



**A  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE  
CHAPTER  
PRESIDENT**



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Hello from your new President!

Congratulations to all of you... the Greater Lansing Chapter earned Platinum status again this past program year.

As we transition from summer to fall, I'm excited to get our new program year started. We have an amazing half day professional development training coming up in September. This program year we're also bringing you 8 webinars, free to all our AGA members. Our luncheons will begin again with our first luncheon in October.

We also have a set of the new study guides for the CGFM exams available to check out.

There are a lot exciting things coming up in the next year.

Have an idea or topic you'd like to see covered? Please contact myself or another board member.

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Lansing AGA Chapter.

**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

**REGISTER TODAY**

Professional Development Training

**September 20, 2016**

4 hours CPE

see page 2 for more information

registration ends September 13

NOTE: This half day training will be held in the afternoon.

*Julie*



**Eye Opener**



**6 million**

Number of Americans served by drinking water that researchers discovered to have unsafe levels of industrial chemicals that can increase the risk of cancer, high cholesterol, and hormone problems.

SOURCE: The Washington Post | August 11, 2016



# 2016 Fall Professional Development Training

## Managing Transition in State Government

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

12:30pm to 4:30pm

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

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

**Registration Ends Tuesday, September 12, 2016**

12:00 – 12:30	Registration	Lunch is generously provided by Becker Professional Education. Note: Please consume food outside the auditorium.
12:30 – 12:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
12:35 – 1:25	<b>GASB Update</b> <b>Marie Stiegel, CPA, Plante Moran</b> 1 hour CPE Accounting	
1:25 – 2:20	<b>We Are One Michigan: The FY 2017 State Budget</b> <b>John Roberts, State Budget Director</b> 1.0 hour CPE Management/Other	
2:20 – 2:35	Break	
2:35 – 4:25	<b>Communication Bootcamp</b> <b>Wendy Day</b> 2.0 hours CPE Management/Other	
4:25 – 4:30	Closing	



Cost	Payment	Questions?
<b>\$35 for AGA members</b> <b>\$55 for non-members</b> <b>MAIN ID 2521858718-005</b>  <b>qualifies for</b> <b>4 hours of CPE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>can be made by credit card when you register on-line</li><li>checks can be sent to AGA at PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901</li><li>checks or cash can be accepted at registration</li></ul>	contact Rachelle Breedon <a href="mailto:breedonr@michigan.gov">breedonr@michigan.gov</a>  517-241-6388
Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by the deadline.		

## St. Vincent Catholic Charities

### Chapter Community Service Project

The Chapter will be collecting donations for St. Vincent Catholic Charities.

In addition to cash, St. Vincent's could use new items, including pots, pans, dishes, towels, new winter coats, hats, and scarves.

Check their website at [www.stvcc.org](http://www.stvcc.org) for more information.

A collection box will be at the conference.



**WEB CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY  
September 14, 2016  
2:00pm to 3:50pm  
Capital Commons  
Conference Room F  
Lansing, Michigan**

**AVOIDING SURPRISES AND ASSESSING RISKS: BUILDING ON TODAY'S INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Learn how governments across the country are strengthening their internal control processes by setting new parameters for risk management. These new parameters help governments identify challenges early, bring them to the attention of agency leadership and develop solutions.

On July 15, 2016, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a revised version of OMB Circular No. A-123, which addressed internal controls. The revised circular was broadened and now addresses *Management's Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control*. Similarly, under North Carolina's Enhancing Accountability in Government through Leadership and Education (EAGLE), each agency must perform an annual assessment of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance.

By performing this assessment, agencies can identify risks and compensating controls that reduce the possibility of material misstatements, misappropriation of assets and noncompliance with governmental rules and regulations. This webinar will examine emerging trends in internal control by examining both the federal and North Carolina initiatives.

