



**A  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE  
CHAPTER  
PRESIDENT**



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Greetings on this beautiful fall day!

The leaves are turning and there's a crispness in the air. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy this wonderful season at least once over the coming month. This also signals a time of increased activity and stress at work. For many, you are experiencing the joys of year end. For others, the preamble before the holiday season hits. Your board is also hard at work bringing you multiple opportunities for CPE. Our full schedule has commenced and there are webinars and luncheons scheduled every month. Please see the event calendar further in newsletter for more details.

I'd like to take a moment to touch on a focus we have as a chapter this year and how you can help. The Lansing Chapter is promoting employment in public service and encouraging young professionals to go for positions in government, from federal to state to local. We are also promoting the benefits of membership in the AGA to our young professionals. We will have more news to share in the coming months on activities we will be doing. Stay tuned for that! In the meantime, our chapter members can help by talking to our young professionals, either those in college, our students and interns working in our offices, or new hires just getting their careers started. Bring them to a luncheon as a guest. When you sign them up, make sure to mention they are a guest. Show the CPE opportunities they will get as a member of our chapter. Reminder – this year you get 8 audio conference options included in your membership plus the discounts at our luncheons and PDCs.

It's a beautiful time of year in the State of Michigan and I hope you all have a fantastic month!

Good luck to all our member hunters!  
Be safe and much success during the hunting season!

*Julie*

**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 16

**monthly luncheon**  
November 17

**see page 2  
for details**



**Eye Opener**



**604,000**

Military veterans who will likely remain uninsured in 2017 unless more states expand Medicaid.

SOURCE: McClatchy DC | October 3, 2016





**WEB CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY**  
November 16, 2016  
2:00pm to 3:50pm  
Ottawa Building  
Conference Room 6  
Lansing, Michigan

**TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR  
FIGHTING FRAUD**

Whether you are new to fraud prevention and mitigation or a seasoned professional in the field, resources made available through AGA and other sources can help you strategize and manage fraud risks with your team. Hear from experts with years of experience at fighting fraud within government and the private sector. Learn how free online tools can provide concrete assistance to government officials working to fight fraud at any government level.

**Speakers:**

George Anastos, Principal Analyst, Statewide Quality Assurance, Comptroller's Office Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Linda S. Miller, Director, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton

Gregory F. Vokoun, MBA, CPA, Director, Quality Assurance, Comptroller's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
Click on events.  
Register before Monday, November 14, 2016

**COST**

AGA members - FREE  
non-members - \$20

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



**MONTHLY MEETING  
THURSDAY**  
November 17, 2016  
11:45  
Van Wagoner Building  
Great Lakes Room  
Lansing, Michigan

**DRIVING RESULTS THROUGH THE  
OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE  
AND TRANSFORMATION**

Governor Rick Snyder established the Office of Performance Management and Transformation (OPT) with the State Budget Office to streamline administration and improve service delivery of government Services. OPT consolidates the Office of Internal Audit Services, Office of Regulatory Reinvention, and the Office of Good Government and Reinventing Michigan. OPT is responsible for the continuous and systematic review and coordination of the state's regulatory, business, and customer service environments and processes as well as the coordination and implementation of performance management metrics, services process optimization efforts, employee engagement programs, and leadership education and training.

Speaker: Jeff Bankowski, Chief Performance Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Performance and Transformation

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Click on events.  
Register before Monday, November 14, 2016

**COST**

\$12 AGA members  
\$16 non-members

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



# VOTING: A RIGHT AND A RESPONSIBILITY



USEMBASSY.GOV



Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States (1861–1865), perhaps best described democracy as “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.” There is no government “by the people,” however, unless citizens choose their leaders through free and fair elections. Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of U.S. citizens — the right to have a say in how they are governed and the responsibility to be informed about candidates and issues when they go to the polls.

The United States was founded, in large part, on the desire of its people to participate in the decisions of their government. Surprisingly,



perhaps, the U.S. Constitution itself did not address the right to vote or who was eligible to participate. The prevailing view when the Constitution was written in 1787 was that only men who owned property

were qualified to vote, because they had an interest in preserving society to protect their wealth and because they had the independence and education to decide important political matters.

