

# Disclosures



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT**



**Table of Contents**

Letter from the President	1
February Chapter Education Events	2
CGFM Corner	2
Chapter Seeking Award Nominations	3
Positive Approach	4
Six Awsome Government Jobs	5
Community Service – VITA	6
Early Careers Center	7
Chapter Education Calendar	8
Chapter Presidents Through the Years	9
Other Education Events	9
Member News	10
Chapter Finances	10
CEC Minutes	11
Chapter Executive Committee	12

Greetings,

This month I come to with news about training. Both at the local as well as the national level. First the local. Your AGA chapter is in the final stages of planning and coordination for its Spring 2015 Professional Development Conference, which is to take place on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our website has more details. Also, the March newsletter will have the final conference agenda.

We are also hosting a site where we will listen to the February 18<sup>th</sup> AGA audio conference entitled, "Fraud Prevention".

At the national level the annual AGA Professional Development Training will be held from July 12 – July 15 in Nashville. It is not too early to start planning if you hope to attend the PDT. For the second year now AGA is offering an alternative to attending in person. If you cannot afford the travel and hotel or it just does not work out with your work or personal schedule to be gone for 5 or so days then consider virtual attendance. If this option sounds interesting to you I encourage you to visit the AGA National website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/PDT2015/PDT-Home.aspx> and look into this option.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Chapter education events.

Chris

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**March 26, 2015**  
 Greater Lansing AGA Chapter  
 Professional Development Conference  
 Ahead of the Curve – Dynamic Finance and IT  
 8 hours CPE  
**Okemos Conference Center**  
note the location change  
 2187 University Parkway

**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 113**

The 113<sup>th</sup> Congress left its mark as the least productive in U.S. history.

SOURCE: Washington Post | December 16, 2014





**WEB CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY**  
February 18, 2015  
2:00pm to 3:50pm  
Constitution Hall  
Conference Rooms A B  
Lansing, Michigan

**FRAUD PREVENTION – FROM PONZI  
TO MADOFF, TRUST, GULIBILITY,  
AND GREED**

**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.  
Register before Monday, February 16, 2015

**COST**

AGA members - FREE  
non-members - \$20

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



**MONTHLY MEETING  
TUESDAY**  
February 24, 2015  
11:45  
Capitol View Building  
201 Townsend Street,  
Lansing, Michigan

**JUDGMENT MATTERS WHEN  
WRITING EMAILS USING  
GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.  
Register before Friday, February 20, 2015

**COST**

\$12 AGA members  
\$16 non-members

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

**EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.  
YOU SHOULD TOO.**

It is membership renewal time. Renew online. It's quick, easy,  
and secure. Visit [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org) and click on the renew button.

**Quick Links**

[Join AGA](#)

[Renew Now](#)



**The Mark of Excellence in  
Federal, State, and Local  
Government for 20 Years**

**Maintaining Your Designation**

**What are the requirements for maintaining my CGFM?**

To retain the designation a CGFM must:

1. Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date each year.
2. Adhere to AGA's Code of Ethics.
3. Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years in government financial management or related technical subjects within the two year period.
4. Maintain, and if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on your CPE hours completed.

**I did not renew last year. What do I do?**

Your CGFM is now inactive. To reactivate your CGFM status you must:

1. Submit a completed CPE report listing at least 40 CPE hours earned in the last 12 months with required backup documentation.
2. Pay the current year's renewal fee and a reactivation fee.

**Do I need to automatically send you my CPEs at time of renewal?**

**No.** CGFMs do not need to submit supporting documentation of their CPE hours at the time of renewal. The renewal payment itself serves as the CGFM's affirmation of his or her compliance with the CPE requirements. CGFMs are required to maintain supporting backup documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request.

**I am short in my last cycle and heard I can use the first three months of the following year as a grace period to catch up. Do I need to request this exception?**

**No.** There is no need to request an exception if you plan to catch up during the grace period. CGFMs who have not completed the required number of CPE hours for any two-year CPE cycle will automatically have the three months (January 1 - March 31) immediately following the two-year cycle to make up the deficiency. Any CPE hours completed toward a deficiency in one CPE cycle must be documented in the CPE records and may not be counted toward the requirements for the next two-year cycle.

## **GREATER LANSING CHAPTER SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**



## **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMUNITY?**

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. In addition, the nominator's name and contact information must be included. Recipients will be recognized by their peers at the Chapter Spring Professional Development Conference on March 26, 2015. You may nominate yourself.

