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President's Message

The Chapter Executive Committee approved a corporate sponsorship policy at the November 4, 2009 meeting. You can see the new policy on the chapter website at <http://www.lansing-aga.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=22>. Becker Professional Education was our first corporate sponsor. They sponsored our November 24, 2009 luncheon. Thanks to Denese Ennis from Becker Professional Education.

Please plan on attending the December 16, 2009 audio conference, **Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud**. The audio conference will be held at Capitol Commons Conference Center Lower Level Conference Room A/B, 1:50 pm to 4:00 pm. This audio conference is free to AGA Greater Lansing Chapter members. Follow this link to register: <http://www.lansing-aga.org/cde.cfm?event=285840>

The AGA West Michigan Chapter held its inaugural meeting on December 1, 2009 in Grand Rapids. Several AGA Greater Lansing CEC members attended the meeting. Some Greater Lansing members helped get the new chapter organized. Those people include Tim Becker, Ed Nierescher, and Stephen Blann. If you know of anyone interested in joining the AGA West Michigan Chapter they can contact Stephen Blann at Stephen.Blann@rehmann.com.

In closing I want to wish everyone peace and good will during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,



Corey Sparks, CPA

2009-2010

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2009/2010 AUDIO CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
All audio conferences start at 1:50 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.
Online registration is open for all audio conferences
Audio conferences are FREE to members and \$15.00 to nonmembers.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Audio Conference</u>
December 16, 2009	Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
January 13, 2010	Internal Controls
February 10, 2010	Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
March 3, 2010	Fraud
March 24, 2010	Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources
April 21, 2010	The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
May 19, 2010	Ethics

Community Service



The Greater Lansing Chapter of the AGA continues to expand on our community service programs. Currently we are looking at participating with AIC (Asset Independence Coalition) and KRP (Kids Repair Program). AIC administers the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. This program would require 16 hours of training 4 hours for 4 nights and onsite tax assistance throughout Feb, March and early April. The time commitment will vary on the person's availability. The KRP is in need of a treasurer and /or leadership position and it sounds like a 1-2 hour commitment a month is necessary. They do have monthly meeting which currently take place the first Thursday of the month but it sounds like that is flexible.

If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Jean Young (see below for contact information).

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CGFM Intensive Review Course Announcement



Take the CGFM Examinations After the NLC

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the Eighth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). Whether you've found it difficult to find time to complete the three exams or just need an extra reinforcement of the material, this is your chance to get it done!

To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 22, and Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on February 24–25, 2010. The event will take place in Alexandria, VA. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and popular exam time slots are reserved quickly, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on the AGA website (http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2010/cgfm_exams.htm). If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Vanison at cvanison@agacgfm.org or at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.

CGFM CPE Question:

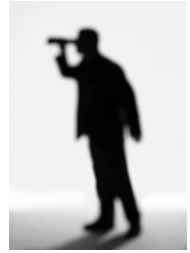
What is the CGFM's responsibility for maintaining documentation of CPE?

ANSWER: CGFMs are required to maintain supporting documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request. The CGFM's records must include the following information for each CPE program or activity attended or completed:

- A.** The sponsoring organization (for example, AGA National Office, Greater Lansing AGA chapter);
- B.** The title of the program, including subject matter, field of study or a brief description of its contents;
- C.** The dates attended for group programs or dates completed for individual study programs;
- D.** The number of CPE hours earned; and
- E.** Evidence of attendance or completion. This might include the following:
 - A certificate of attendance, a CPE form or other evidence of completion of CPE from the CPE provider for group and individual-study programs.
 - A grade report received for a university or college credit course.
 - A letter from the program sponsor, documenting the CPE courses presented and/or developed.
 - A copy of the published book, article, or materials that names the writer as author or contributor, a written statement from the writer supporting the number of CPE hours claimed, and the name and contact information of the publisher, if applicable.
 - An official report from the employer that has the employer's name and lists all of the required information (employee's name, sponsoring organization, title of the program, completion date and number of CPE hours earned).



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



AGA Greater Lansing Chapter Celebrates Members' Anniversaries

20 Years

Ms. Tammie L. Anderson	Dec 18
Mr. Michael T. Gaffney, CGFM	Dec 27

15 Years

Mrs. Sonja J. Scheurer, CGFM	Dec 15
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14 Years

Mr. Leo J. LaPorte, CGFM	Dec 18
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13 Years

Mrs. Annette M. Eustice, CGFM	Dec 02
Ms. Bobbie J. Marr, CGFM	Dec 10

11 Years

Mr. Timothy L. Martin, CPA	Dec 31
Mrs. Linda S. Shepard, CGFM	Dec 23
Mr. Joseph J. Tomczyk, CGFM	Dec 18



Financials



**Association of Government Accountants - Lansing Chapter
Chapter Financial Update
October 31, 2009**

ASSETS:

Current assets:	October - 09	September - 09
Checking	\$ 4,443.31	\$ 3,535.60
Time Deposits	5,181.71	5,181.71
Prepaid Expenses	0	0
Accounts Receivable	523.00	523.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,148.02	\$ 9,240.31

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
 Unrestricted Fund Balance - Beginning of year	 \$ 9,240.31	 \$ 9,642.59
TYD Income (Loss)	\$ 907.71	(\$402.28)
Unrestricted Fund Balance - End of period	\$ 10,148.02	\$ 9,240.31
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	 \$ 10,148.02	 \$ 9,240.31