

Disclosures



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



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In like a lion, out like a lamb?? Soon we will have iris, crocus, and daffodils smiling at us and no more snow!!!

Please plan to join us for our Spring Professional Development Conference on March 26th. The conference will be at Lansing Community College, West Campus and will provide us with 8 hours of CPE. The education co-chairs, Heather Hammond and Anshu Varma, are hard at work planning a great event packed with sessions to help keep us all up to date on the latest issues impacting government accountability. We are all looking forward to this day filled with quality, relevant, and affordable CPE!

It is membership renewal season! Have you renewed your membership yet? AGA is now accepting membership renewals online at www.agacgfm.org. Please consider saving yourself the cost of a stamp by renewing online! This will help keep the Association's printing and mailing costs down too. We look forward to your continued membership and participation in AGA!

Also, we are extending the deadlines to nominate individuals for the Government Financial Manager of the Year, Community Service, and Professional Development Awards, so please make sure to send in your nominations today! Completed nominations may be mailed to PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901 or emailed to: AGAGreaterLansingAwards@gmail.com.

Last but not least, we have a community service opportunity to participate in the MS Walk at Potter Park Zoo on April 26th! Inside the newsletter you will find more details on how to participate or contribute. Every little bit helps in the efforts to help our friends and family living with Multiple Sclerosis.

Amy Zimmerman

March's Quote:
 "It's amazing what ordinary people can do if they set out without preconceived notions."
Charles F. Kettering, American inventor, engineer, and businessman

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.


Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership


Eye Opener



9,000

The number of 17 year-olds who registered to vote in the Chicago area, thanks to a new Illinois law that allows them to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the November general election.

SOURCE: THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE | March 4, 2014



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

2014 Spring Professional Development Conference

Change is HERE – Fiscal Impacts to Michigan

Wednesday, March 26, 2016
8:00am – 4:40pm

Lansing Community College West Campus
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

You can register online at <http://www.lansing-aga.org>. Click on Events.

Registration Ends Wednesday, March 21, 2014

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| 7:30 – 8:00 | Registration. Coffee, juice, continental breakfast. |
| 8:00 – 8:05 | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 8:05 – 9:45 | OMB Super Circular
Stephen Blann, CPA, CGFM, CGMA - Rehmann
2.0 hours CPE Accounting |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | Break |
| 10:00 – 10:50 | State of Michigan ERP Implementation Update
Ruth Schwartz, CPA – Director, ERP Implementation Project, DTMB
1.0 hour CPE Other |
| 10:50 – 11:40 | Pension Trends and GASB 68 Impact
Leon Hank, CPA – CFO, MERS of Michigan
Betsy Waldofski – Finance Director, MERS of Michigan
1.0 hour CPE Accounting |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Awards Presentation |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:40 | Public Health Care Financing – Impact of the Affordable Care Act
Farah Hanley – Manager DCH Budget, State Budget Office
2.0 hours CPE Other |
| 2:40 – 3:00 | Break |
| 3:00 – 3:50 | Financial Implications of Policy Decisions
Tim Becker, CPA – Senior Deputy Director of Operations, DCH
1.0 hour CPE Accounting |
| 3:50 – 4:40 | Michigan’s Local Government Finances
Larry Merrill – Executive Director, Michigan Townships Association
1.0 hour CPE Accounting |

\$70 for AGA members
\$100 for non-members
MAIN ID 2521858718-005
qualifies for 8 hours of CPE
 Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by the deadline.

Payment

- can be made by credit card when you register on-line
- checks can be sent to AGA at PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901
- checks or cash will be accepted at registration

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SIREN/Eaton Shelter

Chapter Community Service Project

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and the Homeless

see next page for information



SIREN / Eaton Shelter

Serving survivors of domestic violence and homeless families in Eaton County.

The mission of the SIREN/Eaton Shelter is promote the elimination of domestic violence and homelessness by providing temporary housing, support, advocacy, education, and information to the community. SIREN/Eaton Shelter is committed to holding batterers responsible for their actions.

SIREN/Eaton Shelter houses more than 100 people; 25 to 28 families on a typical night. Close to two thirds of those housed are young children seeking shelter with their parents. Approximately 40 percent of the people housed at SIREN are women and children who are homeless because they are fleeing family violence.

