Greater Lansing Chapter February 2016

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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

SAVE THE DATE

March 22, 2016

Greater Lansing AGA Chapter
Professional Development Training
8 hours CPE

see page 3 for more information

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As we are now over half way through our Chapter year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board members. It is truly an honor to work with individuals who work to get things done, or help our, even though they are extremely busy. It seems no matter how crazy things get with their jobs or personal lives, the events, services, and information we offer to Chapter members are done so seamlessly.

Although they are great what they do, the Board could always use some help. For instance, we started the year with the secretary position being vacant. Although the past-president has been filling in admirably, it would be nice to have a complete team. In anyone is interested in joining this great team, please let me know.

If you are not interested in participating on the board directly, consider joining one of the various subcommittees that may be formed for certain tasks or events (i.e., awards, community service, education, etc.). We are always looking for new ideas and experiences to draw from.

Have yourself a great month and I hope to see you at the monthly luncheon on February 16 and be sure register for the full day conference to be held on March 22.

Dan

$969

The average tax penalty for not having health insurance in 2016. The penalty started out at $95 in 2014.

SOURCE: Kaiser Health News | December 11, 2015

WEB CONFERENCE
MEMBERS ONLY
WEDNESDAY
February 3, 2016
2:00pm to 3:00 pm
Your Computer

MANAGING IN A MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKPLACE

REGISTRATION
Register on-line at www.agacgfm.org.
Click on Training and Events then Webinars then Free Members-Only Webinar Offerings

COST
AGA Members – FREE

There can be up to four generations working in the same organization at the same time – each with different work values, management and communication styles.

This webinar will help bridge the gap or try to reduce generational turbulence and lead to a more productive and harmonious work environment.

Speaker: Mindy Stooksbury, Director of Fiscal Services, Marysville City Schools, Tennessee

MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY
February 16, 2016
11:45
Capitol View Building
Lansing, Michigan

SOCIAL MEDIA

REGISTRATION
Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org. Click on events.
Register before Friday, February 12, 2016

COST
$12 AGA members
$16 non-members

Nikki Sunstrum is the Director of Social Media for the University of Michigan, where she is responsible for innovating the way in which one of the world's top Universities strategically leverages and advances interactive communications. Her duties include the overarching coordination and leadership of a unified presence, standards implementation, consultation and training. Each aimed at ensuring all accounts provide additional value to University stakeholders, mitigate institutional risk and elevate brand perception. She is a recognized leader in the development and evaluation of emerging social platforms for high performance and goal orientated results. Her early adoption and proactive engagement on Snapchat and Yik Yak have become leading best practice examples within higher education globally. Prior to assuming her current role Nikki developed and coordinated the State of Michigan's statewide social media footprint for four years. She was primarily responsible for managing a unified presence and strategy for government entities among an external audience of six million and internally over 46,000 employees.

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

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

2016 Spring Professional Development Training

The Keys to the Kingdom are in the Insights

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
8:00am – 4:55pm
Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Parkway, Okemos, Michigan
just off 96 East/West, Okemos Exit 110, free parking

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

Registration Ends Friday, March 13, 2016

7:30 – 8:00	Registration. Coffee, tea, continental breakfast.
8:00 – 8:05	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:05 – 8:55	**2016 Governmental GAAP Updates** **Stephen Blann, CPA, CGFM, CGMA - Rehmann** 1.0 hour CPE Accounting
9:00 – 9:50	**IT Investment Planning** **James Mc Farlan, DTMB** 1.0 hour CPE Management
9:50 – 10:05	Break
10:05 – 11:00	**Economic of Game Theory and Strategic Decision Making** **Paul Groll, DTMB** 1.0 hour CPE Accounting
11:05 – 11:55	**Information Privacy** **John Donovan, DTMB** 1.0 hour CPE Management
11:55 – 1:00	Lunch and Awards Presentation
1:05 – 1:55	**Sigma Update** **Ruth Schwartz, Director, Project SIGMA** 1.0 hour CPE Accounting
2:00 – 2:50	**Single Audit** **Doug Ringler, CPA, Michigan Auditor General, OAG** 1.0 hours CPE Auditing
2:50 – 3:05	**Break**
3:10 – 4:00	**Lean Accounting** **Larry Simspson, Accounting Chair, Davenport University** 1.0 hour CPE Accounting
4:05 – 4:55	**Ethics** **Bobby Derrick, MBA, CGFM, National AGA** 10 hour CPE Ethics

