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President's Message

It's November and many of our members are knee deep in year-end closing for the State of Michigan. I recently started a new job at the Michigan Department of Community Health and it is interesting to see the differences between state departments. Year-end closing really highlights those differences.

I hope you joined us for the October 26 luncheon. The speaker was from the State Budget Office. This is always a popular topic as so many of our members are state employees with a direct interest in the state budget, both 2009 and 2010. The November luncheon is scheduled for November 24, 2009. The scheduled speaker is Mr. Jon Braeutigam, Deputy State Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer. Mr. Braeutigam will be providing a market update. I have both a professional and personal interest in this topic as I am sure many of you also have. Please join me at the luncheon on November 24.

Two of the Greater Lansing AGA board members deserve special recognition for their service, Hollie Dietz and Debbie Brady. Hollie is our membership chair and has worked hard to promote the AGA and recruit new members through the recent promotions at the Fall PDC and the October luncheon. Debbie is our webmaster and has gone the extra mile to implement the chapter's new website. Please join me in thanking Hollie and Debbie for their service to the chapter.

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>
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

November Luncheon

Topic: State of Michigan Investment Market Update

Speaker: Jon M. Braeutigam, Deputy Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer, Bureau of Investments, Department of Treasury

Date: November 24, 2009

Location: Radisson Hotel, Downtown Lansing

Meal Choices: Roasted Loin of Pork or Vegetarian Antipasto Plate

Cost: \$12.00 for AGA members or \$20 for Non-members

Registration: register online by November 18, 2009 at <http://www.lansing-aga.org/index.cfm> look under events heading.

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee – AGA Greater Lansing Chapter

Location – Lewis Cass Bldg.

Date September 9, 2009

CEC members present: Tim Becker, Debbie Brady, Deb Christopherson, Hollie Dietz, Heather Hammond, Charlotte Roper, Susan Saari, Duane Smiley Corey Sparks, and Dan Wawiernia.

CEC members not present: Marian Frane, Marion Hart, Cindy Johnson, Tim Martin, Corey Sparks, and Jean Young.

Call to order: 11:50 A.M.

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

Website – Conversion to new host ongoing, should be up by Monday.

Approvals of Prior Meeting minutes –Minutes of August 12th board meeting approved by e-mail August 12th.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget – Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report and to approve \$2,377.49 for August disbursements.

Community Service – The final Adopt A Highway date will be held September 15th with a rain date of September 16th. Sign-ups are showing good numbers.

Education – A half day fall conference will be held on September 29 at the General Office Building, Secondary Complex. Registration will be up on Monday. Final speaker still needs to be confirmed.

Awards – No activity at this time.

Programs – The first meeting will be held in October. We will aim to have the luncheons on the 3rd Tuesday whenever possible.

Communications - Newsletter articles due September 25 for October 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 in October.

New Business –None.

Adjournment –Motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:53.

Next meeting – October 14th 11:45AM, Lewis Cass Bldg.

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee – AGA Greater Lansing Chapter

Location – Lewis Cass Building, Lansing

Date October 14, 2009

CEC members present: Tim Becker, Debbie Brady, Deb Christopherson, Hollie Dietz, Heather Hammond, Marian Frane, Cindy Johnson, Tim Martin, Charlotte Roper, Susan Saari, Corey Sparks, and Dan Wawiernia.

CEC members not present: Marion Hart, Duane Smiley and Jean Young.

Call to order: 11:55 A.M.

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

Website – The new website is up. Registrations are working, however having multiple ways to register has confused some. Anyone needing a password to access their part of the website contact Debbie. Some CEC members still not getting e-mails, we will use individual e-mail address not “administrator”.

Approvals of Prior Meeting minutes –Added a date to the minutes of September 9th. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the September 9th minutes.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget –Will be distributed by e-mail.

Community Service – There was an e-mail about a couple of opportunites, VITA and the kids bike repair.

Education – Evaluations of September 29th PDC were available and as usual comments went both ways but overall evaluations good.

Awards – No activity at this time. The requests for nominations will go out after the first of the year.

Programs – The first meeting will be held on October 26th. Nancy Duncan still on agenda. The November meeting is scheduled for November 24th

Communications - Newsletter articles due date schedule was distributed. Next due date is October 23rd.

Membership – Additional discussion on a member survey for this fall, there is an option within Affiniscape. Membership drive for October and November luncheons. Member bring a non-member, the member is free. If the non-member joins, he or she is also free. Need to get word out quickly

CGFM certification and audio conferences –The room and equipment are reserved. Next audio conference is December 16th(this date as corrected by an e-mail from Charlotte.) There is a recognition project underway by National AGA to get the CGFM recognized toward employment in the same way the CPA is recognized.

New Business –Sponsorship Corey presented the Cleveland Chapter pricing and policy as a template. Becker CPA Review has expressed interest in sponsoring a luncheon, we will proceed with that opportunity using the Cleveland policy as a guide. Corey will follow-up on a couple questions before we vote on a policy

Adjournment –Motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Next meeting – November 4 11:45AM, Room 1D Grand Tower. Note the early meeting due to Veteran’s Day holiday

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:

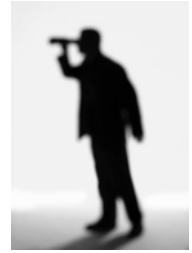
What is the CGFM's responsibility for maintaining documentation of CPE?

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

23 Years

Ms. Valerie A. Wales-Beatty CGFM Nov 17

10 Years

Mr. Robert A. Simon Nov 02

5 Years

Mrs. Kelly A. Manning, CPA Nov 01

13 Years

Ms. Amie Baugh Nov 07

7 Years

Mrs. Debbie L. Brady Nov 01

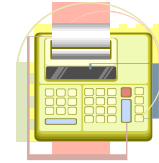
Ms Brenda Vincent, CPA, CCM Nov 01

2 Years

Ms. Linda S. Schmidtman Nov 01



Financials



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

ASSETS:

	September - 09	August - 09
Current assets:		
Checking	\$ 3,535.60	\$ 3,937.88
Time Deposits	5,181.71	5,181.71
Prepaid Expenses	0	0
Accounts Receivable	523.00	523.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,240.31	\$ 9,642.59

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unrestricted Fund Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 9,642.59	\$ 9,642.20
TYD Income (Loss)	(\$402.28)	0.39
Unrestricted Fund Balance - End of period	\$ 9,240.31	\$ 9,642.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,240.31	\$ 9,642.59