SIREN/Eaton Shelter depends on donations from people like you to help those victims of domestic violence or left homeless. Immediate needs include:



towels (any kind)
pillows (new only)
blankets (new or clean used)

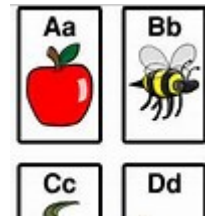
tissues
sanitary products
shampoo and conditioner
toothbrushes and toothpaste
dental floss
deodorant
toilet paper



paper towels
zip lock bags
aluminum foil
plastic wrap
laundry supplies
household cleaning supplies



diapers
wipes
formula
baby food (no cereal)
flashlights with batteries
mittens, gloves, scarves
children's card games
flash cards
phone cards
gas cards
school supplies



cash donations
always accepted

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATION
TO THE SPRING CONFERENCE**

If you cannot attend the conference, please contact a board member to pick up your contribution.



Have you renewed your AGA membership? Login with your AGA ID and password to www.agacgfm.org and click the green billing button to renew online.



Be sure to verify that your mailing information is accurate while you are there.

Contact agamembers@agacgfm.org if you have any questions.



**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY
April 9, 2014
2:00pm to 3:50pm**
Constitution Hall
ConCon A
Lansing, Michigan

FRAUD DETECTION AND PREVENTION

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Friday, April 18, 2014

COST

AGA members - FREE
non-members - \$20

Registrants are responsible for payment unless cancellation is received by the registration deadline.



**FREE WEBINAR
AGA MEMBERS ONLY
TUESDAY
APRIL 8, 2014
3:00pm to 4:00pm**
Your Computer

OMB SUPERCIRCULAR

REGISTRATION

register on-line at agacgfm.org

COST

FREE – Available to AGA members only

This session will explore important aspects of monitoring the recipients and subrecipients of federal grants.



**MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY
April 22, 2014
11:45**
Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street,
Lansing, Michigan

LEAGUE FOR PUBLIC POLICY Policies Impacting Michigan Families

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Friday, April 18, 2014

COST

\$12 AGA members
\$16 non-members

Registrants are responsible for payment unless cancellation is received by the registration deadline.



**The Mark of Excellence in
Federal, State, and Local
Government**

March is CGFM Month!

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To recognize the CGFM program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March as CGFM Month.

CGFMs, celebrate CGFM Month by proudly displaying your CGFM lapel pin.

Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed March as CGFM Month



THE PEOPLE WHO WILL GIVE AMERICANS THE GOVERNMENT THEY WANT

Dr. Mark Funkhouser,
a former Kansas City
mayor and auditor, is
the director of the
Governing Institute.



Source: [governing.com](http://www.governing.com) <http://www.governing.com/gov-institute/funkhouser/col-trust-in-government-governing-public-officials-year.html>

Trust in government is at historic lows. That will change, but it will happen from the bottom up.

It's not hard to understand why great majorities of Americans are so down on government. Wages are stagnant. Long-term unemployment is high. Folks living from paycheck to paycheck, as so many are, have a sort of constant low-level anxiety. So it should surprise no one that 63 percent of Americans believe the country is on the wrong track, as a recent RealClearPolitics.com average of polls found. Much of the voters' frustration is focused on Washington. A recent Rasmussen poll shows that only 21 percent of voters feel that the federal government has the consent of the governed. And while that is up from an even more dismal number of a few months earlier, things are going the other way for Congress, according to a recent Gallup poll. Not only do only 17 percent of voters think most members of Congress don't deserve re-election, but only 46 percent say *their own individual member of Congress* should get another term. Both of these numbers are historic lows.

Eventually this will change. There's a limit to how bad things can get before the system self-corrects. That correction will come from the bottom, from the people themselves and from their state and local governments. It will be brought about in large degree through the electoral process, by grassroots organizations committed not only to economic and racial justice but also to a democratic system that delivers effective governance.

What makes me so confident that this will happen is what I see in my daily work. Nearly every day I talk to public officials from state and local governments. Some of them hold elected office, others have been appointed to positions of influence, and others are professionals who have devoted their careers to government service. Nearly all are decent folks, and some are extraordinary individuals who leave me inspired and filled with renewed hope and confidence in the future of our country. Sometimes I'll nominate one of them to be a *Governing* Public Official of the Year.

In the end, we can choose only a few of these outstanding individuals to be singled out for praise and admiration as Public Officials of the Year. This year's winners, who were profiled in the December issue of *Governing*, will be honored this evening at a banquet in Washington. As they are every year, the stories behind the honorees are wonderful and uplifting.

