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Jerome "Jerry" B. Herman
1934-2019

**Greater Lansing AGA Chapter
Charter Member Passes Away**

Lansing - Passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the age of 84. Jerry was born on December 21, 1934 in Denver, Colorado to the late John and Mary (Gallagher) Herman. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1954-1956. Upon his honorable discharge he attended Northeastern University and upon graduation he began his career as an accountant. Jerry worked for several departments including both the Ingham and Lapeer County Road Commissions until his retirement. He enjoyed golfing and watching sports, especially the MSU Spartans. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years Carolyn (Sladicak) Herman; his children, Michele (Pete) Riojas, Patrick (Marti) Herman, Chris Herman, and Suzanne (William) Stephens.

[Lansing State Journal, March 21, 2019]

Jerry served as the Greater Lansing AGA Chapter President in 1982-1983. He also served as the chapter's Membership Director and Awards and Nominations Director. Jerry was also active at the National Level serving on the State and Local Committee and later the Committee Chair, the Task Force on Bylaws, the Ohio-Michigan Regional Vice President, the Chapter Programs and Assistance Committee Chair, the National Executive Committee, and the National Governance Committee.

Jerry received the National AGA's 50th Anniversary Member Recognition in 2000.

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA is a professional association advancing government accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and stakeholders.

Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

MAY EVENTS

**Webinar
May 15**

**Monthly Luncheon
May 21**

see page 2 for details



Eye Opener



\$88 billion

The amount Americans borrowed in the past year to pay for health care costs not covered by their insurance plans, according to a Gallup survey.

SOURCE: New York Magazine | April 5, 2019





**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY**
May 15, 2019
2:00pm to 3:50pm
 Van Waggoner Building
 Great Lakes room
 Lansing, Michigan

FRAUD AND DATA ANALYTICS

The field of data analytics is the next frontier in the war on fraud. As a rapidly growing field with emerging capabilities, data analytics is changing how organizations combat fraud—offering faster and easier methods to detect and respond to potential fraud. A well-considered fraud analytics strategy provides invaluable insight that can enable timely detection, avoiding the typical “pay and chase” approach to addressing fraud. And while many organizations lack the resources to develop highly sophisticated predictive analytics, there are opportunities to start small, with rules-based detection models on simple fraud use cases with abundant data sources, such as purchase cards or payroll systems.

SPEAKERS:

Megan Gaillard, CGFM, Director of Audit
 Palm Beach County OIG
 Latesha Love, Assistant Director
 GAO Forensic Audits and Investigative
 Services

CPE

2 hours Auditing-Government
 CPE Sponsor ID 104201

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
 Click on events.
 Register before Monday, May 13, 2019

COST

AGA members - FREE
 non-members - \$20
 SIGMA ID CV0026537-007

DELIVERY METHOD

Group – Internet Based

Registrants are responsible for payment unless cancellation is received by the registration deadline.



**MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY**
May 21, 2019
11:45
 Van Waggoner Building
 Great Lakes Room
 Lansing, Michigan

**IT'S NOT ME, IT'S YOU – CHANGING
DEFENSIVE COMMUNICATION**

We as human beings bring with us to work all our beliefs, personalities, baggage, issues, skills, and experiences – and much more. Because of these, there is a lot we don't know that we don't know; we have blind spots. Join Sarah Brabbs as she shakes up your knowledge base in a fun, humorous way – and learn what you didn't know that you need to know. Attendees will:

- Change unhelpful conflict communication behaviors
- Cultivate cohesion, trust and safety at work and at home
- Deal more effectively with difficult people

SPEAKER:

Sarah Brabbs, M.A., Optimizing Relationships
 Author of “So People Say You’re an A**hole: A Book for You, People Who Love You, and People Who Work With You”

CPE

1 hour Other
 CPE Sponsor ID 104201

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
 Click on events.
 Register before Monday, March 4, 2019

COST

AGA members - \$12
 non-members - \$16
 SIGMA ID CV0026537-007

DELIVERY METHOD

Group – Live

Registrants are responsible for payment unless cancellation is received by the registration deadline.

CAN DETROIT'S TURNAROUND GO BEYOND DOWNTOWN?

