



**MESSAGE
FROM THE
CHAPTER
PRESIDENT**



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**New Year Resolutions:
The Four Agreements and more....**

- Be impeccable with your word.
- Don't make assumptions.
- Don't take anything personally.
- Always do your best.
- Be skeptical but learn to listen.
- Live beneath your means.
- Return everything you borrow.
- Stop blaming people.
- Admit when you make mistakes.
- Give clothes not worn to charity.
- Do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Every day take a 30-minute walk.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Be kind to unkind people.
- Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
- Take time to be alone.
- Cultivate good manners.
- Be humble.
- Realize and accept life isn't fair.
- Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
- Learn from the past. Plan for the future.
- Live in the present.

Source: The Four Agreements
by Don Miguel Ruiz

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SPRING PDT

MARCH 21, 2019

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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA is a professional association advancing government accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and stakeholders.

Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

Eye Opener



1998

The last time South Dakota lawmakers received a raise - - until this year when their pay nearly doubled from \$6,000 to \$11,300,

SOURCE: AP/Argus Leader | January 9, 2019





**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY**
February 6, 2019
2:00pm to 3:50pm
Constitution Hall
ConCon, Rooms A and B
Lansing, Michigan

GASB UPDATE

This webinar will highlight recently issued standards, due process documents, and recent GASB activities on the following topics:

- Leases
- Financial reporting model and conceptual framework
- Revenue and expense recognition
- Public private partnerships
- Note disclosures
- Conduit debt
- Subscription-based information technology arrangements
- Fiduciary activities

SPEAKERS:

- **David Vaudt,**
Chairman, GASB
- **David Bean,**
Director of Research and Technical Activities, GASB
- **Lisa Parker,**
Senior Project Manager, GASB
- **Roberta Reese,**
Senior Project Manager, GASB
- **Scott Reeser,**
Supervising Project Manager, GASB



CPE

2 hours Accounting - Governmental

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Monday, February 4, 2019

COST

AGA members - FREE
non-members - \$20

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



**MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY**
February 19, 2019
11:45
Van Waggoner Building
Great Lakes Room
Lansing, Michigan

**YOUR PASSPORT TO MICHIGAN'S
NATURAL RESOURCES**

Michigan's natural resources are carefully managed, so they are here to enjoy for you and future generations.

WHAT THE RECREATION PASSPORT IS
Michigan's Recreation Passport is your key to:

- Visiting more than 100 state parks and recreation areas.
- Accessing staffed public boat launches.
- Parking for rustic forest campgrounds and hundreds of miles of trails.
- Protecting our natural resources for the next generation.

WHAT THE MONEY IS USED FOR

The money you spend on your Recreation Passport goes right back into maintaining and improving the resources you use! Recreation Passport money helps to fund:

- State parks and recreation areas, state forest campgrounds, trails and boat launches.
- Local park improvements via Recreation Passport Grants.
- Historic sites within state parks.

SPEAKER

Maia Jurek, Resource Development Specialist, Pure Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation



CPE

1 hour Other

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.
Register before Friday, February 19, 2019

COST

\$12 AGA members
\$16 non-members

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

MESSAGE FROM AGA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2018-2019

John Lynskey
CGFM, CPA



AGA Colleagues and Friends,

In my time as AGA National President, it has become very clear that our government accountability profession is undergoing significant changes. The work currently being done by government accountability professionals will be quite different in just a few years – and vastly different in five to 10 years. Data analytics, robotic process automation and blockchain are three key drivers reshaping our environment.

We possess tremendous amounts of data, but our focus must be on making it useful by providing advanced analytical information for decision-making. RPA or bots will soon free us from mundane reconciliations, data input and data comparisons, and blockchain will provide data transparency and access – all while aiming to enhance our cybersecurity posture.