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 27, 2015**

#### **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 [lansingaga@gmail.com](mailto:lansingaga@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.



## The Positive Approach to Government's Performance Problems

The evidence is mounting. Government performance has been adversely affected by budget cuts and deteriorating morale. The University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index for federal services has fallen for the second straight year. The overall score is now 64. For comparison, the U.S. Postal Service index is 72 and hospitals scored 76. Defense was the single federal agency that scored higher than 70. Only Internet service providers at 63 was lower than government. As customer satisfaction declines, voter support for government declines.

If there were other government wide performance measures (e.g., absenteeism, grievances, etc.), it's more than likely the data would show a similar decline. A number of potentially more costly performance problems have been in the headlines recently. That should be expected when morale deteriorates.

To borrow a phrase from a recent headline, this is not a "carrot-and-stick" problem, especially since the carrot is significantly smaller than a few years ago. In the business world the motivational power of competing combined with the prospect of significant financial rewards can induce employees to tolerate ineffective management practices. Government is different, of course. In the current environment, government agencies need a different work management strategy.

Organizations need workers who come to work each day, put in their time, perform as expected and stay out of trouble. Every organization has employees like that. That is consistent with traditional civil service thinking. Workers are cogs and the job of managers is to keep the machine operating. The carrot-and-stick approach fits that environment, although the unstated purpose is worker control.

But today's successful knowledge organizations are very different. Nothing is more important than tapping the knowledge and skills of employees, unleashing out-of-the-box thinking. That requires a trusting work environment where workers feel empowered to apply their knowledge. That is consistent with the emerging understanding of healthy organizations and the lessons learned by researchers in the new field of positive psychology.

The origins of the field can be traced to a psychologist everyone remembers from college, Abraham Maslow. But the person credited with the establishing the field of positive psychology is Dr. Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania. He made it the theme for his term as president of the American Psychological Association in 1998. Interest in the field grew rapidly. The first international conference took place in 2002. Today the theories influence practitioners in fields as disparate as child development, offender rehabilitation and the work place.

The growing interest led to several academic centers linked to business schools including the Center for Positive Organizations at Michigan and the Center for Healthy Workplaces at Berkeley. There are also a number of books. An Amazon search for books on organizational health found over 5,000.

The reason for the interest is important to government. It's captured by a statement on the website of the APA's Center for Organizational Excellence: "A psychologically healthy workplace fosters employee health and well-being while *enhancing organizational performance and productivity*. The website summarizes the benefits to an organization:

- Improved quality, performance and productivity
- Reduced absenteeism and turnover
- Fewer accidents and injuries
- Better ability to attract and retain top-quality employees
- Improved customer service and satisfaction
- Lower health care costs

Yes, healthy organizations perform better. It is central to the workforce strategies of companies like Starbucks and Southwest Airlines.

The APA has five categories of psychologically healthy workplace practices:

- Employee involvement in decision making
- Work-life balance
- Employee growth and development
- Health and safety
- Employee recognition

Communications is important as the foundation for all healthy workplace practices. Employees want to know what they can expect and what's expected of them. They also feel more involved when they are kept abreast of developments and emerging problems. Communicating and recognizing accomplishments enhances employee commitment. The APA website makes a wealth of information available.

The practices associated with the list are important to government for four reasons: (1) they can be adopted at minimal or no added cost, (2) they can be adopted at any level including by individual managers, (3) they will enhance the brand of government, reduce turnover and enhance recruiting, and (4) as they are incorporated into day-to-day management, performance will improve.

To highlight an important point—nothing on the list is precluded by the civil service system.

The APA website fails, however, to emphasize an issue that Gallup and other researchers have identified as a key to employee commitment and high performance—effective supervision. That's unfortunately an issue that government has ignored. A supervisor's impact is far greater than any carrot-and-stick policy. Effective supervisors can create a positive work environment in an otherwise unhealthy organization.

In my years of consulting, I have heard story after story about individuals as well as work groups that responded positively to changes in work management practices. The most recalcitrant or uncooperative employee can become a highly productive employee in a healthy work environment. Now is the time for government to seize this win-win opportunity for agencies, employees and the public.

