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**Topeka Chapter**

# ***The News Flash!***

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Have you renewed your membership for the 2017—2018 year? Renewals are underway now. You can help save AGA some money by renewing electronically. I do it that way and it has worked great for me!

One way to take advantage of your membership is to participate in planning the activities of the organization. Join us at our Board meetings and see if it is of interest. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Norseman Brewing Company about 5:00 PM.



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# 2017 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).

## AGA Sponsored Education Events

### Professional Development Training

July 9–12 | Boston, MA or virtual | 24 CPEs

Also Available in Virtual Attendance

In-person training registration includes the opportunity to earn up to 24 CPE hours, entrance to the Exhibit Hall, all education sessions and official training event activities, three breakfasts, five refreshment breaks, three luncheons, three receptions and a registration tote bag.

#### More info on Registration:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT-2016/Registration.aspx#onsiteregistration>



# Upcoming Events for Topeka AGA

April 20, 2017 – 1 CPE

**Alan Conroy—Executive Director of the Kansas Public  
Employee Retirement System**

**Dianna Berry, KPERS Manager of Education and  
Training**

**Faith Loretto, KPERS 457 Plan Manager**



**Where are we today with KPERS, what elements are critical for us to plan our retirement, and what is all the talk about this KPERS 457 with Roth Option?**

KPERS has planned a triple whammy for us in April. Alan Conroy will introduce the topics for the day and provide an overview of the KPERS System—where things stand today. He will be followed by Dianna Berry to provide critical information for those planning a future retirement under KPERS. As you know, KPERS has started a new initiative, the KPERS 457 with a Roth Option. Faith Loretto will provide an overview of that program so you can identify the advantages for you and your family.

**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



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Topeka Chapter  
January 18, 2017

Members Present: Walt Darling, CPM; Nicole Malott, CGFM

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

- Δ Discussed minutes for October, November, and December. Nicole will review and note any needed changes.
- Δ Discussed our upcoming events. The February Ethics Training has D Scot Loyd presenting on Ethics. Walt has emailed the Board of Accountancy regarding the use of the CPE by Accountants. Susan, of the Board of Accountancy has approved the use of these CPE for CPAs. The March event has Katrin Osterhaus of LPO providing an overview of the IT audits conducted over the past 3 years by Post Audit. No event has yet been organized for April or May.
- Δ Walt noted that the December newsletter was completed and published on the website and distributed via email to the membership.
- Δ Discussion was held on the address for the new website. It was decided to use the URL that Louise at the national office provided - [www.kanagacpa.org](http://www.kanagacpa.org)
- Δ Nicole presented the Board with the December Monthly Financial Report. The only expenditures were \$117.23 for PLS Lunches and \$8.50 for the Loose Change donation. With revenues of 173.25, the Chapter showed a net gain of \$47.52 for the month.
- Δ Walt noted that the Chapter Recognition Program Credits had been reported to national AGA.
- Δ Nicole noted that she was in contact with Tina at Jayhawk Corner Café in regard to having treats and drinks ready for the February event. Discussion noted that we needed a formal announcement out soon.
- Δ The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017, and will be held at the Norseman Brewing company at approximately 5:00 PM.
- Δ The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

# State Agencies and Internet Security

## A Report on Three Years of Agency Audits

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This presentation was held in the Florentine Room of the Jayhawk Building on March 9, 2017. Our speaker, Katrin Osterhaus, provided us an overview of the process used by auditors and the results of the audits.

The primary purpose of the audits was to determine the ability of State agencies to avoid the embarrassment of many private companies that have been “hacked” giving up customer information such as social security numbers, birth dates, email addresses, home addresses and much more.

Over the course of three years, the auditors asked routine questions, visited agency information technology centers, performed basic security analyses, and did some quiet security checks. These checks included sending fake email to employees to see if the employees would violate protocols if presented with an email that looked realistic.

The findings included simple measures like locks on doors, identity checks of individuals trying to enter computer centers, and providing of information without obtaining identification of the requesting party. The most serious problem appeared to be the lack of change after repeatedly notifying the agencies of serious breaches of security. The Legislature is responding to the information found by the audits.

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Topeka Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, belonging to the AGA which has more than 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 110 active members and associates representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, AGA Topeka Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances in both professional ability and services to the citizens of Kansas by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in The Government Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and, requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subject every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as

**Certified Government Financial Manager Month**

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, A.D. 2017

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Sam Brownback.



Handwritten signature of Kris Kobach.

Secretary of State

Handwritten signature of Craig K. Johnson.

Assistant Secretary of State

## ***Welcome Hope Barber!***

Hope Barber is a Budget Analyst for the 1st Infantry Division (1ID), HQ G8, Fort Riley, KS. She has oversight of the programming and civilian pay operations of more than \$226 million in resources annually in support of Army priorities at the direction of III Corps and US Army Forces Command.

Mrs. Barber began her federal career in 2013 at Ramstein AB, Germany as a Budget Analyst for the Department of the Air Force. She served as the day to day financial manager of the 603d Air Operations Center and resource advisor for 300+ personnel. She then became Operations Budget Chief for the 86th Airlift Wing, where she led a diverse team of civilian, active duty and local nationals in providing financial support to Air Force units throughout Europe.

Hope Graduated in 2002 with a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TXf. She received her Master of Public Administration Degree from Bowie State University.



## ***Welcome to AGA and the Topeka Chapter!***