Alan Greenblatt | April 2019

Mayor Mike Duggan has pledged to spend \$130 million to help revive neglected neighborhoods in the city,

Since Detroit entered into the nation's largest municipal bankruptcy back in 2013, the city has been heralded as an unexpected comeback story, attracting billions of dollars worth of investment. But nearly all of that money and development has been concentrated in and around downtown. That's left residents who occupy more than 100 square miles in the rest of the city wondering when it will be their turn for a comeback.

Mayor Mike Duggan says that day is near. Last year, he pledged to spend \$130 million over the next five years on parks, streetscapes and development in 60 different neighborhoods. He got a big boost in December, when seven companies pledged \$5 million each to the city's strategic neighborhood fund.



Campus Martius Park, Downtown Detroit
positivedetroit.net

"We're starting to see development through the corridor of all these different areas," Duggan said. The city's neighborhoods can use a lot of help. Detroit's median income remains half that of Michigan as a whole. More than a third of the city's residents -- and more than half of its children -- live in poverty. It's been estimated that Detroit is pocked by 30,000 abandoned homes and as many as 90,000 vacant lots.

One project meant to be a showcase for neighborhood revitalization, a pledge to rehab or

build more than 200 homes in the Fitzgerald area in the city's northwest, fell 12 months behind schedule barely a year after it was announced. City officials say there's a learning curve involved in making development happen in areas that haven't seen much investment for decades.



Fitzgerald Revitalization Project

One problem, as is so often the case, is financing. The few homes in Fitzgerald on which work was completed cost far more to rehab than their ultimate selling price. The city had to make up shortfalls left under federal grant programs.

The fact that the mayor is raising money from private companies to shore up his neighborhood fund is problematic, says Sarah Reckhow, a political scientist at Michigan State University. It was one thing for philanthropic groups to play a major role in the "grand bargain" that staved off deep pension cuts and a fire sale of masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Reclaiming neighborhoods is a more complex and more difficult task, not a one-off crisis remedy. "If we can't pay for infrastructure with tax dollars," Reckhow says, "maybe we need to look at the tax structure."



Rehabbed and Ready
buildingdetroit.org

That's a fair point. But Duggan recognizes that for Detroit to be able to rebuild its tax base, it has to invest in itself. His effort to extend investment beyond downtown is clearly going to run into some bumps. Still, it's an important attempt to find an antidote for areas in despair.



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Every child deserves a happy family.

The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's military and veteran families during difficult times.

www.vfwnationalhome.org

If you need help, call 800-313-4200

It was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war -- mothers and children, brothers and sisters -- could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn't come home.

Today's families face different challenges -- reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among others -- and the National Home has evolved over our decades-long history to meet those changing needs.



The Idea

The idea for the National Home was first planted in 1923 when the Military Order of the Cootie presented the concept to the VFW at its national convention. Members of the VFW embraced the idea of a home for the children and families of veterans, and the VFW National Home for Children was born as a non-profit corporation separate from the VFW itself.

The Beginning

The beginning of today's VFW National Home for Children lies with a poignant story of a young girl named Amy Ross. On a cold February day in 1922, 23-year-old Amy Ross walked into the office of Dr. Clarence L. Candler, the VFW Department of Michigan Commander with the idea to find jobs for the thousands of veterans who were walking the streets of Detroit looking for work.

While the task seemed insurmountable, Dr. Candler turned over the limited facilities of the VFW to Mrs. Ross, and she went to work. "What followed is history (over 9,000 veterans were found employment)," he wrote in the Nov. 1924 issue of the Golden Stripe, Michigan's VFW Newspaper. "But not all of you know that the present high standing of the VFW in Michigan, our wonderful headquarters in the General Motors Building, the Yanks Convalescent Camp, Inc., our 300-grave burial plot at Roseland Cemetery, and our new \$500,000 VFW National Home, Inc. all came as a direct result of Amy Ross' sacrifices for the veterans of this community."

