

#### **Greater Lansing Chapter**

May - June 2016

### Disclosures





A
MESSAGE
FROM
THE
CHAPTER
PRESIDENT



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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

#### Greetings.

This program year has gone by fast, and before it is over, I want to use this final message to share my thanks.

Thank you to all the individuals who volunteered as presenters at our luncheons and conferences.

Thank you to the board members who donated their time to ensure this chapter had another successful year. You have done an excellent job and I appreciate all the hard work! Because of your efforts, we are on target to receive the Platinum Level Chapter Award again this year.

Thank you to all of you that attended our chapter luncheons, webinars, professional development conferences, and community service events. I hope we have served you well this past program year. If we missed the mark in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members.

In closing, I want to wish Julie Chrysler the best of luck in serving as the chapter's president next year. I know you will do a tremendous job.

Dan Jaroche

# Eye Opener

#### \$141,228

Pension that Fred Buenrostro, the former head of California's public employees' pension system, will collect while serving a nearly 5-year prison sentence for a bribery scheme. The amount was slightly reduced because of the state's "felony forfeiture" rule.



SOURCE: The Sacramento Bee | June 3, 2016



# GREATER LANSING CHAPTER AWARDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2015-2016

#### **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 Amy Zimmerman, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Amy Zimmeran (middle) accepting the Community Service 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 Karen Stout, Michigan Department of Treasury.



Karen Stout (left) accepting the Chapter Ambassador Award.

#### 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 Dan Haran, Michigan Department of Education.



Dan Haran (second left) accepting the Government Leadership Award.

#### Membership Participation Award

This award is to recognize a member's efforts and commitment to the Chapter. This year's recipient is Tom Colosimo, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Tom Colosimo (right) 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 Shawna Hessling, State Budget Office.



Shawna Hessling (right) accepting the Rookie of the Year Award.

#### Professional Development Award

This award is presented to an indivudal to recognize extroidinary 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 is Laura Mikula, State Budget Office.



Laura Mikula (middle) accepting the Professioinal Development 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 in numerous ways and helped the chapter's year be successful.

This year's recipient is Chris Bayley, State Budget Office.



Chris Bayley (right) accepting the President's Award

#### **Leadership Award**

This award is presented to the member who provided outstanding leadership to the Chapter. This year's recipient is Dan Jaroche, State Budget Office.



Dan Jaroche (left) accepting the Chapter Leadership Award.

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

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

Friends and Colleagues,

One of the more exciting events of the AGA program year is the presentation of the annual Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) awards. This year's event took place May 25 at the National Press Club in Washington. The work of the CEAR program, in which trained reviewers under the guidance of our CEAR program guru Hal Steinberg review the Performance and Accountability Reports (PAR) or Annual Financial Reports (AFR) from dozens of federal agencies and departments, meshes well with my 2015-16 theme of "celebrating the government workforce." An important part of that workforce are those in the federal financial community who prepare the reporting documents that provide the transparency and accountability that is the cornerstone of federal financial reporting. The CEAR awards were an opportunity to honor their work.

As an auditor and consultant, I see firsthand the work those involved in financial reporting do every day of the week. It takes dedication and excellence, and enormous effort is expended to make a PAR or AFR as transparent, complete and useful as possible. But nothing I can say about the excellence I've seen is as valuable as the weight a CEAR award, granted by a group of independent peer reviewers, carries.

Federal agencies have made tremendous strides in the quality of financial reporting over the past

two decades, and the CEAR awards offer a wonderful opportunity to recognize those achievements. It was also a great chance for the 200 guests in attendance to hear from our distinguished guest, U.S. Office of Management and Budget Controller Dave Mader, about the key initiatives and priorities for the final months of the current presidential administration.