**Speakers:**

- Wynona Cash, CICA  
EAGLE Team Lead  
North Carolina Comptroller's Office
- Mike Wetklow, CGFM, MPA, CPA  
Deputy CFO  
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**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.  
Register before Friday, September 9, 2016

**COST**

AGA members - FREE  
non-members - \$20

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



**PITTSBURG CONTROLLER LAUNCHES WATCHDOG APP TO REPORT CITY FRAUD**

By: Lexi Belculfine, Pittsburg Post-Gazette

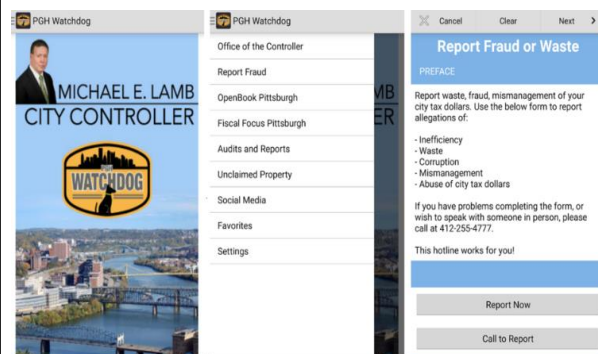
Pittsburgh residents and employees who suspect the fraud, theft or waste of city dollars can now report it through a mobile app.

"We have employees in every neighborhood in the city. We have citizens who are watching them. This gives an opportunity for citizens to immediately report any of that kind of activity that they believe to be waste or misuse," City Controller Michael Lamb said, announcing the launch of PGHWatchdog on Thursday morning.

He also encouraged people to report things that do not seem right when interacting with the city, whether while obtaining a permit, going to an ice rink or at any point-of-sale services.

PGHWatchdog, which is available for free in Apple's App Store and on Google Play, was developed for \$20,000 by software company called Purple Forge and requires \$3,000 for ongoing maintenance.

The app allows users to file tips anonymously.



It also links to resources such as Open Book Pittsburgh, which tracks campaign finance reports, contracts and lobbyists; Fiscal Focus Pittsburgh, an interactive view of the budget; audits and reports; as well as the city's unclaimed property website.

A fraud hotline was launched in 2013 and has received about 50 tips, some of which resulted in audits and referrals to the Office of Municipal Investigations, which looks into complaints against city employees.



**St. Vincent Catholic Charities**  
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

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Together, St. Vincent Catholic Charities is providing help and creating hope in the lives of our communities most vulnerable children. By donating and providing a financial gift to St. Vincent Catholic Charities, you are helping to find a forever home for a foster child, build families through adoption, offer solace through counseling, and welcome refugees who have experienced years of persecution to a safe and supportive community.

Check their website at [www.stvcc.org](http://www.stvcc.org) for more information.



**Join Team Susan and AGA**

## CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**September 17**

Team Susan is back! Looking for more FUN, exercise, and opportunity to make a difference?? Join Team Susan for the Walk n Roll for ALS benefit by ALS of Michigan. This is the Michigan ALS organization that provided respite assistance to Susan Rosenbaum and her family. Susan was a member of our AGA family. The walk will be September 17, 2016 at Hawk Island Park in Lansing. You can donate to any team member, sign up to participate, or just learn more about the walk through by visiting the website at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/alsofmichigan/walknroll/teamsusan.htm>



## CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**October 1**  
rain or shine



**Saving Lives...One Step at a Time!**

### NEW THIS YEAR:

- Doggy costume contest
- Trick or treating for attendees and dogs
- Cider and donuts!

### WHAT:

The Walk for the Animals is CAHS's second largest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds used to save the lives of pets in Mid-Michigan. You **MUST** register online or collect cash/check donations to attend the event!

The fundraiser is simple: walkers register and collect donations from friends, family, neighbors, etc., who want to help the homeless pets of CAHS. Then, walkers and dogs gather for a fun-filled day of activities at the Walk, including demonstrations, doggy costume contest, cider & donuts, trick or treating for attendees and dogs, vendors, lunch, and more. Participants also collect prizes for reaching certain fundraising levels.

### REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration fees are \$25 per person. The fee is waived for children 12 or younger; however, please email Jamie at [events@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:events@AdoptLansing.org) to register them.

