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President's Message

It's October and fall and football are in the air. We had beautiful weather for our third 2009 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on September 15, 2009. Thanks to Jean Young, Heather Hammond, Dan Wawiernia, Cindy Osga, and Charlotte Roper for joining me in this worthwhile community service event. Several Plante & Moran employees also joined us as Lansing Road between Snow Road and I-96 is clean again.

Hope you joined us for the Fall Seminar at the General Office Building at the State Secondary Complex. Topics and presenters were the Medici Effect presented by the Office of Great Workplace Development, Michigan Business One Stop presented by the Michigan Department of Information Technology, ARRA presented by the Michigan Recovery Office and a GASB update presented by the SBO Office of Financial Management.

Upcoming October events include an audio conference on October 7, 2009 on Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff - Making Government Organizations Effective and an October 22, 2009 luncheon. The luncheon topic will either be the 2010 budget presented by Nancy Duncan or a financial market update presented by Treasury Investments. The uncertainty is due to the 2010 budget situation. If we have a final 2010 budget by the luncheon date Nancy will present. If not the market update will be the October topic and the November luncheon will be on the 2010 budget.

Please join me at these events as the AGA Greater Lansing Chapter continues its tradition of cost effective, timely and relevant continuing professional education events.

Go Lions!

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>
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 Summary

The Greater Lansing AGA Chapter had 37 attendees at the annual Fall Professional Development Seminar held on September 29 at the General Office Building. Thank you to all attendees and guest speakers for making this seminar a success. Topics included the Medici Effect presented by Holly Grandy-Miller and Nikki Wetherbee, MI Business One Stop presented by James Hogan and Paul Perla, Transparency Focus of ARRA presented by Beth Bingham, and GASB updates presented by Laura Mester. Special thanks to Plante & Moran for their sponsorship of the conference.

Community Service Events



Adopt – A – Highway

We recently completed our third and last of three Adopt- A- Highway cleanup days for 2009 on September 15th. We had 13 great volunteers (what a great turn out) that assisted with the clean up that day. The roads were pretty clean so we were able to finish in good time.

Our next scheduled Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will not take place until the spring of 2010. We will request volunteers at that time to assist in cleaning up Old Lansing Highway from I-96 to Snow Road. Hopefully, you have seen our sign along this section of the road.

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!

*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.*

If you have any questions, please be sure to contact Jean Young (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!

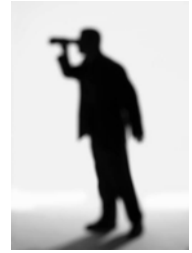
Special bonus: any chapter that encouraged at least 5 completed applications to be submitted during September 1-December 31, 2009 period (and listed in the "CGFM chapter promotion" phrase) will receive a complete set of CGFM study guides free!

[CGFM application form](#)

Questions? Contact [Katya Silver](#)



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



AGA Greater Lansing Chapter Celebrates Members' Anniversaries

30 Years

Ms Carol A. Carlson, CGFM - Retired Oct 01
Ms. Jane R. Wallin Oct 01

27 Years

Mr. James J. Jean Oct 01

23 Years

Mr. Elden N. Lamb, CGFM Oct 01

21 Years

Mr. Thomas H. McTavish, CGFM Oct 17

20 Years

Mr. Pratin R. Trivedi, CGFM Oct 25

17 Years

Mrs. Cynthia Osga, CGFM Oct 08

12 Years

Ms. Smruti A. Shah, CPA Oct 31

9 Years

Ms. Shirley J. Callahan Oct 01

8 Years

Mrs. Doreen Brown, CGFM Oct 01

7 Years

Mr. Nicholas J. Bohac Oct 01

4 Years

Ms. Peggy M. Murphy, CPA Oct 01

1 Year

Mr. Adam Christenson Oct 01



WELCOME

New Members

Ms. Christine Pike 8/1/2009
Mr. Joe Reeves 9/1/2009



Financials



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

ASSETS:

	August - 09	July-09
Current assets:		
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