Universities now offer myriad degrees under the umbrella of “business information technology.” These new hybrid degrees meld together business or accounting backgrounds, data analytics and IT to provide graduates with skill sets necessary in this dynamic environment. We are also seeing a transition from typical degrees like accounting to these newer hybrid degrees. And the results are already in play. In talking to partners in an accounting firm, I learned that one constant surfaced in all of their recent hires — the new employees all were skilled in data analytics capabilities. Having IT-savvy professionals with financial backgrounds will allow the firms to create their own bots and manage their own data analytics with the latest tools.

As I travel around the country and take part in AGA professional training events, I am always struck by the high caliber training our chapter members offer.

Chapters are aware of the changes in our profession, which is very evident in the speaker topics and discussions taking place concerning RPA, data analytics and blockchain.

AGA is well positioned to lead amidst the change.

- Our CEO, Ann Ebberts is connected and engaged across the board in these areas with both public and private sector leaders to help move us forward.
- In our longstanding role as a thought leader, AGA will continue to offer world-class training events to prepare our members for these changes.
- Current key drivers have been featured on our national training agendas for the past two years. Now we are incorporating ways to reskill the governmental accountability workforce for this new environment.
- AGA offers recorded training sessions, webinars, podcasts, forum reports and more to our members, with the library of educational materials growing with each national training event.
- AGA has also changed our governance structure to become more agile and adaptable as the environment transforms.
- Our CGFM certification is desirable and important in this new landscape, as it pairs well with the new degrees and new drivers.

I am very proud of our AGA organization. I see us paving the way for our public service colleagues in this transformative environment. It reminds me of a saying, often quoted by the late Relmond Van Daniker, our past AGA CEO: “If not us, then who? If not now, then when?”

Thank you for your service to AGA and for sharing your time and talents with AGA. It is what makes us a great organization.

Sincerely,

John



2019 SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

March 21, 2019

[REGISTER HERE](#)

AGA Members
\$50

Non-Members
\$70

Students
\$15

Dennis Green, CPA
AGA National Finance and Budget Committee Chair

John Lynskey, CPA, CGFM
AGA National Education President

Stephen Blann, CPA, CGFM, CGMA
Rehmann Group, Director of Governmental Audit Quality

Patrick Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

**** MORE GUEST SPEAKERS AND TOPICS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ****

LOCATION:

Okemos Conference Center
2187 Univeristy Park Dr.
Okemos, MI 48864

Registration will begin at 7:30

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 event
- SIGMA ID CV0026537-007
- CPE Sponsor ID 104201

Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by March 13, 2019.

This event qualifies for 8.0 hours of CPE.

Questions?

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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 21, 2019.

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 22, 2019 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 Sherri Troyer, Awards Chairperson

at stroyer@deltadentalmi.com or at 517-381-4232

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.



Are You Triageing or Prioritizing Your Work?

Scott Elbin, Executive Coach

If you've ever had to make a trip to the emergency room (hopefully not) or watched a medical drama on TV (probably so), you've seen a team of doctors, nurses and other team members doing triage.



Triage is the process of assessing which patients need immediate treatment or attention and which can wait until after the more urgent cases are addressed. It's a big reason why you might end up hanging out in the waiting room for hours if you go to the ER with the flu or to get some other non-life-threatening condition treated. The patients who are literally knocking on death's door are going to be seen before you.

I've been thinking about triage lately as I've been working with my executive coaching clients. Just about every leader I work with is operating in an environment where they and their teams have more to accomplish than the time available to do it all. So, they spend a lot of effort prioritizing their work. I've concluded, though, that what a lot of them are doing is not really prioritizing but triaging. Here's the difference between the two.

When you're triaging your work you're often focused on failure points. You're looking for things that need to be done right now because not doing them creates failure points that start a chain reaction of dominoes falling. Leading with the triage approach leaves you feeling like you're always fighting the latest fire and not really moving things forward. You and your team end up spending most of your time and attention on the urgent stuff that's right in front of you.