Through Amy Ross' efforts, millionaire cattleman Corey Spencer came to meet with Dr. Candler in the summer of 1924. Having learned of Amy's great work and the needs of the VFW, Mr. Spencer had an idea. He had 472 Acres of land near Eaton Rapids, Michigan, known as the Grand River Stock Farm, and he wanted to make it a gift to the VFW. Spencer's offer was presented to the 1924 Convention in Atlantic City, where the Commander-in-Chief appointed a committee to investigate the offer and report back to the National Council of Administration.



Tragically, Amy Ross never lived to see the VFW National Home became a reality. After her untimely death in 1924, the VFW gave Miss Ross a military funeral. Dr. Candler was quoted as saying, "Amy Ross dead? No, she has just commenced to live...When that new little city arises out of the ground near Eaton Rapids called the VFW National Home, you will hear Amy singing a lullaby to some veteran's orphan."

On December 6, 1924, the National Council of Administration approved the idea of the VFW National Home. Articles of Incorporation were prepared, and on January 7, 1925, the dreams of Amy Ross, Corey Spencer and the Military Order of the Cootie had at last come true. The Veterans of Foreign Wars had taken a giant step forward in fulfilling its pledge to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

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Spencer Grady Pawl

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MANAGING CONFLICT LIKE A PRO



While interpersonal conflict can seem like an unavoidable fact of office life, your approach to it is ultimately what determines how it affects both you and those around you. By acting in a mature and reasonable manner, you can turn disagreements into opportunities for learning and personal growth.

Take a look at these four tips for managing conflict in a professional manner, and think about how you can best incorporate them to help foster a friendly, tension-free office environment.

1. Keep It Professional, Not Personal

If you and a colleague disagree strongly about the best way to approach something, you might find that you're repeatedly at odds in meetings or private conversations. If you're not careful, it can be easy to let what should be a professional difference of opinion slide into personal animosity. Nip this in the bud by making an effort to show that you respect the other party. This could mean inviting them to grab coffee or a drink, or just stopping by their desk to clear the air and let them know that you value their opinions.

2. Be Proactive

Small disagreements can easily blossom into bigger ones if they're not addressed promptly and professionally. If you feel tension growing between yourself and an office mate, take action quickly — letting it simmer only adds layers of difficulty that you'll have to work through later. This can be informal, or it can mean scheduling a time to meet with the other person to discuss ways to defuse the situation.

3. Never Assume

Assigning motives is one of the most counterproductive things you can do. Assuming the worst about a coworker can only lead to unnecessary conflict and animosity.

Communication is your friend in these situations—if you're upset by how you feel a colleague is treating you, talk to them about it, and you should be able to clear up any misunderstandings or perceived slights.

4. Get Help

Enlisting a neutral observer can temper the passions of those directly involved in a disagreement. By acting as a mediator, this person can adjudicate a dispute in a manner that is fair to all parties. Unbiased advice from a friend or colleague can also be useful, and help to put things in perspective. Avoid making people feel like they have to choose sides in an argument, and instead accept the input and recommendations that your colleagues can provide.



Given the nature of work and people, some level of conflict is inevitable in any organization. A well-run office, however, converts friction into energy for learning and growing. By following best practices for conflict management, any employee can contribute to this kind of positive, dynamic culture.

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FLAGS IN

For more than 60 years, the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) has honored America's fallen heroes by placing American flags at gravesites for service members buried at both Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery just prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

This tradition, known as 'Flags in,' has been conducted annually since The Old Guard was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948. Every available soldier in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment participates, placing small American flags at each headstone and at the bottom of each niche row.



Within four hours, the soldiers place flags in front of more than 228,000 headstones and at the bottom of about 7,000 niche rows in the cemetery's Columbarium Courts and the Niche Wall.

Army Chaplains place flags in front of the four memorials and the headstones located on Chaplain's Hill in Section 2.

Tomb Sentinels also place flags at the gravesites of the unknown interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Approximately 14,000 flags are placed at the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery.

All flags are removed after Memorial Day, before each cemetery opens to the public.



