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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Professional Development Training

September 19, 2017

see page 2 for details



Thunder Bay
LAKE HURON

Construction of a stone light tower and dwelling on Thunder Bay Island was completed in 1832. In 1857 the tower was encased in brick and its height was increased by ten feet. The attached dwelling was built in 1868. A tramway carried supplies to the station from docks on the south and west sides of the island.

www.michigan.gov

Eye Opener



\$99,999,999

The service fee a North Carolina man received on his water bill. It prompted a tweet where he wondered if he could pay in installments. The errant fee only showed on the email version of the bill.

SOURCE: Route 50 | 06/15/217



2017 Fall Professional Development Training

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

12:30pm to 4:30pm

Library of Michigan
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, Michigan

You can register online at <http://www.lansing-aga.org>. Click on Events.

Registration Ends Wednesday, September 6, 2017

12:00 – 12:30 Registration and Lunch

LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED

Please consume food outside the auditorium.

The State Budget
Al Pscholka, State Budget Director

Reimagining Life
Howard Pizzo, Delta Township Treasurer

Cyber Security and Data Privacy
PwC Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Data Analytics – Impacts Changing the Analytics Landscape
PwC Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Cost	Payment	Questions?
\$35 for AGA members \$55 for non-members MAIN ID 2521858718-005 qualifies for 4 hours of CPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ can be made by credit card when you register on-line▪ checks can be sent to AGA at PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901▪ checks or cash can be accepted at the registration table	contact Kyle Stolicker stolickerK@michigan.gov 517-335-1562
Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by the deadline.		

Chapter Community Service Project

Fisher House of Michigan

The Chapter will be collecting donations for Fisher House of Michigan

See page 11 for informaton about Fisher House.

Make your checks payable to Fisher House Michigan.
A collection box will be at the registration table.

Sherri Troyer, Community Services Director, will gladly answer questions or collect your contribution.
troyers1@micigan.gov or 517-335-1012.

AGA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2016-2017

DOUGLAS A. GLENN



A Fond Farewell – and a Parting Gift

Friends and Colleagues,

As I prepare to pass the AGA national presidential gavel to my successor, Jim Arnette, and reflect on this year, I want to thank all who contributed to our outstanding success. After traveling 54,000 miles to 16 AGA chapters and meeting hundreds of members, I am even more proud of the work we do every day than I ever imagined I could be. Across our great country, hardworking professionals strive tirelessly to increase transparency and accountability for the taxpayer resources our institutions consume. I have had the great pleasure of working with Mark Reger, Deputy Controller at the Office of Management and Budget, who once said, "Accounting is the foundation of democracy because all governments need to know where the money comes from and where it goes." During my travels for AGA, I have been continually reminded of the good people, and fellow AGA members, who serve as that foundation.

AGA had a great year. The financial performance and event attendance was stellar! We have two new corporate partners and had a record number of agencies (26) participate in the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting program. There are more CGFMs than ever. Our publications, particularly the *Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal)*, continues to be a source of pride. We launched a major effort to update and revamp our strategic plan, which is critical to AGA's future success; although more work remains, I am heartened by the belief that Jim will carry this effort to the finish line.

When I became national president, I committed to two things — first and foremost, enabling members to brag about themselves and our profession more easily, by creating a stump speech highlighting why we should be proud, and reminding everyone of the difference we make, so we can do a better job of marketing ourselves to colleagues, future employers and fellow citizens. This is important to me because, as I mentioned in Final Entry published in the summer 2016 *Journal*, I have had trouble explaining why what we do matters. Understanding our importance can help us boost confidence in ourselves, and boost others' confidence in what we do. So this is my gift

to you; use this or find something else that works or you, or create your own list — and start bragging!

Government financial managers pass the cost/benefit test: Federal financial managers cost approximately one percent of the \$4 trillion budget for which we account and report, and we save taxpayers money every day through our efforts to find efficiencies and combat fraud, waste and abuse.

The government can't function without us: What would happen if there were no government accountability professionals? Social Security checks wouldn't go out; Medicaid providers would stop getting reimbursed and seeing patients; schools would shut down; roads would deteriorate; borders would stop being guarded; veterans would stop getting free health benefits; there wouldn't be coordinated responses to natural disasters; trash would pile up on streets; workers' compensation claims would stop getting paid — many things would come to a grinding halt.

