



A Report to Our Members

2023 – 2024 Review

Advancing Government Accountability – The AGA

The South Dakota Chapter of AGA believes the most valuable assets of an organization are the professionals within it. As such, the South Dakota AGA chapter is dedicated to fostering learning, certification, leadership, and collaboration of professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability. There are several ways in which we achieve this mission, such as:

- ❖ Academic Scholarship – The Chapter has an academic scholarship that members can apply toward their studies.
- ❖ Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Scholarship – The Chapter continues to offer a scholarship reimbursing half the cost of CGFM exam fees for candidates passing all three examinations.
- ❖ CGFM Study Materials – The Chapter continues to offer CGFM candidates support in obtaining study materials.
- ❖ Professional Development Conference – We hope every one of our members will be able to attend and grow from the Professional Development Conference (PDC). We always welcome your input in ways to make the PDC better for YOU!
- ❖ AGA Webinars – Through our partnership with the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management, we continue to offer a selection of AGA webinars at no cost to our members and state professionals.

We believe all these resources will be helpful to you and will help you perform the important work of stewardship of government resources. Together we can continue to advance government accountability in South Dakota!

How Our Chapter Operates

The Chapter is governed by a member-elected Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and consists of a President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and various directors. The CEC meets each month to report progress on Chapter initiatives and discuss the months ahead. If you have an interest in getting involved, contact anyone on the CEC (see page two for contact information) or visit the [AGA SD Chapter website](#) for more information.

Member Demographics

Selected Member Demographics

	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022	
State Professional Members/% of Total	134	85%	117	87%	88	82%
Local Professional Members/% of Total	11	7%	10	7%	13	12%
Federal Professional Members/% of Total	4	3%	1	1%	3	3%
Private Sector Professional Members/% of Total	8	5%	7	5%	3	3%
Total Membership	157		135		107	
CPA, CGFM, CIA, CFE Member Certifications	21		32			



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Mission

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Mark your calendars

PDC 2025

April 1-2, 2025,
Fort Pierre, SD

We look forward to
seeing you at Drifters!

Visit our [Chapter website](#) for more
information!



Major Accomplishments

A Review of Program Year 2023 - 2024

Past Chapter Leaders (23/24)

President:

Tiffany Ripperda, CGFM

President-Elect:

Amanda Jandt

Immediate-Past President:

Darcy McGuigan

Treasurer:

Jennifer Neely

Secretary:

Amanda Shoop

Director of Accountability:

Sarah Wellner

Director of Bylaws and Procedures:

Fabricio Rodrigues

Director of Communications:

Nicole DeSloover, CFE, CGFM

Director of Community Service:

Allysen Kerr, CPA

Director of Early Careers:

Cassandra Ryckman

Director of Education:

Vacant

Director of Membership:

Cody Papke, CPA

Director of Professional Certification:

Lacey Walz

Director of Programs and Technical Meetings:

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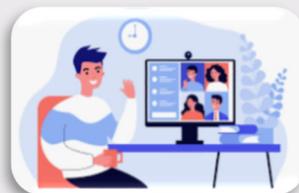
Community Service

- ✓ Raised \$1,544 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace through our annual PDC raffle.
- ✓ Purchased 49.75 meals as part of the Holiday FEAST Program for families in need (\$3,980 donated)



Education

- ✓ We continued our webinars virtually through a Bureau of Finance & Management partnership.
- ✓ Hosted 4 webinars in person, including a social hour pre-meeting.
- ✓ Hosted 8 AGA webinars virtually.



Professional Certification



- ✓ 16 members have received their CGFM professional certification.
- ✓ 1 member has the CGFM – Retired status.
- ✓ 4 members have received their CPA certification.

*Based off member profiles from the Nation AGA database.

Awards

- ✓ Volunteer of the Year Award: # recognizing distinguished contributions to the development and enhancement of an AGA chapter.

Winner: Amanda Jandt

- ✓ Certificate of Completion received for the Chapter Citizen-Centric Report



We want to hear from you! Do you like this report? Do you believe it should include any other information? Please let us know by contacting SouthDakotaAGA@gmail.com.

Our Finances

Revenues and Expenses

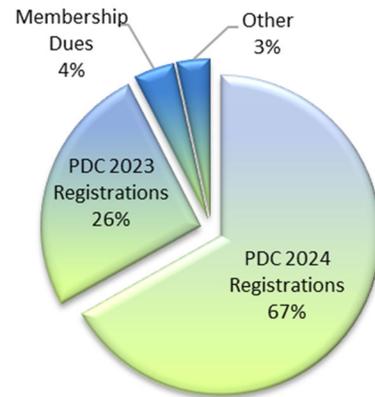
The Chapter is primarily funded by our annual Professional Development Conference. This means of supporting the Chapter is common among our fellow Chapters. It enables the Chapter to provide member benefits – such as CGFM and academic scholarships, member luncheons, and charitable donations. The Chapter operates on an April 1 – March 31 fiscal year. Below is income and expense information that has been reviewed by the chapter executive committee.

