

# Disclosures



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT**



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Happy New Year,

January is a time for new beginnings ... setting new goals, starting new projects, and embarking on new adventures!

Speaking of adventures, we are very excited about rolling out our new chapter website. Our former website was tied to a very costly contract which our chapter could no longer afford. When the website sponsor was unwilling to negotiate new contract terms, we worked with Cyber-built to develop a new website. As with any new computer adventure, there have been some adjustments needed as we have transitioned. As I write this greeting in late December, we are working on getting all of the payment and reservation functions fully operational and, if all goes as planned, you will be able to register online for the January events and pay online through PayPal. Of course, you will still have the option of paying by cash or check at events as well.

Please join us on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual joint luncheon with SAAABA where we will receive an income tax update and on January 29<sup>th</sup> for our web conference where we will hear the latest on Tackling Improper Payments. Plans are underway for our March 26<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Conference so, please, contact us if you have any topic or speaker suggestions. We are working hard to provide you with quality, relevant, and affordable CPE!

*Amy Zimmerman*

January's Quote:  
 "Look to the future, because that's where you'll spend the rest of your life."  
*George Burns, American comedian*

**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**



**364,682**

Total number of people who signed up for health insurance on either the federal or state-run exchanges in two months.

SOURCE: GOVERNING | December 12, 2013





## MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY

January 22, 2013  
11:45

Capitol View Building  
201 Townsend Street,  
Lansing, Michigan

## ANNUAL TAX UPDATE

### REGISTRATION

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.

Register before Friday, January 17, 2014

### COST

\$12 AGA members

\$16 non-members

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



## WEB CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY

January 29, 2014  
2:00PM to 3:50pm

Ottawa Building  
Conference Room 3  
Lansing, Michigan

## TACKLING IMPROPER PAYMENTS

### REGISTRATION

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.

Register before Friday, January 24, 2014

### COST

AGA members - FREE

non-members - \$20

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



Have you renewed your AGA membership? Login with your AGA ID and password to [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) and click the green billing button to renew online.

#### Quick Links

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Contact [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org) if you have any questions.

## 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 coworker does, so we encourage you to post the criterion on page 11 in your office.

The awards will be presented at the Chapter Spring Conference on March 26, 2014.



"Tax auditors! They're not fighting over the bill, it's the receipt."



"You seem very finicky about a little decimal point."



## All Things Fall Apart (Even Governments)

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



Source:  
governing.com

<http://www.governing.com/gov-institute/funkhouser/gov-all-things-fall-apart-even-governments.html>

That's why organizations need constant renewal to survive.

During a recent visit to Beijing, I took a side trip to see the Great Wall of China. It is indeed an amazing public works construction. It was begun in the 7th century B.C. and, as it exists today, is about 4,000 miles long. Our tour guide told us that since about 1950, the wall has been undergoing constant renovation and that some people didn't like that because they wanted it to be as it originally was.

But then she laughed and said this was a silly objection because things fall apart, and if the wall weren't maintained, eventually it would crumble away and disappear. She understood the law of entropy: All things deteriorate over time. That's true not only of physical structures like the Great Wall, but also of organizations and institutions.

Back in 1976, I got a master's in social work from West Virginia University. One of the enduring lessons of my social work training was the importance of balancing both task functions and maintenance functions in all human groups, whether they are as small as a married couple or as large as a big-city government.

The task functions are the work that the group has to get done. Two people sharing a household must get the rent paid, the meals prepared and the bathroom cleaned. A city government has to carry out a huge variety of tasks—there are more than 400 of them in Kansas City, where I was once mayor—from plowing snow to regulating land use to protecting public safety.

The further up the organizational food chain you are, the more time and effort you must spend rebuilding and renewing the organization. The Great Wall remains a marvel that brings more than 25 million visitors a year

because the Chinese recognize that it must be continually rebuilt. Government officials need to take a lesson from that and focus on rebuilding the organizations they lead.

