

Disclosures



**A
MESSAGE
FROM
THE
CHAPTER
PRESIDENT**



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Greetings Everybody!

One of the main reasons I joined the AGA was to obtain CPE at a very reasonable cost. I can say without a doubt that our local chapter has provided a lot of excellent CPE opportunities. I can also say that my involvement in our local chapter has been more than that. I have met a lot of great and dynamic people.

Why am I telling you something that you already know? Well, I also realized that there is more to the AGA than just our local chapter. If you have not done more than renew your membership on the national AGA website, I would implore to take a few minutes to take a look around (www.agacgfm.org). There are so many great resources at your fingertips.

Take the Career Center section, for instance. If you are a director, manager, supervisor, or even a lead worker, there are several tips and techniques that you can use to become a better leader. If you are looking to move up in your current career or are looking for new opportunities, there is also information that would help you better network or develop a strategy to obtain your goal.

With that being said, I hope you were able to enjoy the color season this year. It is my favorite time of year followed by my not so favorite time of raking leaves and cleaning gutters.

Have a great month!

Dan

PS: Thank you Newsletter Editor for helping me out last month!

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS

webinar – November 4

monthly luncheon – November 17

members only free webinar – November 18

see page 2 for details

Eye Opener

\$27 billion

Approximate amount Pennsylvania has spent in the 120+ days the state has gone without passing a budget, which is almost comparable to the annual operating budget.

SOURCE: The Pittsburg Tribune-Review | November 2, 2015





**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY**
November 4, 2015
2:00pm to 3:50pm
Ottawa Building
Room 6
Lansing, Michigan

**OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE:
IMPACT ON THE GRANT COMMUNITY**

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Monday, November 2, 2015

COST

AGA members - FREE
non-members - \$20

Grants management reform is here, and you need to begin now to adjust your procedures to shift their focus from *process* to *performance*. All persons who deal with federal grants will need to be aware of and ready for the coming changes. A few topics that will be covered include:

- federal shift from compliance to performance
- new focus on risk
- new time and effort certification
- new rules on procurement
- new controls on computers
- new rules on auditing/monitoring
- administrative costs/indirect costs

Speaker:
Charles Hester, CGFM, CPA

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



**MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY**
November 17, 2015
11:45
Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street,
Lansing, Michigan

FRAUD OR MONEY LAUNDERING



Speaker:
Theresa Mack, CPA, CCF, CAMS, PI
Senior Manager of Investigations
Cendrowski Corporate Advisors

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Friday, November 13, 2015

COST

\$12 AGA members
\$16 non-members

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



**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY**
November 18, 2015
2:00pm to 3:00pm

ONE THING A LEADER MUST DO

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.agacgfm.org.
Click on Events and CPE then Webinars

Speaker: Karen Alexander, CGFM, Associate Director
for USDA's Financial Management Services Division

**FREE AGA MEMBERS
ONLY WEBINAR**

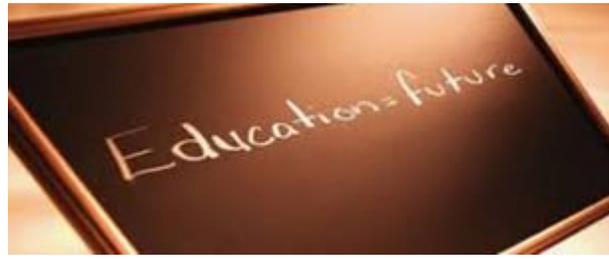
What will you do when faced with your most difficult or challenging task? Decline the opportunity, hesitantly move forward or prepare to win? Leaders achieve success by breaking through to the next level.

It just takes accomplishing small steps at a time. This session will define leadership traits and detail how you can overcome challenges and effect changes needed to get the job done.

**MESSAGE FROM
AGA's 2015-2016
NATIONAL PRESIDENT**



**John E. Homan, MBA,
CGFM, CPA, CGMA**



One of my duties as AGA's national president is to make presentations on different subjects, such as ethics, as well as general presentations about who AGA is and what we do. I consider myself pretty well-versed on AGA, but while giving a presentation recently, I was reminded of our mantra:

AGA is the member organization for financial professionals in government. We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our training events, professional certification, publications, and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers.