Chapter Income

Income by Source

	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
PDC 2024 Registrations	20,320		
PDC 2023 Registrations	7,795	18,535	
PDC 2022 Registrations		18,700	9275
PDC 2021 Registrations			6670
Membership Dues	1,249	926	848
Other	1,022	639	-
Total Chapter Income	\$ 30,386	\$ 38,800	\$ 16,793

2023-2024 Income by Source

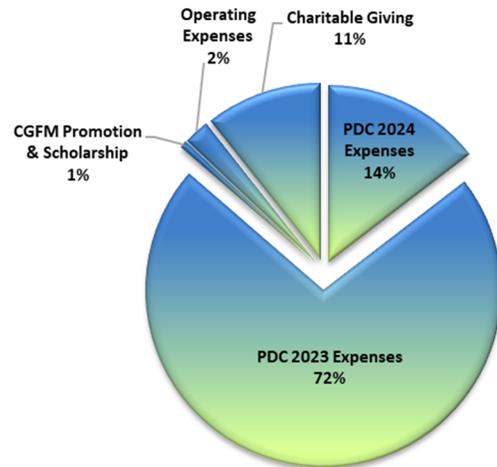


Chapter Expenses

Expenses by Program

	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
PDC 2024 Expenses	5,537		
PDC 2023 Expenses	27,318	3,550	
PDC 2022 Expenses	-	22,218	3,544
PDC 2021 Expenses	-	-	1,000
CGFM Promotion & Schol	256	203	-
Membership Luncheon	71	80	-
Operating Expenses	888	1,389	613
Charitable Giving	4,034	2,955	2,205
Total Chapter Expenses	\$ 38,104	\$ 30,395	\$ 7,362

2023-2024 Expenses by Program



Professional Development Conference

PDC Net Gain/(Loss) (refer to note)

	PDC 2024	PDC 2023	PDC 2022
Income:			
Registrations	31,095	26,330	27,975
Expenses:			
Speaker Expenses	12,784	12,001	7,013
Facility Rental & Caterin	13,482	12,482	12,434
Operating Expenses	6,244	6,385	6,315
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (1,415)	\$ (4,538)	\$ 2,213

Note: With the PDC occurring in April, the conference spans two chapter fiscal periods. Some expenses were not paid, and some revenue was not collected until the following fiscal year. The income and expenses tables report only activity occurring within the fiscal year. The PDC table reports calendar year financial information.

Looking Forward

Goals and Challenges of the Chapter 2024-2025

Challenges

- ❖ **Education:** Identifying and scheduling speakers for both the PDC and audio conferences can be a challenge. We seek to provide training that is timely, relevant, and beneficial.
- ❖ **Membership:** Although we have a solid membership base of financial professionals, there are still many that would benefit from being members of AGA. We are actively seeking to share how AGA can help financial professionals with their careers.
- ❖ **Leadership and Mentorship:** With sixteen leadership positions within our Chapter, it is important to develop and train future leaders of the SD AGA Chapter. A consistent rotation of new members serving on the CEC will allow for a strong and vibrant CEC.
- ❖ **Professional Certification:** The CGFM is an invaluable certification that allows a person to expand their career opportunities and distinguishes them from others in the field. We currently have several members who have received this certification, but there are many more that are not aware of this opportunity. We continue to inform members of this certification and encourage them to take advantage of the scholarships and reimbursement programs we have available.
- ❖ **Achieving and Maintaining Excellence in Chapter Reporting:** Receiving Certificates of Excellence in reporting is not an easy task. It requires great coordination among the CEC, as well as hard work from various directors. We aim to continue the tradition of distributing high-quality information and meeting the chapter recognition program requirements.

Commitment to Excellence

Our Chapter continues to grow, advance, and develop each year, but we do not rest on our accomplishments. The CEC develops goals each program year. A goal in each area of the chapter is to earn the highest possible points in the Chapter Recognition Program. This helps our great chapter achieve even more! The following is a summary of the goals the CEC has established for the 2024-2025 program year.

Accountability

- Prepare a Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) for the South Dakota AGA Chapter.
- Engage chapter members to participate in completing the South Dakota CCR.
- Prepare a quarterly newsletter to update members on Chapter happenings and distribute via email and Facebook.

Professional Certification

- Recognize those who earn the CGFM designation.
- Continue to promote the CGFM within the State and Chapter.
- Apply for a gubernatorial proclamation for CGFM month.

Communications

- Announce Chapter meetings, educational & training opportunities, and social events via e-mail and/or website.
- Maintain Facebook page.

Community Service

- Raise money to fund Thanksgiving and Christmas meal boxes.
- Organize a charitable fundraising campaign during the PDC.

Education

- Organize one membership meeting featuring speakers from the community including networking time at 4 events.
- Organize one speaker meeting to coincide with a hosted webinar.
- Host the Annual PDC and market to the government accountability community and advertise the PDC on the National AGA events calendar and chapter website.
- Host 8 AGA audio conferences in partnership with the Bureau of Finance and Management.

CGFM Goals

- Host a CGFM information session.
- Provide study materials for candidates.
- Continuously promote the value of the CGFM at all chapter events.

Leadership

- Lead the Chapter Executive Committee into another successful year.
- Identify ways the Chapter Executive Committee can provide opportunities for member involvement.

Membership

- Continue relationships with local governmental associations.
- Run membership reports monthly.
- Conduct a membership satisfaction survey and compare to prior year results.
- Oversee and award the Academic Scholarship program.
- Increase membership by 10-15%. This would bring our total to 170+ members!

Programs and Technical Meetings

- Post newsletters and chapter communications to the Chapter's web page.
- Aide in coordination of chapter events, including webinars, luncheons, and the PDC.