

# Disclosures



**A  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE  
CHAPTER  
PRESIDENT**



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**HAPPY NEW FISCAL YEAR**

The start of the new year and the closing of the old year has many of our chapter members very busy during this time of year. I should probably say busier. Throw in SIGMA and the regular work and there is a war of priorities.

With that being said, the chapter president also has four children and a wife that like his attention, which means there is not a lot of time to write his monthly president's message. So this month's president's message is being high jacked by the newsletter editor.

Having been around AGA for a number of years (so long there could be early career members who were born about the time I joined AGA) which means reading a lot of newsletters, and as a former chapter president I have a good idea of what to say.

One of the primary goals of the chapter is to provide quality CPE at a low cost. The chapter held its half day fall conference on September 23 at the low cost of \$35 for members for four hours of CPE. Take a look on page 7 for the chapter events calendar and get the CPE events on your calendar. In addition to the chapter events, the newsletter includes other educational events available nearby and the National AGA training events. Take advantage of the CPE opportunities AGA has to offer. We are always looking for speakers and topics so if you have ideas contact any CEC member (see page 11) and share your thoughts.

Wishing you the best in the new fiscal year.

~~Dan Jarosch~~ Newsletter Editor

**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

**OCTOBER EVENTS**

community service project – October 10

webinar – October 21

monthly luncheon – October 27

see page 2 for details



**Eye Opener**



**43%**

Portion of Louisiana state lawmakers that were automatically re-elected because no one ran against them.

SOURCE: The New Orleans Times-Picayune | September 17, 2015





**WEB CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY**  
**October 21, 2015**  
**2:00pm to 3:50pm**  
 Constitution Hall  
 ConCon A and B  
 Lansing, Michigan

**FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT IN  
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS**

**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
 Click on events.  
 Register before Monday, October 19, 2015

**COST**

AGA members - FREE  
 non-members - \$20

Fraud poses a significant risk to the integrity of federal programs and erodes public trust in government. Managers of federal programs maintain the primary responsibility for enhancing program integrity and managing fraud risks. Hear from two individuals tasked with combatting government fraud and learn from their unique perspectives.

**Speakers:**

Ryan C. Coble, Special Agent  
 Office of Inspector General, HHS  
 Linda S. Miller, Assistant Director  
 Homeland Security and Justice, GAO

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



**MONTHLY MEETING  
TUESDAY**  
**October 27, 2015**  
**11:45**  
 Capitol View Building  
 201 Townsend Street,  
 Lansing, Michigan

**LOTTERY – WHERE DOES ALL THE  
MONEY GO? FOUR DECADES OF  
PROVIDING BENEFITS TO THE STATE**

**REGISTRATION**

Register on-line at [www.aga-lansing.org](http://www.aga-lansing.org).  
 Click on events.  
 Register before Friday, October 23, 2015

**COST**

\$12 AGA members  
 \$16 non-members

About the Speaker: Jeff Holyfield has been a professional communicator for more than 35 years. He began his career with The Association Press and worked in the Kansas City and Denver bureaus, then came to Lansing where he served as chief of the AP's capital bureau. From there he moved into public relations, first with what is now Truscott Rossman and Associates and then with Consumers Energy. He joined state government three years ago and served in the governor's communication office before joining the Michigan Lottery.

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**CHAPTER  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
PROJECT**

**October 10**



All AGA members, families, and friends are invited to join the "Woof Walkers" team for the Capital Area Human Society's Walk for the Animals.

The walk will be at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge and is a great opportunity to raise funds to help save lives of animals in Mid-Michigan. The activities begin at 1pm and include cool stuff like an agility course, police dog demonstrations, games, and vendors with nifty products and services. The walk begins at 3pm and you and your dog can go on the 1 mile or the extended nature trail walk. Your dog will love it. You want to come but you don't have a dog? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join the team. Can't join us that day, but want to help out? No problem! We welcome you to donate to one of the team members. Here is the link to our team page and we hope you can help us in supporting the Capital Area Human Society.

