



# Greater Lansing Chapter

A Report to Our Membership  
2012-2013



## 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.

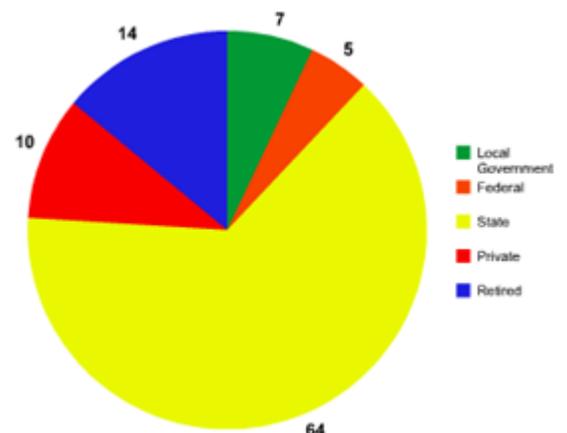
## Core Values

Service  
Accountability

Integrity  
Leadership

## Selected Chapter Demographics

Number of Members by Type



# Our Chapter Accomplishments

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 31 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**  
Allan R. Pohl

**Professional Development Award**  
Lori Hopkins

**Community Service Award**  
Karen Stout, CGFM

**Chapter Leadership Award**  
Deborah Christopherson, CGFM

**President's Award**  
Cindy Osga, CGFM

## 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, CPA

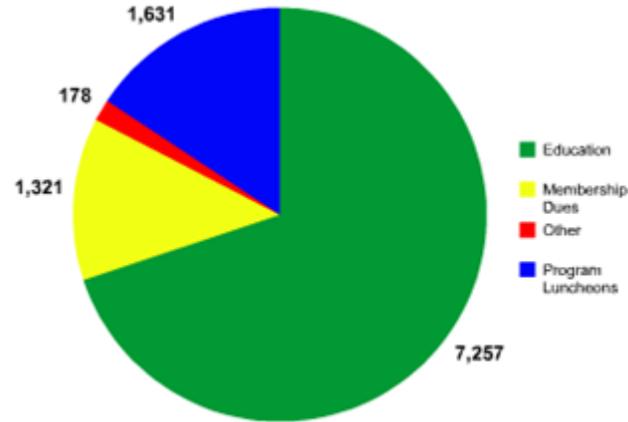


# Our Chapter Finances



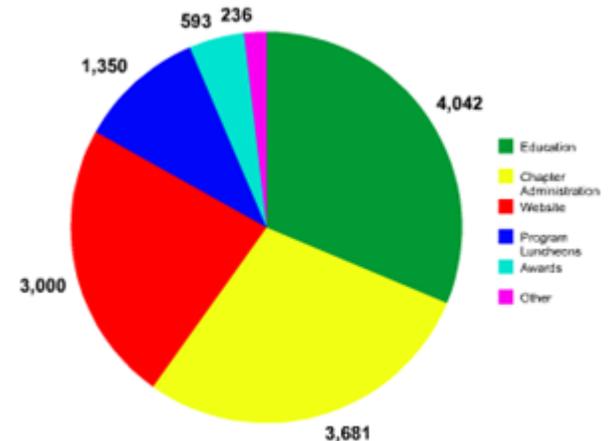
## Revenues

	2013	2012	% Change
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,200.00	-45.00%
Education: Seminars	\$ 6,596.50	\$ 6,025.00	9.49%
Interest Income	\$ 4.81	\$ 29.50	-83.69%
Membership Recruitment	\$ 173.00	\$ 192.00	-9.90%
Membership Dues	\$ 1,321.25	\$ 0.00	
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 1,439.00	13.34%
Sponsorships	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 10,386.56</b>	<b>\$ 8,885.50</b>	<b>16.89%</b>



## Expenses

EXPENSE	2013	2012	% Change
Awards and Nominations	\$ 593.20	\$ 599.75	-1.09%
Bank, Credit Card Fees	\$ 533.04	\$ 469.73	13.48%
Board Meetings/Dues Reimbursement	\$ 591.54	\$ 1,128.72	-47.59%
Board Training/PDC	\$ 2,556.78	\$ 2,084.80	22.64%
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 1,693.00	\$ 2,117.00	-20.03%
Education: Seminars	\$ 2,349.39	\$ 2,224.28	5.62%
Membership Development	\$ 0.00	\$ 81.09	-100.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ 86.00	\$ 107.60	-20.07%
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,349.50	\$ 1,309.58	3.05%
Public Service	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	50.00%
Website	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 12,902.45</b>	<b>\$ 13,222.55</b>	<b>-2.42%</b>



## Change in Net Assets

	\$ (2,515.89)	\$ (4,337.05)	-41.99%
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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](http://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 few years. Sixty-four 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. The chapter continues its outreach efforts to increase its membership with efforts directed to early career individuals.

The Greater Lansing Chapter has had a decline in its fund balance over the last few years. The fall and spring conferences are the largest source of revenue however, attendance at these events has shown a decrease.

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

1. Increase chapter membership. The chapter had 100 members at June 30, 2013.
2. Increase the chapter fund balance. The chapter fund balance was \$4,535 at June 30, 2013.
3. Redesign the chapter website.

## 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.

## Chapter Executive Committee 2012-2013

### President

Deborah Christopherson, CGFM

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Amy Zimmerman

### Treasurer

Dan Wawiernia

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Corey Sparks

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### Education Director

Heather Hammond

### CGFM Director

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### Communications Director

Cindy Osga, CGFM

### Community Service

Tom Colosimo, CGFM

Charlotte Roper, CGFM

### Accountability Director

Cindy Osga, CGFM

### Awards

Karine Apokov

### Webmaster

Linda deBourbon

### Immediate Past President

Susan Saari

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](mailto:osgac@michigan.gov) or 517-335-4087.

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