*Howard Risher managed compensation consulting practices for two national firms and has written four books, including [Aligning Pay and Results](#). He has an MBA and Ph.D. from the Wharton School*





Hannah Moss

Posted  
December 4, 2014



## 6 Awesome Government Jobs

Government jobs get a bad rap for putting employees behind a mountain of paper in a desolate land of poorly lit cubicles. Admittedly, those jobs do exist. However, the federal government also has a few opportunities that let you jump out of a plane, explore our national parks, or even hang out with lions. Six of these awesome jobs are listed below:

### Smokejumper

**Agency:** Department of the Interior

**The Job:** An employee, “will serve as a smokejumper in initial attack of wildfires by parachuting into fires and mountainous terrain and landing in timber or an open field.”

**Why It’s Cool:** First off, you get to jump out of a plane into fires. Second off, your job title makes you sound like an X-man.



### Archeologist

**Agency:** Department of the Interior

**The Job:** Both in the office and in the field, archeologists ensure that U.S. cultural resources are studied and preserved.

**Why It’s Cool:** You get to spend tons of time outdoors, including trekking through “barbed wire fences and farm gates, livestock, wetlands to semi-arid environments, and long distances to town.” You’re basically Indiana Jones.



### Biotechnician (Dolphin Trainer)

**Agency:** Department of the Navy

**The Job:** As a trainer, you teach and deploy dolphins to detect sea mines (which are a thing, apparently).

**Why It’s Cool:** You don’t have to take a vacation to the Bahamas to swim with dolphins, because that’s your day job.



### Astronaut

**Agency:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**The Job:** Astronauts study and explore space like 21st century cowboys and cowgirls.

**Why It’s Cool:** You get to go into space—a place only a handful of humans have ever been—and you get to tell people you’re an astronaut. That’s one small step for man, one giant step closer to being Hans Solo.



### Recreation Assistant (River)

**Agency:** Department of the Interior

**The Job:** Recreation assistants patrol white water rafting areas to monitor safety and river integrity.

**Why It’s Cool:** This job is not for the faint of heart, but definitely for anyone interested in hosting their own episode of Man vs. Wild. The job description notes, “Work may take place in extremely remote environments and may require primitive camping and living skills for upwards of two weeks in duration.” Additionally, you get to go white water rafting while you’re at work.



### Lion Keeper

**Agency:** Smithsonian National Zoological Park

**The Job:** As a lion keeper for the National Zoo, you train and care for lions and other large cats.

**Why It’s Cool:** Baby lions. Enough said.



### About GovLoop

GovLoop’s mission is simple: connect government to improve government. We aim to inspire public sector professionals to better service by acting as the knowledge network for government.

GovLoop serves a community of more than 150,000 government leaders by helping them to foster collaboration, learn from each other, solve problems and advance in their government careers. We aim to inspire public sector professionals to better service by acting as the knowledge network for government.

# Community Service

Your assistance to the VITA program in our tri-County region is a gift that keeps on giving. These individuals and families need quality tax preparation and the tax return dollars support our local economy.

Please do all you can. On behalf of the County, City, United Way partnership that supports this program throughout the year – THANK YOU!

*Eric*

Eric A. Schertzing  
Ingham County Treasurer and Land Bank Chair  
C: 517.303.7233

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little”

FDR, 1937 inaugural address

WOULD YOU MISS  
**\$4 MILLION**

OUR COMMUNITY WILL...  
**WITHOUT YOU!**

Last year, almost \$4 million was returned to the Lansing area's low- to moderate-income taxpayers through the assistance of volunteers like you.

**VITA**  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

**NOW** recruiting businesspeople, finance or accounting college students & other professionals

(517) 285-1466  
[www.lansingfreetaxes.org](http://www.lansingfreetaxes.org)



HELP **4,500 local families** as a trained, IRS-certified volunteer. You can be **VITAL** to the region's economy through this important community **VITA** program.

**Time Commitment:**

- 16 hours of training
- 5-10 hours per week (January-April)
- daytime or evening hours available

**In 16 hours of training, you'll:**

- become IRS-certified
- gain experience for your resume
- earn CEU credits (for your CPA)
- gain information for your own taxes
- help the community in an important way

Online or In-Person Training Available  
Invite friends & colleagues!

(517) 285-1466  
[www.lansingfreetaxes.org](http://www.lansingfreetaxes.org)



# Early Career Center

## Good Employees Make Mistakes Great Leaders Allow Them To

by Amy Rees Anderson, Contributor, Forbes



As a business leader, I found that one of the scariest things to do was to give your people the freedom to make mistakes. While mistakes allow individuals to learn and grow, they can also be very costly to any company. Scared as I was, I knew that truly great leaders found ways to allow their people to take these risks, and I genuinely wanted to be a great leader. I wanted to help my employees to grow. So I set out to discover how to accomplish this without placing my company in jeopardy.