$70 for AGA members
$100 for non-members
MAIN ID 2521858718-005
Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by the deadline.

Payment

- can be made by credit card when you register on-line
- checks can be sent to AGA at PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901
- checks or cash will be accepted at the conference

Questions?

contact
Anshu Varma
varmaa@michgian.gov
517-241-2002

qualifies for 8 hours of CPE

SIREN/Eaton Shelter — Chapter Community Service Project

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and the Homeless

see page 6 more for information

MESSAGE FROM AGA's 2015-2016 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Every year in December, the major associations in the accounting profession, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the American Accounting Association (AAA), Financial Executives International (FEI), the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) and AGA meet to compare notes and address mutual issues. Despite differing missions, areas of emphasis and size, there is considerable commonality. The meeting this year at IIA's headquarters in Lake Mary, Fla., was a wonderful opportunity for the profession to come together to discuss trends and concerns, and for me to gain a tremendous perspective on the profession as a whole.

First, cybersecurity is a key issue for all of the associations, and this was made clear by IIA's major data breach in November, which shut down its network for more than three weeks. IIA was unable to process its Certified Internal Auditor examinations during that time and received no revenue. It took a major effort to rebuild the network from scratch, and IIA sent more than 300,000 emails to members to address the breach. Much like our governments and every institution in America, associations must be vigilant and develop strong security protections. I anticipate all levels of government will continue to face issues from cybersecurity as time marches forward, and this latest incident brought the reality of that challenge home.

Higher education is also of major importance each association. AICPA reported accounting enrollments are reaching all-time highs but the retention of new accountants in their early careers remains problematic as millennials move to other business areas using the accounting credential as a conduit to further their career progression. The head of AAA, who is a dean in the business school at the University of Tennessee, reported that one-quarter of the Master of Science in Accounting graduates at the university went into business analytics rather than accounting in their first job placement, because data mining and applied analytic applications lead to careers with higher salaries. Both AICPA and AAA expressed the concern that the accounting profession needs to do more to stay relevant in today's data-driven career environment and emphasize the long-term value of its career ladders.

The meeting provided a timely opportunity for AGA to voice concerns about the paucity of course offerings in government accounting in higher education. I shared our research that more than one-third of the business schools in America have no government accounting courses. This led to a discussion in which AICPA referred to its latest exposure draft entitled Maintaining the Relevance of the Uniform CPA Examination and the impact on what is taught in accounting programs as a result of the exam's requirements. I reminded everyone about the federal CFO Council and FASAB's written responses to the draft advocating for incorporation of federal content into the CPA examination. AGA leadership and our Financial Management Standards Board, in response to AICPA's request for comment, were unified in support of the CFO Council and FASAB's desire to include federal content in the Uniform CPA examination, of which there is now none. Member engagement was another topic of discussion, and all the organizations are addressing the evolution of training, communication and volunteer leadership involvement in today's information-systems-driven environment. All of us agreed there is a universal growth in webinars and other electronic delivery options.

Because all the organizations publish journals, there was discussion on the value of printed journals delivered in a traditional manner. Interestingly, all the organizations still emphasize the importance of the printed content and AICPA, IMA, IIA, AAA and AGA all still print and mail their journals. The sole exception to this was FEI, which has moved to all-online content. Each of the organizations said they fear that authors will not publish in a journal that is only delivered online, and the impact of the articles was far greater with print because the associations have learned their members spend far more time with an article they physically interact with than one that is only available online.