Fortunately, times change. By the mid–19th century, property requirements were dismantled and virtually all adult white males were able to vote. Soon after, the United States engaged in the Civil War (1861–1865) over the right of states to allow slavery within their borders. The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolished slavery in 1865; the Fourteenth Amendment in 1868 guaranteed “equal protection of the laws” to all citizens and established the voting age as 21 years; and the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870 stated that no citizen should be denied the right to vote “on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”

This was progress, but half of the U.S. population still could not vote: women. Agitation for universal suffrage began in the mid–19th century, but the turning point came when the United States entered World War I in 1917. How could the United States fight for democracy overseas while denying it to

half the population at home? Obviously, it could not, and the Nineteenth Amendment granted women the right to vote in 1920.

In the mid–20th century, another foreign conflict led to expansion of the franchise. Thousands of young Americans fought in the Vietnam War, many of them teenagers. They were old enough to fight for their country, yet not old enough to vote. Public outcry and political will led to passage of the Twenty-sixth Amendment, granting the vote to 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds in 1971.

In spite of the many struggles to guarantee all citizens the right to vote, the percentage of Americans who exercise that right declined during the second half of the 20th century. No single reason explains this trend. Some citizens may feel that their single vote does not make a difference; some may lose interest in campaigns run primarily through the media. Others may simply be too busy to go to the polls every time there is an election. Americans vote for every political office from school board member to state legislator to congressional representative to president of the United States, as well as on a host of state and local matters. Often, citizens are asked to vote on *something* several times in one year. The challenge of citizenship is to get to know the candidates and to understand the issues in order to vote responsibly.



An apparent shift in the low-turnout trend occurred between the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections. The historically close

election of 2000 perhaps convinced voters that every vote *does* matter, and voter turnout increased from 60 percent of eligible voters in 2000 to 64 percent in 2004 and 2008. The increase in voters between the ages of 18 and 29 was even more dramatic. Project Vote, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to empower under-represented voters, estimates that turnout in this age group increased in 2008 by 9 percent from 2004.





Military.com

### THE HISTORY OF VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs.

What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our Veterans on Nov. 11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11.

### CELEBRATING THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local government closings are determined locally, and non- government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations.

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VETERANS DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime.



## CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Greater Lansing AGA Chapter is a strong supporter of community services projects to help those in need. If you have an organization or activity you would like to be considered for a chapter community service project, please let a board member know your idea. A list of the chapter's board members and contact information can be found on page 12 of the newsletter.

Cora Schimanski, Community Service Director

### October 2016 Community Service Project Update

#### City Rescue Mission of Lansing

Chapter members and nonmembers donated 87 pairs of new socks and \$70 at the October meeting.

Thank you for supporting the City Rescue Mission New Socks Community Service Project.



Volunteers of America Michigan has been here since 1896. VOA provides help for the homeless, food for the hungry, employment and shelter for veterans, housing for poor seniors, and a helping hand for struggling families.

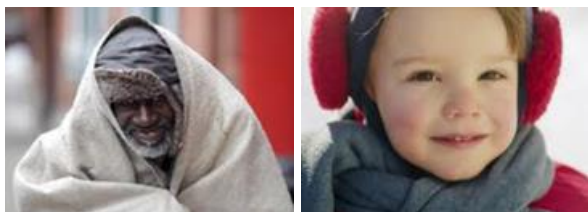
VOA is the largest private provider of services to veterans. Outside of the VA, nobody works more with the men and women who have served this county.

VOA is one of the largest nonprofit providers of housing services to vulnerable seniors, families, and disabled people.

[www.voami.org](http://www.voami.org)

### KEEP THEM WARM

Volunteers of America is in need of jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, scarves for adults and children. In addition, there is a need for blankets and bedding of all sizes. We will be collecting items and the monthly meeting and webinar.



Ele's Place is a nonprofit, community based organization dedicated to creating awareness of and support for grieving children and their families. Through peer support group

programs, Ele's Place helps children to cope with the death of a parent, sibling, or other loved one. Often friends don't understand if they have not had a similar experience. Grieving children find Ele's Place a warm and welcoming place to meet new friends who really understand how they feel, and begin to heal after the death of a loved one.

[www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org)

### LOOSE CHANGE PROGRAM

Bring your loose change to the monthly meeting or webinar to help support the programs at Ele's Place. No change? We will accept your dollar bills or checks, too.



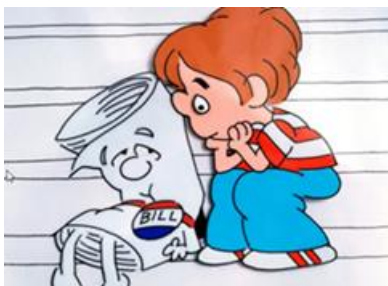
Children's Grief Awareness Day is November 17, 2016. We encourage you to wear blue on that day to help raise awareness of the impact of death on children.