Truly prioritizing your work requires you to start with a different time focus. Instead of focusing on what's crying out for attention right now, prioritization begins with

a focus on where you want to end up. That requires taking a deep breath, slowing down and asking, "What are we trying to accomplish this year and what will the outcomes look like when we accomplish that?" Your answers to that question create a picture of the desired end state. From there, you can reverse engineer back to identify what needs to be accomplished this quarter, this month, this week and even this day to create a successful set of outcomes for the year. That process enables you and your team to get clear about your true priorities.

I'm not suggesting there isn't a place for triage. Sometimes things blow up and you've got to make some quick decisions about what needs to get done first. But if triage is all you ever do, you're never going to get to the strategic priorities that will enable you to achieve your goals. If you think you've got an opportunity to do more prioritizing and less triaging, get started by taking 30 minutes this week to consider what you and your team are trying to accomplish this year and reverse engineer back from that picture to set some shorter-term priorities.



Early Career Center

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PRESENTER

By: Spencer Grady-Pawl, GovLoop, January 17, 2019



We can all think of a time when we were captivated by a speaker—whether it was a politician, a celebrity, or an expert. But what made their presentation so captivating, and how can we capture the attention of audiences like they did?

Fortunately, being an effective speaker is a skill just like anything else. Being successful merely requires practice and an understanding of what makes a presentation engaging. With that in mind, here are five tips to help you find your inner orator.

Know Your Speaking Style

Playing to your strengths is important. One of the most important aspects of public speaking is appearing natural and confident, and that will be hard to accomplish if you're trying to copy someone else's style. If you're naturally soft-spoken, you shouldn't feel the need to imitate the thunder of a fire-and-brimstone preacher when driving a point home. Work within your skillset to pick the most effective rhetorical tool for the job, and your audience will recognize your authenticity.



Know Your Audience

Different audiences require unique approaches and respond differently to certain tactics. Make sure you understand who you're speaking to, and what speaks to them. This may require

some research on your part before the actual presentation or some adaptation on the spot based on the reactions you are receiving. Knowing what your audience is looking to get out of your presentation will help you craft an appealing and persuasive message.

Rehearse

The more you prepare, the more confident you'll be. If you've mastered your material and know what you're going to say, you'll be at ease and free to focus on details like how your audience is reacting instead of what you're going to say next. Besides good preparation, practicing with coworkers or friends can calm your nerves and provide you with useful feedback.

Use the Right Body Language

Nonverbal communication is just as important as what you say, and it can have a huge impact on how your audience reacts to your presentation. You want to make sure that your body language projects comfort and confidence, but you also want to ensure that it matches the energy of your presentation.

If You're Not Learning, You're Not Growing

No one expects your first time presenting in front of a large audience or a room full of senior executives to be perfect, so embrace any mistakes you make as opportunities to learn and grow. By incorporating feedback from others or improving on details that you notice yourself, you can work to make each presentation stronger than the last.

The prospect of presenting can make anyone apprehensive, but it is important to remember that with the proper preparation and mindset, it's an activity to be enjoyed, not dreaded. The ability to communicate effectively and persuasively is a skill that will serve you well at all stages in your career, so be intentional about continuing to improve.



Michigan Lawmakers Drive Ahead with Digital License Plate Tech

by Ann Zaniwski, Detroit Free Press
January 22, 2019

A bill passed in the state Legislature in December cleared the way for continued testing of electronic license plates. Several other states are also weighing the pros and cons of the technology.



Stamped metal license plates? That's so last century.



Michigan drivers could one day have a new option: high-definition digital screens.

The state's lame-duck Legislature

approved a bill in December that allows the use of electronic license plates. Reviver Auto, the manufacturer of the Rplate digital plate, said Michigan was the first state in the nation to pass such legislation.

"No decisions have been made regarding these types of license plates," said Shawn Starkey, spokesman for Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Officials with California-based Reviver Auto say the sleek, internet-connected plates have a long list of benefits, including automated vehicle renewals and easy personalization to reflect a driver's favorite sports team or charitable cause.

The e-paper placards could also be used to pay bridge and road tolls and track a vehicle if it is stolen, according to Reviver Auto CEO Neville Boston.

"It's more than just a plate. It's a communication portal," he said.