Many governments are more complex than average businesses: We capture, process, categorize, report and audit the financial activity of highly disparate and large organizations, and produce audited financial statements within 45 days after closing (at least on the federal side). We do all of this while saddled with procurement rules, personnel rules, audit rules, FASAB/GASB rules, Treasury rules, travel rules, OMB rules; all of which have various compliance and reporting requirements.

We do all of this not for the glory or for appreciation from the people we serve, but to find solutions to problems and, ultimately, provide our constituents with the security of knowing that there is oversight and internal control over their tax contributions to the governmental organizations we serve. Our cause is just and our service is noble. I take pride in that every day. I hope you do, too!

The second item I wished to accomplish: to get government financial managers or AGA on prime time news in a further effort to market the positive contributions to good government that we, and our industry, make. We have yet to make it on the evening news, but we have gotten a lot of positive press coverage in the past year, and I will continue to pursue this goal.

These accomplishments are only part of this year's success and I would be remiss if I didn't thank some of the folks who made these accomplishments possible. AGA's 1,200 volunteers at the chapter and national levels, and the national office staff, contribute to our success, and I highly encourage you to thank them every chance you get. The committee chairs and members, and chapter officers are also vital components of our great organization, working selflessly for the betterment of you, our members. As a fellow AGA member, I cannot thank you enough!

DISCOVER MICHIGAN'S OFFSHORE LIGHTS



Gull Rock

LAKE SUPERIOR

The Gull Rock Light Station has stood on a rock outcrop since 1867 to mark a narrow passage off the Keweenaw Peninsula. Keepers of the schoolhouse-style light lived without electricity, indoor plumbing or phone service. In 1913 Gull Rock became one of the first automated light stations on Lake Superior.



MEET AGA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2017-2018



**Jim Arnette,
CGFM**

Jim Arnette is the Director of Local Government Audit for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury. Jim is responsible for the annual financial and compliance audits of all 95 Tennessee counties, and monitors the annual audits of more than 1,600 municipalities, nonprofits, and related local government entities. The Division is also responsible for reviewing the funds administered by District Attorneys General and Judicial District Drug Task Forces. Jim assists local governments in implementing new auditing and accounting standards, and works with the Tennessee General Assembly on legislation impacting local governments. Jim has worked with the Comptroller's Office for more than 30 years. He established County Audit's Information Technology Audit function, which is responsible for general and application control reviews in county governments across the state. He was named division director in 2007, and was named Director of the new Division of Local Government Audit in 2012. Jim is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager and Certified Information Systems Auditor. Jim is an active member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). He has held leadership positions in the organization at both the local and regional levels serving as the Nashville Chapter President and as the Southeastern Region Regional Vice President.

Jim and his wife Carla live in Franklin, Tennessee. They are the parents of two daughters, Allie and Jayce. In his spare time, Jim enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, watching sports, and doing yard work.

GREATER LANSING CHAPTER AWARDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2016-2017

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

This award is presented to a governmental professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government accountability management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. This year's recipient is Amy Henderson, Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Amy Henderson (middle) accepting the Government Leadership Award.

Professional Development Award

This award is presented to an individual to recognize extraordinary efforts in providing and promoting continuing education and professional development leadership for government professionals and others, demonstrating the importance of lifelong learning. This year's recipient Doug Ringler, Office of the Auditor General.



Doug Ringler (middle) accepting the Professional Development Award.

Community Service Award

This award is presented to an AGA member to recognize exceptional and personal commitment to community service activities supported by AGA and other organizations. This year's recipient is Anthony Edwards, Michigan Department of Treasury.



Anthony Edwards (middle) accepting the Community Service Award.

Member Participation Award

This award is to recognize a member's efforts and commitment to the Chapter. This year's recipient is Derek Childs, State Budget Office.



Derek Childs (left) accepting the Member Participation Award.

Rookie of the Year Award

This award is to recognize a new board member or a board member serving in a new position and has gone the extra mile to perform their duties. This year's recipient is Rachelle Breeden, Department of Technology, Management and Budget.



