



Greater Lansing Chapter

A Report to Our Membership
2013-2014



About AGA

The Association of Governments Accountants supports the careers and professional development of government accountability professionals working for federal agencies, state and local governments, tribal organizations, as well as academia and the private sector.



Founded in 1950, AGA enjoys a long history as the thought leader for the government accountability profession. Through education, research, publications, certification, and conferences, AGA reaches thousands of professionals and offers thousands of hours of continuing professional education.

AGA members who number more than 15,000 represent a diverse group of accountability professionals crossing all fields and disciplines including accounting, auditing, budgeting, contract management, finance, grant management, information technology systems, etc.

About Greater Lansing AGA

The Greater Lansing AGA Chapter conducted its first formal meeting on August 9, 1979. The chapter received its charter from the National AGA on September 25, 1979. The chapter started with 66 charter members.

The chapter had its first seminar on April 2, 1981. The subject was the National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA), Statement 1, Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles. The chapter began offering continuing professional education at its monthly meetings in 2000.

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Mission Statement

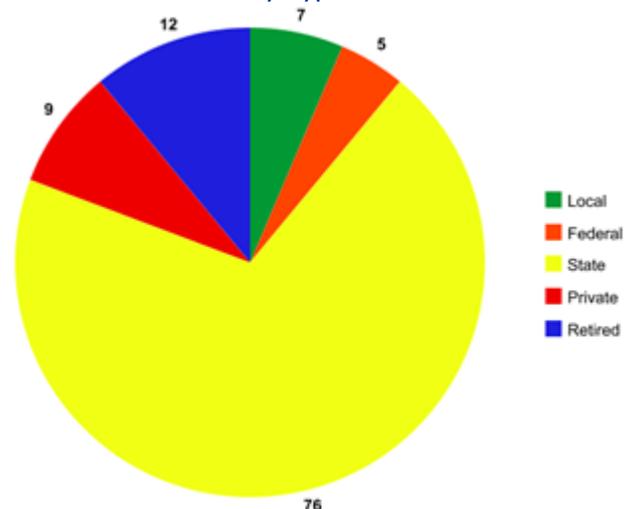
AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committing to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service	Integrity
Accountability	Leadership

Selected Chapter Demographics

Number of Members by Type



Our Chapter Accomplishments

Platinum
Chapter

Education



To instruct, train, and inform government financial managers in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, and financial management. This continuing education process provides for the professional development of government financial managers so that they may better serve the public.

To provide educational events for the interchange of ideas among financial managers in government service and among government and nongovernment financial managers.

To contribute to the advancement of financial management principles and standards and, through educational events, promote appropriate utilization of financial management methods and techniques to improve management control and accountability to the public.

The Greater Lansing Chapter provided 32 hours of continuing professional education to its members and other individuals in the government financial management community.

The continuing education was delivered by the half day Fall Professional Development Seminar, the full day Spring Professional Development Seminar, monthly luncheon meetings, and audio conferences.



Awards



Sharon Schafer, DNR receiving the Government Financial Manager of the Year Award



Stephanie Roach, OAG receiving the Professional Development Award

Government Financial Manager of the Year
Sharon Schafer

Professional Development Award
Stephanie Roach

Member Participation Award
Menna Gwifel

Chapter Leadership Award
Amy Zimmerman

President's Award
Christopher Bayley

The Greater Lansing Chapter recognizes contributions to government accountability, the chapter, and the community.

The Greater Lansing Chapter Disclosures Newsletter received Honorable Mention for Group B in the AGA National Chapter Newsletter Contest.



Performance

The Greater Lansing Chapters had established three top priorities for the 2013-2014 year.

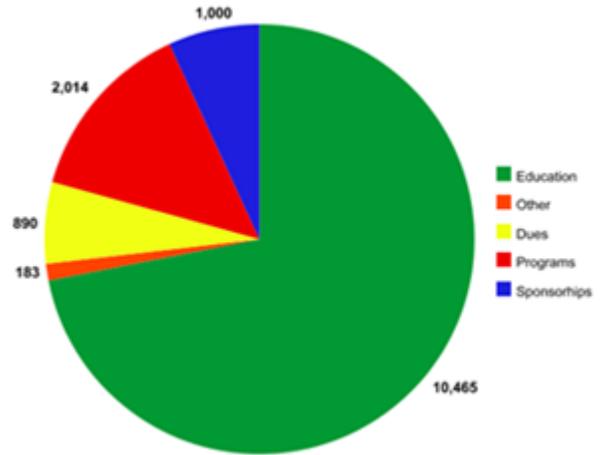
1. Increase chapter membership. The chapter had 100 members at June 30, 2013. Membership was increased and the chapter had 109 members at June 30, 2014.
2. Increase the chapter fund balance. The chapter fund balance was \$4,535 at June 30, 2013. The fund balance was increased and the chapter fund balance was \$7,423 at June 30, 2014.
3. Redesign the chapter website. The chapter launched its new website in January 2014.