There is, for example, Bill Howell, who as speaker of Virginia's House of Delegates stood up against his own party, looking beyond partisan differences to pass sweeping new legislation for sustainable transportation funding. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, New York City's Emily Rahimi used the fire department's Twitter feed to help rescue people stranded by the storm and unable to get through to 911. And overcoming his own disillusionment with politics-as-usual, John Kitzhaber returned for a third term as Oregon's governor; committed to fostering a climate of dialogue and trust with his state's legislators, he empowered bold action, innovation and change.

It was only a year ago that another poll found that the public had a higher estimation of root canals, traffic jams and cockroaches than it had of Congress. That will change. Behind each of the eight people *Governing* will honor tonight are hundreds of other state and local government officials who are, often quietly and steadily, doing amazingly well at the vital job of making government work. Their ideas and influence will eventually push the federal government to be better.

Political change always comes from the bottom up. Someday we'll look at Congress and say it's not actually that bad -- certainly better than cockroaches. That's a low bar, but we have to start somewhere.

GOVERNING
THE STATES AND LOCALITIES

Perspectives: Can Managers Lose Site of Organizational Operations?



William D. Miller, CGFM, CIA
AGA National President Elect



Well, yes and no. This depends on how much attention is paid to what is going on in the organization and the agendas that are being followed.

All managers have an organizational objective and must structure operations and develop systems to achieve the corporate goals. Key managerial components to accomplish effective organizational operations include: vision, management and internal controls, ability to recognize and orchestrate change, listen and communicate with staff, and ability to challenge the status-quo when circumstances warrant. Sometimes, challenging the status quo is seen as not politically correct; but, without such appropriate challenges, the organization can become stagnant or wasteful in practice.

So, you have probably heard all of this before. Then, why does it matter now? Frankly, people are creative creatures, fully capable of finding a better way, in their minds, to do things, especially as it relates to their own tasks. The manager's task is to understand what and why the staff does what they do and determine if they are going in the right direction. The management guideposts are the policies and procedures established for staff performance and conduct. But, how often are they reviewed after initiation and how often are they modified and codified to reflect current practices? Are there management reporting systems sufficient to control risk?

Organization culture issues can lead the organization to stagnation. These may include: "we've always done it this way", "we've suggested this, but they don't listen", no planned or recurrent review of operations, failure to adopt new technologies and systems, an aged workforce, and worst-of-all, an aloof manager. All managers that I know want to do a good job and think they do, but they are not always aware of the challenges to success because they do not surface to their level. There is a lack or glitch in the management and internal control systems, or lack of review of practices established years before.

I think some examples are appropriate to add credibility to this treatise. A review of a state government's animal breeder inspection program disclosed serious problems

Of particular interest were the clear requirements set out in regulations and a corollary federal inspection program. Neither the state nor federal governmental entities had enough staff to cover the entire state on an acceptable review-cycle, so they agreed to work together and share results. The state department's director and support staff never reviewed this operation. The rules were clear and the agreement was clear. Instead, both the state and federal governmental entities stumbled over each other often reviewing the same breeder in the same time period and in one case within four hours of each other. And, the results were entirely different. Unfortunately, bad breeders were left out there because the state also ignored the federal reports when they had a conflicting report from the state staff. By the way, the state chief inspector was the president of the state Breeder's Association—something that should have been disclosed to the director.

A director of a Parks Service and the Park Board did not elect to join the county's major Enterprise Resource Program to centralize accounting systems. This was a major multi-million dollar do-over for the county. The Parks Department culture was set and affirmed by the Park Board which was, "we have our own levy and no one is going to tell us how to run our business."

This is an operation that in the years of 2000+ was issuing paper checks to all employees (over 1,000) every two weeks. They ignored all overtures to bring them into more efficient practices. Instead, they purchased their own automated financial system, but could not implement it because they did not have knowledgeable staff. So, they contracted it out module by module. After an audit, the Park Department authorized transitioning to the county system. While this sounds condescending, I believe the Park Board was convinced their management decisions were best for everyone, but they did not have the review and oversight necessary within the organization to show the stagnation that crept in and ultimately the waste.





Dannielle Blumenthal

Posted February 28, 2014



WHICH IS BETTER – GREAT LEADERSHIP OR GREAT MANAGEMENT



Neither. What you need is a brand.