**“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.” - Meq Cabot**

I quickly discovered that the first step was to determine the areas of the business where a mistake could take place without causing too much damage. I took careful attention to make sure that any areas where we would damage our clients and the trust they had placed in us were off limits for significant risk without serious executive involvement and oversight. I identified other areas where I could feel more comfortable allowing people the freedom to experiment on new and better ways of doing things.

The second step was to communicate to the employees that we were setting an official company policy: Making any mistake once was OK, so long as it was an honest mistake made while attempting to do what they felt was the right thing. Making any mistake once was OK, but repeating that same mistake a second time was NOT OK. The hard, fast rule was that if you made any mistake for the first time the entire team would have your back in fixing that mistake if anything went wrong. However, if you ever repeated the mistake a second time, then you were 100 percent on your own to face the consequences. This rule applied for every first-time occurrence of each new mistake you made.

We all make mistakes. Every one of us. If we aren't making mistakes, then we likely aren't trying enough new things outside our comfort zone, and that itself is a mistake. That process is the best way to learn and grow as a person. As John Wooden once said, **“If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything.”**

Mistakes are the pathway to great ideas and innovation. Mistakes are the stepping stones to moving outside the comfort zone to the growing zone where new discoveries are made and great lessons are learned. Mistakes are not failures, they are simply the process of eliminating ways that will not work in order to come closer to the ways that will.

Great leaders allow their people the freedom to make mistakes. But good employees are those who when mistakes are made:

**1. Learn from them:** Good employees recognize what they have, in fact, made an honest mistake. They do not get defensive about it, rather they are willing to look objectively at their mistake, recognize what they did wrong, and understand why their choice or actions were the wrong thing to do.

**2. Own them:** Good employees take accountability for their mistakes. They admit them readily. They don't make excuses for their mistake, rather they acknowledge that yes, they made a mistake and they express openly what lesson they have learned from that mistake. They go on to express steps 3 and 4 below.

**3. Fix them:** Good employees do what it takes to rectify their wrongs. They are willing to do whatever they can to fix the problem and make it right. Certainly there are times when the damage is done and recompense cannot be made, but good employees do their very best to repair whatever damage has been done to the best of their ability. They always establish a timeline with follow up for when the problem will be fixed and make sure that progress is communicated throughout the process so everyone feels the urgency and care with which they are correcting the problem.

**4. Put safeguards in place to ensure the same mistake will never be repeated again:** This is the most critical step in the learning process. When a mistake has clearly been made, the most important thing anyone can do is



### The Six A's of a Proper Apology

**Admit** – I made a mistake

**Apologize** – I am sorry.

**Acknowledge:** I recognize where I went wrong that caused my mistake to occur.

**Attest** – I plan to do the following to fix the mistake on this specified timeline.

**Assure** – I will put the following protections in place to ensure I do not make this mistake again.

**Abstain** – Never repeat the same mistake twice.

figure out what safety nets and roadblocks can be carefully established to ensure that this same mistake will never take place again. Document this step so the lessons learned and the safeguards setup can always go beyond you. Do everything in your power to help others learn from your mistake so they don't have to experience them on their own to gain the lesson you've learned.

The steps to correcting mistakes apply to any area of life. Whether it's business life or home life or personal life, the principles of apologizing remain the same. Good employees make a lot of mistakes, and truly great employees are those who have mastered the art of apologizing for those mistakes.

# 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 18, 2014**  
**Professional Development Conference**  
Government Accountability  
Library of Michigan  
4 hours CPE~~

~~**October 21, 2014**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
DNR Resource Trust Fund  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE~~

~~**November 13, 2014**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE~~



~~**November 19, 2014**  
**Webinar Conference**  
Fraud Risk Management  
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6  
2 hours CPE~~

~~**January 26, 2015**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
Income Tax Update  
Joint Meeting with SAAABA  
Capitol View Building~~

~~**January 28, 2015**  
**Webinar Conference**  
Strengthening Grant Management  
Constitution Hall  
2 hours CPE~~

**February 18, 2015**  
**Webinar Conference**  
Fraud Prevention  
Ottawa Building, Conference Room A  
2 hours CPE

**February 24, 2015**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
FOIA and Email  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE

**March 18, 2015**  
**Webinar Conference**  
Internal Controls  
location to be announced  
2 hours CPE

**March 26, 2015**  
**Professional Development Conference**  
Government Accountability  
Okemos Conference Center  
8 hours CPE

**April 22, 2015**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
topic to be announced  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE



**May 13, 2015**  
**Webinar Conference**  
Ethics  
location to be announced  
2 hours CPE

**May 19, 2015**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
topic to be announced  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE



# ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Greater Lansing Chapter  
Chapter Presidents

The Greater Lansing AGA Chapter received its charter from the National AGA on September 25, 1979.