Our Chapter Finances



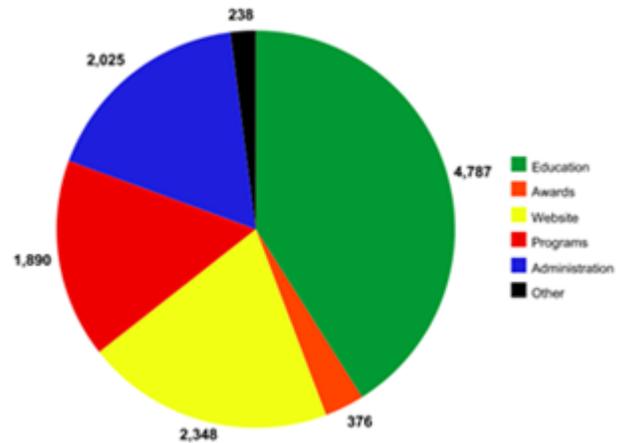
Revenues

	2013	2014	Change
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 660.00	\$ 904.50	37.05%
Education: Seminars	\$ 6,596.50	\$ 9,560.00	44.93%
Interest Income	\$ 4.81	\$ 5.19	7.90%
Membership Recruitment	\$ 173.00	\$ 178.00	2.89%
Membership Dues	\$ 1,321.25	\$ 889.53	-32.68%
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 2,014.00	23.48%
Sponsorships	\$ -0-	\$ 1,000.00	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 10,386.56	\$ 14,551.22	40.10%



Expenses

EXPENSE	2013	2014	Change
Awards and Nominations	\$ 593.20	\$ 375.53	-36.69%
Bank, Credit Card Fees	\$ 533.04	\$ 524.59	-1.59%
Board Meetings	\$ 591.54	\$ -0-	-100.00%
Board Training/PDC	\$ 2,556.78	\$ 1,500.00	-41.33%
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 1,693.00	\$ 1,560.00	-7.86%
Education: Seminars	\$ 2,349.39	\$ 3,227.37	37.37%
Miscellaneous	\$ 86.00	\$ 88.00	2.33%
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,349.50	\$ 1,890.20	40.07%
Public Service	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0.00%
Website	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,348.00	-21.73%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 12,902.45	\$ 11,663.69	-9.60%



Change in Net Assets

	\$ -2,515.89	\$ 2,887.53	214.77%
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An independent financial review was conducted with no cited deficiencies.
Complete financial information can be found on the chapter website at www.lansing-aga.org.

Our Chapter's Future



The Greater Lansing Chapter will continue to provide quality education to the government accountability community at a reasonable cost. The Chapter saw a decline in attendance at its professional development trainings the last couple of years but believes it can increase attendance with relevant topics and reasonable costs.

The Greater Lansing Chapter has struggled with recruiting new chapter members. Seventy percent of the membership is employed by the State of Michigan. The State, as with many governments, has been forced to downsize its workforce. Hiring freezes have been in effect for several years and reaching out to new hires is limited. Membership recruitment will continue to be a challenge in the coming year. The chapter continues its outreach efforts to increase its membership with efforts directed to early career individuals.

The Greater Lansing Chapter is fortunate that it has been able to fill all positions on the Chapter's Executive Committee. The Chapter hopes to continue the trend and attract qualified individuals to the committee.

Chapter Participation at the National Level

National Governance Committee

National By-Laws Committee

Regional Coordinator for Accountability

Cindy Osga, CGFM

Financial Management Standards Board

Craig Murray

About Citizen Centric Reporting

AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail. In fact, as the owners of government, citizens have a right to this information.

AGA's Citizen-Centric Reports detail government finances in a visually appealing, clear and understandable four-page document. The suggested format shows community information—such as population figures, regional characteristics and government goals for the community—on the first page, and the second page presents a performance report on key missions and service. The third page details cost and revenue information, and the fourth looks forward to the year ahead.

If you know of a government unit interested in preparing a Citizen Centric Report, please contact the Chapter Accountability Director.

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