[www.arlingtoncemetery.mil]

Early Career Center

BECOME IRREPLACEABLE IN YOUR OFFICE

By: Spencer Grady Pawl, GovLoop NextGen
February 1, 2019



One of the more advanced statistics used to quantify and rank baseball players is “wins above replacement” (WAR), which essentially measures how valuable a particular individual is to their team



compared to the league-average player. While this metric was developed for baseball, it can also be a useful framework for understanding how you can advance in your career through the intentional cultivation of irreplaceable qualities.

Just as a shortstop would aim to be have a positive WAR, so you should strive to make yourself a linchpin of your organization. Implement these four steps into your career planning, and you can become one of the most respected and valuable members of your office.

1. Start Small

Are you the person everyone in the office comes to when they need help resetting their passwords? Do people generally accept your advice about getting the printer to cooperate as gospel? Even if these seem like little things, they're big steps toward making yourself invaluable to your organization. By mastering something small, you show both yourself and others that you can take ownership of larger processes too.



2. Be Helpful

Everyone loves a team player, and helping out around the office can be a low-lift way to demonstrate your value. This could mean pitching in to keep common areas tidy, lending a hand when one of your colleagues is overwhelmed with work, or simply making yourself available when coworkers

How can I help you?

need advice or assistance. By bringing a positive attitude and a willingness to help out, you are contributing to a better-functioning, happier workplace environment.

3. Make Others Better

By bringing out the best in those you work with, you can exponentially increase your impact and value. Like a batter advancing his teammate into scoring position, you should strive to facilitate successes for your coworkers. Positively impacting those around you adds value to your organization and makes you an exceptionally important team member as well.



4. Be Flexible

While you may come into an organization with a specific idea of what your role and responsibilities will be, you should be ready to adapt if the team requires it. Showing that you can play different roles is a great way to demonstrate your value, and it prepares you to help your coworkers out in various capacities.



Whether your goal is to advance your career or contribute to your organization at the highest level possible, these tips will help you become an effective, valuable employee.

Ultimately, the degree to which you impact your organization is up to you, so be the employee that you want to be.



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First Children

On March 2, 1925, Sgt. Edward Pollett, Ret., 48, traveled from Halfway, Michigan, to pick up his retirement check at Ft. Wayne in Detroit. While crossing the street in Detroit, he was hit by a street car and later died at a nearby hospital. Twenty-four hours after his death, Mrs. Pollett identified her husband at the county morgue and then found that she and her 6 children, ages 2 to 15 were left destitute since Sgt. Pollett's retirement pay stopped upon his death. The Halfway, Michigan VFW Post 1146 appealed to Dr. Candler, State VFW Commander, on behalf of the family, and arrangements were made immediately to send the family to the VFW National Home.



On March 9, 1925, Mrs. Pollett and her 6 children entered the VFW National Home as the first residents. The first Matron of the Home, Nora M. Abbott, and first supervisor, Roy Williams, supervised the housing of the Polletts in an old frame farmhouse. In June of 1925, Nora Abbott wrote, "Maybe you would like to hear how things are going for the Polletts. My little mother and her children are settled and seem to be happy. She tells me how thankful she is that she could come here and have a home with her children. . . ."

Through the Years

Since its founding, the VFW National Home for Children has grown from an old frame farm house to a sprawling campus with playgrounds, park areas, and multiple buildings, including single-family homes, a community center and gymnasium, child care facility, guest lodge, chapel and administrative offices.

Over the years, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: The National Home's commitment to honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families.

Living at the National Home

The VFW National Home has 42 single-family homes. They are sponsored and named for the state the sponsor is from, named after the sponsor or named to honor someone or organization(s).

Michigan 1
Sponsored by the VFW of Michigan and Auxiliary



Mississippi
Sponsored by VFW Post 4272, Mississippi



Indiana
Sponsored by VFW of Indiana and Auxiliary



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 12, 2018

Webinar Conference

Communications
VanWagoner Building, Sleeping Bear
2 hours CPE

February 19, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Passport to Michigan's Natural Resources
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

October 2, 2018

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Michigan Historical Library Forum
4 hours CPE

March 6, 2019

Webinar Conference

Finance
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

October 9, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

March 21, 2019

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Okemos Conference Center
8 hours CPE



March 27, 2019

Webinar Conference

Cybersecurity
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

November 20, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Treasury's Continuous Improvement
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