1979-1980	Ron Hoffmeister
1980-1981	Joe Perrone
1981-1982	L.T. Bower
1982-1983	Jerome Herman
1983-1984	Carol Shamka
1984-1985	Jon Houseman
1985-1986	Barbara Hayes
1986-1987	John Hart
1987-1988	Richard Cummings
1988-1989	Jeff Linderman
1989-1990	Steve Hilker
1990-1991	Myron Frierson
1991-1992	Jill Murphy
1992-1993	Therese Regner
1993-1994	Larry Misiewicz
1994-1995	Christine Ullmann
1995-1996	Pratin Trivedi
1996-1997	Lisa Pratt
1997-1998	Laura Hirst
1998-1999	Cindy Osga
1999-2000	Chris Bayley
2000-2001	Jean Ramsy
2001-2002	Lisa Fath
2002-2003	Laura Mester
2003-2004	Christy Ryan
2004-2005	Howard Pizzo
2005-2006	Linda deBourbon
2006-2007	Ed Niereshner
2007-2008	Dairus Reynett
2008-2009	Tim Becker
2009-2010	Corey Sparks
2010-2011	Cynthia Johnson
2011-2012	Susan Saari
2012-2013	Deborah Christopherson
2013-2014	Amy Zimmerman
2014-2015	Chris Bayley

**GREATER LANSING  
CHAPTER  
35 YEARS**

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### West Michigan AGA

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

#### February 25, 2015

Governmental Accounting Training Series Level One  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
8 hours CPE

#### March 18, 2015

Governmental Accounting Training Series Level Two  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
8 hours CPE

### National AGA

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



#### February 11-12, 2015

National Leadership Training  
Ronald Regan Building  
Washington D.C.  
14 hours CPE



#### May 4-5, 2015

Government Performance Summit  
Marriott Metro Center Hotel  
Washington D.C.  
14 hours CPE



#### July 12-15, 2015

Professional Development Training  
Gaylord Opryland Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee  
24 hours CPE

### Lansing IIA

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

#### February 6, 2015

Got Ethics?  
East Lansing, Michigan  
2 hours CPE

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

Anthony J. D'Angelo





## MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS! Member Anniversaries

Dr. John Daly, III, CGFM	19 years
Janet Luplow, CGFM	18 years
Linda deBourbon	14 years
Wanda Clavon Jones	8 years
MaBlanche Quirante	8 years
John Stark	8 years
Marion Hart	7 years
Jennifer Gibson	4 years
Delores Midkiff-Powell	3 years
Cora Schimanski	1 year

### WELCOME !

#### New Member

Kim Garland, City of Chelsea



## CHAPTER FINANCES

### Balance Sheet at December 31, 2014

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 7,922
Pay Pal Account	\$ 986
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,908</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Unrestricted Begin Fund Balance	\$ 8,927
Income (Loss)	\$ 19
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,908</b>



Information security is a major priority at this company.  
We've done a lot of stupid things we's like to keep secret.



It went pretty well. The auditor took  
one look at my files and retired.

## PRESIDENT'S DAY

The story of President's Day began in 1800. Following George Washington's death in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. While Washington's birthday was an unofficial observance, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. The shift from Washington's birthday began in the late 1960s when Congress proposed a



measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. The Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with Abraham Lincoln's, which fell on February 12. Lincoln's birthday had been a state holiday for many states and many supported joining the two days as a way of giving equal recognition of two of America's most famous statesmen.



## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2014

CEC Members Present: Christopher Bayley, Julie Salman, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia, Amy Zimmerman

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler, Kenji Griffith, Dan Jaroche, Wanda Jones, Cindy Osga, Charlotte Roper, Susan Saari, Cora Schimanski, Karen Stout

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: Chris called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. A motion to accept the agenda was seconded and approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the November CEC meeting was approved by email vote on November 25, 2014

Budget and Financials: No financials were presented as Julie C. was not present. Financials will be sent for an email vote or presented at the January meeting.