Your registration fee includes lunch, goody bag, alumni lanyard, access to the doggy ice cream eating contest sign-up and doggy costume contest sign-up, trick or treating, and cider and donuts.

### WHEN:

Activities begin at 1 p.m.  
Registration is from 1-2:45 p.m.  
Lunch is from 1-3 p.m.  
1-mile walk and extended nature trail walk begin at 3 p.m.  
Doggy costume contest is at 4 p.m.

To learn more visit the website at <http://cahs-lansing.donorpages.com/wfta2016/>



# THREE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITY AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY IN RURAL AMERICA

By Sarah Sattelmeyer, Financial Security and Mobility Project

*This article was originally published by the Financial Security and Mobility project, an initiative of The Pew Charitable Trusts, and was written by Sarah Sattelmeyer.*

The Pew Charitable Trusts, in partnership with the U.S. Senate Economic Mobility Caucus, hosted a briefing June 17 highlighting the challenges that rural communities face in creating opportunity. Panelists John Cromartie, Andrew Koricich, Nisha Patel, and Yvonne Sparks, and moderator Lance George, pointed to a lack of access to educational, financial, and social services and the migration of young professionals to urban centers as key barriers to economic mobility for rural Americans.

But, as Patel acknowledged, “catching up” rural communities can be a complex task. In addition to the challenges mentioned above, many rural areas have high rates of joblessness and lack affordable housing and transportation options. And obstacles to opportunity are often compounded as families are frequently confronting multiple challenges at once.



The panelists identified three practices with the potential to increase economic mobility in rural communities:

**Flexible community institutions.** Given the lack of services and infrastructure in many rural communities, familiar community institutions must often fill a variety of roles and have the ability to address multiple client needs. For example, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) could offer extended financial counseling and technical assistance to individuals and small businesses in rural areas, especially if larger bank branches are scarce. Sparks noted that, by building relationships with families to help them save and acquire assets, CDFIs have been the “single most effective method” of bridging the gap



between communities and financial institutions in rural areas.

**Creative collaboration.** Cromartie and Patel noted that rural areas have higher rates of poverty and child poverty than cities do. Collaboration and geographic proximity among social service agencies, especially those implementing anti-poverty programs, are important ways to take



advantage of available staff expertise in rural communities. For example, in Highland County, Ohio, agencies are working to

streamline residents’ access to services and providing cross-training to enable staff to serve a variety of clients. Other rural communities across the country are banding together and working with community colleges and universities to develop and train workers to meet the needs of local employers.

**Technology as a bridge to opportunity.** Rural communities often have technological limitations that exclude them from the greater educational and economic markets and that restrict academic and training opportunities to those available locally. Koricich pointed to community colleges as institutions that can help bridge the technological divide between rural and urban areas. For example, they can act as small business incubators, spaces for networking, and high-speed internet access points, using broadband and other technology to offer rural Americans access to remote jobs and online educational opportunities.



The panel also discussed an additional hurdle faced by rural communities: Programs that increase access to educational opportunities, infrastructure, and social and financial services often are not designed or evaluated with rural populations in mind. Panelists identified potential roles for the public and private sectors in conducting qualitative research to address these challenges, supporting entrepreneurship and innovation, and ensuring that Americans can move up the economic ladder no matter where they live.



Yesina Flores Dian



Posted  
March 21, 2016

## COMMUNICATING UP AND DOWN FROM THE MIDDLE

Throughout the day, we rely on various forms of communication to get our message across and obtain that which we need and want.

Communication is an important life skill, essential to all relationships.

In “Business Communication for Success,” Scott McLean defines communication “as the process of understanding and sharing meaning. You share meaning in what you say and how you say it, both in oral and written forms.” Think about how you share meaning when you aren’t communicating or speaking up for yourself or others. Consider the message you send when you’re not an active participant in a two-way exchange.