The maintenance functions are the work that must be done to hold the group together. For example, the married couple must work out differences and conflicts in ways that strengthen their bond. A city government has to attend to activities that build organizational capacity, such as adding training and technology, strengthening lines of communication, and working out internal strains and conflicts.

Organizational and institutional decay is an inevitable and ongoing process, so if the organization is to continue to function, organizational renewal—those maintenance functions—must be ongoing as well. Otherwise, things start to fall apart and organizations either fail to effectively carry out their purposes or cease to exist entirely. You don't have to look hard to see evidence of these sorts of failures in government.

People run for elected office or take leadership appointments in government because they want to make a difference. Maintaining and strengthening the organization often seems the farthest thing from their minds, but balancing getting things done with building the organization's capacity to do those things is critical.

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### CYNTHIA M. JOHNSON



After a long battle with cancer, Cynthia M. Johnson of Fairfield Glade, TN, went to be with the Lord on the evening of Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Cindy was born on December 27, 1951, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Charles and Virginia (Olson) Johnson. A graduate of Michigan State University, Cynthia worked as a CPA and for the state of Michigan. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church, Habitat for Humanity, PEO, and the Fairfield Glade Ladies Club, Art Guild, Garden Club, and Quilting Club. She is survived by: her children, Kristin Schwartz and James Schwartz, of MI; her mother, Virginia Johnson, of Fairfield Glade TN; and her brothers, Conrad Johnson (Marna), of England, and Charles M. Johnson (Betsy), of TN. Donations in Cynthia's honor may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 329 McLarity Lane, Crossville, TN 38555; or to Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church Memorial Garden, 231 Westchester Dr., Fairfield Glade, TN 38558.

Cindy was an active Greater Lansing Chapter member and served as the chapter president for the 2006-2007 program year.



Alan Pentz

Posted  
December 19, 2013



## The Key to Improving Your Leadership Skills in 2014 is Finding the Balance Point

The end of the year is a great time for reflection. Many leaders and managers are taking some time to make plans and resolutions for how they want to change over the. At the company where I work, Corner Alliance, we've been thinking about what kind of things we see clients do that make them stand out as leaders and managers. There is a whole consulting industrial complex around leadership and management (of which I'm a part) that seeks to shed light on this. Just search leadership on Amazon and you get over 100,000 results.

But we wanted to just start from our own experience and forget about wading through the morass of leadership literature. We work with great leaders and managers every day. We did an internal survey of our consultants about the attributes and skills that they see the most successful of our clients exhibit. Things like communication, listening, accountability, self-awareness, time management, decisiveness, humility, etc., came up again and again.

Those are all important areas for managers and leaders to work on, and what I took away from our discussion was the need for successful leaders to find a balance in all these attributes and skills. All too often we think skills such as communication, listening, etc., are the kind of things where the more you get, the better. But, in truth, every strength eventually becomes a weakness when overused.

For example, leaders need to create a culture of accountability but the question is how much do you need? You can have no accountability and get an organization that loses its best people and promotes an atmosphere of cynicism because poor performers are not dealt with or are even rewarded or leadership fails to follow through on commitments. By the same token, you can have too much accountability with leadership that micromanages, stifles creativity, and doesn't allow for mistakes.

A successful leader is the one who finds the optimal point along the continuum of accountability. That leader is Goldilocks finding the bed that is just right. That balance point can change based on the personal style of each leader and the unique circumstances in each organization. It isn't one size fits all.

Finding that point is your challenge as a leader. While you are making your resolutions for the next year, keep that idea in mind. When you think about what you want to improve, think about where the balance point is for you.



Meiko Patton

Posted  
December 25, 2013



## The One Quality You Need to Succeed in 2014

When you remind yourself of what you had planned to accomplish this year, do you start feeling really good about yourself, confident and ready to take 2014 by storm? Or do you try not to think about the past year at all because the thought of repeating it is something you want to leave well in the past?

Here's the thing: You can go into the new year with a positive outlook, with plans and actions that enable you to achieve your goals, to finally get healthier, or make a mark in your career that enables you to get paid more and promoted faster or become a better parent, spouse, and friend.