Boston said the plates are visible in all types of light, much like Kindle e-readers. They can withstand extreme hot and cold.

Reviver Auto representatives were in Detroit this week demonstrating how the plates work during the press and industry days at the North American International Auto Show.

Rplates are being tested now in Arizona and California.

About 1,400 of California's 35 million registered vehicles have the plates under a pilot program that launched in 2018, California Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman Marty Greenstein said.



Rplates costs \$499 for a standard version and \$799 for a plate with GPS technology — much pricier than the \$22 a California driver spends to replace a standard plate. They are sold at dealerships and pro-shops and through Reviver Auto's website.



Greenstein said so far, he hasn't heard of any problems or technical glitches associated with the plates. Lawmakers recently voted to extend the pilot program to 2020.

"The purpose of the pilot is to identify and detail potential benefits, so we are still in the evaluation phase and won't make any determinations until the pilot concludes," Greenstein said.

Some people have raised privacy and security concerns about the plates. Boston said all communication channels are encrypted.

"It's as safe as an online banking session," he said.

Just before retiring at the end of December, former State Sen. Mike Kowall pushed to amend a bill about vehicle registration fees to include language allowing the digital plates.

Kowall said he believes the plates will play an important role in the development of autonomous and connected vehicle technology.

"This is the wave of the future," he said.

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How the Social Security Administration Plans to Protect Your Identity

Nextgov

The agency is looking for ways to identify citizens with random characters instead of Social Security numbers on agency mail.

The Social Security Administration on Friday started looking for vendors to tokenize people's Social Security numbers on official agency mail.

The tokenization system—which would convert the nine-digit number into a string of random characters that could be decoded by administration officials—would help protect Americans from identity theft and Social Security fraud.

Under a recent law, federal agencies will be largely banned from printing Social Security numbers on government mail after 2022. Using the proposed tool, the administration could tie people to government records without publicly revealing their nine-digit identifier.

According to the solicitation, the tool must generate a different token for every piece of mail the administration sends—even documents going to the same person must have their own unique value.

Administration officials need to be able to control the length of the token, and the system must have a way to block certain people from accessing decryption keys.

And it needs to be fast too. On a typical night, officials wrote, the system would be expected to generate nearly 1,400 tokens per second.

In addition to building the system, the selected vendor would provide software patches and updates for a full year after the tool is launched. The administration must also have the ability to decode tokens even if it cuts ties with the vendor.

High-profile data breaches have dumped hundreds of millions of Social Security numbers into the online wilderness in recent years, and cybersecurity experts have long urged the government to explore new ways of verifying citizens' identity.



ABOUT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

The Intergovernmental Partnership works to open the lines of communication among all levels of government with the goal of improving performance and accountability.

Made up of high-ranking officials from the federal, state and local levels of government and higher education, the Intergovernmental Partnership identifies and solves the most vexing management and accountability issues facing government today. AGA serves as a neutral third party to facilitate cooperation and communication among various levels of government.

Goals of the Intergovernmental Partnership

Improve communication among higher education, the federal government, and state and local governments.

Establish relationships that will facilitate the adoption of a solution-oriented agenda, developed through a consensus of leaders representing all levels of government.

Develop generally-accepted approaches and best practices for improving the performance and accountability of intergovernmental programs. The following objectives are instrumental in achieving this goal:

- strengthening internal controls;
- streamlining grants management;
- reducing administrative costs; and
- developing common terminology.

Help promote the development and dissemination of valid, reliable and useful financial information that decision-makers need to make smart, informed decisions.

Clarify roles and responsibilities for programmatic and financial improvement activities.

Develop training programs for officials at the federal, state and local levels of government. Agree on a common approach to determining and measuring program outcomes.