While the challenges within our profession are great, our profession has never been more relevant and the interest in it has never been higher. All of us in the association world are doing yeoman work in advancing the accounting and financial management profession in today's changing environment. I left the meeting confident that the profession will address and conquer the many challenges before us in cybersecurity, retention, higher education content and member engagement in the information age.

Sincerely,

John E. Homan

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

digital communities
For City and County Leaders

GOVERNMENT NOW LIABLE FOR FRAUD UNDER CREDIT, DEBIT LIABILITY SHIFT

Eyragon Eidam | October 2, 2015

As of October 1, an industrywide “liability shift” for credit card fraud has occurred: Merchants not meeting the Europay, MasterCard and Visa (EMV) specifications are now responsible for fraudulent payments — and government is no exception.

The EMV movement will mean the replacement of magnetic payment terminals for chip-enabled systems, which are already in place at many large retail locations across the country. The chip technology is also in place in more than 80 countries around the world.

“The liability shift protects the entity — be it merchant or bank — who offers the greater level of security by holding the other entity with less secure systems responsible for fraud,” MasterCard spokesperson James Issokson said. “For example, if fraud occurs when a magnetic stripe card is swiped at a chip-enabled terminal, the bank is responsible for the fraud. And vice versa, if fraud occurs when a chip card is used at a terminal that hasn’t been upgraded, the merchant is responsible for the fraud. Prior, the issuing banks were held responsible for fraud. Now the responsibility is shared.”

Issokson said the liability shift was originally announced in early 2012 to allow time for businesses to plan accordingly.

“The October 1, 2015, liability shift is a milestone for the U.S. but not a deadline," he said. "Merchants are encouraged to assess their business and their risk, as well as the experience they want their customers to have, and migrate when it make sense for them."

But retailers won’t be the only ones on the hook for fraudulent charges made through the now-outdated terminals. Issokson said government agencies who handle credit and debit transactions will be held to the same standards.

The embedded chip uses cryptography to create a one-time identification code for each transaction, making the cards more difficult to forge than non-embedded cards.

“Chip cards offer advanced security in store and at the ATM because they are inserted into payment terminals where the chip in the card and the terminal ‘talk’ and generate unique codes for transactions,” he said. “If someone were to use this unique code again, the transaction would be flagged as fraudulent.

October 1 signaled the start of a new fraud liability for payment takers and merchants without updated chip-enabled credit and debit terminals.

Conventional magnetic stripe swipe cards use static data. This is how chip cards help eliminate counterfeit fraud.”

As for whether government should rush to make the switch, Mukesh Patel, president of NIC Services, told *Government Technology* in July that his company is recommending that its public-sector partners analyze their history of chargebacks and fraudulent transactions, and then make a business decision as to whether it’s beneficial to invest heavily in the terminals.

“Just from our experience, with the 28 to 30 states we work with, government services in general don’t tend to have a high fraudulence rate," he said, "because as a citizen you wouldn’t go to your DMV and renew your own driver’s license with a stolen card. It would be very easy to find out who you are.”

NIC’s recommendation is that unless an office encounters a high incidence of payment card fraud, they should wait to see what happens in the industry.

According to statistics published by the Payment Security Task Force, an industry collective focused on payment system security, nearly 100 percent of cards will feature the chip technology by 2017. At the moment, financial institutions estimate only 30 percent of cards are embedded with the security device.

“For now, we’ll continue to see magnetic stripes as new layers of security like chips are added to the payments ecosystem. So consumers who have been issued a new chip card will still see a magnetic stripe on the back,” Issokson said, adding that merchants should contact their payment service provider to find out how to upgrade their terminals.

GREATER LANSING CHAPTER SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMUNITY?

