to even greater accomplishments under his leadership.

We have some new members to our CEC, please be sure to welcome Leeanna Wilder as President elect, Connie Walton as Secretary, Maria Ellis and Melody Bingham as Early Careers Co-Chairs, Jacob Nicholls as CGFM Co-ordinator, Pamela Yancey as Awards Chair and Casey Thomas, Seminars Co-Coordinator. I want to extend the Chapter's appreciation for the following outgoing members of the CEC:

- Michelle Holland, Awards Chair,
- Carla Kohler, CGFM Chair,
- Leeanna Wilder, Early Career Chair, and
- Carrie Miller, Secretary.

They have served our chapter in many capacities and some still serve in other positions.

I hope to serve the AGA in other capacities in the future and will continue to be on the CEC Leadership team as Past-President, but for now I get to take some time off from Chapter leadership.

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Don't forget to visit us at:

<http://www.kcaga-cgfm.org/>

Or join us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/agakc>



Meeting & Luncheon Information-Wednesday, June 19, 2013

The Kansas City Chapter of the AGA is proud to offer its monthly professional development luncheon at Grand Street Cafe. Lunch for the June meeting will be a choice of Prime Rib Tacos, Chicken Ciabatta with fries, or Lite Bites (grilled vegetables with hummus, goat cheese, and pita bread). Please join us and let Connie Smith know of your choice when making your reservation.

Honored Speaker: Bill Medley, Public Affairs , Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Time: Wednesday, June 19, 2013
11:30-1:00

Subject: The History of Central Banking in the United States and the Current Role of the Federal Reserve in Today's Economy
(1 CPE Finance)

Location: Grand Street Café
4740 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64112

Cost: \$20.00 Members
\$25.00 Non-Members

Reservations: Please call Connie Smith 816-926-3646 or e-mail constance.smith@kcc.usda.gov before 4:00 PM Friday, June 14th.

Current members are always encouraged to invite non-members to the luncheons to help them to get their feet wet. Look for individuals who are interested in advancing their careers by learning more through the AGA learning opportunities our chapter offers.

CGFM Training

If your new year's resolution included becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager, then mark your calendars. Course 2, Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting will be offered November 12-14 at the Harry S. Truman State Office Building Room 493/494 in Jefferson City, MO. Space is limited for the program, so register early. The first 10 CGFM candidates to register with payment received will receive a voucher to sit for one part of the CGFM exam at no charge which is a \$109 savings. The training is being offered at a cost of \$450 per attendee. This is a bargain at \$18.75 per CPE hour, which includes the \$89 study guides. No payment is expected at this time-only commitment to the event. Sign up by contacting Vandee DeVore at 573-751-1987 or email at education@midmoaga.org no later than September 16, 2013.

CPEs Online

You can earn CPEs online through the AGA's national website. Once you are on the home page, click on the Events & CPE tab and go to Earn CPE Online. You will receive instructions on how to earn additional CPEs online and all you have to do is read the quarterly journal of Government Financial Management and take a quiz on what you have read. There is a fee of \$30 per quiz or you can buy a package of 4 quizzes for \$109. Please take note, you only get one chance on the quiz. If you fail, no CPEs will be awarded. For more detailed information, please go to the national website at www.agacgfm.org/.



Membership/Community Service

Membership

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 **\$90/year**

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 to the improvement of government financial management.

Private Sector Member **\$150/year**

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.

Early Career Member **\$45/year**

This class of membership is for those who work in private or public sector jobs with less than three years of professional experience.

Student Member **\$30/year**

This class of membership is available to college/university students.

Retired **\$30/year**

This class of membership is available to those members who have retired. Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out more about our retired membership category.

Please contact Alisha Dolt at alisha.dolt@oig.usda.gov with any questions about membership.

Community Service

AGA-KC has reached out to the Oklahoma City AGA chapter to seek a family impacted by the recent Oklahoma tornadoes that we can provide support to. We will email information on this community service project once we receive information from the OKC chapter.

Influence Insights From the Life of Jackie Robinson

By Dr. John Maxwell

“A life is not [significant] except in the impact it has on other lives.” Jackie Robinson

The recent film, 42, tells the story of Jackie Robinson becoming the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. The talent, bravery, and poise he displayed helped to bring about the desegregation of professional sports in the United States. In breaking the color barrier in baseball, the life of Jackie Robinson offers valuable insights on the nature of influence.

INFLUENCE INSIGHTS

1) Leadership is influence. Manipulating others, forcing people to do your bidding, arbitrarily granting privileges to some people while excluding others—none of these behaviors represents legitimate influence. I agree with Harry A. Overstreet, “The very essence of all power to influence lies in getting the other person to participate.” Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, broke down barriers to participation in a very meaningful way by inviting Jackie Robinson to try out for his team. Rickey leveraged his personal leadership and resources so that Robinson could have the opportunity to play.

2) With influence comes responsibility.

On one occasion, after speaking at a conference, a man congratulated me. “John,” he said, “it must be so exciting getting to speak to thousands of people like you do.” He was right...in part. Leadership is extremely gratifying, but it’s also incredibly burdensome to feel the weight of responsibility. Jackie Robinson must have been thrilled to be playing baseball on the sport’s biggest stage. Yet, I cannot imagine the intense pressure he must have felt to perform well on behalf of everyone hoping that his success would promote the cause of racial equality in America.

3) Our influence with others is either positive or negative.