On a recent outing with my husband to Adventure Park, after getting fitted in our harnesses and completing a safety briefing, Yamir and I approached the trail entrance and stared in awe at the aerial, forest-high configuration of ropes above us. As we climbed the ladder to the main platform, I shouted: “Lead the way, babe!” Unbeknownst to me, he chose a rope course I was not expecting nor prepared for, but I followed in pursuit of self-discovery anyway.

When I zipped through the first line, I watched my sunglasses float like a feather down to the underbrush below. *Darn it!* By the time I reached the second platform, Yamir was getting ready to make his way up to a higher level on the tree. We chatted and chuckled as he climbed, but my demeanor changed soon after he came back down so I could advance.

I ascended intently on the tree ladder and yelled: “Don’t talk to me!” when he asked if I was okay. After reaching the top and stepping onto the third platform, I could not bear to look down. Instead, I gazed ahead at the next challenge before me. Yamir called out again and offered words of encouragement, but I responded curtly: “I can’t talk right now...hold on...”

I stood atop that narrow platform alone and silent in my powerful vulnerability. As I adjusted the carabiners to remain securely attached to the safety line around the tree, I recognized my stress. My fingers and hands were unsteady, my breathing was shallow, and my clenched teeth caused soreness along the jaw line. I closed my eyes, inhaled profoundly, and was reminded of a handout received at a recent training offered by my organization’s learning institute entitled “Effectively Interacting with Others.”

In “Effective Communication: Improving Communication Skills in Your Work and Personal Relationships,” Lawrence Robinson, Dr. Jeanne Segal, and Melinda Smith explain “effective communication combines a set of skills including nonverbal communication, engaged listening, managing stress in the moment, the ability to communicate assertively, and the capacity to recognize and understand your own emotions and those of the person you’re communicating with.” In addition, Robinson, Dr. Segal and Smith list four common-sense steps for improving communication skills:

1. Become an engaged listener
2. Pay attention to nonverbal signals
3. Keep stress in check
4. Assert yourself

On the path to furthering my career and personal development, I am always interested in learning how to “deepen [my] connections to others and improve teamwork, decision making, and problem solving,” as noted by these three authors. Although I am not in a supervisory role yet, I have sovereignty over my work — and informally — mentor peers. I am a team player unafraid of making decisions and solving problems.

During the day, I communicate up and down to influence. Alongside like-minded team members, I’ll roll up my sleeves when called upon to strive for the execution of our organization’s mission and vision. If you find yourself “caught in the middle” like me and have taken the time to read this short post, I challenge you to read carefully through the resources highlighted here. Taking the time to “understand the other person” and listen to “emotions behind words” will not only enhance your communication skills, but build trust with your career and life partners.

## SCHOOL BUST SAFETY TIPS FOR MICHIGAN MOTORISTS

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Back-to-School\\_72196\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Back-to-School_72196_7.pdf)



**Slow down** and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.

**Red overhead flashing lights, possibly accompanied by an extended stop arm, tell you the school bus is stopped to load**

**or unload children.** State law requires you to stop at least 20 feet from the front or rear of a school bus when red lights are flashing and not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

**Be Alert and ready to stop. Prepare to stop for a school bus when overhead yellow lights are flashing.** Drive with caution if you see the yellow hazard warning lights flashing on a moving or stopped bus.

# Early Career Center

## The Best Career Advice for Millennials

By Sara Duer, The Huffington Post



The decisions you make early on in your career can be vital later on even if you end up in a completely different industry. Your early years in work will help you build relationships and potentially open many doors for the future. For this reason, we have some top tips for you to follow if you are just starting out in the working world and want to get ahead.

### You must start somewhere



No-one can walk into a company and start at the top; respect and promotions have to be earned and this is always a good thing to remember. The important thing is to be willing to improve and

grow as well as finding mentors that will help you to do just this. You should build relationships with those above as it could come in handy later in your career.

### Make an impact

Make an impact in the new company as soon as you can, take responsibility and ask to lead a project. The first few weeks are vital for this as you will want to listen, learn and apply all that to your everyday work in order to impress those above you. Try to take every piece of information on board and show a willingness to learn as this will pull you up in the pecking order for future projects and even promotions; the more impact you are able to make in the early days, the more likely you are to receive a promotion in the future.