The Greater Lansing Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is seeking nominations for its annual (1) Excellence in Government Leadership Award, (2) Professional Development Award, and (3) Community Service Award. The Chapter's Awards and Nominations Committee is seeking the nominations of individuals whom you believe deserves to be recognized with these prestigious awards.

Nominations should include the name and position held by the nominee, the award for which they are being nominated, and a brief description of the person's recent accomplishments for the award category. In addition, the nominator's name and contact information must be included. You may nominate yourself. Recipients will be recognized by their peers at the Chapter's Spring Conference on March 22, 2016.

Please refer to the following criteria when submitting your nomination:

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

The Excellence in Government Leadership Award is presented to a government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government accountability management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures. The award criteria includes the following:

1. The nominee must be employed in government, holding a management position involving one or more disciplines of government financial management.
2. The nominee does not need to be a member of AGA.
3. The nominee must be personally responsible for leading extraordinary initiatives in the course of their employment throughout the last year that have made a significant and lasting contribution to the quality, efficiency, and/or effectiveness of government accountability management.

Professional Development Award

The Professional Development Award is presented to an individual, either an AGA member or nonmember, to recognize extraordinary efforts in providing and promoting continuing education and professional development leadership for government professionals and others, demonstrating the importance of a lifelong commitment to learning.

Community Service Award

The Community Service award is presented to an AGA member to recognize exceptional personal commitment to community service activities sponsored by AGA and other organizations.

Nominations must be received by Friday, February 26, 2016

to submit a nomination

send an email or write a brief letter with the information requested above
(feel free to nominate yourself)
completed nominations may be emailed to lansingaga@gmail.com
or mailed to PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901
contact Kenji Griffith, Awards Chairperson
at kag@michigan.gov or 517-373-6722

AGA is a national professional association of 14,000 members who represent every level of government financial management. Since 1950, AGA has been dedicated to serving those who are faced with the challenge of using every government financial resource in the most effective manner possible and has been the vanguard organization addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers.

CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

February 1 – April 15

VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Last year each four hour shift of volunteer time returned over $8,000 to our community!

Help local families as a trained IRS-certified volunteer. You can be vital to the region's economy through this important community program.

Time Commitment:

- ✓ 12 hours of training
- ✓ 4 hours per week (February – April)
- ✓ Daytime, evening, and weekend hours

By Volunteering:

- ✓ You become IRS certified
- ✓ You can earn CPE for the training hours
- ✓ Gain information for your own taxes
- ✓ Help the community in an important way

Online or in-person training is available.
Invite friends and colleagues.
Visit aga-lansing.org for the training schedule.

517-246-1466
www.mifreetaxes .org

CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

March 22 at the Spring PDT

SIREN / Eaton Shelter

Serving survivors of domestic violence and homeless families.

www.sireneatonshelter.org

The mission of SIREN / Eaton Shelter is to promote the elimination of domestic violence and homelessness by providing temporary housing, support, advocacy, education, and information to the community.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Household Items
Towels (any kind)
Pillows (new only)
Blankets (clean used or new)
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex
Zip Lock Bags
Aluminum Foil or Plastic Wrap
Personal Needs Items
Sanitary Products
Shampoo and Conditioner
All Types of Laundry and Household Cleaners

Baby Items
Diapers (all sizes)
Wipes
Formula
Food (all types but cereal)

Other
Non-Perishable Food Items
(especially fruit, chunky soup, and microwave meals for families housed in a hotel)
Children's Card Games
Flash Cards

Cash donations are always appreciated.

Mariah Bastin

Posted
February 1, 2016

MYTHS AROUND MILLENIALS IN GOVERNMENT

It's not cool, they said. Millennials aren't interested in government work, they said. We've all heard about the aging workforce and the lack of interest by millennials to join government. But, what we haven't heard is – is it all *really* true? And either way, what should people in government know about millennials?

A recent report by Deloitte, *Understanding Millennials in Government: Debunking Myths About our Youngest Public Servants,* analyzes whether or not these preconceived notions are really true.