Rachelle Breeden (left) accepting the Rookie of the Year Award.

Leadership Award

This award is presented to the member who provided outstanding leadership to the Chapter. This year's recipient is Julie Chrysler, Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Julie Chrysler (right) accepting the Chapter Leadership Award.

President's Award

This award is selected and presented to an individual by the Chapter's President. This award is to recognize an individual who assisted the president and helped the chapter's year be successful. This year's recipient is Cindy Osga, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Cindy Osga (left) accepting the President's Award

Chapter Ambassador Award

This award is to recognize outstanding efforts of a member in promoting AGA's mission, activities, and benefits. This year's recipient is Anthony Edwards, Michigan Department of Treasury.



Anthony Edwards (left) accepting the Chapter Ambassador Award.



Nicole Blake Johnson

Posted
July 28 2017



TEN RULES FOR DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE

We've all been there: You're heading into work, and there are certain faces you're excited to see. But then there are the *others*.

They're the ones who often impose their negativity on people and leave everyone around them feeling drained. The reality is that no one wants to share a cubicle with a mood killer. People want to work with positive colleagues.

Positive people draw you, and it's a positive attraction, said Amy P. Kelly, who has been a human resources professional for 20 years and creates human capital strategies to enhance performance and profitability. "That is what inspires people to do and lead change."

But how do you shake of the naysayers and drive positive change no matter where you are? Speaking at GovLoop's Next Generation of Government Training Summit, Kelly shared 10 simple but powerful rules for overcoming common life and work obstacles and bringing out the best in yourself and your team.

1. You're the driver of the bus.

When you make the decision to acknowledge you can do things, it becomes one of your most powerful attributes as a leader. Don't let other things tell you that you are not able to do it. When you see something you want to change, you need to drive the change you want to see.

2. Desire, vision and focus move your bus in the right direction.

When you choose to be a leader you need to have a vision. Vision is the power of seeing your plan manifest before it becomes a reality. After you decide to drive, then desire, vision and focus are your steering wheels. You can move your bus in the right direction, and you won't be distracted by negativity and the noise.



3. Fuel your ride with positive energy.

What gets you to the vision is the fuel you provide yourself. That includes your thoughts and what you think about what you can and can't do. As leaders, you have to be intentional. That is why mindfulness is so powerful. You have to keep your fuel gauge full and do everything to avoid complaining.

4. Invite people on your bus and share your vision for the road ahead.

You have to be able to talk about the vision and share it. In other words, how well can you communicate what you see in the future and why it is important? If you have something you want to do, you can do more with a team. Tell them why something is important and why you have the desire to achieve it.

5. Don't waste your energy on those who don't get on your bus.

Don't discard people who don't want to be involved, but you need to be very mindful of the percentage of time spent on people who do not want to be a part of what you are doing. You owe it to the ones who are committed to stay focused and keep driving.

6. Post a sign that says "no energy vampires allowed" on your bus.

When you say that, you are saying people have a responsibility to bring positive energy to what they are doing and you will not stand for anything else. It doesn't mean you don't talk about things that are wrong, but it does mean you don't drain all the positive out by gossiping. It is the leader's responsibility to demonstrate that so it doesn't become a part of your culture.

7. Enthusiasm attracts more passengers and energizes them during the ride.

We are all developing each other. You need that enthusiasm for the road ahead. You need to think and ask yourself regularly about the leader you want to be. What do people get from being in your presence? Do they feel like they can accomplish something because of your encouragement?

8. Love your passengers.

For leaders, it is essential that you authentically want the best for the people around you. What does that look like? First off, you want to listen to people. Pay attention to what is important to them. When you take time for the people you work with, it demonstrates you are caring and want them to succeed. Also, don't forget to recognize people and acknowledge their contributions.

9. Drive the purpose.

We all have an internal roadmap. It is what we believe we are here to do, and we need to drive like that purpose matters.

10. Have fun and enjoy the ride.

You can have a lot more fun when you enjoy the ride because you are creating a lot of memories. You spend more time with work employees than family. You as positive leaders can create an environment where people can enjoy work.

"Once you make a decision don't look at someone else and think who is going to do it," Kelly said. "If you see something that needs to change, you may not have all the power to do it, but you can take a step in the right direction [to drive change]."