Chapter Education Calendar



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 12, 2018

Webinar Conference

Communications

VanWagoner Building, Sleeping Bear
2 hours CPE

February 19, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Passport To Michigan's Natural Resources
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

October 2, 2018

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Michigan Historical Library Forum
4 hours CPE

March 6, 2019

Webinar Conference

Finance

VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

October 9, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

March 21, 2019

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Okemos Conference Center
8 hours CPE



March 27, 2019

Webinar Conference

Cybersecurity

Location to be Determined
2 hours CPE

November 20, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Treasury's Continuous Improvement Project
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

April 16, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

November 28, 2018

Webinar Conference

Ethics

Williams Auditorium
2 hours CPE

April 24, 2019

Webinar Conference

DATA Act

Location to be Determined
2 hours CPE

December 19, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Michigan Specific Ethics
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 15, 2019

Webinar Conference

Fraud and Data Analytics

Location to be Determined
2 hours CPE

January 15, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Annual Tax Update
Library of Michigan
1 hour CPE

May 21, 2019

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Optimizing Professional Relationships
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

February 6, 2019

Webinar Conference

GASB Update

Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE

June 12, 2019

Webinar Conference

Leadership

Location to be Determined
2 hours CPE

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org

February 27-28, 2019

National Leadership Training

Washington DC or Virtual
14 hours CPE

March 28, 2019

Financial Systems Summit

Washington DC or Virtual
6 hours CPE

July 21-24, 2019

Professional Development Training

Washington DC or Virtual
24 hours CPE

West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit
www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/WestMichigan/Home

April 10-12, 2019

Governmental Accounting Training Series

Grand Rapids, Michigan
Up to 24 hours CPE



Financial Systems Summit 2019

Washington, D.C. or virtual
rescheduled for March 28, 2019
6 CPEs

FREE TO AGA MEMBERS

Take advantage of a significant benefit of your AGA membership – the Financial Systems Summit (FSS). Join the summit in Washington D.C. or stream the summit online in your office or home – either way, your participation is complimentary.

FSS will bring together government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through system modernization in a budget-constrained government. Sessions will highlight CIO/CFO priorities, agile, shared services, cyber security and emerging technologies.

My CGFM®

LOG INTO YOUR AGA ACCOUNT TODAY

“My CGFM” Makes Tracking CPE Easier

We've added a new feature to “My CGFM” to help you keep track of the CPEs you earned at AGA events! In addition, you can upload CPEs earned outside of AGA to keep your records in one place.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! Member Anniversaries

Deb Christopherson, CGFM-Retired	23 years
Michelle Hiliker, CGFM	23 years
Jerry Kulka, CGFM-Retired	23 years
John Dally III, CGFM	23 years
Vickie Crouch, CGFM	22 years
Beth Colosimo, CGFM	21 years
Mary Elizabeth Gienapp, CGFM	21 years
Karen Spak, CGFM	20 years
Karen Stout, CGFM	20 years
Cheryl Baker	20 years
Cynthia Michels	18 years
Wanda Clavon Jones	12 years
Ma Blanche Quirante	12 years
John Stark	12 years
Scott Strong, CGFM	9 years
Dolores Midkiff-Powell	8 years
Abdel Abdelraham	7 years
Benjamin Brewer	3 years
Liu Liu	3 years
Belinda Ricketts	1 year
Darla Ykimoff	1 year
Robin Garity	1 year

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Casey Steffe, Ingham County
Eric Thelen, Maximus

The chapter has 126 members.



CHAPTER FINANCES

Financial Position at December 31, 2018

Assets

Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 28,437
Pay Pal Account	\$ 98
Total Assets	\$ 28,536

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ -0-
Beginning Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 24,243
Income (Loss)	\$ 222
Ending Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 24,021
Restricted Fund Balance	
AOA Donation	\$ 4,515
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 28,536



Introducing Self-Learning by AGA

You asked, and we delivered! AGA is now offering online, on-demand training with access to limited session recordings from AGA events. Each **session** is self-paced, offering you a convenient new option for professional development!

As the partial government shutdown continues, we're committed to finding ways to ease the burden on our community. So, for the next week, we are pleased to offer one **FREE** quiz for members ... worth up to **two** CPE credits. Non-members will receive 50% off of one quiz. Hurry! This offer is only valid until **January 30, 2019**.