Sean Morris, Human Capital Lead at Deloitte, and William Eggers, Public Sector Research Director at Deloitte, sat down with Christopher Dorobek on the DorobekINSIDER program to discuss the findings of the report.

The first myth lies in misunderstanding. "The millennial turnover rate is not higher than previous generations. It's actually about the same as it was when Gen-Xers were entering the government workforce," Eggers clarified.

He furthered the need to stress the difference between turnover and tenure rates, which apparently is the reason for much of the confusion. In fact, the report states that "When young workers do leave government jobs, their decision to do so can be explained largely by their age and the business cycle, rather than by a generational propensity to hop from one job to another."

Consequently, the data that Deloitte collects during their annual, global, millennial survey tells us that the number of federal employees that are looking to leave over the next year is significantly less than what we're seeing in the private sector. Morris shared that only 36 percent in government are saying they want to move on within the next year compared to 51 percent in the private sector. "Therefore, there appears to be a little bit more stickiness with millennials in the federal government than we see in the rest of the world." Where might this stickiness come from?

Some of this may be explained by millennials' happiness around the work they do in government. Therefore, the second myth to be debunked by the report is this: millennials are less passionate about their jobs in government. Eggers said data shows that 95 percent of millennial government workers reported that they agree strongly with the statement: "I'm proud to work for my employer."

However, it does remain true that while government careers may be becoming less attractive for some millennials, those who do pursue a life of federal public service are just as engaged and proud as other generations before them – if not even a bit more, Eggers said. But, how can we encourage more millennials to join the government ranks?

Although the jury still seems to be out on whether or not it is difficult to recruit millennials, there are a few inherent issues that explain the low number of millennials in the government sphere. Some of these reasons are as follows: millennials are starting later, the government hasn't been hiring them, and there is a tighter labor market due to the recent recession.

Although the "cool" factor argument does hold true, Morris reminded us that the recent recession had a "meteoric knock effect, not just for millennials, but for all generations." Those who held jobs stayed in their roles for longer periods of time and reduced funding led to less hires overall. In some ways, fewer millennials in the government workforce was simply a matter of poor timing, but this doesn't mean government shouldn't attempt to better the way they recruit millennials.

As Morris pointed out: "The reality is that people are not going to spend 30 years with one employer, be that with the public or private sector. It's just the reality of where we are as a working culture today." Yet, if anything, this report tells us that it is vital to continue to do our best to recruit millennials into government – and that it will be time well spent.

Early Career Center

Job Seekers, Know these Email Signature DOs and DON'Ts

by Hannah Morgan, usnews.com

One of the first things you are instructed to do when starting a new job may be to set up your email signature using the official company template. But have you set up an email signature for your personal email account?

Email is a frequently used communication tool in the workplace, with approximately 36 emails sent per person per day in 2014, according to The Radicati Group, a technology market research firm.

It is also a powerful marketing tool. Each one of those 36 emails is an opportunity to market and promote the company. You should be using this same logic to promote yourself, especially if you are an active job seeker.

Rather than typing in your information every time you send an email, or cutting and pasting the information into the body of the email, simply set up your email signature. These are the vital pieces of information you should include.

EMAIL SIGNATURE DOs

1. Name. People often don't have any email signature, which can make it difficult for the recipient to know who the message is from. Include your first and last name.

2. Telephone number. During a job search, recruiters and hiring managers will want to communicate with you over the phone. Make it easy for them to reach out to you by including it in your email signature. And be sure you have set up your voice mail with a professional and pleasant greeting.

3. LinkedIn profile. Including a link to your LinkedIn profile makes it easier for people to learn more about you. You can't make them click through, but it is there in case there is interest. Rather than inserting the full Web address, which can look long and messy, hyperlink your LinkedIn URL to a small LinkedIn icon or simply the word "LinkedIn."

4. Profession, title or tag line. Depending on your employment situation, use some combination of professional identifiers. If you are changing careers, don't list your current occupation, instead use a tag line or branding statement that conveys your value to a potential future employer.