But unless you have this single powerful quality... NONE of them will work. What is this indispensable quality? Self-Discipline. Here are 5 ways to achieve that.

### 1. Make decisions in advance and stick with them:

When you make a decision about something you should write it on paper. Try writing details along with it, along with the outcome that you are hoping from it. It's very hard to deny something that you want in the first place and sticking to that decision for a long time is hard as well. In order to avoid this trouble you have to draw a clear picture of the entire situation in front of you while refusing to give in.

**2. Know the value of something important:** You can avoid instant rewards only if you know the exact importance of something in your life. You need to know what things are important to you the most and what needs to be cherished. Do you want a brand new car for yourself or are you satisfied with your old car that is completely debt free? If you are perfectly satisfied with your old debt free car then you can put your thoughts on hold for a brand new car with payments.

**3. Plan Ahead:** Having every detail of your life planned ahead is not something that we want but when it comes to your goals and passions, you need to plan your way to reach them. You need to make a plan about your credit and finances to buy something expensive, you need to plan your career path in order to achieve career excellence. If you are following your desire through a planned method you can easily avoid the urge of settling with the immediate rewards and move forward to your goals more effectively. With a plan, everything that you do goes in the right direction and you can evaluate what you need to do to achieve your goals.

**4. Make Priorities:** It is very important that you have clear priorities about your decisions and desires. You have to make the important things the priority for you and not let anything else get in the way.

**5. Make short term goals:** The hardest thing to do with delayed gratification is to wait for the reward or the goal. The longer it takes the harder it gets. And at times you may feel like quitting the goal and settle with the immediate reward. The key to control your emotions is to keep yourself self-motivated. To achieve this, instead of choosing a big goal, you can divide it among many short term rewards and celebrate each time you achieve any of these goals. This will keep you focused towards the goal and help you stay motivated.



## **CPE Topics and Subjects that Qualify**

The CGFM is initially responsible for determining whether a topic or subject qualifies as acceptable CPE. CPE programs include a wide variety of topics and subjects that may contribute to maintaining or enhancing the professional proficiency of some CGFMs, but not others. Determining what topics and subjects are appropriate for individual CGFMs to satisfy the CPE requirement is a matter of professional judgment. Among the considerations in exercising that judgment are CGFM's experience, the government financial management area(s) in which they work and the responsibilities they assume in performing government financial management functions.

To help one determine whether the course would qualify for CPE, the CGFM should answer "yes" to all of the following questions:

1. Is the information covered in this course applicable to government financial management?
2. Does this course contribute to my professional proficiency as a CGFM?
3. Does this course provide information that directly benefits me in my job as a government financial manager or enhance my overall knowledge of government financial management?

Some courses, such as the ones that cover individual or business taxation, may not qualify for the CGFM CPE. If the CGFMs are taking these courses to satisfy the CGFM requirement, they will need to make a connection to their job and proficiency as a government financial manager and be prepared to provide a written explanation of the applicability of such courses.

CPE that would satisfy the CGFM Program's requirement must be in government financial management topics or related technical subjects applicable to government financial management. Examples of such topics and subjects include, but are not limited to, the following:

accounting principles and standards  
accounting research  
accounting systems  
acquisitions management  
actuarial techniques and analysis  
analytical procedures  
assessment of internal controls  
assessment and evaluation methodologies  
asset management  
audit methodologies  
audit of contract compliance/costs  
audit/evaluation of program results  
audit risk and materiality  
audit/evaluation standards  
audit preparation, review techniques and tools  
auditing research  
budgeting  
business law  
cash management

compliance with laws and regulations  
compilation and review of financial statements  
computer science  
computer security  
contracting and procurement  
cost accounting  
credit management  
current industry risks  
data management and analysis  
debt collection  
economics  
enterprise risk management  
ethics and independence  
evaluation design  
financial auditing  
financial management  
financial management systems  
financial planning or analysis  
financially related fraud  
financial reporting  
financial statement analysis  
forecasts and projections  
forensic accounting  
forensic auditing  
government structure, organization, authority  
human capital management  
industrial engineering  
information resources management  
information systems management  
information security  
information technology  
internal control and internal control assessment  
interviewing techniques  
inventory management  
investigations  
investment of public funds  
operations research  
oral and written communications  
organizational change management  
pension and other employee benefits accounting  
performance measurement and reporting  
principles of leadership and management  
process reengineering  
procurement management  
productivity improvement  
program evaluation  
project management  
property management  
public accountability  
public administration  
public finance  
public policy and structure  
report writing  
research methods  
sampling methods  
social and political sciences  
statistics  
statistical analysis and techniques  
strategic planning  
taxation (need to make a connection with your job)

