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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**2019-2020**

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This issue is packed with lots of exciting news, pictures, and highlights!

Be sure to check out Page 4 to start planning your CPE training for this year too!

Our next CEC meeting is September 18th at the Norseman Brewery about 5:15PM.

Hope you can make it! We would love to see some new faces !



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# Topeka AGA Chapter 2019-2020 Officers

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## UPCOMING FREE MEMBER WEBINARS

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

**09/04/2019: Diversity and Inclusion**  
**September 4 | 1–2:00 PM ET | 1 CPEs**

### Speakers

**Cecelia Smith, MBA**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)  
NASA Langley Research Center

**Paul Wiese**

Vice-President, Market Development  
Surgent

**Maunda Land**

Manager, College and University Relations

## AGA TOPEKA CHAPTER 2019 NATIONAL AWARDS !

CGFM, Website, Newsletter and.....Platinum Status !

Congrats to the AGA Topeka Chapter Membership ! YOU ALL ROCK !

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**AGA Lifetime Member**  
**Mr. Leonard S. Richter, CGFM—Retired**  
**Topeka Chapter—Join Date July 1, 1978**



Mr. Richter shared 3 pictures of AGA significance. The bottom one is his original certificate of AGA membership, the one above is his lifetime membership and the one on the left is his CGFM certificate number 0146. That's right, 0146. Len is proud to have been one of the first to be awarded that certification as he has been a proud member since 1978. When Len started with the federal government in 1973 straight out of college, to become a CPA he had to work for an auditing firm for 2 years, so he never pursued a certification. When the CGFM came along it provided career civil servants a recognition that heretofore was not available. Len is very proud to be an AGA member and an original holder of the CGFM certificate.

Mr. Richter's federal career spanned 31 years as an accountant and he retired with 34 years including his military time. Len worked for the US Small Business Administration from 1973-1978, the Economic Development Administration from 1978-1981 and the US Coast Guard as a systems accountant from 1981-2004.

Mr. Richter didn't plan to be an accountant, but as fate would have it, his destiny was set by a college professor. Len majored in Public Science with intentions of pursuing a Master's in International Relations with the goal of teaching at a Community College, but in the summer of 1969 he took a 13-week Accounting course crammed into 7 weeks. At the end of the course, the professor called Len into his office to announce that Len had a real knack for accounting and as they say, the rest is history. Mr. Richter worked full-time and went to school full-time, all while supporting a wife and 2 children. With a dedicated home and life work, Len completed 56 of his credit hours in evening classes at Community College of Philadelphia.

Mr. Richter is currently working 20 hours per week for the Capital Police. Len provided this insight during the 20 minute interview: "The mistakes that I have made has taught me how to be a better person, better worker and to not be afraid to depend on others for their thoughts and ideas".



# 2019-2020 Educational Events Calendar

September 11, 2019 - Communications  
**(see page 7 of this newsletter for details)**

October 23, 2019 - Internal Controls

November 20, 2019 - Ethics

February 5, 2020 - GASB Update

March 4, 2020 - Improper Payments

April 22, 2020 - DATA Act

May 13, 2020 - Fraud / Data Analytics

June 10, 2020 - Leadership

Check out upcoming newsletters and/or the chapter's social media sites for more details on these exciting training events.



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## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter June 26, 2019**

### **Members Present:**

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM  
Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA  
Treasurer, Dane Curtis, MBA

**Meeting Location:** Norseman Brewery, 5:15PM

◇ Review and Approval of the Past Meeting Minutes (05/22/2019).

Dane made motion to approve as written, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 3 Yea, 0 Nay.

◇ Financials (May 31): CD renewed for another 32 months. Handoff of treasurer documents/functions. Amy and Hope will serve in a co-treasurer role. Loose change contributions \$2.53, \$260 in deposits for PLS events (May). A big thanks to Dane for his contributions to the

chapter and servicing as treasurer.

- ◇ Website/Newsletter: Awards Recognition, PDT 2019 promotion, new/lifetime member highlight to come to a newsletter soon.
- ◇ Educational Events: New Year calendar will roll out soon.
- ◇ PDT 2019 – Road to Success – Bumper Sticker from each state requested for PDT – discussed ideas for KS. Community Service Raffle for KS will feature the Heartland Collection from KC Steak Company along with a \$100 gift card for selection of choice of successful raffle bidder at PDT.
- ◇ Next Meeting – August 21<sup>st</sup> at Norseman Brewery at 5:15PM
- ◇ Amy made a motion to adjourn, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dane Dismissed at 5:50PM.



## PDT 2019 CHAPTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS

TOP L, WALT DARLING ACCEPTING THE PLATINUM STATUS AWARD

TOP R, NICOLE ACCEPTING CGFM AWARD

BOTTOM L, NICOLE ACCEPTING CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD

BOTTOM R, NICOLE ACCEPTING CHAPTER WEBSITE AWARD



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Association of Government  
Accountants  
**Professional Lecture Series**



**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

## **Everyone Communicates, Few Connect**

**WEBINAR SPEAKER:**

**Kevin M Coleman, Empowerment Speaker, Executive Coach and Trainer**

In the workshop Everyone Communicates, Few Connect, the audience will learn how to connect with people. While it may seem like some folks are just born with the ability to connect and work well with others. The fact is anyone can learn how to make every communication an opportunity for a powerful connection. The audience will learn the Five Principles and Practices of connecting so you can connect one-on-one, in a group, with an audience or inspire others to take action. Attendees have the benefit of learning how to move beyond communication and move toward connecting with leaders, peers, subordinates and the general public.



**Participants will understand the importance of the following learning objectives:**

- Learn how to inspire people through connection
- Learn how connecting increases your influence in every situation
- Learn how connecting is all about others
- Learn how connecting goes beyond words
- Learn how connecting is more skill than natural talent

**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 am – 1:00 pm

**EVENT:** 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

**REGISTRATION FEE\***

**MEMBERS:** **\$30**

**NON-MEMBERS:** **\$50**

**MEDIA** **Free** *(photo ID required)*

**FULL-TIME STUDENTS** **Free** *(photo ID required)*

*\*Registration includes lunch*

***Upcoming Events:***

***October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Internal Controls – 2 CPE***

***November 20<sup>th</sup> – Ethics – 4 CPE***

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**We look forward to seeing you on September 11th**

# What is CGFM?



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal

## 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](#).