<http://cahs-lansing.donorpages.com/WFTA2015/WoofWalkers>



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



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

One of the greatest strengths of AGA – some might argue or foremost strength – is we are the only organization that unites federal, state, and local accountability professionals. My travels during August to our Mid-Missouri chapter in Osage Beach, Mo., and the National Association of State Auditors, Controllers, and Treasurers (NASACT) conference in Chicago reinforced this truth. At NASACT I was privileged to watch the induction of AGA's past CEO, Relmond Van Daniker, into its hall of fame as one four members so honored for his extensive work in transforming NASACT into a powerful representative for state and localities with the profession and public. This convocation of NASACT was also its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization and it was moving to see more that 21 past NASACT presidents be recognized at the event, including former AGA National Executive Committee members, committee chairs and members, such as John Radford, Glenn Gainer, Ed Mazur, and Marty Bennison who served their careers as national presidents of NASACT. AGA has truly had an effect at the state and local levels, and our continued thought leadership on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and regional issues and extensive 100-chapter network helps the cause of accountability. This was certainly apparent in Chicago.

In Osage Beach, I was privileged to a part of another great event and enjoyed speaking with the many professionals from Missouri's government in attendance. It was interesting to see the connection and influence that intergovernmental issues have on the states, as several members from the Missouri Department of Transportation told me the effects that lessened and delayed highway grant funds have on their operations, how what goes on in Washington and in federal finance affects the states. Intergovernmental financial risk remains an ever present issue.

The great heritage of AGA also comes to light at these conferences, as I found out that the first chapter president in Mid-Missouri was future U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, back when he was running for state auditor. I often tell our early career members you never know where the leadership at AGA may lead; and this was yet another example of AGA as a pathway to career leadership and success, and making a difference.

Each summer I try to do a little expansive reading; this year I was surprised to find a very substantive work in a little-addressed space I call the philosophy of accounting. Before embarking on the federal busy season, I think we could all reflect upon the arguments presented in the book entitled *Six Capitals, or Can Accountants Change the Planet?* by Australian economist and writer Jane Gleeson-White. *Six Capitals* challenges the premise by which we use data so our companies and government can make informed decisions. It argues that a "true and fair view" of a modern company (or by inference a government) must take into account not only financial and physical assets but four other forms of capital as well: intellectual (such as intellectual property), human (skills and productivity), social (shared norms and values), and natural capital (the environment). Do this, she claims, and businesses (again, by inference, governments) will and report their true worth. and therefore operate more effectively. Gleeson-White's view is that accounting should measure not only how firms seek to boost their share prices and quarterly earnings, and how much governments earn and collect, but instead take a longer-term view of their goals beyond who much came in and went out in a particular accounting period.

As I read this book, I could not help but think how many of her goals for financial reporting are encompassed in the citizen centric reports we champion at AGA, which focus on the future challenges and performance as well as purely financial information. While I disagree with the tenor of the book that looks upon accountants as having the power to "change the planet" (we really aren't that powerful) and find her objectives for financial reporting to be well beyond the scope of current reporting standards, this book does help get us thinking about the larger issues and objectives of our accountability work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Homan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

## Obscure, Yet Powerful, Jobs in State and Local Government

The most powerful political offices can sometimes come from surprising and seemingly insignificant places.

Everyone knows that governors, legislators, and mayors wield a lot of power, but did you know, for example, that one state's liquor board is unusually powerful? It turns out there are plenty of political offices that exercise a surprising amount of power, and often the titles of those positions do little to advertise their degree of influence.

To identify these obscure offices, we asked political observers around the country to name one – either elected or appointed – that, despite their appearances, is actually quite powerful. We culled the nominations and came up with the list below. It's made up primarily of executive branch positions. But admirably, we probably missed a number of posts that should be on this list.

### Texas Railroad Commissioner

Among the positions on this list, the Texas Railroad Commission may have the most deceptively blasé title. "Only a portion of the Texas public has heard of the commission," said Mark P. Jones, a Rice University political scientist, "with even fewer knowing what it actually does."

The commission was created in 1891 as a populist measure designed to regulate the railroads, where were resented by most Texans for their high rates and operational issues. During the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, its portfolio was extended to include the energy industry. From the end of the Great Depression through the early 1970s, the commission greatly shaped global oil prices, until its influence was eclipsed by OPEC. Ironically enough, the Commission doesn't even regulate the railroad industry any more. Instead it oversees Texas' oil and natural gas industry, the nation's biggest, giving it a hand in everything from monitoring fracking and other forms of drilling to the operation of the state's largest network of natural gas and oil pipelines.

The commission is made up of three commissioners which are elected to a staggered six year term. It has been more than 20 years since a Democrat won a seat.

Somewhat surprisingly, it has not been as significant stepping stone to higher office, with several former members losing congressional bids as well as races for state attorney general and state senate.