I've read this statement several times before – we probably all have – as it's in many of the membership materials AGA send to us. What struck me this time when reading it this time is how we voice our commitment to “ongoing education.” One of the great strengths of AGA is how many educational opportunities we provide to our members, through the CGFM program and through the CPEs we offer via events and webinars. We are great at providing our current members with continuing education opportunities, but what about potential future members? One of the areas I want us to do more of – one of my major priorities for this year as president – is boost governmental accounting coursework in higher education. This isn't a new concept for us, but it's an area I hope to see more elevated now and after my term expires.

As our National Executive Committee meeting at the end of September, the NEC discussed ways to expand AGA's reach within the higher education community, to get more universities to offer government financial management courses and programs, and to help lead the profession in making a greater commitment to government financial management and accountability. We weighed several great ideas, including engaging our members with higher education institutions – either by teaching financial management full time or in an adjunct position, or creating a syllabus

and materials for governmental accounting courses – building a portal through which AGA members involved in academia can connect with each other, and partnering with other like-minded associations who have similar goals.

It's imperative we leverage the reach and experience our members in academia can provide, so they can better inform us about what is going on in classrooms today, and can assist our institutions of higher education in realizing the importance of educating the next generation of professionals in government financial management. While AGA's national training events, CGFM program and CPEs are invaluable, they are no substitute for the commitment needed by our educational institutions.

While there are specifics to figure out and concrete plans to make, I left the meeting feeling confident in the reach AGA can have in the field and the effects we can have on the future health of the government financial profession. Through the work of our higher education working group which was given an expanded agenda and mission at the NEC meeting, I know we can make a difference.

It's not just something that's nice to do as way to grow AGA's reputation and membership among young professionals and students; rather, I believe it's our duty to as stewards of public funds and as guardians of the public interest to ensure that the next generation of government financial management can be learned in the classroom and viewed as a rewarding and exciting professional career.

John E. Homan, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA
2015-2016 AGA National President

Dark Web Poses Challenges for Law Enforcement

By Sara Volpenhein, Grand Forks Herald, 08-10-2015

The Dark Web has been at the heart of an ongoing probe into an international drug trafficking operation, an investigation that started in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The probe sprung from the death of an 18-year old Grand Forks resident who overdosed on fentanyl citrate, a highly potent synthetic opioid, in January and has since not only across U.S. borders, but also across the borders of the traditional internet, into the Dark Web.



But what is the Dark Web and who uses it?

Since February at least 10 people have been indicted on federal drug-related charges, some of whom are accused of using the Dark Web to buy and sell drugs under a cloak of anonymity. Most recently, officials unsealed the indictment of Daniel Vivas Ceron last month, a Columbian man who federal prosecutors allege was the leader of the international drug trafficking operation, which did much of its business on the Dark Web.

Acting U.S. Attorney for North Dakota, Chris Myers, underscored the difficulty technology – like the Dark Web – poses when trying to catch criminals. “The folks that are distributing these substances are increasingly more sophisticated technology to remain anonymous, making our job that much more difficult,” Myers said.

Last month, Myers warned a room of reporters of the dangers posed on the Dark Web. “You can buy anything if you find the right website on the Dark Net,” he said referring to the Dark Web. “From tigers to hand grenades to controlled substances, it’s there.”

While the dark web does prove to be a haven for drug dealers, arms traffickers, child pornography collectors, and other criminals, it is also a bastion of free speech for political dissidents living under oppressive regimes and a sanctuary from government surveillance, experts say.

The Herald, in an effort to explain the complexity of the Dark Web, how it functions, and how web users utilize it, reviewed literature and talked with Danny Bradbury, a technology writer who has written on the topic in the journal *Network Security*.

Q. What is the Dark Web?

The Dark Web is a layer of the internet accessible only by using special software like Tor (The Onion Router) or I2P (Invisible Internet Project). Websites and information on the Dark Web are intentionally hidden and cannot be accessed by using traditional search engines like Google.

Other layers of the internet are Surface Web and the Deep Web, according to a Congressional Research Service report. The Surface Web is what most internet users are familiar with and refers to websites and information found by using traditional search engines.

The Deep Web cannot be accessed by traditional search engines because its content is not indexed by Google, Bing, etc. Information the Deep Web includes content on commercial databases like LexisNexis and Westlaw or websites that produce content via search queries or forms, according to the Congressional Research Service report.



Q. What is Tor and how does it work?

Tor is the network most widely used to access the Dark Web. It was initially developed by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory as a tool for keeping government communications private. Tor transmits a user’s web traffic through a series of computers located around the globe, called nodes, making a user’s online movements difficult to track.

