



Greater Lansing Chapter

A Report to Our Membership
2014-2015



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

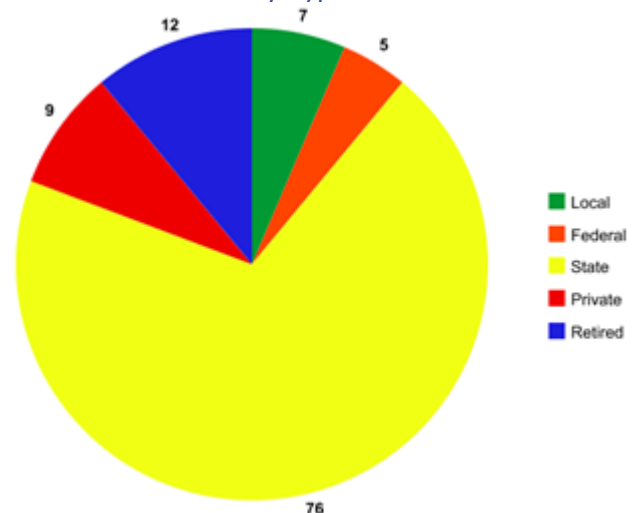
AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committing to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service	Integrity
Accountability	Leadership

Selected Chapter Demographics

Number of Members by Type



Our Chapter's 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.

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.



The State Administrative Officers Association provided quality training to AGA members for many years. AOA disbanded and donated \$4,515 to the Chapter. The CEC earmarked these funds for training so the chapter can continue to provide quality education at a reasonable price.

Community Service

The Chapter and its members participated in several community service projects to improve the lives of those in our community. The Community Service projects included:

- St. Vincent Catholic Charities
- Walk for the Animals
- VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Suits for Soldiers
- Siren/Eaton Shelter
- MS Walk – Helping Find a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis
- Walk to Defeat ALS – Team Susan

Chapter Awards and Recognition



Anshu Varma (left) accepting the Professional Development Award.

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



Tracie Bonner (middle) accepting the Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

Dear Association of Government Accountants

I am extremely humbled and honored to be recognized by the AGA for the Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

A leader by definition is a person who leads. However, I do not agree with that definition. A leader is a person who others choose to follow. Leadership can be shown at any level of an organization by individuals who have confidence, commitment, dedication, ambition, the ability to communicate, but most of all a positive attitude.

I have been fortunate, over the last 16 years, to work with a group of individuals who have such traits. As a team of just a few people, we have the ability to make a difference; but without a team, there is no leader.

Leadership is needed in all organizations. Anyone can choose to be that leader. Will you choose?

Thank you again AGA,
Tracie Bonner

Excellence in Government Leadership Award
Tracie Bonner

Professional Development Award
Anshu Varma

Community Service Award
Julie Chrysler

Member Participation Award
Peggy Murphy

Chapter Ambassador Award
Wanda Clavon Jones

Chapter Leadership Award
Christopher Bayley

CEC Rookie of the Year Award
Julie Salman

President's Award
Anshu Varma

National Awards and Recognition

Chapter Recognition Program

The chapter was again awarded a Platinum Award.

Website Award

The chapter received the Chapter Website Award for Group B chapters.

Chapter Citizen Centric Report

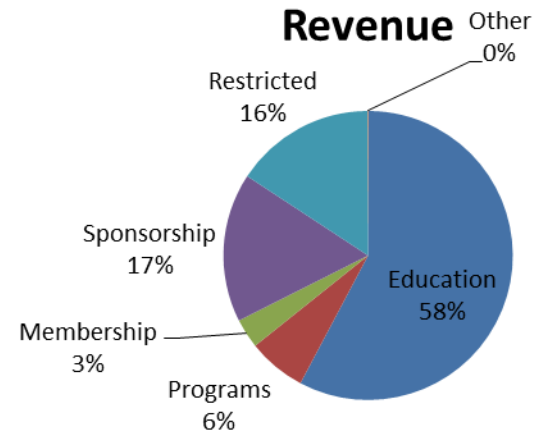
The chapter was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Citizen Centric Reporting for its 2014 report.

Our Chapter's Finances



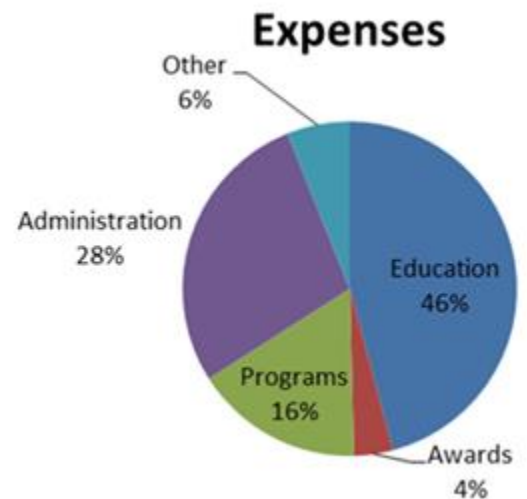
Revenues

	2014	2015	Change
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 904.50	\$ 1,160.00	28.25%
Education: Seminars	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 15,492.00	62.05%
Interest Income	\$ 5.19	\$ 10.05	93.64%
Membership Recruitment	\$ 178.00	\$ 181.00	4.69%
Membership Dues	\$ 889.53	\$ 773.76	-13.01%
Miscellaneous	\$ -0-	15.00	100.00%
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 2,014.00	\$ 1,876.00	-7.15%
Sponsorships	\$ \$1,000.00	4,809.67	380.97%
AOA Donation – Restricted	\$ -0-	4,515.18	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,551.22	\$ 28,832.66	98.15%



Expenses

	2014	2015	Change
Awards and Nominations	\$ 375.53	\$ 564.77	50.39%
Bank, Credit Card Fees	\$ 524.59	\$ 201.73	-62.55%
Board Training/PDC	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,313.40	120.89%
Education: Audio Conferences	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,580.00	1.28%
Education: Seminars	\$ 3227.37	\$ 5,249.95	60.19%
Miscellaneous	\$ 88.00	\$ 134.00	52.27%
Programs: Luncheons	\$ 1,890.20	\$ 2,437.02	28.93%
Public Service	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	-67.33%
Social Event	\$ -0-	\$ 25.00	100.00%
Website	\$ 2,348.00	\$ 498.17	-78.78%
Tax Exempt Reinstatement Fee	\$ -0-	\$ 850.00	100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 11,663.69	\$ 14,904.04	12.03%



Change in Net Assets

	\$ 2,877.53	\$ 13,928.62	484.05%
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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



Our Chapter's Challenges

- Increasing overall membership.
- Increasing the diversity of the membership to include local and federal governments, private sector and academia.
- Recruiting early career members.
- Encouraging members to become CGFMs.
- Reaching out to the governmental community to promote the benefits of Citizen Centric Reporting.

Chapter Participation at the National Level

Cindy Osga, CGFM

National Governance Committee

National By-Laws Committee

Regional Coordinator for Accountability

Craig Murray

Financial Management Standards Board



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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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.