But since most people don't think of branding as a business too, here is the logic in traditional business terms.

The positives:

With great leadership, the energy around the vision gets people excited. They want to follow the light. The leader is the light. You may not know exactly what things will look like once the vision is realized, but you want to be on the plane that takes you to that faraway place.

With great management, the natural need of an employee for stability, predictability, order, and fairness is supported. You wake up in the morning and pretty much can plan your day. That's a nice feeling.

The negatives:

Leaders tend to put their vision ahead of the people who work for them. This is the natural way of a leader. They are cognitively focused on the end state, not that they think of as "handholding." This can be brutally painful for staff who want very much to be "managed in) to the vision.

Managers tend to be unimaginative and uncaring about moving the needle. This is also natural. The job of a manager is to keep the trains running on time, not to build a new form of transportation. If the workplace is dominated by managers, employees lack inspiration.

The ideal state of course is one in which leaders and managers not only work together, but have a kind of mind meld about what kind of work they are doing and how it should be done. There is a clear distinction between the role of each.

A problem arises when leaders and managers are not working in sync, or worse than that, when there are contradictory visions of leadership within which the leader and the manager must operate. This is where the brand becomes extremely important, and communications as a subset of that.

The function of the brand is to organize the workforce around a shared set of principles – yes, vision, mission, and core values – and to serve as a kind of law enforcement mechanism when those principles are broken.



The organization that looks at branding in a superficial way, like colors and logos and flashy billboards, is missing the point – and thankfully those days are pretty much over.

But we have still not arrive at a place where branding is "operationalized" the way management and consultants would have it done. Ideally the brand is the law of the land – the secular religion of the workplace. Everybody knows what it is, everybody knows what it means, and it takes very little to explain it to a newcomer.

Brands thrive on logic, clarity, and simplicity. Therefore, they cannot work well when the workplace is organized around stopgaps, turf battles, and warring personalities.

Great leadership and great management are part and parcel of every brand. It is only the fool that focuses on technical prowess alone.



Early Careers Center

Career Wisdom to Pass on Early
by Phyllis Wiess Haserot, AccountingWeb.com



Wouldn't we all like to jump-start in the fast-paced and competitive work world? When facilitating discussions within groups of students and alumni or other multi-generational groups, I often ask: "What do you wish you knew sooner earlier in your career?"

Recently on the Cross-Generational Conversation group on LinkedIn, I asked members to name three things. I share here highlights of the results as well as additional contributions from other online and in-person forums.

I've also noted whether certain lessons were offered by a particular generational member only. (Note: this is a limited sample.) One conclusion is that all generations lend important perspectives to each other on this question, confirming how valuable these discussions are.

Common themes from individuals across generations:

- Give honest feedback – promptly.
- Speak up – directly confront behavior promptly.
- Stay true to yourself.
- When you own your mistakes, it leads to respect and opportunity to make things better.
- Listen to others, even if you don't agree with them.
- Collaboration is key to success (especially reiterated by Boomers). Consult collaborators before making decisions.
- Networking and relationship building are about asking good questions.
- Help others first to get where you want to go (faster).

Coming from a particular generation:

- Your reputation is your most valuable asset (Gen X).
- Think before responding provocatively or hitting "send" (Boomers).
- Changing yourself is easier than achieving organizational change (Boomer-Gen X cusper).
- Great communication involves body language and tone of voice, not just the message (Boomer). Take a stand but avoid alienating others.
- Trustworthy and respectful are more important than perfect (Gen X).
- Healthy eating is crucial for life and work success (Traditionalist).
- Wonderful things are only achieved by working with others (Gen X; counter to typical perceptions of Gen X).

- Realize that a college education is most helpful if you're aware of what you are not learning and getting (Gen Y/Millennial).
- Figuring out and acting out on your professional isn't selfish. It's the most responsible thing you can for yourself long term (Gen Y, which I expect many Boomers and Gen Xers would agree with).
- Your career is likely to go off plan. Be flexible Gen X-Y cusper).

To add a family flavor, here are some shared thoughts from a panel of Gen Xers and Yes on the subject of "What I Wish My Parents Had Told Me Sooner."

- Respect everyone.
- Tune in to all the resources we have as humans; minds and heart.
- Stand up and speak out on what matters to you.
- Listen to financial planning advice.
- Look around you, observe, and listen.
- Life isn't linear. You will shift paths. Enjoy the ride.
- Try different things, even if you fail.
- Bad things that happen often turn out for the best.
- Honor and pamper yourself.