Bradbury compared it to putting a message inside multiple envelopes and sending it through multiple people.

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Heather Kerrigan

Posted
May 5, 2015



26 Effective Time Management Tips

It is important to remember we can never manage time – there will always be 24 hours each day for you to accomplish everything you need to do. The real management technique comes from how you use those hours available to you. Different methods work for different people, but here are some of my favorite time management techniques:

1. Spend a week writing down everything that you do to get an accurate depiction of how you are currently allocating your time.
2. Figure out the most important (and least important) things that you need to do. Anything that makes the most important list should be given a time block. Use your phone, an appointment book, a calendar, a sheet of paper, whatever works for you.
3. Take time each morning to plan your day, and don't start working on something until you complete your daily plan. If this isn't feasible for your mornings, do it right before you go to bed each night so you what to be prepared for once you wake up.
4. As new tasks come in throughout the day, place them on a separate list or in a separate folder. Other than those that need urgent attention, block off a time at the end of each day to go through these new tasks. Often, these might be simple email responses or a returning a phone call. But if you let them continuously let them interrupt your day (even though they take only a few minutes) you'll find you haven't accomplished everything that you needed to get done.
5. You'll never be able to get rid of your interruptions, but you can control how much time you dedicate to them. You can plan them into your schedule by adding extra time in the front or end of each task or you set "office hours" on your calendar to let your colleagues know when you're available to talk (and thus encouraging them not to drop in.
6. Consider a "do not disturb" sign.
7. Don't multi-task. When you focus on completing the activity in front of you, you get more done.
8. Turn off the audible and visual alerts like the ones tied to your email and your phone ringer. Just because the phone is ringing or a new email comes in, doesn't mean you have to lose focus and respond immediately (unless it's vital). Getting back on track after stopping for one of these distractions takes time.
9. Say no to projects and activities (when it won't cost you your job that is) that you know you don't have time for. If you feel like you need to accept a project from the boss, be honest about your current schedule and set a deadline that is reasonable.
10. Even if you have 30 minutes, get something done. Don't waste 30 minutes because you feel it is too short of a time to be productive.
11. If you are someone who has access to and spends too much time on Facebook, Reddit, Twitter, or even your personal email, consider using a site blocker.
12. Give each task a time limit. This does two things. It prevents each task from taking up too much of your time and it also helps you work on tasks that you dread. Use a timer if you need one.
13. Give yourself deadlines even for open ended projects. This forces you to allocate time toward each project that is important to you.
14. Quit being a perfectionist. You will never be able to finish everything exactly how you want to, and fretting over minor details is a huge time waster.
15. Delegate when possible.
16. Complete related tasks together to help yourself get into a rhythm.
17. Stop checking your email so often and ignore it completely when you're really pressed for time.
18. If you find that you're procrastinating, figure out why and then develop a method to come over that issue.
19. Take brief workday breaks and longer vacation breaks. There is a litany of research that shows we all need mental breaks to improve productivity (and reduce stress).
20. Figure out who and what drains your time unnecessarily. Limit these items as much as possible.
21. Factor in extra time for each project or task. Things generally take longer than we think they will/
22. Take time before embarking on a new task or project to fully understand what you are supposed to do, how you intend to do it, and what you expect to get out of it. This will help you stay focused on the outcome.
24. Follow the 80/20 rule. This is the argument that 80% of our results come from 20% of effort and vice versa. That said, if you find that you're spending 80% of your time and getting very little in return, do what you can to eliminate that activity or find a better way to get to your end product.
25. Find a motivational trigger. We all have tasks that we work on slowly because they are boring or we aren't motivated to complete them. So instead, look for a motivating factor in everything you do (even if it's just getting a cup of coffee after you finish the last few pages of your report).
26. Discipline yourself to stick to your scheduled tasks, and hold yourself accountable for your productivity.