5. Personal website. If you have an online portfolio, blog or personal website that you want people to know about, include the link. It's always helpful to describe what you are linking to. For example, hyperlink to a short description, such as "Online Portfolio," "Personal Blog – Customer Service Musings" or "My Infographic Resume." You can link to almost any online source you want to draw attention to.

On the other hand, there is information you don't want to include in your email signature because it's irrelevant, makes you look silly or could flag your email as spam. Here's what to avoid including in your personal emails.

EMAIL SIGNATURE DON'Ts

1. Mailing address. Protect yourself. No one needs to know your physical location. Businesses may use this information, but it doesn't pose the same type of privacy violation.

2. Email address. Including your email address in your email is redundant. If you've sent someone an email, he has your email address. Limit the information that you include in your signature to keep it uncluttered and provide only the most important information.

3. Photos or logos. Using logos or icons sparingly isn't necessarily a bad thing. However, images add to the size of your email and may make loading your email slow and difficult for email systems. Using large file sizes could also result in your email ending up in the spam folder and most people do not regularly look at their spam.

4. Default mobile signature. Don't overlook the signature on your mobile device. Often the default signature is an advertisement for your phone's manufacturer. Instead, change the setting to promote your name or delete the automated signature all together.

One last word of wisdom. Test how your email will look to others by sending to Gmail, Yahoo and Outlook accounts to see how your signature looks on these different email providers.

Chapter Educational Events



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

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 16, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Social Media
Capitol View Building
1 hour CPE

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

March 22, 2016
Professional Development Training
Government Accountability
Okemos Conference Center
8 hours CPE

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

April 18, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Budget
Grand Tower, Dempsey Room
1 hour CPE

May 12, 2016
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Topic to be Announced
Grand Tower, Dempsey Room
1 hour CPE

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

The first air conditioned car was manufactured in 1939 by Detroit's Packard Motor Car Company.

Michigan has the nation's longest freshwater shoreline.

If you straightened out Lake Superior's shoreline alone, it would reach from Duluth, Minnesota to the Bahamas.

Michigan is the only place in the world where you can find the cities named Paradise and Hell.

Michigan is home to the first three tunnels in the world that connect two countries. The St. Clair tunnel connects Port Huron with Sarnia, Ontario. The Michigan Central Railway Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Tunnel both connect Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.

Detroit residents were the first residents in the nation to have phone numbers. It seems that by 1879 the city had grown so large that operators were no longer able to route calls by name alone.

A one mile stretch of a Detroit road was paved with concrete in 1908 making it the world's first concrete paved road

Petoskey stones, which are the state stones of Michigan, are made from 350 million year old fossilized limestone.

Grand Haven is famous for its singing sand beaches which make a whistling sound when you walk on them.

Michigan State University was the first agricultural college in the U.S.

Famous U of M grads include Clarence Darrow, James Earl Jones, Madonna, and former President Gerald R. Ford.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

West Michigan AGA

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

April 20, 2016
Webinar
Pension/OPEB Standards
2 hours CPE

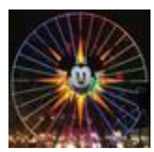
July 26, 2016
Webinar
2016 Single Audit Update
2 hours CPE

National AGA

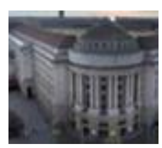
To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org

February 3, 2016
Managing in a Multigenerational Workplace
Members Only Free Webinar
1 hour CPE

February 23-24, 2016
National Leadership Training
Ronald Regan Building
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE



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



September 20-21, 201
Internal Control and Fraud Prevention
Ronald Regan Building
Washington D.C.
14 hours CPE