### California State Controller

As the nation's largest state, with an economy that by itself would rank in the world's top 10, California is home to several statewide elected offices that would qualify for

this list, including state treasurer and insurance commissioner. But unlike the other offices, the California state controller oversee a large staff of over more than 1,000 employees, has extensive audit authority over both state and local government, and "has the standing and authority to defy orders from the governor," says Garry South, a veteran Democratic consultant in the state.

Several occupants of the office have gone on to win higher office: Alan Cranston became a U.S. senator, and Gray Davis became lieutenant governor and then governor. Controller Betty Yee's predecessor, John Chiang, won a race for treasure in 2014 and is now a possible gubernatorial candidate contender in 2018. "One of the reasons the position of controller has been more of a launching pad than other state positions is [its] check writing function," South said. "Every state tax refund, every state pension check, every payment from the state of California comes from the controller, and is signed by him or her. Over time, millions of Californians will get payments directly from the controller."

South recalls that when he was running Davis' campaign for lieutenant governor in 1994, people would often come up to him and say, "Oh, I've been getting my pension check from you for years."

Another influential position is the comptroller of New York. Currently held by Democrat Tom DiNapoli, the comptroller controls two major levers of power: state pension and state audits.

### Delaware Chancery Court

Delaware has long had tax-friendly laws, which is one reason that about half of U.S. public corporations have incorporated in the state. The court that holds jurisdiction over those companies, and as a result, that wields significant power nationally and even internationally, is the Delaware Court of Chancery.

The five members of the court "are among the most respected judges in the country," said G. Marcus Cole, Stanford University law professor who has studied Delaware's role in business regulation. "Academics regard them among the most scholarly bench to be found anywhere. Corporate lawyers know them by name and temperament in much the same way that



Jesse Kwak

Posted  
July 23, 2015



## ARE THESE EIGHT MISTAKES MAKING YOU LOOK LIKE AN AMATEUR?

There's no question that presenting a professional appearance is important if you want to do well in your career. A professional appearance isn't just a matter of checking all the right boxes when it comes to experience, skills, and knowledge – it's about proving to your bosses, coworkers, and contacts that you're a reliable person to work with. Are these bad habits undermining your professional credibility?

### 1. Flightiness

These days, it is easy to agree to plans – and twice as easy to cancel when something else comes up. You may chalk this up to your busy, overpacked schedule, but the person you canceled on will see it as an inability to follow through.

If you've told a coworker that you'll come to her going away party, a mentor that you will meet him for coffee, or a new networking contact that you'll send her an email, than keep those appointments. Most people will forgive you for one or two cancelations if it is a true emergency (and they're not in a row), but if you're demonstrating a habit of no-showing, most people will bump you off their own list of priorities.

### 2. Having unrealistic expectations of your time

This has been my biggest push for self-improvement this year. I over-schedule myself constantly, believing that I can surely accomplish it all (and that sleep is overrated). I'm sure you other over-achievers out there know the end of that story; rushed projects, stupid mistakes, and eventual burnout.

Saying yes to everything, puts undue pressure on yourself – and it's an amateur mistake. When you're trying to do everything, it's hard to do anything well. Professionals know how much they can accomplish in one day, how to say no, and they don't routinely crash and burn while others are waiting on their work.

### 3. Showing up late

Are you constantly running late? Emergencies, traffic, childcare, last-minute deadlines – it seems like something is always coming up.

Showing up late is disrespectful to the person who is waiting on you. The message you are sending is that you don't value that your coworker, friend, or service provider is equally as busy as you are. Showing up on time is a matter of smart scheduling and being organized about your day. An accident on the highway is a legitimate excuse. Rush hour traffic or trying to finish up a project are not.

### 4. Promising what you can't deliver

When I ask a certain colleague when I can expect work from her, she'll invariably tell me that it will be done by the end of the day. Equally invariably, I get her finished work two or three days later, with no explanation. Is

she lying to me when she says she'll have it done? I don't think so.

I think she sets unrealistic deadlines for herself because she wants to appear on top of things, and she wants to make me happy. The problem with this thinking is that I'd rather have a realistic estimate from her, rather than an optimistic one I know she'll never meet.

It's always better to delight someone by over delivering, so pad your estimations to keep them realistic. If you deliver your work sooner, cheaper, or bigger than you promised, you'll have made someone ecstatic. If you promise the moon by this afternoon and deliver a clod of dirt three days later, you'll come off as completely unreliable.

### 5. Disorganization

Constantly losing emails, forgetting to return phone calls, and misplacing the vital paperwork may feel inevitable because of how busy you are, but in reality it teaches your coworkers that they can't rely on you.