Twenty CEAR awards were presented to departments and agencies, and one dozen special awards were granted in significant categories. It is notable that several agencies have now received the award for many consecutive years. We saluted and brought to the stage professionals representing 20 departments and agencies to accept CEAR awards as well as those who earned special "Best in Class" awards. The special Best in Class awards recognize important areas of qualitative excellence such as the best use of the Internet, best presentation of performance, best graphic display of complex financing and best presentation of future challenges. A complete list of recipients, as well as descriptions of each Best in Class award, is available online.

Standing alongside Mader, in front of the federal financial community, and shaking recipients' hands was one of the privileges and highlights of my presidential year. It was a true celebration of those who make federal financial reporting great.

Sincerely,

John E. Flower

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

# OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



#### **National AGA**

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org



July 17-20, 2015
Professional Development Training
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

24 hours CPE
September 20

September 20-21, 2016
Internal Control and Fraud Prevention
Ronald Regan Building
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE

#### **West Michigan AGA**

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

July 26, 2016 Webinar 2016 Single Audit Update 2 hours CPE





# **GOVERNING**

#### **VOICES OF THE GOVERNING INSTITUTE**

# WHY WE SHOULD PUT CFOs IN THE INFRASTUCTURE DRIVER'S SEAT

As stewards of public spending, they are best positioned to help us invest effectively.

Dan Carol I May 31, 2016

We all know the story, or at least we think we do: The U.S. infrastructure machine is sputtering, and politicians are failing to fill up the tank with funding. But look under the hood and you will see that America's infrastructure engine needs more than just gas. It needs a total engine overhaul and a new chief mechanic: Government's chief financial officers (CFOs) need to be put in charge.

For years, we have let individual government agencies -separate departments of highways, water resources,
energy and so on -- drive independently while advocating
for their favorite infrastructure projects. Procurement
systems have favored low-cost capital bids, ignoring the
long-term maintenance requirements of assets meant to
last a longer lifetime. Most politicians have done little to
address the unsexy challenge of deferred maintenance.
Why repair a leak or two underground when one can get
more press for cutting ribbon on a new project?

Sadly, this kind of thinking -- where prevention is undervalued -- is why we have public health disasters like Flint's, a broken-down Washington, D.C., regional subway system and our current \$3 trillion-plus deferred maintenance bill.

Yet the news is not all bad. There are new efforts emerging nationally and internationally led by CFOs, state treasurers and ministers of finance. The key concept is "performance-based infrastructure," which encourages governments to consider life-cycle asset performance rather than simply taking the low-cost bids and ignoring maintenance costs of assets that are meant to last 30 or 50 years.

This shift in thinking has been led by Canada and New Zealand, where individual agencies sponsoring infrastructure projects must first undertake an "independent infrastructure project assessment." This requires agencies to consider more efficient ways to design, finance, procure and maintain the asset and to determine how best to manage important project risks, such as the effects of climate change.

Results are encouraging. There has been a \$110 billion infrastructure-project explosion in Canada in the last decade. This has led to more on-time and on-budget performance and created a new pipeline of financially viable public-private partnerships.

How would this work in the United States?

First, put local and state CFOs in charge of how we can better spend \$500 billion annually, especially since 75 percent of infrastructure spending happens at the local level. As stewards of public spending and impartial "owner-advisers" to public agencies, CFOs are best positioned to assess life-cycle risks, reform procurement systems, promote crossagency integration and identify viable repayment mechanisms to attract private investment. (Want to nerd out even more on how to make this work? Check out the Government Accountability Standards Board's Statement 34 for how CFOs can implement lifecycle accounting and New York State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, which requires resiliency and climate risk analyses to be considered with each infrastructure investment.)

Second, build a new network of local, state and regional centers of expertise to shift the system from the bottom up. Only now is Canada creating a national center after a decade of local testing and proven success in British Columbia, Ontario and seven other provinces. The U.S. is also poised to drive this shift through the regional and metro accelerators scattered across the country, from the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange to accelerators now forming in the Washington, D.C., Northeastern and Intermountain regions.