Early Career Center

My 10 Best Pieces of Career Advice for Millennials

by Dan Schawbel, Contributor, forbes.com



Giving advice to millennials is extremely important to me because I am one of them. It took me eight months to find a marketing job. I succeeded because I started six months before graduation, collected eight internships, seven leadership positions on campus, and graduated with honors. I failed because I didn't know how to build and leverage relationships. Either way, I learned a lot about what it takes to successful career over the years. Good career choices are extremely important early in your career because you can set yourself up for success later on. Even though you might end up in a completely different career, the skills you acquire and the people you meet are what will open the doors for you. The following are ten things millennials should do to get ahead in their careers:

1. Think of your career as a series of experiences. The most optimistic and intelligent way to look at your career isn't how long you stay with one employer or that you focus on what you majored in at college. You need to collect experiences throughout your careers, whether that be with five employers or ten, with one business function or five, or in one country or three. The idea is that you need to be a lifelong learner if you want to make an impact, succeed and feel accomplished. The experiences you have expand your world view, give you new perspectives, and make you a more interesting person.

2. Don't settle for a job you're not passionate about. A lot of people are pushing college graduates to just get a job and pay the bills and that isn't the greatest advice because research shows that you won't last long there if you do. Furthermore, no smart employer is going to have someone who is only there to make money because there is always someone else who wants it more. When you're passionate about your job, you're excited, you work longer hours, and end up accomplishing much more. Life is too short to settle for a career that you hate.

3. Focus on making a big impact immediately. The quicker you make an impact in a company the more attention and support you will get. Millennials understand this well because they won't want to wait five years to get on a project where they can make this type of impact. Starting on day one, you should have to learn as much as possible and start mastering your job so you can latch on the biggest projects faster and prove yourself. By doing this, you will explode your

career and become more valuable in your company, which will increase your pay, title, and you'll get to work on better projects.

4. Take risks early and often in your career. One of the important lessons this economy has taught us is that not taking risks is risky. There is so much out of our control and if we just keep doing what we did yesterday, we can't get ahead. By taking a risk, you are putting yourself in a position to learn, whether you succeed or fail. You're also showing your management that you're willing to put your reputation on the line to make things happen. As we become an ever more entrepreneurial society, those that take risks, both inside and outside the corporate walls, will become more successful.

5. Spend more time with people than your laptop. Students are plugged in and don't understand that the strongest relationships are formed in person, not online. I constantly see students looking down at their iPhones and iPads instead of at people's faces and it's a missed opportunity. Soft skills will always become more cherished in companies so it's important to drop your technology and actually communicate with people. People hire you, not technology and you have to remember that!



6. Measure your work outcomes and build case studies. If you look at any student resume, the almost always look the same. They have the same fields (education, experience, school activities). Under their experience fields, they list a company and then general information such as "managed XXX project." They dress up their experience bullets so they can turn menial tasks into something more marketable. The problem is that recruiters today, and especially in the future, are looking for outcomes. They want to know the numeric impact you're having on a company through your work. Always think about measuring

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The Dark Web

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Q. Who uses the Dark Web?

The Dark Web is often used by individuals who want to preserve anonymity. That includes criminals, terrorists, and state-sponsored spies. The Dark Web contains websites selling illicit goods, including drugs, weapons, exotic animals, stolen goods and more.

“Perhaps the most publicized exploitation of the Dark Web was Silk Road, a black market website for vendors and customers of illicit goods and services,” Bradbury wrote. The FBI shuttered the Silk Road in 2013, which at the time was the “cyber underworld’s largest black market,” according to the Congressional Research Service report.

Dark Web users also include political dissidents, activities, journalists, law enforcement, and the military.

“Tor is about making freedom of speech possible,” Bradbury said. “Especially countries where governments really put the thumb screws on people being online . . . Tor has been used as a way to enable those people to communicate and get those messages out and even organize within their own countries in ways that stop them from being detected.”

Former CIA contract Edward Snowden reportedly used an operating system that automatically runs Tor to communicate with journalists and leak classified information on the United States’ mass surveillance programs, according to the congressional report. Tor also advertises itself as a way to protect one’s children, saying children may be sharing their location by not hiding their IP addresses.

How does law enforcement identify criminals operating on the Dark Web?

Oftentimes, law enforcement rely on the human error of the criminals they pursue. For example, it was a misstep that led Homeland Security to a Portland, Oregon man. Agents believe that Brandon Corde Hubbard, 40, was the one who sold the fentanyl citrate that claimed the 18-year old Grand Forks resident’s life. Hubbard’s mistake was he allegedly used the same username (pdxblack) on a legitimate messaging service (KIK) as he did on the Dark Web, according to federal court records. From there, federal agents were able to subpoena KIK and ask for subscriber information which had Hubbard’s IP address. Agents then used the IP address to find his identity from his internet provider.