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

Anthony J. D'Angelo

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

Mahatma Gandhi

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!
Member Anniversaries

John Daly III, CGFM	20 years
Janet Luplow, CGFM	19 years
Wanda Clavon Jones	9 years
Ma Blanche Quirante	9 years
John Stark	9 years
Dolores Midkiff-Powell	6 years
Corazon Schimanski	2 years
Kate Calin	1 year

WELCOME!
New Members

Alpa Kulkarni,
Technology, Management, and Budget
Benjamin Brewer,
Treasury
Cindy Liu,
Technology, Management, and Budget

CHAPTER FINANCES

Balance Sheet at December 31, 2015

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Checking Account	$ 20,542
Pay Pal Account	$ 3,752
Total Assets	$ 24,294
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	$ 19,837
Restricted	$ 4,515
Income (Loss)	$ 57
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	$ 19,779
Restricted	$ 4,515
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 24,294

Happy President's Day – February 15, 2016

CGFM

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

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CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2016
Lewis Cass Building

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

CEC Members Not Present: Anthony Edwards, Kenji Griffith, Anna Lewis

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

Minutes: The December 2015 board minutes were approved by CEC vote via email on January 7, 2016.

Budget and Financials: Anna could not make the meeting. Dan hit the high points. Anna will distribute the December financial statements for approval after the meeting. The membership scholarship line item was removed from the budget because national is not providing the funding this year. They felt the return on investment did not justify the related expenditure. A motion to approve expenditures of $282.28 was made, seconded, and approved.

Membership: One new member and the chapter currently has 110 members. Karen will provide Shawna the MACAP conference brochure so Shawna can get the State of Michigan registrants to look at as possible new members. Cindy added the information to the chapter newsletter about members in higher education that requests/suggests they share AGA information with their students. Shawna received one response and will forward the information to National. Student chapter information was sent to Olivet College but there has been no response to date.

Education: Ethics 102 will the subject of our Ethics session at the PDT. Bobby will be sure the content is different from the fall PDT so the CPE will count. We discussed an honorarium for speakers but determined this could be a conflict of interest for some. We also considered an option to make a donation on behalf of the speaker to the charity of their choice.

Program Luncheons: The January luncheon resulted in revenue of $840. There were 11 no-shows and Karen will check with Anna to see if any paid before contacting those individuals for their payment. After the cost of the meal and donation on behalf of the speaker, we had a profit of $117.The next luncheon is at the Capitol View Building. This will be the last meeting at this location as the renovations begin for new tenants. We are looking for alternative sites. The April and May meetings have been rescheduled to the Grand Tower, first floor Dempsey Room.

Awards: Kenji reported via email. The chapter award nomination notice was emailed this morning. The individual letters to the heads of the various agencies are almost ready to go. Eighteen letters were drafted.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: The January newsletter went out. Please send information for the February newsletter as soon as you can.

CGFM: There is a webinar on Evidence Based Policy Making in Constitution Hall this afternoon.

Webmaster: Anthony emailed the following report:
- Regarding the website upgrade (pop-up window), strongly believe this will help our members easily see what we are trying to promote what we are trying to promote in that week/month.
- Consider emailing members after each event thanking them for their attendance and continued commitment to AGA. Tell them about the monetary benefits of membership and other perks of AGA.
- Consider reaching out to nonmembers that attend our events in a separate email urging them to join AGA.

Community Service: Siren Shelter will be the charity for the PDC fundraiser. Julie S. will ask Anthony to send a reminder prior to the PDT. We have been promoting VITA for the last couple of months. Because volunteers register through AIC, if you volunteer or know of a chapter member who volunteers, let Julie S. know so credit can be given.

Chapter Recognition Program: Report totals were not completed in December but will include them in the 3rd quarter report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:
- The SLM will be held in April in Baltimore. Julie S. will not be able to attend. Anshu recommended Dan W. attend as he has never attended. There are two slots available.
- Similarly, Dan J. will not be able to attend the PDT in Anaheim. The CEC discussed possibilities of attendees.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2016
Location: Romney Building
Host: Shawna Hessling

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