Third, use "big data" to build infrastructure for the 21st century. The private sector is already doing this. Let's take climate change. Major insurance companies like Swiss Re are busy looking at ways to monetize *avoided* storm damages by establishing incentives for resiliency investments before the next Superstorm Sandy happens. Insurers and investors need big data to accurately assess climate change effects. New project-design tools and performance-based infrastructure and data innovation techniques could shave 40 percent off of a projected \$57 trillion global infrastructure bill by 2040, according to a McKinsey Global report.

How can the federal government help promote this local and state shift? Support the bipartisan bill passed by Congress last December that calls for funding of more regional centers of expertise to accelerate local public-sector capacity. Another low-cost, high-impact congressional move? Why not allow innovative states and cities to tap into a new "federal flex fund" for the startup and design costs of innovative projects that don't fit into current funding schemes designed during the Eisenhower era.



#### Allison Freeland

Posted May 13, 2016



# TEN TIPS TO BECOME A BETTER PRESENTER IN A MATTER OF MINUTES



Did you know the number one fear in humans is public speaking? There is no doubt about it: presenting is tough. But help is on the way. Here are simple hacks to become a better presenter in just a matter of minutes. Let's break down planning, structuring, and prepping for a presentation so you can knock it out of the park.

#### 1 - Practice Out Loud

Often times when you practice a presentation, it is done silently. Next time you are preparing for your next presentation practice it out loud. Doing this will ensure what you have to say makes sense out loud, versus in your head. Take the time to practice inflection and word emphasis.

#### 2 - Create a Dynamic Beginning

An audience can size you up in the first 30 seconds of your presentation, so lead with a bang. Show confidence, preparation, and passion in the first few seconds of your presentation.

#### 3 - Structure Your Presentation

Don't try to cover too much ground during your presentation because you will wind up skimming over a breadth of topics. Hone in your presentation by creating a centralized key point. Branch out with two to three concepts related to your key point. Reinforce the key point in the conclusion of your presentation so your audience has a key takeaway.

#### 4 - Make No Apologies

"I am sorry I am nervous" .... Or "I am sorry, my voice is horse"... I bet you've heard an apology at the start of a presentation before. You should never apologize during a presentation as these statements request leniency from the audience — something you don't want. Avoid apologies and be confident!

#### 5 - Be Funny

Stop taking yourself so seriously — be funny! Humor makes you more approachable, authentic, engaging, and creates a buzz of energy in the room. Challenge yourself and add a few light-hearted elements into your presentation. Tell a funny story, poke fun at yourself, or add an element of surprise.

#### 6 - Use Pauses to Your Benefit

It is our human inclination to fill pauses with words. Don't do it! Instead, use pauses to further emphasize your points... Think of them as an auditory punctuation marks. Pausing also helps you collect your thoughts.

#### 7 - If You Blank Out...

Take a second to drink a sip of water, or ask your audience a question.

#### 8 - Add an Anecdote

Storytelling is an important aspect of the presentation process. If will help you relate better to your audience and aid in recall. In fact, information is recalled 20 times better if it's part of a story. So, add a story or two to support your presentation's key point.

#### 9 - Move Around

You would be surprised how different parts of a room can give you different amounts of energy. Move away from the podium and change you your position around the room. It shows confidence and gives you AND your audience a different perspective.

#### 10 - Don't Rush

Rushing causes poor delivery, which will lessen the impact made on audience members. Rushing also emits a sense of inexperience and lack of confidence. It's also important to give your audience a second to digest your presentation's main points, so slow down as you present.

## **Early Career Center**

#### Five Ways You Are Sabotaging Your Job Search

by Hannah Morgan, usnews.com





Searching for a new job requires a clear message and needs to be carried out strategically and methodically. But even the best job-search campaign is a painful process filled with rejection.

It takes grit and a positive mindset to endure and secure your next job. Don't let any of the following obstacles sabotage your job search.