Early Career

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your projects and keep track of the results because that’s going to help you justify promotions.

7. Sacrifice today to position yourself tomorrow. You can’t everything you want today so you need to work hard to put yourself in a better position in the future. For a two year period I put in over one hundred hours working on something I loved. As a result, I now have the freedom to do what I want, when I want. While others would have used that time to go out every night and party, I realized the bigger picture and you can too. The more you do early in your career, the more it will pay off later in life and you will be thankful just like I am.

8. Start your own website to centralize your work profile. You need a single place where you can store everything you accomplished and that should a website under your name (yourfullname.com). By doing this, you can easily refer others to your work, whether it be hiring managers or for freelance projects. As you grow and develop your career, add new projects, education, skills, and examples of your work to your website. Your website is a living, breathing resume that is always available to people even when you’re asleep.

9. Travel as much as you can, while learning about cultures and languages. We live in a global marketplace now and companies are looking to expand and hire the best talent, regardless of location. The more you travel and experience the world, the better you will be at serving this marketplace and taking advantage of it. Furthermore, if you’re learning new languages, you are ahead of the curve. It’s hard for companies to find workers who are fluent in languages so if that’s you, you become more marketable.

10. Locate mentors who live your desired lifestyle. Most students are selective about mentors and just feel fortunate to have them in the first place. I believe you need to choose the right mentor, who you can support and who has time to support you. That person should be someone in your industry that is living the lifestyle that you dream of. This way they can tell you exactly what you need to do each day to get to their level. For instance, if you want to travel and do consulting in the future then find someone who has a job at McKinsey or Accenture to mentor you. Based on your meetings with them, you might even decide the consulting lifestyle is not a match for you after all.

Dan Schawbel is a workplace expert, keynote speaker, and the New York Times bestselling author of *Promote Yourself*.

CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



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 23, 2015**
Professional Development Conference
Government Accountability
Library of Michigan
4 hours CPE~~

January 13, 2016
Webinar Conference
Evidence Based Policy Making
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE

~~**October 21, 2015**
Webinar Conference
Fraud Risk Management in Gov. Programs
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hour CPE~~

February 16, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
U of M Director of Social Media
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

~~**October 27, 2015**
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Lottery – Where Does All the Money Go?
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE~~

March 9, 2016
Webinar
Grants
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3
1 hour CPE

November 4, 2015
Webinar Conference
OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on Grants
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6
2 hours CPE

March 2016 – Date to be Determined
Professional Development Training
Government Accountability
Location to be Determined
8 hours CPE

November 17, 2015
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Fraud or Money Laundering
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

April 13, 2016
Webinar
DATA Act
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE

November 18, 2015
Webinar Conference – MEMBERS ONLY
One Thing a Leader Must Do
Your Computer
1 hour CPE

April 18, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Budget
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

December 2, 2015
Webinar Conference
Ethics in the Workplace
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6
2 hours CPE

May 2016 – Date to be Determined
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Topic to be Announced
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

January 11, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Tax Update – Joint Meeting with SAAABA
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

June 1, 2016
Webinar
Government Financial Management
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE

VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 11



Veteran's Day originated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.



Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance.



November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.



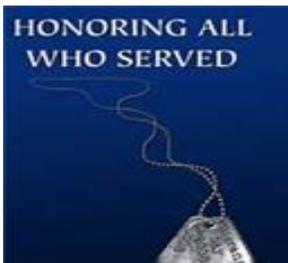
Veteran's Day pays tribute to all American service members, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. Memorial Day honors those who died in service to their country.



In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day.



In Europe, Britain, and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.



There are approximately 23 million military veteran's in the United States.



OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



West Michigan AGA

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

November 5, 2015

AGA/GFOA Double Feature
Grand Rapids, Michigan
8 hours CPE

January 2016

Webinar
2016 Governmental GAAP Update

National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org



January 19, 2016

National Leadership Training
Grand Hyatt
Washington D.C.
6 hours CPE



February 3, 2016

The Federal Budget Process
Members Only Free Webinar
1 hour CPE



February 23-24, 2016

National Leadership Training
Ronald Regan Building
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE

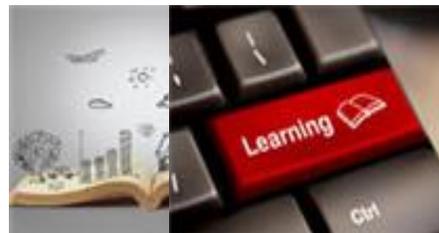


July 17-20, 2015

Professional Development Training
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California
24 hours CPE

Develop a passion for learning.
If you do so, you will never cease to grow.