If you are not able to attend a meeting, please contact any board member to collect your donation.



## BEYOND SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK RETHINKING HOW WE TEACH GOVERNMENT

About one month ago, I took a weekend trip to Washington D.C. As I sat in the National Archives waiting my turn to view original copies of the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights, I overheard a gray-haired father talking to his kids about what the documents were all about. Meanwhile, next to him, a group of teenagers on a school field trip were having a similar discussion. The two conversations converged and become one on this point: the preamble of the Constitution as performed by *Schoolhouse Rock*. I listened as together the gray-haired father and the teenage students recited in sing-song the lyrics of the old educational tune.



The moment was striking to me because it illustrated two points. First, it showed the enduring power of *Schoolhouse Rock* and the power of

popular media to deliver messages that not only make us care, but also stick with us for a long time (sound familiar?). Second, it hinted that for all the things that have changed in the world of government over the years, how we teach people about government hasn't really changed all that much.

I bring up this story as a springboard to explore that second point: how people learn about government. Those of us who work in government may not feel directly impacted by the world of civics teachers and government text books, but I'd argue they play an important, under appreciated role in our successes and challenges, big and small. Furthermore, I think the American civics course is overdue for an overhaul.

Perhaps most telling is this: as a teenager trying to chart the course of my future, I learned how to follow presidential campaigns with fervor (and even volunteer for them before I was of voting age), but I didn't learn how to interface with the government entities that served me and my community in any substantial way.

### What Have We Learned?

Returning to those strangers at the National Archives, I too will admit: I had my *Schoolhouse Rock* experience. Throughout elementary, middle, and high school, I learned about pilgrims and

presidents, I learned about the three branches of government, and, of course, I learned how a bill becomes a law. I'll tell you what I didn't learn about: I didn't learn about the Minnesota Department of Administration. I didn't learn much about the three **levels** of government — local, state, and federal — and how they interact. I didn't learn about the government entities in my own community, whether that be city council, school boards, or the many others I know about today.

Now, your mileage may vary; maybe your experience was different from mine. But from my perspective this experience is indicative of a larger phenomenon: We too often cede important conversations about our government — from the classroom to the newsroom — to the world of politics. To many people, the two may seem interchangeable, but those of us who work in government know the distinction is incredibly important.

I believe letting this dynamic persist contributes to further myopia and misunderstanding about government and it enables continuing political dysfunction, gridlock, and bickering.

### Time to Teach

As government professionals — and government communicators in particular — we can play an important role in changing this dynamic and taking back the conversation. As Congressional and Presidential politics continue to devolve into a circus show and public attitudes about government continue to sink, we know of countless examples where government is improving, evolving, solving problems, and striving to make a positive impact.

We need to tell those stories. We need to get people engaged and involved in the good of government, rather than letting partisan rancor take our stage away. From a communications and cultural perspective, that won't be an easy thing to do. But I think starting with the civics classroom and our government coursework can pave the way.

Let's teach students not only about who discusses and makes laws, but also about who executes and owns them. Let's teach them about the challenges that exist in that space. And most importantly, let's teach students about why it matters to their day-to-day life and how they can (and should) get involved.

As my government career continues to evolve, this is an area where I hope to make a difference and will encourage my peers to join me.

As government professionals, we can build stronger relationships with students and teachers. As policy experts, we can explore how curriculum can be updated to better balance the worlds of governance and politics. And as citizens, we can remember to go beyond the broad strokes of *Schoolhouse Rock* and newspaper headlines when talking to our friends and family about government.



# Early Career Center

## Five Best Cities for Your Next Job In Government

By Lauren Girardin, GovLoop



If you want to work in government, you need to be strategic about where to go to find employment. Right now, local governments are a smart place to look for a new job or to kick off a career in public service. The best cities for a government job are not just about available employment opportunities. They strike a balance between being great places to both live and work. Look for a reasonable cost of living, a stable or even growing local economy, and a vibrant culture.

Public sector jobs have not increased as quickly as private sector ones—growing 0.5% in 2015 compared to the private sector's 2.2% growth rate. But, the good news is that city and county government jobs have increased for eleven consecutive months in 2015. And, so far in 2016, new hires in the public sector have mostly been made by local governments.

