

# Chapter Intel

(Member Value - Leadership - Collaboration - Empowerment)

## President's Ponderings

Time is flying by! We are on the backside of the year already! Please be sure to read this newsletter carefully for great things are happening this spring.

Many of you may not know me. I'm Mary Ellen Garrett, Accounting Director with the Board of Regents. Governmental accounting and service has been my profession for the last thirty years working at the local and state levels. What's important is that I am so fortunate to work with a dedicated group of professionals on the Chapter's Executive Committee: Seth Hipple, Amanda Werre, Heather Nachtigal, Jennifer Schrempp, Jessica Huber, Matt Fickbohm, Sara Burtt, Jane Beer, Teresa Evans, Beth Leidholt, Tonya Johnson, and Keith Senger. This team

rocks and does such an outstanding job for this Chapter! The Chapter is standing on a strong, firm foundation due to the commitment of the Executive Committee, past and present, and our members themselves. The goals for this year build on that foundation to expand our membership and to provide the continuing education and tools to help our members grow professionally. The following planned activities will help us reach the goals.

**Education** - sponsor the annual Professional Development Conference in April 2017, guest speakers at our membership luncheons, and, in partnership with BFM, hosting selected AGA audio conferences.

**CGFM Certification** - encourage members to seek CGFM certification and to recognize

those holding or earning this certification.

**Membership** - grow our membership to include financial professionals from all levels of government - Federal, State and Local.

**Accountability** - not only prepare the Citizen Central Report for the Chapter but also prepare an accountability report for the State of South Dakota.

**Community Service** - reach out with the community service projects that will help the community.

**Communication** - maintain open lines of communications to the national and sectional leadership and, most importantly, to our members via Facebook, e-mail correspondence and newsletters.

Have a great day! MEG

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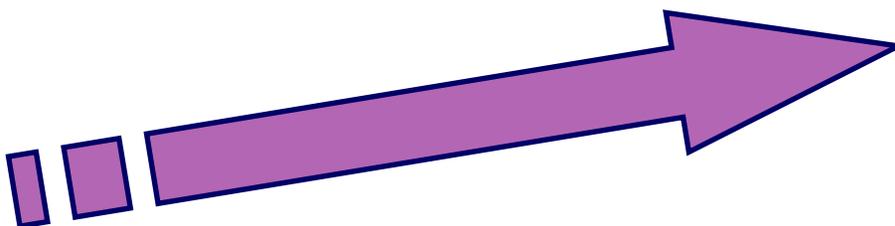
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<https://www.aga-cgfm.org/Tools>



6th Annual AGA PDC  
is just around the corner



# PDC 2017

Tuesday & Wednesday

April 11—12

Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center

The South Dakota Chapter of the AGA is pleased to announce our sixth annual Professional Development Conference (PDC). We have our most ambitious line of speakers yet!

The PDC includes sessions focusing on [Fraud and Internal Controls](#), the [South Dakota Internal Control Board](#), [Governmental Accounting](#), [Excel Pivot Tables](#), and [Ethics](#). Attendees have the opportunity to hone their skills in detecting and preventing fraud through effective internal controls with Mr. David Hancox. Attendees will hear from Mr. Keith Senger on the development of the South Dakota Internal Control Board, with a time for Q&A. Mr. Paul Koehler brings an overview of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Back by popular demand are ethics expert Mr. Chris Bauer and Mr. Tommy Stephens who will be presenting on Excel pivot tables.

Space is limited and early registration is encouraged.

<u>One day</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Two day</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Non-member	\$150	Non-member	\$280
Member	\$105	Member	\$185



Did you receive an electronic invitation? If not, send us a note at [SouthDakotaAGA@gmail.com](mailto:SouthDakotaAGA@gmail.com)

## It's More Than Just a Membership

Matt Fickbohm, CGFM

It's renewal season! What an excellent time to count the value of your membership! The AGA connects you with the tools that can take your career in government to the next step. How you use those tools is totally up to you, but here is just a sampling of what AGA has to offer:

- Continuing Education!
  - PDC 2017 being held in Pierre April 11 – 12, 2017 (member rates are unbeatable!)
  - Webinars
  - Member-only Webinars
  - The Journal magazine (CPE available)
  
- Recognition!
  - The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is THE premier recognition for those working in government finance. This designation shows an understanding of financial reporting (both state/local and federal), internal controls, Federal compliance, and audit requirements.
  - Chapter members can receive scholarship reimbursement of up to half the cost of CGFM examinations AND borrow study materials at no cost.
  
- Leadership!
  - AGA offers opportunities to lead throughout the chapter. What better way to prepare for a promotion or show employers you've got what it takes to lead than by showing off your leadership in AGA!
  
- Networking!
  - Through AGA you have the opportunity to connect with thought leaders at the federal, state, and local level.
  
- Practical tools!
  - The AGA has developed checklists, guide sheets, and detailed resources to help you prevent fraud. Check out the FREE Fraud Prevention Toolkit at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information!
  - The AGA also has a Risk Assessment for Subrecipient Monitoring designed specifically to help states administer federal funds passed to subrecipients. Another FREE resource at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

All this and more comes with your AGA membership. Let me challenge you to renew your membership by March 31<sup>st</sup> to remain active AND take this year to get even more out of your membership! Get involved! Advance yourself! Be accountable!





## Chapter Happenings

Have lunch on the Chapter!

Wednesday, March 8—Lunch over the noon hours with the Office of the State Treasurer and Unclaimed Property. At 1:00 an AGA sponsored Uniform Guidance webinar. Matthews Training Center



### Budget Class

Tuesdays, February 21, February 28 and March 7  
5:15 PM  
Location; St. Mary's  
*Share your budgeting expertise! We need volunteers!*

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### BackPack Program Pierre Area Food Pantry

Thursday, March 9 5:15 PM at the Pierre Area Food Pantry  
The BackPack Program currently serves between 325–350 children (pre-k through 5th grade) each week throughout the academic year.

*A small amount of your time goes a long way in helping those in need!*

*By the Number*

**91**

*Members Strong!  
South Dakota AGA  
Chapter*

*By the Number*

**7,200**

*Points earned thus  
far with the  
Chapter Recognition  
Program*

*By the Number*

**\$600**

*Chapter matched  
PARS Holiday Meals  
purchased by  
members*