April 16, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Your Roads and the Transportation Budget
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

November 28, 2018

Webinar Conference

Ethics
Williams Auditorium
2 hours CPE

April 24, 2019

Webinar Conference

DATA Act
Ottawa Conference Center, Room 3
2 hours CPE

December 19, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Michigan Specific Ethics
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 15, 2019

Webinar Conference

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

January 15, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Annual Tax Update
Library of Michigan
1 hour CPE

May 21, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Optimizing Professional Relationships
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

February 6, 2019

Webinar Conference

GASB Update
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE

June 12, 2019

Webinar Conference

Leadership
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org

May 7, 2019
CFO/CIO Summit
Washington DC
4 hours CPE

May 14, 2019
PIO/CFO Summit
Washington DC
4 hours CPE

July 21-24, 2019
Professional Development Training
Washington DC or Virtual
24 hours CPE

September 18-19, 2019
Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training
Washington DC or Virtual
14 hours CPE

Always keep learning. It keeps you young.
Patty Berg

West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/WestMichigan/Home

July 23, 2019
Single Audit Update
Your Desk
2 hours CPE

Greater Lansing ACFE

To register for events, visit www.lansingacfe.com

May 16-17, 2019
Spring Fraud Conference
Lansing, Michigan



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CFO/CIO SUMMIT 2019

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Member Anniversaries

Kenji Griffith, CGFM	14 years
Corey Sparks	12 years
Menna Tallah Gwifel	6 years
Michael Desnoyer	5 years
Shawna Hessling	5 years

WELCOME!

Lucinda Molzan
Technology, Management and Budget
Hannah Lawson
University of Kentucky

The chapter has 122 members.

DID YOU FORGET?

membership
renewals
past due

renew today



WEB CONFERENCE

THURSDAY

June 27, 2019

1:00pm to 2:00pm

FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Your Desk

PROFESSIONAL RESILIENCE

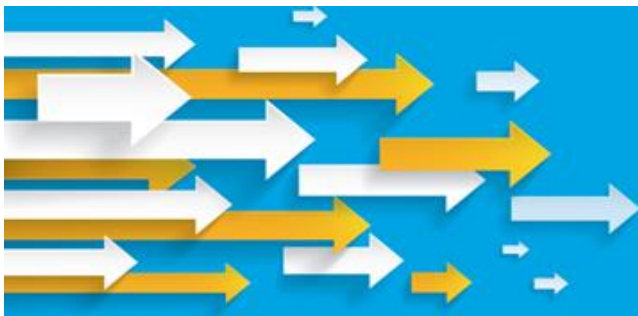
SPEAKER:

Mark Reger,
Past AGA NEC Member

CPE

1 hour Professional Development

In this webinar, the presenter will provide the participants with examples of the trials and tribulations of one financial leader as seen through his own experiences in government service. He will share the unusual events and the sometimes entertaining results. Participants will be treated to a few inspiring stories about and quotes from federal/state/national figures designed to foster a greater appreciation of the specific skills, actions, and results that help one deal with day to day adversity. The purpose of the session is to encourage participants to foster enthusiastic but realistic approaches to day to day events in their professional careers and help participants maintain a focus in their careers on those significant elements necessary for success.



2019 PIO/CFO Summit

May 14 | Washington, D.C.

register today



CHAPTER FINANCES
March 2019

Assets

Current Assets:

Checking Account	\$ 28,717
Pay Pal Account.	\$ 2,021

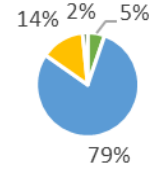
Total Assets \$ 30,738

Liabilities and Net Assets

Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 26,223
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Net Change in Assets	\$ 3,323
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 22,900
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 30,738</u>

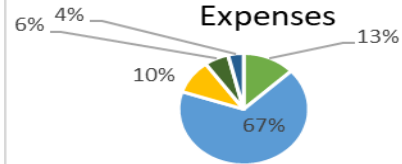


Revenue



- Education: Audio Conferences
- Education: Professional Development Trainings
- Programs: Luncheon CPE Meetings
- Other

