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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We want to thank all of you for following our activities this past year. It has been a busy year. We were glad so many of vou were able to participate in the activities. As you know, we offered some longer PLS events that provided 4 - 5 hours of CPE and were excited by the participation. We are planning more of that size event this year. I want to congratulate our volunteers for their efforts this past year. Our chapter



earned four national awards this year, including : PLATINUM Status for our Chapter 1ST PLACE for our new website, and,1ST PLACE for our monthly newsletters, and the CGFM Award. It is the first time I can recall our Chapter achieving four national awards in the same year. It couldn't have been done without a coordinated effort. We look forward to seeing you all at the

upcoming PLS events planned for this year. The schedule is highlighted in this newsletter. More details will be released closer to each CPE event. Our next CEC meeting is Wed, October 17th 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 - 105767 Immediate Past President - Nicole Malott - 105767 President Elect—Dane Curtis—144038 Treasurer - Dane Curtis - 144038 Secretary - Amy Bloom -138871 Website/Social Media - Hope Barber - 139357 Historian - Walt Darling - 59848

2018—2019 Education Calendar—AGA Topeka Chapter

October 10, 2018—Senate Room at Jayhawk Theater — Lunch/Webinar—Internal Controls December 5, 2018—Senate Room at Jayhawk Theater — Lunch/Webinar—Internal Controls January 9, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar-Grants Mgt. February 6, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar—GASB Update March 27, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar/Speakers—Cybersecurity April 10, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar-Ethics May 15, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar/Speakers—Fraud/Data Analytics June 12, 2019—Florentine Room at Jayhawk Theater— Lunch/Webinar—Leadership

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Topeka Chapter August 15, 2018

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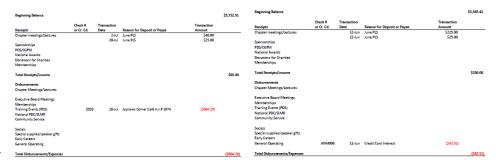
Members Present:

President, Nicole Malott, CGFM Secretary, Amy Bloom, MBA Historian, Walter Darling, MPA, CPM

Meeting Location: Norsemen's Brewery 5:15PM

- Review and approval of 06/19/18 meeting; motion made by Nicole to approve, Walt 2nd the motion.
- Financials: June/July 2018

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- Website/Newsletter: Walt stated he would like to verify with Hope re: webpage postings.
 Pics of PDT Chapter Awards Presentation to be posted on fb page/chapter website.
 Watch for job postings that would be of interest to post on website.
- Educations Calendar: 8 PLS events for 2018-2019 planned. Nicole will coordinate with Jayhawk for room availability for PLS dates.
- PDT Recap: Topeka Chapter: 4 Awards in total accepted at 2018 PDT: Chapter CGFM Award, Highest Overall Growth Award, Chapter Website Award and Platinum Status.
 Walt's take-away from this year's PDT is the restructure of AGA Board of Directors and discussion of things coming "down the pike" from federal level that will affect State/Local Government within 2-3 years.
- Chapter Plans for 2018-19 upcoming from President. Community Service: Walt has collected items for charity and suggested the chapter take up collection of daily necessities to give to local charities. Walt working to highlight events from past year.
 President get Admin access to fb webpage to post "Messages from President", etc.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 5:15pm at Celtic Fox.
- Motion to adjourn by Amy, seconded by Nicole. Adjourned at 6:10PM.

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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:

<u>Ethics</u> — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics* <u>Education</u> — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

<u>Experience</u> — 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 <u>Code of Ethics</u>. 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 <u>Code of Ethics</u> and that they have fulfilled the <u>minimum CPE Requirements</u>.