Early Career Center

TEN HABITS OF SUPER LIKEABLE LEADERS

By: Dr. Travis Bradberry, Huffpost, May 21, 2017



If you want to be a leader whom people follow with absolute conviction, you have to be a likeable leader. Tyrants and curmudgeons with brilliant vision can command a reluctant following for a time, but it never lasts. They burn people out before they ever get to see what anyone is truly capable of.

When I speak to smaller audiences, I often ask them to describe the best and worst leaders they have ever worked for. People inevitably ignore innate characteristics (intelligence, extraversion, attractiveness, and so on) and instead focus on qualities that are completely under the leader's control, such as approachability, humility, and positivity.

These words, and others like them, describe leaders who are skilled in emotional intelligence. TalentSmart research data from more than a million people shows that leaders who possess these qualities aren't just highly likeable, they outperform those who don't possess them by a large margin.

Becoming a more likeable leader is completely under your control, and it's a matter of emotional intelligence (EQ). Unlike innate, fixed characteristics, such as your intelligence (IQ), EQ is a flexible skill that you can improve with effort. What follows are 10 key behaviors that emotionally intelligent leaders engage in that make them so likeable.

1. They Form Personal Connections

Even in a crowded room, likeable leaders make people feel like they're having a one-on-one conversation, as if they're the only person in the room that matters. And, for that moment, they are. Likeable leaders communicate on a very personal, emotional level. They never forget that there's a flesh-and-blood human being standing in front of them.

2. They're Approachable

You know those people who only have time for you if you can do something for them? Likeable leaders truly believe that everyone, regardless of rank or ability, is worth their time and attention. They make everyone feel valuable because they *believe* that everyone *is* valuable.

3. They're Humble

Few things kill likeability as quickly as arrogance. Likeable leaders don't act as though they're better

than you because they don't *think* that they're better than you. Rather than being a source of prestige, they see their leadership position as bringing them additional accountability for serving those who follow them.

4. They're Positive

Likeable leaders always maintain a positive outlook, and this shows in how they describe things. They don't *have* to give a presentation to the board of directors; they *get* to share their vision and ideas with the board. They don't *have* to go on a plant tour; they *get* to meet and visit with the people who make their company's products. They don't even *have* to diet; they *get* to experience the benefits of eating healthfully. Even in undeniably negative situations, likeable leaders emanate an enthusiastic hope for the future, a confidence that they can help make tomorrow better than today.

5. They're Even-Keeled

When it comes to their own accomplishments and failures, likeable leaders take things in stride. They don't toot their own horns, nor do they get rattled when they blow it. They savor success without letting it go to their heads, and they readily acknowledge failure without getting mired in it. They learn from both and move on.

6. They're Generous

We've all worked for someone who constantly holds something back, whether it's knowledge or resources. They act as if they're afraid you'll outshine them if they give you access to everything you need to do your job. Likeable leaders are unfailingly generous with whom they know, what they know, and the resources they have access to. They want you to do well more than anything else because they understand that this is their job as a leader and because they're confident enough to never worry that your success might make them look bad. In fact, they believe that your success *is* their success.

7. They Demonstrate Integrity

Likeable leaders inspire trust and admiration through their *actions*, not just their words. Many leaders *say* that integrity is important to them, but likeable leaders walk their talk by demonstrating integrity every day. Even a leader who oozes charm won't be likeable if that charm isn't backed by a solid foundation of integrity.

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

CGFM is the professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting at the federal, state, and local levels.

SUPER SUMMER PROMOTION OFFER ENDS AUGUST 31

Pass any CGFM exam this summer and receive a voucher for a FREE CGFM exam.



How it works:

1. Pass one of your CGFM exams between June 1 and August 31, 2017.
2. Request a voucher code for your next CGFM exam by emailing agacgfm@agacgfm.org.
3. Receive the voucher code via email.
4. Schedule and take your CGFM exam using the voucher code as payment no later than November 30, 2017.

