



Greater Lansing Chapter

A Report to Our Membership
2011-2012



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.

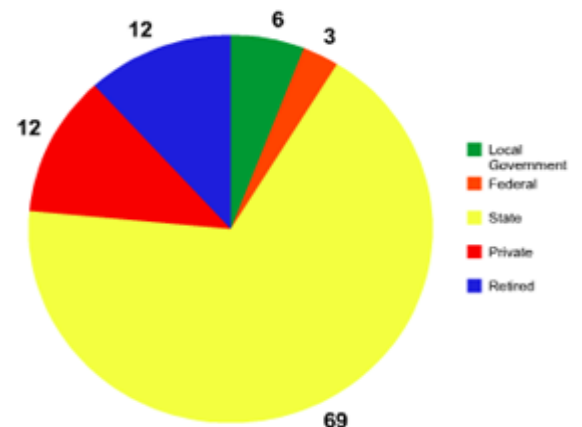
Core Values

Service
Accountability

Integrity
Leadership

Selected Chapter Demographics

Number of Members by Type



Our Chapter Accomplishments

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



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



Government Financial Manager of the Year
Sharon Maher

Professional Development Award
Dan Wawiernia

Community Service Award
Karen Spak, CGFM, CPA

Chapter Leadership Award
Susan Saari

President's Award
Linda deBourbon

Chapter Participation at the National Level

Past Ohio-Michigan Regional Vice President
Cindy Osga, CGFM

Financial Management Standards Board
Craig Murray, CPA

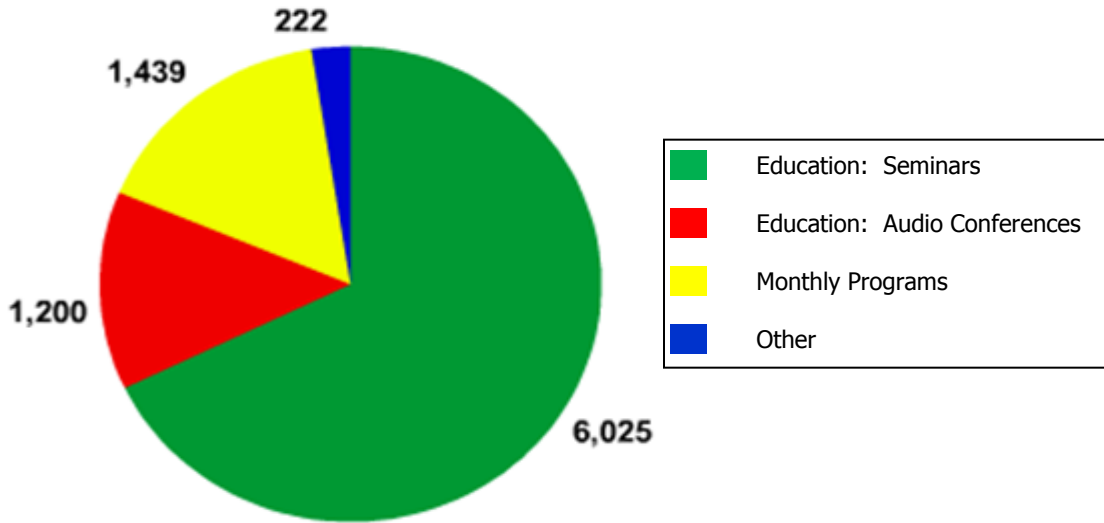
Nominating Committee
Cindy Osga, CGFM



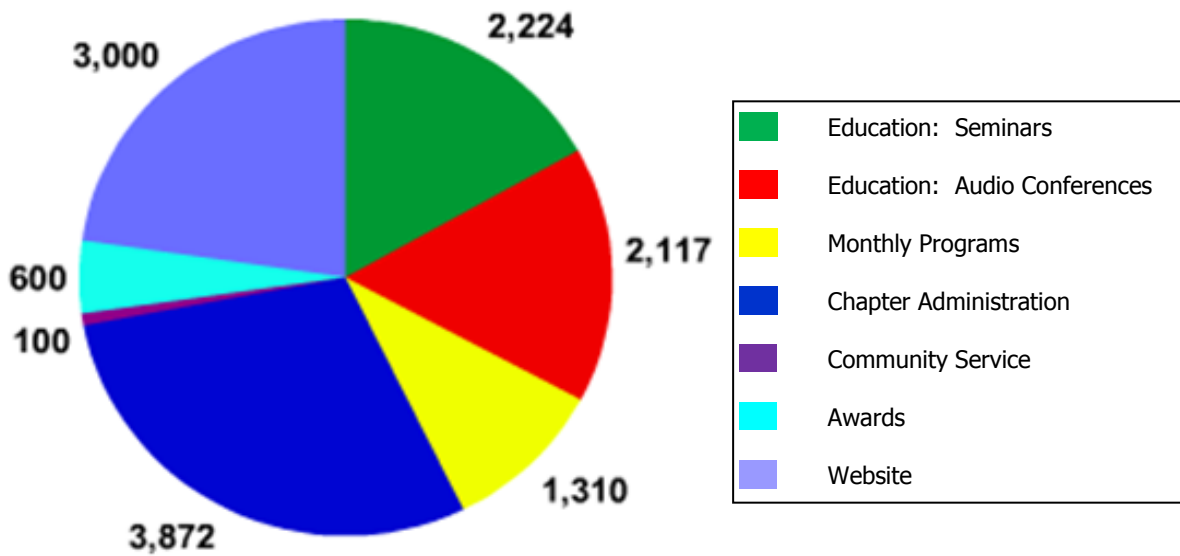
Our Chapter Finances



Revenues



Expenses



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 Greater Lansing Chapter has lost membership in the last couple of years. Sixty-eight 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 a few years and reaching out to new hires is limited. The chapter continues its outreach efforts to increase its membership with efforts directed to early career individuals.



We want to hear from you. Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Cindy Osga, CGFM, Accountability Director at osgac@michigan.gov or 517-335-4087. Please visit our website at www.lansing-aga.org.

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