Any job will do. Have you reached the point where you hate your job so much, any job would be better? The truth is, you wouldn't be happy doing any job. There's a difference between being open to new opportunities and accepting any next opportunity. You may be eager to leave your current role, but in order to find a job you'll enjoy more, you'll need to do some self-reflection and research. One easy way to start the process is to make a list of all the things you enjoy doing in your current job and in past jobs. Also add what you like about your work environment; for example, do you enjoy working with dedicated co-workers or the ability to work remotely? Now, begin researching jobs and companies that fit your list of criteria. You can share what you are looking for and brainstorm ideas with people in different industries. Being vague, or worse, sounding desperate, about the job you are looking for leads to a frustrating and prolonged job search. You can't find what you are looking for if you can't define it.

**Training needed.** Don't expect your future employer to provide training on skills that are required for the job. Training is time-consuming and costly and employers prefer to keep training costs down. If you notice you lack experience with

a specific computer program, for example, that is experience which may open up new opportunities required for jobs you are interested in, find a way to learn that program. Look into online courses, community colleges or even hire someone privately. But more important than training is experience. Take on a project that allows you to use your new skill.

Seeking stability. It would be nice to not worry about losing your job. You want that feeling of security and you aren't alone; humans crave stability. While there may be a few jobs that are less vulnerable, the days of lifetime employment are over. Instead of searching for stability, focus on finding a job where you can grow in the future. You want to stay valuable and marketable to future employers. It is up to you to manage how you package and promote your skills to stay in demand. Unfortunately, this does require more effort, but it creates career stability; a security of knowing that you have what employers are looking for.

Age discrimination. Age discrimination happens on both ends of the spectrum. Being too young usually means you don't have the skills and experience to perform the job. Being too old can mean your skills are out of date and your salary requirements are too high for the job you are interested in. The real issue you want to address as you prepare for a job search is whether you have the skills to do the job you are interested in. Provide proof you have the right skills, demonstrate your commitment to your profession by staying current on trends and technology and target the appropriate-level role. Your age is just a number; combating age discrimination is up to you.

Short-timer. Too often, job seekers who find themselves unemployed later in their careers say, "I just need something to keep me working for five more years." You may be planning your retirement, but never say it publicly. It sends a message that you won't be fully committed to the job. While this probably isn't true, the reality is that few employers would want to hire you if they sensed you weren't going to give the job everything you've got. And even if you are planning to retire in a few years, your situation could change. You may decide you either want or need to work longer. Don't give a prospective employer a reason to not consider you seriously.

#### CHAPTER

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### **EVENTS**







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

September 23, 2015

Professional Development Conference

Government Accountability

Library of Michigan

4 hours CPE

October 21, 2015

**Webinar Conference** 

Fraud Risk Management in Gov. Programs Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B

2 hour CPE

October 27, 2015

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Lottery - Where Does All the Money Go?

Capitol View Building

1 hour CPE

November 4, 2015

**Webinar Conference** 

OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on Grants
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6

2 hours CPE

November 17, 2015

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Fraud or Money Laundering
Capitol View Building

1 hour CPE

November 18, 2015

**Webinar Conference** 

One Thing a Leader Must Do

Your Computer

1 hour CPE

December 2, 2015

**Webinar Conference** 

Ethics in the Workplace

Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6

2 hours CPE

January 11, 2016

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Tax Update – Joint Meeting with SAAABA

Capitol View Building

1 hour CPE

January 13, 2016

for more information.