When Jackie Robinson first came to the Brooklyn Dodgers, some of the players circulated a petition threatening to boycott the organization as long as Robinson was on their team. As the team’s star player, Pee Wee Reese could not remain neutral on the matter. He knew everyone would be looking to him for leadership. Despite having grown up in then-segregated Louisville, Kentucky, Reese refused to sign the petition. In fact, when the Dodgers took an early-season road trip to Cincinnati, Reese made a point to put his arm around Robinson in a public gesture of friendship and acceptance.

4) Influencers add value to others.

Jackie Robinson gained influence on account of the tremendous value he added to the Dodgers baseball team. He was a good hitter, solid fielder, and his amazing speed on the bases made it incredibly difficult for opposing pitchers to concentrate. The specific benefits he provided to the team opened the door for him to have a broader influence on culture.

5) Influencing others is a choice.

Influence starts on the “inside” and then spreads to the “outside.” It comes about, not as a result of what happens to you, but due to what happens in you. When you have decided who you are, and what you stand for, then it’s far easier to have positive influence. Before ever setting foot in a Major League baseball stadium, Jackie Robinson made a commitment not to retaliate to any taunts or insults. Having pre-decided how he would conduct himself on the field, Robinson later was able to maintain his composure despite the vicious racial slurs heaped upon him.

There are people whose feelings and well-being are within our influence, and we will never escape that fact. Who are you responsible for as a leader? In what ways can you add value to their lives? I invite you to share your thoughts on how to successfully manage the burdens associated with leadership.

This article was obtained from <http://www.johnmaxwell.com/products-resources/free-resources/>

CEC Minutes

AGA-KC Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2013

EPA headquarters

In attendance were: Michael Melloy, Barry Owens, Sean Rathman, Harry E. Heflin, Leeanna Wilder, Rhonda Lucas, Connie Smith, Chuck Koelsch, Steven E. Bell, Carrie Miller, Maria Ellis, Melody Bingham, Connie Walton and Casey Thomas.

President:

- The new CEC members Maria Ellis, Melody Bingham, Connie Walton and Casey Thomas were welcomed.
- A planning and appreciation meeting will be held in June. The 2013-2014 CEC members will assume their offices during this meeting.

Membership:

- The results of the membership survey were read. A few of the highlights on the survey were the following:
 - The Plaza is the best location for lunches.
 - 70% of membership do not plan on taking the CGFM next year.
 - 25% of those planning on taking the CGFM next year would like to participate in a group study review.
 - Most members would like ethics as a topic for seminar.
- An email was sent to all who have not renewed their membership.
- It was discussed calling members who have not renewed or distributing a letter.
- The CEC will continue to invite nonmembers to chapter activities.

Treasurer:

- A credit card cost breakout for PayPal, Merchant Credit Card Processing, The Square, and Intuit was presented.
- The AGA KC credit card contract is coming due in October.

Website:

- The website chair will coordinate a PayPal demo in June/July for both online and onsite options.
- A PayPal YouTube video will be provided prior to the PayPal demo.
- It was noted that some Federal agencies may not allow employees to pay via PayPal.

CEC Minutes-Continued

Website (continued):

- PayPal would allow users to pay for lunches and seminars prior to the event online.
- The website chair will inquire about receiving more than one onsite device.
- AGA-KC does not qualify for Google free service since it is not a 501(c)(3) organization.

President-Elect:

- Kansas City Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), Barry Owens the incoming President offered to give another CEC member the opportunity to experience the leadership and training opportunities available at the AGA's National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Dallas, TX.
- Leeanna will be attending as the President-elect for the new Chapter year and will be representing the chapter at the National Executive Committee meeting on Sunday.
- Leeanna may be driving to Dallas if she can carpool.
- The Chapter has one scholarship from National for the hotel cost (Saturday night to Wednesday night) and one Chapter scholarship for the registration cost. Both have been reserved. The substitute would need to make their own arrangements (through their work or personal) for travel and meals.
- Any CEC member attending would be representing the chapter and expected to attend all leadership training and meetings.
- A vote from the CEC on whether to allow a substitution of a CEC member for the President. A Yes vote is to allow a substitution, a No vote to not allow.
- After votes are tallied, the chapter President will be looking for anyone interested in attending on behalf of the chapter. In the event of multiple applicants, the three Presidents (Mike, Barry and Leeanna) will decide who will receive the scholarships.

Motion was made by Connie Smith and seconded by Barry Owens to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report
AGA Kansas City Chapter
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Month Ending April 30, 2013

Bank Account Balance April 30, 2013:

Freedom Checking	\$	13,091.03
Business Savings		7,518.18
<i>Total Bank Balance</i>	\$	20,609.21

Beginning Book Balance:

Book Balance March 31, 2013	\$	15,629.45
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Receipts:

Interest Income:

Savings		0.74
Total Interest	\$	0.74

Other Receipts:

Spring Seminar - CC Pmts		5,355.00
Total Other Receipts	\$	5,355.00

Total Receipts	\$	5,355.74
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Disbursements:

May Luncheon Deposit - Bo Lings		300.00
Managed Web Business, LLC (Chapter Website) - April		50.00
Credit Card fees - March		25.98

Total Disbursements	\$	375.98
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<u>Net fund from Transactions/(Loss) for period</u>	\$	4,979.76
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Ending Book Balance

April 30, 2013	\$	20,609.21
Credit Card fees - April		(165.06)
Membership Drawing		(90.00)
Spring Seminar (JCCC and Sup-		(3,554.84)
Spring Seminar Cash Pmts		1,020.00
Adjusted Balance	\$	17,819.31

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