Terms and conditions:

- Passing a CGFM exam prior to June 1, 2017 does not qualify for this promotion.
- All voucher code requests must be received by AGA no later than September 8, 2017.
- Voucher codes are exam specific. When requesting a voucher code, please specify which exam (1, 2, or 3) you plan to take next.
- Voucher codes will only be issued to current CGFM candidates who have passed a CGFM exam between June 1 and August 31 and still have to pass at least one CGFM exam.
- Voucher codes will only be distributed to those who request them.
- Voucher codes will be distributed August 15, August 31, and September 15.
- Each candidate may only receive one voucher code and codes are non-transferable.
- All voucher codes will expire November 30, 2017, and will not be extended for any reason.

Questions:

Any questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA's Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org or 703-684-6931.



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8. They Read People Like A Book

Likeable leaders know how to read people as unspoken communication is often more important than the words people say. They note facial expressions, body language, and tone of voice in order to *get* what's really going on with their people. In other words, they have high social awareness, a critical EQ skill.

9. They Appreciate Potential

Robert Brault said, "Charisma is not so much getting people to like you as getting people to like themselves when you're around." Likeable leaders not only see the best in their people, but they also make sure that everyone else sees it too. They draw out people's talents so that everyone is bettering themselves and the work at hand.

10. They Have Substance

Daniel Quinn said, "Charisma only wins people's attention. Once you have their attention, you have to have something to tell them." Likeable leaders understand that their knowledge and expertise are critical to the success of everyone who follows them. Therefore, they regularly connect with people to share their substance (as opposed to superficial small talk). Likeable leaders don't puff themselves up or pretend to be something they're not, because they don't have to. They have substance, and they share it with their people.

Bringing It All Together

Likeability isn't a birthright; it results from acquirable skills that are crucial to your professional success. And just like any other professional skills, you can study the people who have them, copy what works, and adapt them to your own style. Try these ten strategies and watch your likeability soar.

CHAPTER EDUCATION CALENDAR



You can register for all chapter events at www.aga-lansing.org. Click on events.

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

September 13, 2017

Webinar Conference

Communications/Leadership Government
Constitution Hall Arthur Iverson Conf Rm
2 hours CPE

September 19, 2017

Professional Development Seminar

A Changing World
Library of Michigan
4 hours CPE

October 17, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

November 15, 2017

Webinar Conference

Ethics in Fraud
VanWagoner Building, Pictured Rocks
2 hours CPE

November 21, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

December 6, 2017

Webinar Conference

Internal Control
Constitution Hall Arthur Iverson Conf Rm
2 hours CPE

December 13, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

January 10, 2018

Webinar Conference

Grants Management
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

January 16, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

February 20, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

March 2018 – Date to be Determined

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Location to be Determined
8 hours CPE

March 7, 2018

Webinar Conference

Infrastructure Financing
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

March 28, 2018

Webinar Conference

Cybersecurity
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

April 17, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 15, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 16, 2018

Webinar Conference

Fraud and Data Analytics
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

June 13, 2018

Webinar Conference

Leadership
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE



MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Member Anniversaries

Joseph Asghodom, CGFM	25 years
Steven Kirinovic	24 years
Tom Colosimo, CGFM	21 years
Kathryn Cartwright	17 years
Craig Murray	15 years
Christine Pike	8 years
Tammie Anderson	4 years
Suzi Kyes	4 years
Elizabeth Williamson	3 years
Tim Johnson	1 year

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kim Dunbar, Technology, Management, Budget
 Joshua Church, USDA Rural Development



CHAPTER FINANCES

Balance Sheet at July 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 28,794
Pay Pal Account	\$ 2,749
Total Assets	\$ 31,543

Liabilities and Net Assets

Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 27,070
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Income (Loss)	\$ -42
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 27,028
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 31,543



OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org

September 19-20, 2017

Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training

Washington DC or Virtual
 14 hours CPE

October 3, 2017

Shared Services Summit

Washington DC
 8 hours CPE



West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit
www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events

October 24, 2017

Webinar – Topic to be Determined

Your Computer
 2 hours CPE

I am still learning.
 Michelangelo at age 87



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2017
Lewis Cass Building

CEC Members Present: Chris Bayley, Rachelle Breeden, Anthony Edwards, Shawna Hessling, Cindy Osga Julie Salman, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler, Dan Jaroche, Anna Lewis, Cora Schimanski,

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

Minutes: The May 2017 board minutes were approved via email on June 13, 2017.