GENERATIONAL DEFINITIONS

Generations are defined by formative influences: social, cultural, political, and economical; that exist while individuals of particular birth cohorts are in their adolescent to early adult years.

Given that premise, the approximate birth years for the each of the four generations currently in the workplace are:

Traditionalists:

born between 1925 and 1942

Baby Boomers:

born between 1943 and 1962

Generation X:

born between 1963 and 1978

Generation X/Millennial:

born between 1979 and 1998



CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Multiple sclerosis affects millions of people, including our co-workers, friends, families and loved ones. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the mind and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis.

Please support chapter members as they join the walk to create a world free of MS. The Walk for MS will take place on April 26, 2014 at the Potter Park Zoo.

Your gift helps support cutting edge research and programs and services for everyone impacted by MS. Ending MS means no one will receive an MS diagnosis again. Every step matters. Every dollar counts. Every person makes a difference.

You may contribute by contacting any CEC member with your cash or check donation or you may make an online donation at http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/MIGWalkEvents?px=12950305&pg=personal&fr_id=23454

GREATER LANSING CHAPTER SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS



The Greater Lansing Chapter is seeking nominations to recognize individuals in the government financial management community for the following award categories:

Government Financial Manager of the Year

Professional Development Award

Community Service Award

See page 14 for award criterion.

Please nominate someone you know who deserves recognition for a job well done.

If you do not know someone maybe a co-worker does, so we encourage you to post the criterion on page 14 in your office.

The awards will be presented in May 2014.

AGA's NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2013-2014



Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA

Well, the 'ole groundhog saw his shadow and Mother Nature seems to be delivering on "Phil's" promise of six more weeks of this very challenging winter. However, even Phil and Mother Nature couldn't stop the most fantastic AGA National Leadership training (NLT) event this week. I wonder if our Executive Director, Van, must have an influence, as the snow in Washington, D.C. held off until after the NLT concluded on Feb. 12.

Not only did AGA dodge the weather bullet again, but once again delivered some extraordinary training, thought leadership and networking opportunities for 649 attendees. From our U.S. Comptroller General, Gene Dodaro's update on the U.S. Government Accountability Office's important areas of focus, to timely and relevant discussions around leveraging data, shared services, best practices, the U.S. Department of Defense's audit readiness progress, leadership in the changing demographic environment, the political outlook and concluding with the all-important Office of Management and Budget update – this NLT surpassed a long tradition of providing all of us with tools, strategies and resources! The Commonwealth of Virginia's Senator Mark Warner, our special guest and lunch speaker, shared his initiatives, encouraged our continued pursuit of accountability and transparency, and most importantly thanked and recognized all of us for what we do every day to serve the American people. I had the wonderful

opportunity to recognize AGA's 'best of the best' by presenting our National Awards, and interact with so many of our top leaders in government and the private sector. I want to thank our NLT technical committee and co-chairs, sponsors and exhibitors, our AGA National staff - and as I said in person during the NLT, a personal thank you to Van for more than 10 years of his personal investment in the NLT event. As you know, Van is retiring on September 30; as a result, this was his last NLT. We have been truly blessed by his leadership of this event and AGA.

Speaking of Van's departure this year, I wanted to let you know the AGA Search Committee and the National Executive Committee have been working diligently to prepare for the recruitment of our next AGA Executive Director. Many AGA stakeholders and members have been consulted as a part of this process, to ensure our vision of our future leader is aligned with the many AGA opportunities and challenges, now and for the next 10 years –leveraging on all of the success that we have achieved. We will begin advertising for this position within the next few weeks, so be on the lookout for this information and please encourage qualified candidates to apply!

I also want to give a special 'shout-out' to AGA's Tallahassee Chapter – who were unfortunately victims of the snowstorm this week, preventing me and Van from joining them to speak. I was so disappointed that I could not be with them for their dynamic training event.

The final word: RENEW. Please take the time to RENEW your AGA membership. With the opportunity to earn more than a 500 percent return on your membership dollars invested in high-quality training and resources, AGA continues to be the best place for public sector accountability professionals!

I continue to be humbled and blessed to serve you as your National President...you are amazing!

Thank you.