### Be transparent

Admitting that you need help or that you have done something wrong is not a sign of weakness and in fact, most companies will appreciate that you recognize your mistakes and are willing to grow. It is much better to learn a skill that may help you in future projects in order to complete a task better and faster rather than to struggle through and ultimately come up short in the end.

### Get to know your colleagues

There is no doubting that in today's world, technology plays an important role in everyone's life but face-to-face interaction still is a key skill and companies appreciate soft skills. Time to time put the laptop and iPhone away and go communicate with your co-workers.



### Value yourself

If you think you are being underpaid, check out websites such as PayScale.com and do simple search to find out what the pay rate in your field is. If you are under paid bring this up with your boss. Many companies like to cut costs with wages but if you can demonstrate why you deserve a better pay, ask for a meeting and approach it in a professional manner. Hopefully they will see that you bring great value to the company and they will actually adjust your salary. A last resort would be to obtain another job offer as a pay increase may follow if they don't want to lose you. However, this can backfire so don't do this unless you actually have a job lined up and are happy to leave.

### Start a website

Start your own website with your full name and have it as a place to store your professional information. You can potentially use it as a constantly updated resume that potential employees can check out. The great thing about resume website is that it's always available but this also means that you will need to remember to keep it up to date. Most of this can be done with LinkedIn but your own website is more flexible and if someone wants to contact you they don't need to login or have a LinkedIn profile to do so. Add your online resume link to your business cards and social profiles.

## CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



You can register for all chapter events at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org). Click on events.

**September 14, 2016**

### Webinar

Internal Controls  
Capital Commons, Conference Room F  
2 hours CPE

**September 20, 2016**

### Professional Development Conference

Government Accountability  
Library of Michigan  
4 hours CPE

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

**October 20, 2016**

### Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic and Speaker to be determined  
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B  
1 hour CPE

The chapter calendar has not been finalized for the program year. A complete calendar of chapter education activities will be coming soon to the chapter newsletter and website.

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Education is the most powerful weapon which can cause change to the world.

Nelson Mandela

### National AGA

To register for events, visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

**September 20-21, 2016**

### Internal Control and Fraud Prevention

Ronald Regan Building  
Washington D.C.  
14 hours CPE

**October 4, 2016**

### Shared Services Summit

Ronald Regan Building  
Washington D.C.  
7 hours CPE

**November 1, 2016**

### FREE Members Only Webinar

Networking Up  
Your Computer  
1 hour CPE

**February 23, 2017**

### FREE Members Only Webinar

The Fraud Tools: Case Studies  
Your Computer  
1 hour CPE

**July 9-12, 2017**

### Professional Development Training

John B. Hyne Convention Center  
Boston, Massachusetts  
24 hours CPE

### West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit [www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events](http://www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events)

**October 19, 2016**

### Webinar

Topic to be Determined  
2 hours CPE

**December 1, 2016**

### AGA/GFOA Double Feature

More information coming.

**January 25, 2017**

### Webinar

2017 Government GAAP Update  
2 hours CPE

### Governmental Accounting Training Series (GATS)

Level 1: An Introduction (coming February 2017)  
Level 2: Digging Deeper (coming March 2017)  
Level 3: Advanced Topics (coming April 2017)





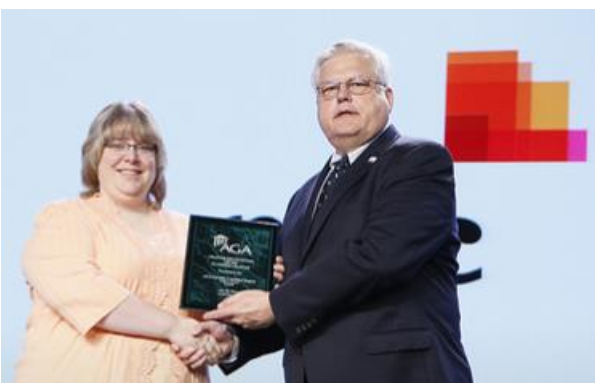


## MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Member Anniversaries

Jean Ramsey, CGFM	20 years
Chris Bayley	20 years
Marcie Reynolds, CGFM	20 years
Cal Kladder, CGFM-Retired	18 years
Susan Saari	16 years
Janelle Thelen	6 years



Julie Chrysler accepting the Chapter Platinum Award from AGA National President John Homan CGFM, at the PDT in Anaheim.