Expenses



- Education: Audio Conferences
- Education: Professional Development Trainings
- Programs: Luncheon CPE Meetings
- Other
- CEC

Revenues

Education: Audio Conferences
Education: Professional Development Trainings
Interest Income
Membership Dues
Programs: Luncheons
Sponsorships
Total Revenues

	Approved Budget	Year-to-Date Activity	Budget Balance
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 1,600	\$ 620	\$ 980
Education: Professional Development Trainings	\$ 13,300	\$ 9,140	\$ 4,160
Interest Income	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 5
Membership Dues	\$ 968	\$ 185	\$ 783
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,588	\$ -28
Sponsorships	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Total Revenues	\$ 17,733	\$ 11,533	\$ 10,800

Expenses

Awards and Nominations
Bank, Credit Card, Pay Pal Fees
CEC Expenditures/PDT
CGFM Scholarships and Certification Awareness
Education: Audio Conferences
Education: Professional Development Trainings
Membership Development
Miscellaneous
Programs: Luncheons
Programs: Membership Appreciation
Community Service
Social Event
Website
Total Expenses

Awards and Nominations	\$ 700	\$ 0	\$ 700
Bank, Credit Card, Pay Pal Fees	\$ 260	\$ 186	\$ 74
CEC Expenditures/PDT	\$ 6,000	\$ 510	\$ 5,490
CGFM Scholarships and Certification Awareness	\$ 770	\$ 0	\$ 770
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 1,720	\$ 1,720	\$ 0
Education: Professional Development Trainings	\$ 8,900	\$ 8,872	\$ 28
Membership Development	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 50
Miscellaneous	\$ 200	\$ 191	\$ 9
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,319	\$ 681
Programs: Membership Appreciation	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Community Service	\$ 550	\$ 75	\$ 475
Social Event	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Website	\$ 500	\$ 360	\$ 150
Total Expenses	\$ 22,350	\$	\$ 9,127

Income/Loss

Income/Loss	\$ -4,617	\$ -1,690	\$ -2,927
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Everything you need to know is at Michigan.gov/StateParks100, but here are some highlights:

- **Share your state park memories.** Special moments happen in Michigan state parks; it's just a fact. Engagements, reunions, family traditions, birthdays, graduation and more, plus the everyday moments – a personal best trail run time, finally standing up on that paddle board, introducing your kids to camping – that are special because they're yours. We've created a state park memory map to capture those moments. **Hundreds of people already have added their photos and stories**, and we want yours, too!
- **Be a centennial storyteller.** Got a heartfelt or humorous state park story? Be a part of our **Campfire Storytelling Project** happening June through September at several locations around the state. First, though, there are open auditions happening April 24 (Detroit), May 2 (Marquette), May 4 (Grand Rapids) and May 11 (Interlochen). In addition to the selected centennial storytellers, everyone's invited to enjoy the public storytelling events – to listen, to share memories. The final event stories will be recorded and compiled into a podcast that will be available on the centennial website.
- **Book your favorite campground or harbor.** Spending time in Michigan's great outdoors is always a great experience, but this year there's even more to do, see and explore. On the centennial website you'll find information on **special events**, a **geocaching tour** and more. The site is always being updated, so check back often. But don't wait; **reserve your campground site or harbor slip today.**
- **Show your state park love.** From ice cream and coffee to T-shirts and hats – including the popular Stormy Kromer – the "These Goods are Good for Michigan" program offers plenty of **centennial and state park gear**. Program partners work with the DNR to raise awareness and support through revenue sharing for state parks, trails and waterways. Get the gear that gives back! The centennial website offers some other ideas on how to "give forward" – including the upcoming Give 100 campaign – to ensure that your favorite state parks are here for the next 100 years.

If it's been awhile since you've been to a Michigan state park, help the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources** mark this milestone and get to know your state parks all over again. Need a little inspiration? **Enjoy this short video** with drone footage of some of the most gorgeous spots in Michigan. If your department programs tie into state parks in any way this year, please use the hashtag #MiStateParks100 on your social channels.

For more information on the state parks centennial or related program or partnership opportunities, contact **Maia Turek** at 989-225-8573.



Chapter Executive Committee 2018-2019

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