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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We have again selected Toys For Tots as our service agency this fall. All change and donations received will be matched by the Chapter and donated to the organization.

The AGA Webinars have been greatly improved recently and AGA is promising to keep the quality at a high level. We were extremely pleased with the Sept 13 event on Auditing. We are trying the webinars with and without lunch to see what works best for you.

I appreciate your ideas and suggestions for programs this year and hope you will continue to keep those ideas coming. Let me know what we can do to focus on your professional needs.



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# AGA Upcoming Training Events

Note that many events are available either in-person or via your computer system. For more information visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

## TOPEKA WEBINARS

### **December 6, 2017 Accounting and Financial Auditing Challenges / Best Practices CPE 2**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50

### **January 10, 2018 Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information CPE 2**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50

### **February 7, 2018 Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities CPE 2**

Topeka, KS / Jayhawk / Florentine Room

Registration and Lunch 12:15

Webinar 1:00—2:50

## Major Training Events

Sign up online at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

### **Financial Systems Summit - Discussing federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment**

January 17, 2018 Washington, DC CPE 6

Virtual Option Available

### **2018 National Leadership Training - Developing and Training Government Financial Professionals to Excel as Leaders**

February 27 - 28 Washington, DC CPE 14

Virtual Option Available

### **National AGA Professional Development Training**

July 22 - 25, 2018 Orlando, FL CPE 24

Virtual Option Available

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# TOYS 4 TOTS



Our community service efforts for the final quarter of the year will be focused on assistance to the Toys For Tots.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity, is the authorized fundraising and support organization for the Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation provides the funding and support needed for successful annual toy collection and distribution campaigns. The Foundation staff is headquartered in the Cooper Center located just outside the main gate of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, about 35 miles south of Washington, DC.

Local campaigns are conducted annually in over 700 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve has under his command 153 Reserve Units located in 47 states. To cover all 50 states and more communities in each state, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation selects Marine Corps League Detachments and Local Community Organizations (generally veteran Marines) located in communities without a Marine Reserve Center, to conduct Toys for Tots campaigns as part of the overall U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

While Toys for Tots Coordinators organize, coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys.

**AGA offers virtual attendance for many of its national events. Virtual attendance allows those with limited travel budgets to participate and earn CPE.**

## **Why Choose the Virtual Attendee Option?**

- **No travel required** — Watch key educational sessions in the comfort and convenience of your home or office.
- **Participate despite busy schedule or budget restraints** — virtual attendance offers a full-scale online educational experience.
- **Earn CPEs** — General sessions and selected popular breakout sessions are available via live-stream.
- **On-demand recordings** — Virtual attendees have access to on-demand session recordings for up to one year after the event at no additional cost. No need to alter your



Association of Government  
Accountants  
Professional Lecture Series



**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

## Accounting & Financial Auditing Challenges / Best Practices

PROFESSIONAL LECTURE SPEAKERS: Wendy Payne, MPA, CGFM, CPA, Executive Director, FASAB and Anne Sit-Williams, CPA, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO

As identified in the numerous surveys, peer review reports, and inspection results produced by various accounting and audit groups, there are indications that practitioners are still trying to identify ways to effectively deal with many challenges that arise during the audit. During this webinar, the speakers will highlight a few of the challenges faced during financial statement audits of government agencies and discuss relevant standards and other resources that may be considered in addressing these challenges.

**CPE CREDIT: 2 HOURS**

*(State boards have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit.)*

**LOCATION:** Jayhawk Bldg - Florentine Room  
7<sup>th</sup> & Jackson; Topeka, Kansas

**REGISTRATION & LUNCH** 12:15 pm ~ 1:00 pm

**EVENT:** Lecture: 1:00 pm ~ 2:50 pm

**REGISTRATION FEE\***

MEMBERS:	\$25
NON-MEMBERS:	\$40
MEDIA	Free (photo ID required)
FULL-TIME STUDENTS	Free (photo ID required)

*\*Registration includes lunch*

*Upcoming 2 CPE Webinar Events:*

*Jan 10 ~ Grants Management*

*Feb 7 ~ Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities*

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF AGA TO ATTEND**

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**Register by emailing to [topekachapter@agaks.org](mailto:topekachapter@agaks.org)**

**We look forward to seeing you on December 6th**



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Topeka Chapter  
09/20/2017**

2017 – 2018

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**Members Present:**

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM,  
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Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Bloom, MBA

**Meeting Location:** Norsemen Brewery; North Kansas Avenue; 5:15 PM

- ❖ Discussed minutes of 08/22, corrections noted for spelling/add chapter titles on meeting minutes heading, approved as amended.
- ❖ Financials: Hand-off to Amy. Adding Amy to bank signatures next week. Income statement/Budget Summary reviewed. File 990 and SOS report on 9/25/17. September PLS revenue \$350 with loose change contributions with match total \$9.24 to Race against Breast Cancer (RABC). Net Income for September \$17.74. Walt moved to approve the financials; seconded by Nicole. Discussed need for annual review of financials. Nicole will follow up with a source that can perform a review.
- ❖ Website/Newsletter Update: End of month is deadline for Newsletter material.
- ❖ Discussed email list for PLS new attendees.
- ❖ October 11<sup>th</sup> – Webinar/Speaker planned (4 hour CPE event) at the Water Treatment Plant. Discussed Nov 15<sup>th</sup> (Spotting Fraud in Your Organization) and Dec 6<sup>th</sup> (Best Practices: Auditing and QA) as good topics for upcoming PLS.
- ❖ Discussed need to gear up recruiting efforts – Dane Cook expressed interest in being involved.
- ❖ Chapter Recognition Program – review and get with Nicole on possible points.
- ❖ Social Event? – Need to increase Chapter activity to get more involved before planning a social.
- ❖ Other Discussions: Chapter History (reviewed last update from 2013-14).
- ❖ The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2017 and will be held at Norsemen Brewing at 5:15pm.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn by Nicole, seconded by Amy. Adjourned at 6:15pm.

# What is CGFM?



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

## What are the initial requirements?

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

[Ethics](#) — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*

[Education](#) — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

[Examinations](#) — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

[Experience](#) — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

## Maintaining CGFM Certification

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFM's must adhere to the AGA's [Code of Ethics](#). In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFM's must be in an active status.

### Active Status

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFM's are required to:

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFM's affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE Requirements](#).