**Webinar Conference** 

Evidence Based Policy Making

Constitution Hall. ConCon A and B

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters

2 hours CPE

February 16, 2016

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Social Media

Capitol View Building

1 hour CPE

March 22, 2016

**Professional Development Training** 

Government Accountability

Okemos Conference Center

& hours CPE

April 13, 2016

Webinar

**DATA Act** 

Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B

2 hours CPE

April 18, 2016

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

**Basic Investing** 

Victor Building, Sigma 8

1 hour CPE

April 27, 2016

Webinar

Brave New World of Grants Under UGG

Capital Commons, Conference Room E

2 hours CPE

May 19, 2016

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

The Budget

Victor Building, Sigma 8

1 hour CPE

June 1, 2016

Webinar

Lessons in Shared Services

Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B

2 hours CPE



#### **MEMBER NEWS**

## CONGRATULATIONS! Member Anniversaries

Mary Cupp, CGFM	26 years
Uday Malavia, CGFM	24 years
Laura Hirst	23 years
Eric Formberg, CGFM	21 years
Howard Pizzo	19 years
Brian Curran	12 years
Corey Sparks	9 years
Dan Wawiernia	9 years
Gary Simpson	6 years
Irene Mongrain	5 years
Menna Tallah Aly Gwifel	3 years
Meridee Mulrooney	3 years
Shawna Hessling	2 years
Anna Lewis	2 years



#### **CHAPTER FINANCES**

Balance Sheet at May 31, 2016

Assets

Current Assets:
Checking Account \$ 23,821
Pay Pal Account \$ 5,508

Total Assets \$ 29,329

Liabilities and Net Assets
Beginning Fund Balance
Unrestricted \$26,124
Restricted \$4,515
Income (Loss) \$1,130
Ending Fund Balance
Unrestricted \$24,814
Restricted \$4,515
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$29,329





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#### CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

#### May 11, 2016 Romney Building

**CEC Members Present:** Chris Bayley, Shawna Hessling, Dan Jaroche, Anna Lewis, Cindy Osga, Julie Salman, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

**CEC Members Not Present:** Julie Chrysler, Anthony Edwards, Kenji Griffith

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

**Minutes:** The March 2016 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on May 6, 2016.

Budget and Financials: \$580 to be deposited from PDT. Still working on getting payments from no-shows to various events. Motion to accept the April financials and April expenses of \$541.46 was made, seconded, and approved. Anna will get with Julie C. to complete IRS form.

Membership: Shawna indicated were are now at 112 members. There are 21 names on the Pending – Have Not Yet Renewed list from National. Shawna will send an email to those individuals encouraging them to renew.

Education: Anshu went to the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting. She learned there is a new version of the CGFM Study Guides coming out shortly. She mentioned to National AGA staff that the chapter had just purchased the old version of the guides. We will be receiving the new guides at no additional cost. National will be hosting chapter websites to those chapter interested. The roll out schedule will begin in July 2016. National would also archive such things as our CPE forms for those attending chapter training. Anshu is working on a date for the fall half-day training.

**Awards:** Kenji will pick up the awards on Thursday, May 12 for the awards ceremony at the May luncheon meeting.

#### **Program Luncheons:**

The May luncheon meeting will be held at the Lakeshore Learning Center in the Van Wagoner Building with John Roberts as the speaker. A list of 2016-2017 luncheon dates was distributed. The new location will be Constitution Hall, Conference Room Con Con A and B. Karen will send the information to Anthony to post to the chapter event calendar on the website. There is a free member only CPE event on May 24 hosted by National. Karen will also give that information to Anthony.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: No May newsletter. A May-June newsletter will come soon. Request someone take photos at the award recipients at the May luncheon meeting.

**CGFM and CPE Events:** The last webinar of the program year will be on June 1. It will be held in the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3.

Webmaster: No report.

Community Service: MS Walk will be on May 21. An email will be sent out and the event will posted on the chapter website. Anshu reminded us of the Great Lakes Folk Festival in August.

Chapter Recognition Program: Julie C. will be submitting the last report the week of May 23. Please have any information for points to Julie before that date. Julie will send a copy of the report this week for board members to review to be sure everything was captured. We are on target to receive a Platinum Award again this year.

Old Business: None.

