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Remember the date – March 30
spring conference

Presidents Message

Next month, March 2010, is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. Public accounting has the CPA, the Institute of Management Accountants has the Certified Management Accountant, and the Institute of Internal Auditors has the CIA; but, what about government financial managers and their unique industry? The Association of Government Accountants developed the CGFM to meet the unique needs of government finance professionals and their employers.

You should pursue the CGFM designation because it:

- Increases your overall skills and knowledge of government accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, management and control
- Demonstrates your proficiency and commitment to the government sector
- Enhances your credibility and the overall credibility of the organization you represent
- Demonstrates your commitment to high ethical and professional standards
- Improves your opportunities for career advancement
- Provides you personal satisfaction of achievement
- Distinguishes you from your peers

You can contact Charlotte Roper or Marion Hart, our chapter CGFM coordinators, or visit our website for more information.

2009-2010

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There are several upcoming education opportunities that I encourage you to take advantage of.

On February 10, 2010 the AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and the Association of Local Government Auditors is sponsoring an audio conference on the topic "Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors." Follow this link for more information and to register, <http://www.lansing-aga.org/cde.cfm?event=295504>.

On February 19, 2010 the Administrative Officers Association is sponsoring a conference titled "Keeping your faith in Turbulent Times." You can get more details at this link, http://www.lansing-aga.org/associations/10691/files/AOA%20Flyer_1.pdf.

On March 30, 2010 the AGA Greater Lansing Chapter and the Institute of Internal Auditors are sponsoring the Spring Professional Development Conference. Although we are still putting together the agenda, some of the topics will be Medicaid Fraud, Ethics, and ARRA audits. At this PDC we will also be sponsoring a food drive for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. More details coming soon.

Sincerely,



Corey Sparks, CPA

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>
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

National Academic Scholarship



Call for 2010 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today!

Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,
- Up to one \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and
- Up to one \$3,000 community service scholarship

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership. To download a copy of the application go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/> or contact [Louise Kapelewski](#).

Call for Nominations for National Awards



2010 Call for National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for our 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence:

- Robert W. King Memorial Award
- Einhorn-Gary Award
- Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award
- Achievement of the Year Award
- Educator Award
- Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award
- Chapter Education Award
- Chapter Service Award
- Community Service Award
- International Achievement Award
- Chapter CGFM Award
- Emerging Leader Award of Excellence
- Regional Coordinator Award

These awards will be presented during AGA's 58th Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Orlando, July 11–14, 2010. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due by **Friday, April 16, 2010**. Nomination forms are available online. For more information, contact Louise Kapelewski.
Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee – AGA Greater Lansing Chapter

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Location – Delhi Township Offices, Holt

Date January 13, 2010

CEC members present: Tim Becker, Debbie Brady, Deb Christopherson, Marian Frane, Cindy Johnson, Charlotte Roper, Corey Sparks, and Jean Young.

CEC members not present: Hollie Dietz, Heather Hammond, Marion Hart, Tim Martin, Susan Saari, Duane Smiley and Dan Wawiernia.

Call to order: 12:00 P.M.

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

Website – E-mail issues are resolved. The first sponsorship for the website is posted. Need to see if we can get on-line credit card payment going before conference registration.

Approvals of Prior Meeting minutes – November minutes were approved on January 4th.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget –Not available at meeting.

Community Service – Discussion of community service took place including both old and new opportunities. A motion was made and seconded to discontinue Adopt-A-Highway due to lack of membership participation and higher areas of community service needs. Motion carried. Discussion regarding opportunities with food bank, Jean will do follow-up.

Education – March conference scheduled for 30th at LCC west with IIA. The agenda will be finalized soon. Need a save the date e-mail.

Awards – Nomination letter has gone out. We have already gotten some responses. Committee will try to schedule a meeting following the February CEC.

Programs – The January meeting is scheduled for the 19th. 15 have registered to date.

Communications - January newsletter should post the 14th.

Membership –. No news

CGFM certification and audio conferences –The room and equipment are reserved. Next audio conference is today, then February 10th. Straw poll suggests little interest in the January 27th. Early February need to send out information on the CGFM month proclamations. Hoping to add Delhi Township to existing.

Old Business –None.

Adjournment –Motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:12.

Next meeting – February 10th 11:45AM, Treasury Investments 2501 Coolidge Road.

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!

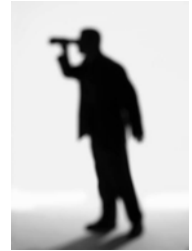
To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 22, and Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on February 24–25, 2010. The event will take place in Alexandria, VA. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified 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.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



AGA Greater Lansing Chapter Celebrates Members' Anniversaries

24 Years

Mr. Michael J. Regulski

Feb 05

14 Years

Dr. John H. Daly, III, CGFM

Feb 20

13 Years

Mr. Vernon L. Johnson

Feb 24

9 Years

Ms. Linda S. DeBourbon

Feb 01

6 Years

Mrs. Corrie A. Jameson

Feb 01

4 Years

Ms. Kelley M. Ryal

Feb 01

3 Years

Mrs. Wanda R. Jones

Feb 01

Mrs. Ma Blanche B. Quirante

Feb 01

Mr. John L. Stark

Feb 01

2 Years

Ms. Marion R. Hart

Feb 01

Mrs. Sherri Irwin

Feb 01

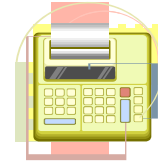
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Mr. Tracey G. Monohan

Feb 01



Financials



Association of Government Accountants - Lansing Chapter Chapter Financial Update January 31, 2010

ASSETS:

	January - 10	December - 09
Current assets:		
Checking	\$ 3,594.88	\$ 4,057.55
Time Deposits	5,181.71	5,181.71
Prepaid Expenses	0	0
Accounts Receivable	523.00	523.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,299.59	\$ 9,762.26

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unrestricted Fund Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 9,762.26	\$ 9,240.31
TYD Income (Loss)	(\$ 462.67)	(\$ 785.26)
Unrestricted Fund Balance - End of period	\$ 9,299.59	\$ 9,762.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,299.59	\$ 9,762.26



Don't forget to mark March 30, 2010 on your calendar for the spring training conference. More details to come.