Try reading the *Getting Things Done* system (available on amazon.com) if you're looking for something comprehensive or even using Evernote (see evernote.com) to keep track of a week's worth of to-dos and deadlines.

### 6. Checking your phone

Unless you're truly expecting an emergency phone call, leave your phone in your pocket when it buzzes during the middle of a conversation. Nothing signals your disinterest in what your conversation partner is trying to tell you like checking your phone while they are in the middle of a sentence. The instant you check that text you've lost credibility in their eyes.

If you do need to check your phone, excuse yourself politely to do so. Never just thumb it on while someone is talking to you.

### 7. Little white lies

No one wants to fess up to mistakes, right? Blaming a delay on an IT malfunction, late files from another department, or your child's illness seem like the sort of thing you'll never get caught at – until that awkward moment when your supervisor meets your spouse at the company picnic and says she's sorry to hear how sick little Suzie has been lately.

Even if it was only a single white lie, the moment it's found out everything else you've said will be held in question.

### 8. Making constant excuses

I used to have a coworker who had an excuse for every missed deadline and forgotten task. They were all legitimate – dog had an emergency, the kids were sick, his parents were in town – but after a few months of excuses it was hard to take him seriously. We all assumed he would have an excuse not to do the next bit of work he was assigned, so we all stopped relying on him.

If you find yourself making constant excuses, figure out why. What are the main problems in your way, and how can you minimize them. Everyone around you also has obligations that get in the way, but professionals figure out how to get the work done, too.

# Early Career Center

## Debrief After Your Interview

by Eric P. Kramer, Senior Consultant, Career Potential, LLC



There is rarely, if ever, a time when you will be hired following just one interview. You will typically go through rounds of interviews for any position. Conducting your own formal, written debrief after the interview will give you the information you need to refine and improve your performance for the future.

Consider the following strategies for a comprehensive debrief of your interviews:

### Interview preparation.

Were you well prepared for your interview? Did you know enough about the employer, the industry, the job, their financial health, and who would be doing the interviewing? Did you read the latest about the employer, and were you aware of their latest successes and largest challenges? Did you develop 5-7 insightful questions to ask?

### How well did you manage the interview?

Did you arrive on time, properly dressed, and carrying the right items? Were your body language, energy level and listening skills good? Did you create an engaging conversation? Did you express interest in the job and thank the interviewer for his or her time? Did you “leave behind” the appropriate materials about yourself?

### How well did you handle the interviewer’s questions?

Had you anticipated and prepared for the questions? Did any questions surprise you or trip

you up? Did you answer as many questions as possible using success stories?

### How confident and relaxed were you?

How confident and relaxed were you going into the interview? How nervous were you during the interview? What could you have done differently to reduce your anxiety about the interview?

### How good was the interviewer?

Was the interviewer prepared, and did he or she manage the interview well? Did he or she describe the job requirements, listen well, and answer your questions? Did the interviewer put you at ease and establish good rapport? What kind of interviewer do you respond to most positively?

### Positives versus Negatives:

What three or four things did you do particularly well that you want to continue doing? What three or four things did you do poorly that need to be improved for future interviews? What things did you NOT do or say that you would like to include in future interviews.

Debriefing your interviews on a consistent basis can be challenging because you have to evaluate your own performance – and it’s difficult to be objective. However, by reflecting on your performance in the above areas, particularly putting it in writing, you will be focused and ready to ace your next round of interviews with the same employer or another employer!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**November 17, 2015**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
Topic to be Announced  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE

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

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

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

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

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

**January 11, 2016**  
**Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
Topic to be Announced  
Capitol View Building  
1 hour CPE

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

## Obscure, Yet, Powerful Jobs

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others know the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. Their published opinions and academic articles are influential in other states and with the federal judiciary.”

Another powerful position with significant influence over the business community, particularly over Wall Street, is the New York attorney general. Two previous AGs have ridden Wall Street prosecutions to gubernatorial victories – Democrats Eliot Spitzer and Andrew Cuomo – and a third Democrat, current occupant Eric Schniederman, has taken on allegedly questionable business practices, such as Donald Trump’s *Trump University*.

### Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

Dating back to 1933, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is one of a handful of state bodies that actively sells alcoholic beverages. In Pennsylvania’s case, that means more than \$2 billion in annual sales at roughly 600 brick and mortar stores and an online portal – a large commercial enterprise by any standard.