#### **New Business:**

National amended its bylaws last year. Cindy has taken up the task of updating the chapter bylaws so they conform to the National bylaws. She distributed copies to the CEC and highlighted the proposed changes. We will do an email vote to the membership for approval.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 1:01 pm.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2016

Host: Julie C.

Location: Constitution Hall, 4th Floor, North Tower,

Ella Koeze Conference Room



#### CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

#### April 6, 2016 Victor Building

**CEC Members Present:** Chris Bayley, Julie Chrysler, Shawna Hessling, Anna Lewis, Cindy Osga, Julie Salman, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

**CEC Members Not Present:** Anthony Edwards, Kenji Griffith, Dan Jaroche, Karen Stout,

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: Dan J. called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. A motion to accept the agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

**Minutes:** The March 2016 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on April 5, 2016.

Budget and Financials: Anna is following up on some unpaid luncheon attendees for the last couple of months. Follow-up for unpaid PDT attendees in progress. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the March financials and expenditures in the amount of \$5,220.92. Budget line item adjustments will be made to Bank and Credit Card Fees, Spring Conference Expenditures, and Miscellaneous. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to amend the budget accordingly. Last year Julie C. issued a check to the IRS for the tax exempt status but Anna noted the IRS still has not cashed the check. Anna will cancel that check and issue a new one and resubmit the paperwork to the IRS. It will be send with a receipt request so we know the IRS received the package.

Membership: Memberships currently stands at 114. Shawna sent an email to nonmembers on our email list inviting them to join the chapter and included the flyer showing the benefits of membership. On person expressed interest.

**Education:** There were 136 attendees at the Spring PDT. Good evaluations. Most attendees submitted an evaluation. There were four with problems and Anshu is addressing them. Topic ideas were also included on the evaluations.

**Program Luncheons:** The April luncheon speaker is Edward Carrington. A flyer was sent via email and registration is open. The May 19 speaker will be John Roberts. We still need to find a room for next year's meetings.

Awards: We submitted a nomination for the Chapter Education Award. Karen and Kenji worked on the nomination. There will be a nomination committee conference call on April 11 to select the awards for Membership Participation, Rookie of the Year, Chapter Ambassador Award, Leadership Award, and President's Award.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: The April newsletter was sent out on April 3.

CGFM and CPE Events: The next webinar will be April 13 on the DATA Act. The Grants Management webinar was rescheduled to April 27. The last webinar will be on June 1. CGFM study guides have been ordered.

Webmaster: Anthony looked at the chapter's Facebook page. We only have 20+ FB "Likes". We need to increase our pages activity in order for it to become necessary to maintain. Anthony is hoping everyone could try to send an invite (knowing we all hate getting invites) to friends, who may be interested, to like our page. We need to be able to branch out in order for our Facebook page to have any impact. Anthony and Chris are meeting with Mark Rutledge our website designer to discuss changes.

Community Service: Received \$225 for Eaton Siren Shelter in cash and checks and numerous sundries the Shelter needs. MS Walk, and ALS Walk - Julie S. to contact Amy Zimmerman on details for these events which should be coming up in May.

Chapter Recognition Program: Currently at 17,325 points but we have 2500-2700 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter so we should attain our Platinum status. Julie S. asked if Julie C. had all the information she needed on the Community Service events so we get credit for those events. The two will exchange information to ensure we have all such events accounted for in our CRP totals. Julie C. needs to get information from Anna on speaker donations so we get credit for those donations as well.

**Old Business:** Student Board members is still pending but the folks who were following up on that last month are not in attendance today so we will table the discussion until May.

**New Business:** Please respond to Dan J's email about whether you will be returning to the Board next year or would like another position.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 1:101 pm.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2016

Location: Romney Building, room to be

determined Host: Dan J.



# **Chapter Executive Committee** 2015-2016



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#### See the Chapter's Annual Citizen Centric Report on the website.

The Chapter's Citizen Centric Report was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by National AGA.

www.lansing-aga.org

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