Here are the top five cities to work in government at this moment in 2016:

### 5. Boulder, Colorado

A booming local economy often means an increase in the local government's budget. Boulder, Colorado follows that trend, with a projected increase in spending and jobs for 2016. The positive situation in Boulder is bolstered by Colorado's economy, which is improving faster than the national average. That means if chilled out Boulder is not your speed, nearby Denver has an expanding government job market as well. Boulder is considered one of the most livable cities in the U.S. for its abundant green spaces, high quality public education, and even its craft brewing scene. If you love outdoor activities, you'll find your tribe in Boulder, which often ranks at the top of the country's healthiest cities.

### 4. Austin, Texas

Government jobs are a big part of Austin, Texas, home to the state government and the University of Texas, one of the largest employers in central Texas. Austin and its suburbs also have had larger overall employment growth than most of the U.S., good news for anyone with a significant other who also needs to find work. The city is known around the world as the host of South by Southwest, a trend-setting music, film, and interactive festival. Residents are also known for their commitment to "Keep Austin Weird." Head to Austin if you're looking for a lifestyle filled with live music, thriving restaurant scene, and a Texas-sized dose of creativity.

### 3. Bismarck, North Dakota

Bismarck, North Dakota is a boom town. The North Dakota capital stands out is it's incredibly low unemployment rate and high job growth rate, boons credited to the state's oil boom and the city's stable base of local, state, and federal government jobs. In some areas of North Dakota, there are more jobs than there are available workers. The state government is the Bismarck area's largest employer. Younger workers have been drawn to the area because of the availability of high-quality entry level jobs and relatively low cost of living. The population growth and younger demographic means that there's been a local baby boom side by side with the oil boom. Though it's surrounded by North Dakota's surreal landscapes, the Bismarck metro area is still considered an undiscovered place to explore and settle down. Long known as "the least stressful town in America," Bismarck is certain appeal to anyone who has worked for government.

### 2. Logan, Utah

Thanks to consecutive budget increases aimed at spurring the state's economic growth, you can almost take your pick of cities on the upswing in Utah. Since the growth-mindset budget has put education as a top priority, Logan, Utah, the home of Utah State University, will certainly benefit. Logan has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and low housing costs, upping its appeal. Logan is a city perfect for people looking for a small town atmosphere. The Logan Valley is part of by the Cache Valley, a sprawling area that attracts people who love to hike, ski, camp, snowmobile, fish, and rock climb. If you're looking if you're thinking of settling in Utah but want a bit more hustle and bustle, check out Provo or Salt Lake City.

### 1. Lincoln, Nebraska

Anyone who remembers the dot-com boom will have deja vu when visiting Lincoln, Nebraska. It's been named one of the emerging heartland hubs for its booming tech sector job market. But tech isn't the only sector doing well in Lincoln. As the state capitol, it's a hub for local and federal government jobs. A very low cost of living means Lincoln is one of the best cities to live if you want to save money. It's clear something is happening in Lincoln, Nebraska. Whether it's a short-lived tech-fueled heyday or a long-lasting revitalization remains to be seen. If you're a risk taker, Lincoln is worth a look—and is worth flying to for a few job interviews.

# CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



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

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

**September 14, 2016**

## **Webinar Conference**

Internal Controls  
Grand Tower, Dempsey Room  
2 hours CPE

**February 21, 2017**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Maintaining Your Professional Certifications  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
1 hour CPE

**September 20, 2016**

## **Professional Development Conference**

Managing Transition in Government  
Library of Michigan  
4 hours CPE

**February 22, 2017**

## **Webinar**

Fraud and Risk  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
2 hours CPE

**October 12, 2016**

## **Webinar Conference**

Cyber Security: The New Norm  
Constitution Hall, ConCon Room A/B  
2 hours CPE

**March 8, 2017**

## **Webinar**

Uniform Guidance  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
2 hours CPE

**October 18, 2016**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Impact of Retirement Savings  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
1 hour CPE

**March 2017 – Date to be Announced**  
**Professional Development Conference**

Government Accountability  
Location to be Determined  
8 hours CPE

**November 16, 2016**

## **Webinar Conference**

Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud  
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 6  
2 hours CPE

**April 12, 2017**

## **Webinar**

Ethics  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
2 hours CPE

**November 17, 2016**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Office of Performance and Transformation  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
1 hour CPE

**April 18, 2017**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Senate Fiscal Agency Budget Update  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
1 hour CPE

**December 7, 2016**

## **Webinar Conference**

Ethics  
Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3  
2 hours CPE

**May 16, 2017**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

TBD  
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room  
1 hour CPE

**January 23, 2017**

## **Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Tax Update – Joint with SAAABA  
Library of Michigan  
1 hour CPE