Chapter Recognition Program: Dan J. indicated that he has not yet entered anything into the CRP database but that he is working on a list for the points earned.

Membership: No report.

Education: Anshu has set March 26, 2015 as the date for the spring professional development conference. The PDC will be at the Okemos Conference Center and will include 8 hours of CPE. Anshu has secured speakers for 1 hour of Ethics, 2 hours of GAAP Update, and 1 hour of the Sigma Project Update. She is working on sponsors for the event. Anshu may need assistance from other board members closer to the event time. She would like to keep the prices the same as last year. Chris will check the approved budget to see what we included.

Luncheons: We are working with Abdel Aly from SAAABA on an agreement for the January luncheon. The proposed split would be revenue and expenses for AGA members to AGA only, SAAABA only members to SAAABA, and dual members or nonmembers be split 50/50 to both. Anshu may be able to get Grand Traverse Pie Company at a reduced price instead of Amy's Catering

Awards: No report.

Communications/CCR: No report.

CGFM and CPE Events: Dan W. indicated that the next audio conference will be January 28 at Constitution Hall. Dan will get the details put onto the website event calendar. He will again reach out to Stephanie Roach at the OAG to see if they are interested in co-sponsoring the webinar.

Webmaster: Chris indicated that Cora is now able to grant rights to the website and that everyone who asked for rights now has them. If a board member would like to get rights to make changes, please let Cora know and she will get you set up. Dan W. will write some instructions for accessing the website through Internet Explorer 11 and send them out to the board members.

Community Service: Julie S. indicated that we have the information for VITA and asked for input on how to best promote it. We discussed using the newsletter, an email to the distribution list, a link on the website, and announcing it at luncheons. Julie S. also indicated that she will look into the Suits for Soldiers idea as a possible activity after the holidays.

Chapter Recognition: Chris indicated that Dan J. will be updating the CRP database after CAFR is completed.

Past President: Amy suggested posting minutes and financials to the website to improve communications to members.

New Business: Chris indicated that he will work with Cora and Charlotte to get an Excel spreadsheet for membership onto the website so the board members can send out notification emails. He also proposed forming a website committee with Anthony Edwards and Cora Schimanski serving as committee members. Motion was made, supported, and passed with all in favor.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2015

Host: Amy Zimmerman

Location: Capitol Commons Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Conference Room 5A







## Chapter Executive Committee 2014-2015

Platinum  
Chapter

### President

Christopher Bayley, CPA  
State Budget Office, SIGMA  
bayleyc1@michigan.gov  
517-284-7051

### President Elect

Dan Jaroche, CPA  
State Budget Office  
jaroched@michigan.gov  
517-334-8050

### Treasurer

Julie Chrysler, CIA, CCSA  
Natural Resources  
chryslerj@michigan.gov  
517-284-5864

### Secretary

Susan Saari  
Treasury  
saaris@michigan.gov  
517-335-6712

### Education

Anshu Varma, CPA  
Technology, Management and Budget  
varmaa@michigan.gov  
517-241-2002

### Programs

Karen Stout, CGFM  
Treasury  
stoutk@michigan.gov  
517-335-1012

### Programs

Kenji Griffith, CGFM  
Treasury  
kgriffith@michigan.gov  
517-335-1014

### Membership

Charlotte Roper, CGFM  
Secretary of State  
roperc@michigan.gov  
517-373-6659

### Community Service

Julie Salman, CPA  
Transportation Accounting Service Center  
salmanj@michigan.gov  
517-373-6659

### CGFM, Audio Conferences

Dan Wawiernia  
Technology, Management and Budget  
wawarierniad@michigan.gov  
517-241-2768

### Awards

Wanda Clavon Jones, CPA  
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
jonesw1@michigan.gov  
517-248-8163

### Webmaster

Cora Schimanski  
Treasury  
schimanskic@michigan.gov  
517-373-7463

### Newsletter/Accountability

Cindy Osga, CGFM  
Human Services  
osgac@michigan.gov  
517-335-4087

### Past President

Amy Zimmerman, CPA  
Community Health  
zimmermana5@michigan.gov  
517-335-1681

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

The Chapter's Citizen Centric Report was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by National AGA.

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

Greater Lansing AGA  
PO Box 12159  
Lansing, MI 48901