CPE Topics and Subjects that Qualify

The CGFM is initially responsible for determining whether a topic or subject qualifies as acceptable CPE. CPE programs include a wide variety of topics and subjects that may contribute to maintaining or enhancing the professional proficiency of some CGFMs, but not others. Determining what topics and subjects are appropriate for individual CGFMs to satisfy the CPE requirement is a matter of professional judgment. Among the considerations in exercising that judgment are CGFM's experience, the government financial management area(s) in which they work and the responsibilities they assume in performing government financial management functions.

To help one determine whether the course would qualify for CPE, the CGFM should answer "yes" to all of the following questions:

1. Is the information covered in this course applicable to government financial management?
2. Does this course contribute to my professional proficiency as a CGFM?
3. Does this course provide information that directly benefits me in my job as a government financial manager or enhance my overall knowledge of government financial management?

Some courses, such as the ones that cover individual or business taxation, may not qualify for the CGFM CPE. If the CGFMs are taking these courses to satisfy the CGFM requirement, they will need to make a connection to their job and proficiency as a government financial manager and be prepared to provide a written explanation of the applicability of such courses.

CPE that would satisfy the CGFM Program's requirement must be in government financial management topics or related technical subjects applicable to government financial management. Examples of such topics and subjects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- accounting principles and standards
- accounting research
- accounting systems
- acquisitions management
- actuarial techniques and analysis
- analytical procedures
- assessment of internal controls
- assessment and evaluation methodologies
- asset management
- audit methodologies
- audit of contract compliance/costs
- audit/evaluation of program results
- audit risk and materiality
- audit/evaluation standards
- audit preparation, review techniques and tools
- auditing research
- budgeting

- business law
- cash management
- compliance with laws and regulations
- compilation and review of financial statements
- computer science
- computer security
- contracting and procurement
- cost accounting
- credit management
- current industry risks
- data management and analysis
- debt collection
- economics
- enterprise risk management
- ethics and independence
- evaluation design
- financial auditing
- financial management
- financial management systems
- financial planning or analysis
- financially related fraud
- financial reporting
- financial statement analysis
- forecasts and projections
- forensic accounting
- forensic auditing
- government structure, organization, authority
- human capital management
- industrial engineering
- information resources management
- information systems management
- information security
- information technology
- internal control and internal control assessment
- interviewing techniques
- inventory management
- investigations
- investment of public funds
- operations research
- oral and written communications
- organizational change management
- pension and other employee benefits accounting
- performance measurement and reporting
- principles of leadership and management
- process reengineering
- procurement management
- productivity improvement
- program evaluation
- project management
- property management
- public accountability
- public administration
- public finance
- public policy and structure
- report writing
- research methods
- sampling methods
- social and political sciences
- statistics
- statistical analysis and techniques
- strategic planning
- taxation (need to make a connection with your job)



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2018
Lewis Cass Building

CEC Members Present: Sandra Burkhart, Zack Gregg, Lisa Munroe, Cindy Osga, Karen Stout, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia, Liz Williamson

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler, Kim Dunbar, Anthony Edwards, Sherry Troyer

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

Minutes: There was no quorum for the November 2018 CEC meeting and no formal business was conducted.

The October 10, 2018 minutes were approved via email on October 11, 2018

Financials: The financial statements previously sent to the CEC via email for September 2018, October 2018, and November 2018 were discussed.

September 2018
Revenues: \$ 657.00
Expenditures: \$ 189.44
Fund Balance: \$ 27,179.88

October 2018
Revenues: \$ 3,015.47
Expenditures: \$ 1,740.77
Fund Balance: \$ 28,454.58

November 2018
Revenues: \$ 900.00
Expenditures: \$ 596.27
Fund Balance: \$ 28,758.31

There was discussion regarding a reimbursement for Anshu's PDT expenditures which the chapter originally paid for. It is reflected in the October and November statements as Miscellaneous Revenue. It was decided it should be shown as an expenditure credit.

A motion was made to approve the September, October, and November 2018 financial statements, and the miscellaneous revenue will be recategorized as an expenditure credit on the December 2018 financial statements; and

expenditures in the amounts shown above. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to increase the Miscellaneous expense line item by \$75 to \$200. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was also discussion regarding the time it takes for the accounts receivables after chapter events. Any ideas for assistance are greatly appreciated.

Membership: Liz stated she was receiving emails from Cherry Ung, AGA's National membership staff person, regarding promotional items. Liz will contact Cherry for more information.

Karen indicated she could send the list of MICPA recent government conference attendees to Liz to add to our outreach list.

Program Luncheons: In the interest of time, Karen deferred to her written report which had been sent to the CEC in the morning.

Karen's written report included the following:

- There are 38 participants signed up for the December 19 luncheon meeting.
- Anshu will pick up the food and beverages.
- Sandra will collect the money and track attendance.
- Karen will provide a list of attendees to MICPA after the event.
- Tentatively, all slots are filled for the 2018-2019 program year.
- The next luncheon meeting is January 15 and is the Annual Tax Update. SAAABA will be hosting the meeting this year and handling registration. There will no registration on the AGA website.

Karen asked Anthony to direct people to the SAAABA website when the information is made available.

Education: Lisa distributed a list of potential speakers for the spring PDT. Zack and Lisa will schedule a PDT planning meeting and send the meeting invitation to the CEC. Speaker and topic ideas are always welcome.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: No update.

CGFM and CPE Events: Dan indicated we unable to show the power point at the November webinar because the equipment was not available to do so. The chapter's next webinar will be February 6.

Webmaster: No report.

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Community Service: No report.

Awards and Nominations: No report.

Chapter Recognition Program: Cindy indicated this quarter's activity is due December 31. Julie, as chapter president elect, is responsible for entering the information on the National website.

New Business: SLM: Anshu indicated she had sent an email to the CEC about the SLM (now called Lead!) to be held on May 2-4, 2019 in Baltimore. Lisa and Liz expressed an interest in attending.

Chapter Representative for National Council of Chapters: Anshu indicated that the chapter must select someone to represent the chapter on the NCC. Anshu will send the NCC Representative Position Description and Selection Criteria to the CEC for discussion at the next CEC Meeting.

Old Business: None.

Special Presentation on AGA Governance:

Cindy gave a brief presentation on AGA governance.

1. Chapter Bylaws
2. AGA National Level Governance Today
3. AGA National Level Governance Next Year
4. Chapter Recognition Program
5. Chapter Leadership Handbook

Cindy will send the documents to the CEC electronically for those who were unable to be at the meeting. Cindy indicated that all but the Chapter Bylaws are on the National AGA website.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 1:12 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 7, 2018
Lewis Cass Building
Southeast Conference Room



QUESTION OF THE DAY

Will microwaving a smart phone charge it?

ANSWER

Definitely not!

Apparently, more than one person in California has turned to Google to ask if they can charge their phones in the microwave. Just to clarify — the microwave will blow up your phone before it charges it.

HighSpeedInternet.com, a website with information on choosing an Internet service provider, recently released the results of a survey

that looked at popular tech myths in America and how likely people were to buy into them. In addition to the survey, the site also compiled a list of the most-searched tech queries in each state.

Some highlights of the results: 31 percent of Americans believe that the memory on a phone or laptop can be completely erased by an airport X-ray machine; 17 percent think the only time you can charge your phone is when it's at zero percent; and 17 percent believe that Macs cannot contract viruses.

52% believe smartphone companies deliberately slow down existing phone models when a new model is released.

Ok, we can't say for sure that no smartphone company slows down your phone, but it's hard to prove that it's done deliberately.

Smartphones slow down over time because advances in software and technology require more system updates that use more processing power. Eventually, these upgrades stretch the limits of an older phone and slow it down. This process happens naturally, so smartphone manufacturers don't really need to manually slow down phones more than what's already happening to convince you to buy a new phone.



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