**June 14, 2017**

## **Webinar**

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



**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S LETTER TO HARVEY V. HIGLEY,  
ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DESIGNATING HIM CHAIRMAN,  
VETERANS DAY NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

The White House Office  
October 8, 1954

Dear Mr. Higley:

I have today signed a proclamation calling upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954 as Veterans Day. It is my earnest hope that all veterans, their organizations, and the entire citizenry will join hands to insure proper and widespread observance of this day. With the thought that it will be most helpful to coordinate the planning, I am suggesting the formation of a Veterans Day National Committee. In view of your great personal interest as well as your official responsibilities, I have designated you to serve as Chairman. You may include in the Committee membership such other persons as you desire to select and I am requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch to assist the Committee in its work in every way possible.

I have every confidence that our Nation will respond wholeheartedly in the appropriate observance of Veterans Day, 1954.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

**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)

**November 1, 2016**

**FREE Members Only Webinar**

Networking Up  
Your Computer  
1 hour CPE

**February 15-16, 2017**

**National Leadership Training**

Ronald Regan Building, Washington D.C.  
or attend virtually  
14 hours 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 Hyne Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts  
or attend virtually  
24 hours CPE

**West Michigan AGA**

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

**December 1, 2016**

**AGA/GFOA Double Feature**

8 hours CPE

**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

Robert Simon	17 years
Brenda Lindsey	14 years

### WELCOME! New Member

Sandra Burkhart  
Michigan Department of Treasury



## CHAPTER FINANCES

### Balance Sheet at September 30, 2016

#### Assets

Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 27,197
Pay Pal Account	\$ 2,917
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 30,114</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 24,941
Restricted	\$ 4,515
Income (Loss)	\$ 658
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 25,599
Restricted	\$ 4,515
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 30,114</b>



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

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

Did you know the Greater Lansing Chapter offers a **CGFM scholarship**?

The CGFM scholarship was established to provide financial reimbursement to Greater Lansing Chapter AGA members who successfully complete all three CGFM examinations and have been awarded the CGFM designation. The scholarship is an incentive for those considering becoming a CGFM.

The chapter's CGFM scholarship request process and criteria can be found on the chapter's website under the CGFM tab.

Your Greater Lansing Chapter AGA has the CGFM Study Guides for your use. Please contact Dan Wawiernia at 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

**September 13, 2016**  
**Victor Building**

**CEC Members Present:** Chris Bayley, Rachelle Breeden, Julie Chrysler, Anthony Edwards, Shawna Hessling, Dan Jaroche, Anna Lewis, Julie Salman, Karen Stout, Dan Wawiernia

**CEC Members Not Present:** Cora Schimanski, Anshu Varma

**Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 12:06pm. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

**Minutes:** The August 2016 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on September 12, 2016.

**Budget and Financials:** The July and August 2016 financials were approved via email on September 12, 2016. This included approving \$739.20 of expenditures for July. There were no expenditures in August.

**Membership:** The chapter currently has 112 members. No new members in the past month. Shawna has AGA pamphlets for the fall PDT.

**Education:** To date there are 71 registrants. Registration is supposed to close at midnight. Agreed we will keep it open an additional day. Shawna has CGFM ribbons for the name tags. Rachelle will send an email with the presentations attached and see that they are posted to the chapter's website.

**Program Luncheons:** Voya is set for October. The luncheon meetings are scheduled to be held at the VanWagoner Building. The tax update with SAAABA is tentatively scheduled for January 19 and the VanWagoner Building has been reserved. SAAABA will handle the luncheon and registration this year just as we did last year. Looking to see if we can Becker to come speak for one of the meetings. The CPE form is being changed to include information required by the Board of Accountancy.

**Awards:** Anna has been monitoring the National website for National awards. She will send information for the awards where nominations are due in November. The chapter awards letter seeking nominees will go out in January.

**Communications – Newsletter and CCR:** The September newsletter has been issued. The chapter CCR was submitted to National.

**CGFM and CPE Events:** The first webinar is scheduled for September 14 on Internal Controls. It will be in the Dempsey Room in the Grand Tower. We have two sets of the CGFM study guides. One set is the newest version and the other set is the recently retired set.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Community Service:** No report.

**Chapter Recognition Program:** No report.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None.

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

**Next Meeting:** November 10, 2016  
Location: Lewis Cass, Director's Audit Conference Room  
Host: Rachelle Breeden

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**We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens.**

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