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2014

CEC Members Present: Chris Bayley, Linda deBourbon, Heather Hammond, Dan Jaroche, Charlotte Roper, Karen Stout, Dan Wawiernia, Amy Zimmerman

CEC Members Not Present: Deb Christopherson, Kenji Griffith, Wanda Jones, Cindy Osga, Susan Saari, Corey Sparks, Anshu Varma

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: Amy called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. A motion to accept the agenda was seconded and approved.

Minutes: Dan J. reported the minutes from the January CEC minutes were approved by email on January 16, 2014.

Budget and Financials: Dam W. distributed the January 2014 financial statements. Discussed bank card fees and revenue split from joint luncheon with SAAABA. Motion made and seconded to approve the January 2014 financial statements and January disbursements of \$65.85.

President's Update: No update from National. Amy reported she has been receiving the regular Membership Matters email updates.

Website: Linda worked with Mark to get permissions so she can do specific actions. She has some things she would like to learn to do. Linda wanted to know how long we have free assistance from Mark. Chris will follow-up. Mark did indicate that if registrants go into PayPal, make payment, and then just exit the browser instead of following the link back to our website, we will not get notice that a payment has been made. However, we can still go into PayPal and run a list of those that have paid for the event and have it available at the event so we know who has paid and who we need to collect from. Mark said he could provide a live demo of the functionality of the new website. We can arrange a time other than a board meeting.

Chapter Recognition Program: Chris noted we are on target. There are some items that we want to do a catch up for points.

it is time to start thinking about filling positions that will be vacant next year. If everyone comes back great, but he will send an email in the next week or so to asking if CEC members are going to continue for 2014-2015 year.

New Board Succession Planning: Chris mentioned that Membership: No suspended members. Membership is still at 114. Dan wanted to know if any board members have had any success in getting people to accept the offer of a free lunch meeting for February 19. National

has provided money for this purpose. For our chapter, that amount represents 15 guests. Karen needs to know by Friday, February 14. The member bringing the guest should go to the website to register the guest so they are accounted for.

Education: Heather gave an update for the March professional development conference. She and Anshu are working on a flyer. The flyer should be completed in the next couple of days. Heather put the event on the website calendar. She did not do a save the date email. They are planning on 20 minutes on the agenda for the awards presentation. Looking for a name for the event.

Program Luncheons: Karen reported that the next lunch is scheduled for February 19. There are 32 people signed up and a possible 35 or 36 when Amy and Chris get back with their guests. There will be no luncheon meeting in March because of the PDC. The April luncheon will be Karen Holcomb-Merrill who will present on Policies Impacting Michigan Families. For May 20, a couple of different ideas are being considered. Karen reported that Becker Professional Education would like to do another presentation on June 24. This will be a free event with Becker picking up the cost. Looking at Capitol View but will consider other locations if there is trouble scheduling for there.

CGFM and CPE Events: Susan reported via email to Amy. Amy reported that there were 19 attendees for the January 29 audio conference. The next event is April 9. The CGFM proclamation request has not been sent in yet but Susan will try to get it done this week.

Community Service: Charlotte reported that she will follow-up with VITA to see if anyone has signed up to assist this year. The Humane Society will have their annual Fur Ball in April, and Charlotte will see if they need our assistance. Charlotte would like the March education flyer to mention collecting goods and money to assist the SIREN Eaton Shelter again this year. Heather stated they were planning on including it on the flyer.

Communications/CCR: No report.

Awards Update: Wanda reported via email to Amy. Amy reported that nomination requests were sent for three AGA chapter awards: (1) Financial Manager of the Year, (2) Professional Development Award, and (3) Community Service Award. All nominations must be submitted by February 28. There is a one week turnaround from the engraver.

Old Business: None

New Business: Linda noted that some of the chapter procedures were not current and that bylaws on the website are not current. She believes a change was made when she was rotating off the board in 2007. Karen discussed having a couple of student members on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Next Meeting: March 12, Fifth Third Bank Building on Coolidge Road and Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. Karen, Kenji, and Susan will be hosting.

CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



You can register for all chapter events at www.aga-lansing.org. Click on events.