Anthony J. D'Angelo



Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.

Mahatma Gandhi



MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! Member Anniversaries

Bob Simon 16 years

WELCOME! New Member

Alan Glanton, Treasury



CHAPTER FINANCES

Balance Sheet at September 30, 2015

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 19,069
Pay Pal Account	\$ 3,435
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,504</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets	
Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 17,519
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Income (Loss)	\$ 670
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 17,989
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 22,504</u>



CGFM is a 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.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR CPE DOCUMENTATION:

The CGFM records must include the following for each CPE program or activity attended or completed:

- The sponsoring organization (e.g., AGA National Office, local AGA chapter, organization name)
- The title of the program, including subject matter, field of study, or a brief description of its contents
- The date(s) attended
- The number of CPEs earned
- Evidence of attendance or completion



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2015 Third Fifth Bank, East Lansing

CEC Members Present: Chris Bayley, Anthony Edwards, Kenji Griffith, Shawna Hessling, Dan Jaroche, Julie Salman, Karen Stout

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler, Anna Lewis, Cindy Osga, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: Dan J. called the meeting to order at 12:04pm. A motion to accept the agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

Minutes: The September 2015 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on October 5, 2015.

Budget and Financials: No report. Anna will email the financials for approval.

Membership: The chapter has 1 new member for a total of 105 members.

Student Members:

- Shawna talked to an accounting instructor at LCC and there is no accounting association there. Neither does Davenport. They are both looking to start one.
- Karen has a contact at the CMU accounting advisory board.
- Anthony to look into Olivet College accounting organization for a contact and will reach out to them.
- Chris will check with Suzi Kyes and find out about LCC's accounting advisory board.

Mailing List:

- Should use the chapter website to get the most current email list so we are not sending emails to people who asked to be removed.
- Anthony will send a list of undeliverable email addresses to the Board and we will see if we can find correct email addresses.
- Shawna will be the keeper of the list. Anthony will look into giving Shawna access to the website so she can update the list on-line.

Education: Feedback from the fall PDT evaluation forms:

- Excellent topics and conference.
- Excellent food, would like tables to eat at.
- Would to be able to drink in the auditorium.
- Ideas for future topics include Sigma update, depreciation, ethics, general accounting procedures and principles.

The auditorium is free. We will have to make sure the sound audio is working next time. Bobby did not

share his presentation ahead of time so we did not know it was needed. We can reserve the conference room across from the auditorium so attendees have a place to sit and eat. Anshu is looking for input from board members:

- Date for spring PDT. Suggestion was March 23, 2016.
- Okemos Conference Center?
- Woody's Mediterranean food for lunch?
- Topics of interest that you may have heard from others or ideas of your own.

Suggestions for speakers.

Program Luncheons: October 17, 2015 luncheon will be Jeff Holyfeld from Lottery. November 17, 2015 will be Theresa Mack from the FBI discussing Fraud or Money Laundering. January 11, 2016 will be a tax update joint with SAAABA, February 16, 2016 will be Nikki Sunstrum and April 18, 2016 will be about the budget. May 16, 2016 is still to be determined. Ideas are a leadership topic, SIGMA budget with Eric Bussis.

Awards: Wanda provided the files to Kenji and she will go through them.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: The CCR was completed and submitted to National on September 30. Anthony has posted it to the website. The October newsletter has been completed and Anthony hopes to post it to the website today.

CGFM: Dan W. send out the email on Monday for our first webinar of the year which will be October 21 covering Fraud Risk Management in Government Programs at Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B conference rooms. The second webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 and the topic will be OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community. The location will be the Ottawa Conference Center, Conference Room 6.

Webmaster: Pictures have been saved to the website. Chris will get in touch with Mark Rutledge so we can look into functionality changes. IE11 is having issues with advancing the calendar. Can we have the calendar move forward by week?

Community Service: We collected \$40 for St. Catholic Vincent Charities at the Fall PDT.

Chapter Recognition Program: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2015
Location: Cass Building, 2nd Floor, Director's Audit Conference Room
Host: Anshu Varma



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