## CHAPTER FINANCES

### Balance Sheet at July 31, 2016

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 24,737
Pay Pal Account	<u>\$ 3,508</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 28,245</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 24,271
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 542</u>
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 23,730
Restricted	<u>\$ 4,515</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 28,245</u>



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

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To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

- Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

- Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

Your Greater Lansing Chapter AGA has the CGFM Study Guides for your use. Please contact Dan Wawiernia at [wawierniad@michigan.gov](mailto:wawierniad@michigan.gov) or at 517-241-2768 to learn more about the certification and how you can check out the CGFM Study Guides.



## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**August 9, 2016**  
**Lewis Cass Building**

**CEC Members Present:** Chris Bayley, Rachelle Breeden, Julie Chrysler, Dan Jaroche, Anna Lewis, Dan Wawiernia

**CEC Members Not Present:** Anthony Edwards, Shawna Hessling, Cindy Osga, Julie Salman, Cora Schimanski, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma

**Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

**Minutes:** The July 2016 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on July 28, 2016.

**Budget and Financials:** No report at this time. The financial will be presented in August.

**Membership:** The chapter currently has 112 members. Two individuals on the suspension list renewed their membership after being contacted. Follow-up is still in progress for the remaining 11 individuals on the suspension list.

**Education:** The draft communication for the 2016 fall half day PDT has been completed. Marie Stigell, Plante Moran, GASB Update. John Roberts, SBO Budget Director, We Are One Michigan. Wendy Day, Communications Bootcamp. Becker is the sponsor. Community Service will be St. Vincent.

**Program Luncheons:** No report.

**Awards:** No report.

**Communications – Newsletter and CCR:** The July/August newsletter will go out this week.

**CGFM and CPE Events:** The CGFM Guides were returned by the borrower. The new updated CGFM Guides have been received. The webinar topics will be available from National AGA by late August. Dan W. will send out the schedule as soon as it is available so the Board can decide which sessions will be offered this program year.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Community Service:** Great Lakes Folk Festival is August 12-14.

**Chapter Recognition Program:** No report.

**New Business:** Julie C. and Anshu attended the PDT in Anaheim. There were 1800 attendees. Ann Ebbers, AGA CEO was offered a four year contract extension. The new National President is Douglas A. Glenn. The National AGA ethics policy was modified for clarification but the changes were not significant. A change for dues increases was approved at the National Board of Directors Meeting. This was discussed at great length prior to the vote. The new process will base the dues increase on the CPI but such increases will not be automatic.

**Old Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 12:38 pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 13, 2016  
Location: Victor Building, Sigma 8 Conference Room  
Host: Chris Bayley.



### ArtPrize Eight Transforms Grand Rapids September 21 – October 9

ArtPrize, the radically open art competition launched eight years ago in Grand Rapids, has been officially recognized by The Art Newspaper as the most-attended public art event on the planet. More than 400,000 people visit downtown Grand Rapids over the course of 19 days to view art in every space imaginable – from museums and parks to laundromats and auto body shops.

This year, more than 1,500 artists from around the world are displaying their work, hoping for a share of the \$500,000 prize money. Half of the awards are determined by public vote and half are decided by a jury of experts. Sometimes the public and experts agree and sometimes they don't - either way, it generates fascinating conversations about the nature of art.

ArtPrize lets you take in as much art as you want to – all free. The longer you stay, the more you can see, so consider booking an ArtPrize Hotel Package. Plus, there are all sorts of ancillary events, tours, exhibitions and performances you can take advantage of, including many children's activities.



# Chapter Executive Committee 2016-2017

Platinum  
Chapter

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