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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are currently working on our educational schedule for the new year (AGA years start in July). Our Board (Chapter Executive Committee) is interested in expanding its membership and if you have any thoughts in that regard, we would love to have you stop by and provide any suggestions you might have. We fully understand the limited amount of time people have today and assume you have the same concerns. We can easily tailor what your activities would be with the chapter to the time you would be interested in making available.



Our next CEC meeting is Tuesday, August 15th at the Norseman Brewery about 5:15 PM. Hope you can make it.

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Topeka AGA Chapter 2018-2019 Officer Listing

President - Nicole Malott

President Elect - Dane Curtis

Treasurer - Dane Curtis

Secretary - Amy Bloom

Website/Social Media - Hope Barber

Historian - Walt Darling

National Training Events

Sign up online at www.agacgfm.org

National AGA Professional Development Training

July 22—25, 2018 Orlando, FL CPE 24

Virtual Option Available

Save the Dates: 2018-2019 AGA National Webinars

Dates And Topics

Sept. 12, 2018	Communications
Oct. 10, 2018	Internal Control
Nov. 28, 2018	Ethics
Dec. 5, 2018	Internal Control
Jan. 9, 2019	Grants Management
Feb. 6, 2019	GASB Update
Mar. 6, 2019	Finance
Mar. 14, 2019	Free Members-Only Webinar
Mar. 27, 2019	Cybersecurity
April 10, 2019	Ethics
April 24, 2019	DATA Act
May 15, 2019	Fraud/Data Analytics
Jun. 12, 2019	Leadership

Brain Teaser Answer :

Turn one light switch on, wait a few minutes, then turn it off and turn another light switch on. Go into the room and feel the light bulbs. The one that's still warm is connected to the switch that you first turned on, the one that is on was the second switch you turned on, and the last bulb is controlled by the switch that you didn't touch.

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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Topeka Chapter
05/22/2018**

Members Present:

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

Meeting Location: Norsemen's Brewery 5:15PM

Discussed minutes of 04/30/2018 meeting; motion made by Nicole to approve as amended, Dane 2nd the motion.

Financials: Dane provided April PLS numbers (\$155), \$308.85 PLS expenses, \$16.02 donation to Doorstep Inc. for the quarter.

Website: Get any separate newsworthy stuff, apart from the monthly newsletter, to Hope. Ideas for newsletter: Members only Webinar June 5th. New ideas for newsletter: Highlight of Dane in upcoming edition. PDT advertisement chapter's CGFM award.

Three members have not yet renewed their annual memberships: Amy to reach out to those members as a reminder.

Upcoming PLS events: *Jun 13th – Leadership - 2 CPE*. No July PLS due to PDT; plans for August PLS still being discussed, reviewed the 2018-2019 AGA National webinar schedule.

Review the CRP and get comments to Nicole by May 30.

Nicole and Dane will be in attendance at the PDT July 22 – 25 in Orlando FL.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19th at 5:15pm at Norsemen Brewery.

Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Nicole. Adjourned at 5: 55PM.



May 7, 2018

Nicole E. Malott, CGFM
President
AGA Topeka Chapter
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Dear Nicole:

Each year, AGA recognizes financial management professionals and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our Association and improved our communities. This year, on behalf of the AGA National Awards Committee,

I am pleased to inform you that the Topeka Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the 2018 Chapter CGFM Award.

Congratulations on receiving this special honor which formally recognizes AGA chapters that have done an outstanding job in promoting the CGFM Program and its members, dedicating significant time and resources to further the recognition and integrity of the CGFM Program. We will celebrate all national award winners in Orlando at our 67th Annual Professional Development Training, July 22-25, 2018. We hope that you or a representative of your chapter can join us to receive your award in person. The attached document provides details and an RSVP form that we ask you to complete and return to AGA by May 15.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence and to your profession. Hope to see you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

James R. Arnette, Jr., CGFM, CISA

cc: Amy Bloom, AGA Topeka Chapter Secretary
Kelly Stefanko, CGFM, CPA, National Awards Committee Chair

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

Active Status

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs 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, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE Requirements](#).

PDT⚡2018



2018 Professional Development Training

July 22–25, 2018 | 24 CPEs
Orlando, Fla. or virtual

DID YOU KNOW?


Topeka AGA Chapter has achieved Highest Overall Growth for the year in Group E (21-49 members) – 14% growth!

JOIN US !

BRAIN TEASER

See page 2 for the answer!

You are in a room that has three switches and a closed door. The switches control three light bulbs on the other side of the door. Once you open the door, you may never touch the switches again. How can you definitively tell which switch is connected to each of the light bulbs?



Three reasons you should attend:

1. **Earn up to 24 CPEs.** Enhance your lifelong learning, and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness.
2. **Stay cutting-edge.** Top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and the private sector share key findings and educational experiences to augment your knowledge and enhance your skills.
3. **Network and connect.** Collaborate and engage with industry experts and government financial management colleagues facing the same or similar issues, and exchange ideas to bring back to your organization.

2019

July 21 – July 24, 2019
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
601 Loyola Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70113

2020

July 19 – July 22, 2020
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, TX 76051

2021

July 18 – July 21, 2021
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
2800 Opryland Dr.
Nashville, TN 37214