Budget and Financials: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the May 2017 financials and expenditures in the amount of \$732.22

Membership: Shawna reported a membership count of 110. The 16 people on the suspended list were contacted and indicated they will not be renewing which accounted from a drop in the membership numbers from the May meeting.

Awards: No report.

Education: The fall half day PDT will Tuesday, September 19. Al Pscholka is confirmed for the State Budget. Possibly Howard Pizzo on Reimagining Life. PwC will be doing a cyber

security topic. Possibly they can fill two hours. Any speaker ideas can be forwarded to Kyle.

Program Luncheons: The dates have been confirmed at the VanWagoner Building. No speakers but if you have ideas send them to Karen.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: There will be an August/September newsletter. Plan to issue in early August to include the PDT agenda.

CGFM and CPE Events: The June 14 webinar topic was changed to Digital Evolution of the CFO. The 2017-2018 webinar dates are posted on the National AGA website but there are no topics.

Webmaster: No news to report. Karen asked if anyone monitored the chapter email account so we do not miss questions, reservations, or questions directed to the email account.

Community Service: No report.

Chapter Recognition Program: The chapter should be receiving the platinum level award. National is tallying the numbers and will let us know. Julie C. will be at the National PDT and accept the chapter award.

New Business: Anshu will send out a sign-up sheet for CEC members to host the CEC meetings for the 2017-2018 program year. The chapter will be receiving a newsletter and website award at the National PDT. Cindy will accept the newsletter award and Julie C. will accept the website award.

Old Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 12:43 pm.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017

Location: TBD

Host: TBD



because a family's love
is good medicine

fisherhousemichigan.org

Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veteran's families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. The homes are located near major military and VA medical centers nationwide. Fisher Houses have suites with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures there is never a lodging fee, saving military and veterans' families out of pocket costs for lodging while a loved one is being cared for.

Fisher House of Michigan needs your help to build the first Fisher House in Michigan. Over \$1 million has been raised to date. Fisher House of Michigan is committed to serving those who have served. Fisher House of Michigan will be near the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, which is the second highest rated VA hospital in the country according to USA Today. Charity Navigator shows that over 90 percent of donations are used for programs and the services delivered.

ATTENTION AGA MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Your AGA chapter would like to recognize you in an upcoming issue of the chapter newsletter. Please identify the branch of service and the years you served our country.

Email the information to Cindy Osga at osgac@michigan.gov.



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2017
Lewis Cass Building

CEC Members Present: Kim Dunbar, Anthony Edwards, Cindy Osga, Julie Salman, Cora Schimanski, Kyle Stolicker, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 11:59am. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

Minutes: The June 2017 have not yet been approved. Anshu will follow-up with Chris. Note: Chris sent an email after the meeting indicating the minutes were approved July 18, 2017.

Budget and Financials: The fund balance of June 30, 2017 was \$31,585.45. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the March 2017 financials and expenditures in the amount of \$2,648.87.

Membership: A free lunch to members only was discussed. Anshu and Kyle will work out the details.

Education: The fall half day PDT will Tuesday, September 19. Planning has started for the spring PDT. Venues for consideration are Causeway Bay

Program Luncheons: The Michigan Library will be reserved for the January Tax Update. Paul Artel was suggested as a possible speaker for one of our meetings. The monthly lunch meeting dates have been confirmed for October 17, November 21, December 13, January 16, February 20, April 17, and May 15. Speakers are needed.

Awards: Julie C and Cindy attended the National PDT and accepted the chapter awards for Platinum Level Chapter, first place website, and first place newsletter.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: The July/August newsletter will be issued in early August.

CGFM and CPE Events: The 2017-2018 webinar dates are posted on the National AGA website but there are no topics.

Webmaster: No news to report.

Community Service: Relay for Life will be August 4-5, 2017.

Chapter Recognition Program: Cindy will go over the CRP at the September CEC meeting.

New Business: Karen mentioned a family that lost everything from a home fire.

Old Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 12:46 pm.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2017
Location: Lewis Cass Building, FS Director's Audit Conference Room
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