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

~~**September 24, 2013**
Professional Development Conference
Government Accountability
Library of Michigan
4 hours CPE~~

~~**January 29, 2014**
Webinar Conference
Tackling Improper Payments
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3
2 hours CPE~~

~~**October 28, 2013**
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Effective Speaking
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE~~

~~**February 19, 2014**
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Budget Update
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE~~

~~**November 6, 2013**
Webinar Conference
Data Analytics
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3
2 hours CPE~~

March 26, 2014
Professional Development Conference
Government Accountability
LCC West Campus
8 hours CPE

~~**November 13, 2013**
Webinar Conference
Grants Management Reform Update
Grand Tower
2 hours CPE~~

April 9, 2014
Webinar Conference
Fraud Detection and Prevention
Constitution Hall, ConCon A
2 hours CPE

~~**November 18, 2013**
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Student Externship Program Opportunities
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE~~

April 22, 2014
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Michigan League for Public Policy
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

~~**December 11, 2013**
Webinar Conference
Ethics – Taking the High Road
Constitution Hall, Brake Room
2 hours CPE~~

May 20, 2014
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
To Be Determined
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

~~**January 22, 2014**
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Income Tax Update
Joint Meeting with SAAABA
Capitol View Building~~

May 21, 2014
Webinar Conference
Ethics
Constitution Hall, ConCon A
2 hours CPE



MEMBER NEWS

Member Anniversaries

Jerry Herman	34 years
Darlene Workman	22 years
Jon Wise, CGFM-Retired	19 years
Lilia Denney, CGFM-Retired	18 years
Amy Zimmerman	17 years
Brenda Seelman	17 years
Jackie Lawson, CGFM	15 years
Heather Hammond	6 years
Susan Fisher	4 years
Thomas Hornack	4 years
Heather Wells	4 years
Camille Woods	3 years
Robert Brackenbury, CGFM	2 years
Dan Jaroche	1 year
Susan Fisher	4 years



CHAPTER FINANCES

Balance Sheet at January 31, 2014

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 4,845
Accounts Receivable	\$ -0-
Total Assets	\$ 4,845
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Unrestricted Begin Fund Balance	\$ 4,493
Income (Loss)	\$ 352
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 4,845



OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events

March 19, 2014

Technology Workshop
Muskegon County
2 hours CPE

April 22, 2014

Quarterly Webinar
Preparing for GASB67/68: The New Pension Standards
1 hour CPE

National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org



May 6-7, 2014

Government Performance Summit
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE



July 13-16, 2014

Professional Development Training
Orlando, Florida
24 hours CPE



September 15-16, 2014

Internal Control and Fraud Prevention
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE

SAAABA

To register for events, visit www.saaaba.com

March 11, 2014

Business Objects
Capitol View, Lansing, Michigan
1 hour CPE

Western Michigan ISACA

To register for events, visit <http://www.isaca.org/chapters2/Western-Michigan/events/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

March 13, 2014

ISACA Spring Seminar
Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Grand Rapids, Michigan
8 hours CPE





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CALL FOR CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Greater Lansing Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is seeking nominations for its annual (1) Government Financial Manager of the Year Award, (2) Professional Development Award, and (3) Community Service Award. The Chapter's Awards and Nominations Committee is seeking the nominations of individuals whom you believe deserves to be recognized with these prestigious awards. Nominations should include the name and position held by the nominee, the award for which they are being nominated, and a brief description of the person's recent accomplishments for the award category. Recipients will be recognized by their peers in May 2014.

Please refer to the following criteria when submitting your nomination:

Government Financial Manager of the Year Award

This award was established in 1996 to recognize outstanding achievement as a government financial manager. The award criteria include the following:

1. The nominee must be employed in government, holding a management position involving one or more disciplines of government financial management.
2. The nominee does not need to be a member of AGA.

The nominee must be personally responsible for leading extraordinary initiatives in the course of their employment throughout the last year that have made a significant and lasting contribution to the quality, efficiency, and/or effectiveness of government financial management.

Professional Development Award

The Professional Development Award is presented to an individual, either an AGA member or nonmember, to recognize extraordinary efforts in providing and promoting continuing education and professional development leadership for government professionals and others, demonstrating the importance of a lifelong commitment to learning.

Community Service Award

The Community Service award is presented to an AGA member to recognize exceptional personal commitment to community service activities sponsored by AGA and other organizations.

Nominations must be received by Friday, April 18, 2014 to submit a nomination

send an email or write a brief letter with the information requested above
(feel free to nominate yourself)

completed nominations may be emailed to AGAGreaterLansingAwards@gmail.com.
or mailed to PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901

AGA is a national professional association of 16,000 members who represent every level of government financial management. Since 1950, AGA has been dedicated to serving those who are faced with the challenge of using every government financial resource in the most effective manner possible and has been the vanguard organization addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers.