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TGA Connection

Dear Jennifer,

MTA is offering a chance for you to earn up to 22 credits in the Township Governance Academy (TGA) between now and January!

Courses range from running effective meetings to finances, and offer all township officials the chance to tie together learning and practical application.

Read on for more on upcoming TGA events.

Township finances, future vision and strategic planning

Three classes, one location

Earn up to 14 credits over two days in one convenient location. Join us in Chelsea this November and gain insight into your fiduciary duties. Participants will also learn how to resolve short-term issues with long-term vision and discover what strategic exploration really entails.

Courses include:

- Township Finances (F-103; 6 credits)
- Creating a Vision (B-103; 4 credits)
- Utilizing the Strategic Planning Process (B-104; 4 credits)

[Sign-up today!](#)



Credit opportunities abound at MTA Conference and online

Upcoming events and elective credits

Two TGA courses will be offered in conjunction with MTA's 57th Annual Educational Conference & Expo, which takes place this January at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

Held Tuesday, Jan. 26, these pre-Conference courses are available at discounted rates.

Courses include:

- Board Roles & Relations (B-101; 4 credits)
- Fundamentals of Assessment and Taxation (F-105; 4 credits)

[Register now!](#)

Need more electives? Your attendance at Conference is worth 8 elective credits, and credits can also be earned by reading continuing education articles in the *Michigan Township News* and completing the Self-Assessment Quiz.

[Download](#) past articles and quizzes.



2010 TGA course schedule now available

When will the course YOU need be offered?

The TGA curriculum will repeat on a regular basis throughout the four-year election cycle. You can take courses whenever they work out in your schedule.

(Please note that the calendar is subject to change.)

[Download the 2010 TGA calendar](#)



Many thanks to our TGA scholarship sponsors!

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