The board consists of three gubernatorial appointed and state senate confirmed members. Over the years, intensive lobbying efforts have been made to privatize liquor sales, but none has succeeded so far.

### Clark County Commission

When thinking of casinos and resorts in Nevada, most Americans have Las Vegas in mind. But the real economic engine of Vegas resides in the unincorporated areas of Nevada’s Clark County, notably the “Strip” and its lavish high-rise hotels. The governing body that oversees the Strip, and its 40 million customers per year, is the Clark County Commission. A clear sign of the dollars flowing through Clark County is the desert-inspired Clark County Government Center, a striking sandstone structure built in 1995, offering 385,000 square feet and built on 38.8 acres of land.

### Ohio Controlling Board

The Ohio Controlling Board, established in 1917, handles adjustments to the state budget, such as those do to fluctuations in federal funding. Its role is hardly high profile; still, it has played a big part in the effort by Republican Gov. John Kasich to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act. When the GOP-controlled legislature frowned on Knish’s effort, the governor turned to the Controlling Board, which approved the initiative by a 5-2 vote.

Louis Jacobson, Contributor  
governing.com  
September 30, 2015

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### West Michigan AGA

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

**October 21, 2015**

Webinar  
Preparing a Comprehensive CAFR  
2 hours CPE

**November 5, 2015**

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

### National AGA

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



**January 19, 2016**

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



**February 23-24, 2016**

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



**July 17-20, 2015**

Professional Development Training  
Anaheim, California  
24 hours CPE

### Detroit ISACA Chapter

To register for events, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/srqhw7/1Q>

**October 21, 2015**

GRC Within System Implementation and Audit Analytics  
Troy Michigan, Michigan  
2 hours CPE

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

Anthony J. D’Angelo



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

Mahatma Gandhi







## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**September 9, 2015**  
**VanWagoner Building, Lansing, Michigan**

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

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

**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 August 2015 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on September 9, 2015.

**Budget and Financials:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2015-2016 budget as presented. The review of the financial records for 2015 was completed with the following recommendations: (1) sales tax paid when not necessary, and (2) should put AOA into a restricted fund. Dan and Chris noted that the CEC had agreed to do this but it may not have been translated into the financial statements correctly. Anna will change. Discussed if the fee for new deposit books should be charged to Miscellaneous or Bank Fees. It was charged to Miscellaneous and the CEC agreed it was not a bank fee. No adjustment needed. The chapter received a dues payment from National for the same member twice. Anna will contact National. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the August financial statements and expenditures of \$148.11.

**Membership:** The chapter has 104 members. No change from last month. We need to focus on new State of Michigan employees. Discussed advertising getting the new members as guests to luncheons. Also look at student assistants, interns, and others who need CPE. Dan J. suggested we do outreach – perhaps set up a booth at a job fair or reach out to the universities, or have an honorary student CEC member. Other ideas included getting our foot in the door at accounting clubs at MSU, LCC, Baker, or Davenport and perhaps do a presentation for them;

and invite interested individuals to a monthly meeting using the membership recruitment funds from National.

**Education:** Anshu reported that 30 individuals had signed up for the fall seminar, so far. We still have two weeks. Anshu believes we will have upward of 60 people at the event. Anshu asked the CEC members to help advertise the event and remind people it is coming up. Cindy will send out the newsletter which has a page devoted to advertising for the event. The chapter received a sponsorship of \$1,000 for the fall training from Hadrick and Associates. The menu is yet to be finalized.

**Program Luncheons:** All meetings will be at the Capitol View Building and the room reserved through May 2016. The dates were discussed and Karen is still working on a few dates. The dates will be included in the newsletter.

**Awards:** Kenji contacted Wanda Clavon Jones and is trying to get the information from her for the awards such as the letter soliciting nominations and information regarding vendor from whom we purchased the awards.

**Communications – Newsletter and CCR:** Cindy reported the newsletter is almost done. The CCR is due to National by September 30.

**CGFM:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase seven webinars which the CEC discussed and approved. The list will be in the newsletter.

**Community Service:** Julie S. emailed Anthony so he post the community service events to the chapter website. Karen suggested that if an organization is going to give a presentation they should discuss the donations the organization receives and what the funds are used for.

**Website:** No report.

**Chapter Recognition Program:** Julie C. is working on the first report submission. Send any information about your area to Julie C. so they can be included.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

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

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 2015  
Location: Fifth/Third Bank, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Lansing  
Host: Karen Stout



# Chapter Executive Committee 2015-2016

Platinum  
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