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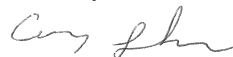
President's Message

It's September again and that means a new program year for the AGA Greater Lansing Chapter. The 2009-2010 year is our 31st as the chapter was chartered on August 1, 1979. As your president for the 2009-2010 year, I am looking forward to continuing the great work the chapter does during the year. We will have three main areas of focus for our 2009/2010 program year, implementation of a new website, community service and continuing to provide high quality and cost effective CPE for our members and the government accountability community. Please join us on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 for our annual autumn half-day education conference. The conference will be held at the State of Michigan General Office Building. We have an informative lineup discussing important accounting and other topics.

In June, I had the privilege of attending the AGA's 2009 National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's theme was *Jazzing it Up, Best Practices in Government Accountability*. The conference offered a great lineup of nationally renowned speakers including Lt. General Russel Honore, Ret. Former commander of Task Force Katrina, and Mary Matalin and James Carville, political commentators. I would recommend that anyone who is looking for diverse, quality CPE attend a national AGA PDC.

I'm pleased to announce that our chapter was awarded the Gold Level Chapter Recognition Award for the 2008-2009 year. This award is granted by AGA National to local chapters in recognition of the services provided by the chapter to its members and communities. I accepted the award at the New Orleans PDC for Tim Becker, 2008-2009 chapter president. I look forward to working with the members of the Greater Lansing Chapter to advance accountability in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Corey Sparks, CPA

2008-2009

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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>
September 2, 2009 Environment	Grants Management in Today's Environment
October 7, 2009	Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff - Making Government Organizations Effective
November 18, 2009	Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures
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



AGA Fall Development Conference

Save Tuesday, September 29, 2009 for the AGA Fall Professional Development Conference. This year's conference will be held at the General Office Building Conference Room A located at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, just south of the I-96/I-69 interchange. Parking is convenient and free. The half day conference includes a continental breakfast. On-line registration will begin on September 1, 2009 at <http://www.lansing-aga.org/events>. Learn more about the Medici Effect from the Office of Great Workplace Development and GASB updates from the Office of Financial Management. More detailed information will be available on the AGA Lansing Chapter website.

Community Service Events

Community service is one of our core values. Over the past few years our Chapter has participated in various activities including the Adopt-A-Highway Program and has been a regular fund raiser for the Capital Area Humane Society. In addition, we started participating in the MS Walk at the Potter Park Zoo in the spring.



Adopt – A - Highway

We recently completed our second of three Adopt- A- Highway cleanup days for 2009 on July 14th. We had 9 great volunteers that assisted with the clean up that day. The roads were pretty clean so we were able to finish in good time. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Our next scheduled Adopt-A-Highway clean up is scheduled for **Tuesday September 15th at 5:30** with a rain date of Wednesday September 16th at 5:30. The Greater Lansing AGA is responsible for a portion of the Old Lansing Highway from I-96 to Snow Road. Hopefully, you have seen our sign along this section of the road. If you are interested, please contact Jean Young. We would love to have more AGA members participate.

No special skills are needed, as we will provide on-the-spot training. This is a great way to give something back to our community, to get some exercise, and to socialize with other AGA members all at the same time! Children ages 12 and over and significant others are welcome to participate! Please wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves.

Would like to participate, but do not think you have the time? Civil Service Regulation 5.09 credits an eligible employee with 8 hours of school and community participation leave each October 1. Any credits not used by the last pay period of the fiscal year are lost. Also, you may still participate if you have to arrive late.

Go to <http://www.lansing-aga.org/events> to sign up.

If you have any questions, please be sure to contact Jean Young at jean.young@plantemoran.com for details.

Thank you,
Greater Lansing AGA

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee – AGA Greater Lansing Chapter

Location – Plante Moran, East Lansing

Date August 12, 2009

CEC members present: Deb Christopherson, Hollie Dietz, Marian Frane, Heather Hammond, Cindy Johnson, Charlotte Roper, Corey Sparks, Dan Wawiernia and Jean Young.

CEC members not present: Tim Becker, Debbie Brady, Marion Hart, Tim Martin, Susan Saari, and Duane Smiley.

Call to order: 12:05 P.M.

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda, seconded and approved

Website – Conversion to new host ongoing.

Approvals of Prior Meeting minutes –Minutes of July 8th board meeting still need approval.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget – Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report and to approve \$2,315.86 for July disbursements.

Community Service – The final Adopt A Highway date will be held September 15th with a rain date of September 16th. The start time will return to 5:30. Other options for community service were discussed. Possibility of doing a member survey was also discussed.

Education – A half day fall conference will be held on September 29 at the General Office Building, Secondary Complex. A full day spring seminar will be planned. Final agenda for the conference will be set soon. Discussion took place on attracting attendees from municipal units of government.

Awards – No activity at this time.

Programs – The first meeting will be held in October. We will again explore possible alternate location to the Radisson.

Communications - Newsletter articles due August 24 for September issue.

Membership – Additional discussion on a member survey for this fall.

CGFM certification and audio conferences –The room and equipment are reserved. Next audio conference this afternoon. Consider adding a live speaker to an audio conference.

New Business –None.

Adjournment –Motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:17.

Next meeting – September 9th 11:45AM, Lewis Cass Bldg.



CGFM Chapter Promotion

From September 1 until December 31, 2009 AGA National will give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 rebate,

1. The complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and copy of the transcript) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through December 31, 2009.
2. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?"

Important notes:

- A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the applicant by mail in January.
- The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the rebate.
- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the rebate.

But that is not all...

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted as part of this promotion in the four-month period of September-December 2009 will also receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

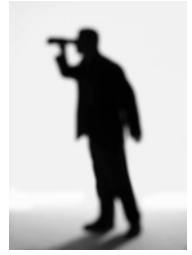
Special bonus: any chapter that encouraged at least 5 completed applications to be submitted during September 1-December 31, 2009 period (and listed in the "CGFM chapter promotion" phrase) will receive a complete set of CGFM study guides free!

[CGFM application form](#)

Questions? Contact [Katya Silver](#)



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



AGA Greater Lansing Chapter Celebrates Members' Anniversaries

21 Years

Mr Calvin Kladder, CGFM Sept 15

16 Years

Mr. Steven R. Kirinovic Aug 16
Mr. Leonard S. Krugel Aug 02

13 Years

Mr. Christopher J. Bayley Sept 26
Mrs. Jean C. Ramsey, CGFM Sept 16
Ms. Marcellette A. Reynolds, CGFM Sept 30

4 Years

Mrs. Julie A. Greenway Sept 01

17 Years

Mr. Joseph Asghodom, CGFM Aug 31

15 Years

Ms. Eleanor J. Ebright, CGFM Aug 29
Mr. Dairus F. Reynnet, CGFM Aug 29

9 Years

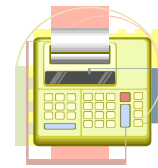
Ms. Susan C. Saari Sept 01

1 Year

Mrs. Julie Mullins Sept 01



Financials



Association of Government Accountants - Lansing Chapter
Chapter Financial Update
April 30, 2009

ASSETS:

Current assets:	August - 09	July-09
Checking	\$ 3,937.88	\$ 4,252.49
Time Deposits	5,181.71	5,181.71
Prepaid Expenses	0	0
Accounts Receivable	523.00	2,585.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,642.59	\$ 12,019.69

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,377.49
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,377.49
Unrestricted Fund Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 9,642.20	\$ 11,942.17
TYD Income (Loss)	0.39	(2,299.97)
Unrestricted Fund Balance - End of period	\$ 9,642.59	\$ 9,642.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,642.59	\$ 12,019.69