# Early Careers Center

## 10 Good Ways to “Tell Me About Yourself”

By Scott Ginsberg, TheLadders.com



### You know its coming.

It's the most feared question during any job interview. Do you think I would look good in a cowboy hat?

Just kidding. The real questions is: Can you tell my about yourself?

Bleccch. What a boring, vague, and open-ended question. Who likes answering that?

I know. I'm with you. But unfortunately, hiring managers and executive recruiters ask the question. Even if you are not interviewing and you are out networking in the community – you need to ready to hear it and answer it. At all times.

Now, before I share a list of 10 memorable answers, consider the two essential elements behind the answers:

**The medium is the message.** The interview cares less about your answer to this question and more about the confidence, enthusiasm, and passion with which you answer it.

**The speed of the response is the response.** The biggest mistake you could make is pausing, stalling, or fumbling at the onset of your answer, thus demonstrating a lack of self-awareness and self-esteem.

Next time your faced with the dreaded, “Tell me about yourself . . .” question, try these:

#### 1. I can summarize who I am in three words.

Grabs there attention immediately. Demonstrates your ability to be concise, creative, and compelling.

#### 2. The quotation I live my life by is . . .

Proves that your personal development is an essential part of your growth plan. Also shows your ability to motivate yourself.

#### 3. My personal philosophy is . . .

Companies hire athletes – not shortstops. This line indicates your position as a thinking, not just an employee.

#### 4. People who know me best say that I'm . . .

This response offers insight into your own level of self-awareness.

#### 5. Well, I googled myself this morning and this is what I found . . .

Tech savvy, fun, cool, people would say this. Unexpected and memorable.

#### 6. My passion is . . .

People don't care what you do – people care who you are. And what you're passionate about is who you are. Plus, passion unearths enthusiasm.

#### 7. When I was seven years old, I always wanted to be . . .

An answer like this shows that you've been preparing for this job your whole life, not just the night before.

#### 8. If Hollywood made a movie about my life, it would be called . . .

Engaging, interesting, and entertaining.

#### 9. Can I show you instead of tell you?

Then pull something out of your pocket that represents who you are. Who could resist this answer? Who could forget this answer?

#### 10. The compliment people give me most frequently is . . .

Almost like a testimonial, this response also indicates self-awareness and openness to feedback.

Keep in mind that these examples are just the opener. The secret is thinking how you will follow up each answer with relevant, interesting, and concise explanations that make the already bored interviewer look up from his stale coffee and think, “Wow! That's the best answer I've heard all day.”

Ultimately it's about answering quickly, it's about speaking creatively and it's about breaking people's patterns.

I understand your fear with such answers. Responses like these are risky, unexpected, and unorthodox. And that's exactly why they work.

Otherwise, you become (yet another) non-entity in the gray mass of blah, blah, blah.

You're hireable because of your answers. When people ask you to tell them about yourself, make them glad they asked.



Scott Ginsberg, aka “The Nametag Guy,” is the author of nine books, an award winning blogger and the creator of NametagTV.com. He's the only person in the world who wears a nametag 24-7 and advises companies on how to leverage approachability into profitability.

# CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



You can register for all chapter events at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://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 -

### ANNIVERSARIES

Cinda Lou Karlik, CGFM	29 years
Deborah Christopherson, CGFM	18 years
Michelle Hilliker, CGFM	18 years
Jerry Kulka, CGFM-Retired	18 years
Minesh Moody	18 years
Vickie Crouch, CGFM	17 years
Margaret Maday, CGFM	17 years
Karen Spak, CGFM	17 years
Mary Elizabeth Gienapp, CGFM	16 years
Cheryl Baker	15 years
John Hayes, CGFM-Retired	15 years
Karen Stout, CGFM	15 years
Cynthia Michels	13 years
Cheryl Grice	8 years
Diane DeLuca	6 years
Scott Strong, CGFM	4 years
Abdel Abdelrahman	2 years
Desiree Kirkland	1 year

### NEW MEMBER

Jessica Kovi  
State of Michigan, Office of the Auditor General



## CHAPTER FINANCES

### Balance Sheet at November 30, 2013

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 4,380
Accounts Receivable	\$ -0-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,380</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Unrestricted Begin Fund Balance	\$ 5,237
Income [Loss]	\$ 857
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,380</b>

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit  
[www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events](http://www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events)

#### January 28, 2014

Quarterly Webinar  
2014 Governmental GAAP Update  
1 hour CPE

### National AGA

To register for events, visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)



#### February 11-12, 2014

Ronald Regan Building and  
International Trade Center  
Washington, D.C.  
14 hours CPE



#### 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

### Western Michigan Chapter ISACA

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

#### February 6, 2014

Chapter Meeting  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Develop a passion for learning. If you do so, you will never cease to grow.

Anthony J. D'Angelo







## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2013

CEC Members Present: Chris Bayley, Deb Christopherson, Linda deBourbon, Heather Hammond, Wanda Jones, Cindy Osga, Charlotte Roper, Susan Saari, Corey Sparks, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia, Amy Zimmerman

CEC Members Not Present: Kenji Griffith, Dan Jaroche

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: Amy called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. A motion to accept the agenda was seconded and approved.

Minutes: Corey reported the minutes from the November CEC minutes were approved by email on December 3, 2013. Corey will not be attending January, February, and possibly March meetings. Someone will minutes in his absence.

Budget and Financials: Dan W. distributed the November 2013 financial statements. A motion to approve the November 2013 financial statements and November disbursements of \$1,301.84 was seconded and approved.

President's Update: Amy had her monthly phone call with National.

Chapter Recognition Program: Chris is working on entering the quarterly report. We have attained 59% of our goal points. We are on track to meet our goal.

Website: The new website is up and running. We need to add the registration and payment functionality. Chris will be working with Mark, the website developer, to get this done. Once this is done, security will be given to some board members to set up events and user other functionality.

Membership: Amy reported that one new member has joined the chapter.

Education: Heather will set up a meeting in January to begin planning the Spring PDC. LCC is changing the company who provides catering. A new menu will be available. Send any ideas for speakers and topics to Heather.

Program Luncheons: January 22 is the joint luncheon with SAAABA. Ron Foss from SAAABA was in attendance to sign the agreement. SAAABA will be ordering the food. The luncheon will be held at the Capital View Building. The topic is Federal and State Tax Updates. Carrie Hindeman is the speaker from Andrews Cooper and Pavlic. Ron will send Karen's bio to Karen.

CGFM and CPE Events: Twenty-eight people have registered for today's webinar. It will be held at Constitution Hall, Brake Conference Room.

Community Service: Charlotte is checking to see if VITA needs people. VITA training is usually in January. Charlotte will set VITA information out at the January luncheon.

Communications/CCR: Cindy completed the December newsletter. Chris will have Mark post it to the website. Send January newsletter items to Cindy before the holidays. The Chapter received a Certificate of Excellence from National for our Citizen Centric Report.

Awards Update: Wanda reported next month grant award notifications will be sent out. Linda will get the addresses of not-state entities to contact.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Next Meeting: January 8. Charlotte will be hosting at the Treasury/Austin Building.





## Chapter Executive Committee 2013-2014

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Chapter

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See the Chapter's Annual Citizen Centric Report on the website.

[www.lansing-aga.org](http://www.lansing-aga.org)

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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, February 28, 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](mailto:AGAGreaterLansingAwards@gmail.com).  
or mailed to PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901

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