

Advancing Government Accountability – The AGA

The South Dakota Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants believes the most valuable asset 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 study materials to candidates wishing to borrow them.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Members Luncheons – The Chapter continues to plan luncheons to network and learn about different topics, including our very popular tax update.

We believe all these resources will be helpful to you and will help you perform the important work of stewardship of the 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

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
Total Membership	83		92		99	
State Professional Members/% of Total	70	84%	81	88%	87	88%
Local Professional Members/% of Total	7	8%	7	8%	10	10%
Federal Professional Members/% of Total	4	5%	3	3%	1	1%
Private Sector Professional Members/% of Total	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%
Members in Capital Area/% of Total	64	77%	77	84%	80	81%
Members outside of Capital Area/% of Total	19	23%	15	16%	19	19%



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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 for PDC 2021 on April 12-13, 2021, in Pierre, SD!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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



Major Accomplishments Program Year 2019-2020

Chapter Contacts

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Community Service

- ✓ \$500 to PARS during their newbuilding open house
- ✓ Filled approximately 700 backpacks for children in the community
- ✓ Purchased 50 Christmas meals as part of the Holiday FEAST Program for families in need



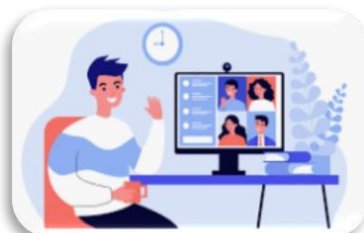
Professional Certification

- ✓ March 2020 proclaimed CGFM month by the Governor
- ✓ 9 members have received their CGFM professional certification



Education

- ✓ Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we successfully transitioned our webinars to virtual learning
- ✓ Hosted 5 AGA audio conferences both virtually and in-person



Certificate of Excellence

- ✓ Certificate of Excellence received for the Chapter Citizen-Centric Report
- ✓ Worked with the State of South Dakota to issue a CCR, which also received a certificate of excellence



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

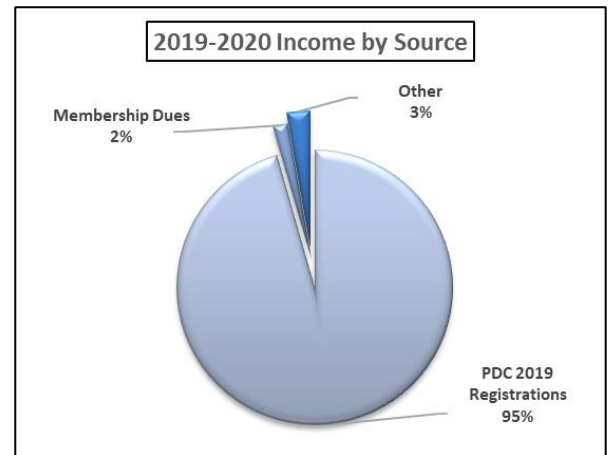
Revenues and Expenses

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

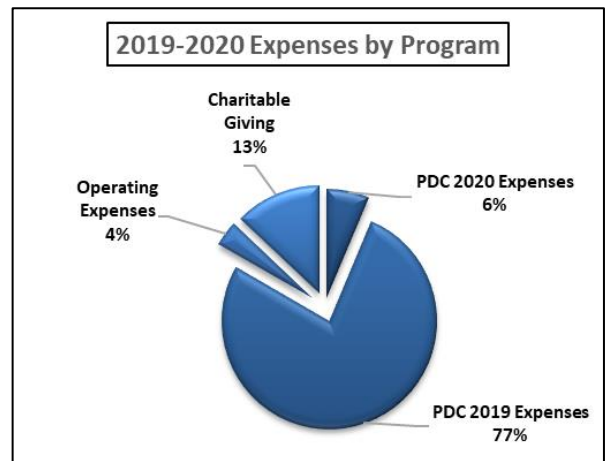
	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
PDC 2020 Registrations	-	-	-
PDC 2019 Registrations	27,835	4,195	-
PDC 2018 Registrations	-	7,395	14,970
PDC 2017 Registrations	-	-	5,340
Membership Dues	504	890	987
Other	784	-	100
Total Chapter Income	\$ 29,123	\$ 12,480	\$ 21,397



Chapter Expenses

Expenses by Program

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
PDC 2020 Expenses	1,626	-	-
PDC 2019 Expenses	19,695	1,524	-
PDC 2018 Expenses	-	15,508	3,113
PDC 2017 Expenses	-	-	19,042
CGFM Promotion & Scholarship	-	875	1,000
Membership Luncheon	-	577	201
Operating Expenses	977	1,213	526
Charitable Giving	3,293	875	1,099
Total Chapter Expenses	\$ 25,591	\$ 20,572	\$ 24,981



Professional Development Conference

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

	PDC 2020	PDC 2019	PDC 2018
Income:			
Registrations	-	27,835	22,365
Expenses:			
Speaker Expenses	-	9,251	10,339
Facility Rental & Catering	-	8,738	6,114
Operating Expenses	1,626	1,705	2,169
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (1,626)	\$ 8,140	\$ 3,744

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. Also, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 PDC was cancelled.

Looking Forward

Goals and Challenges of the Chapter

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 2020-2021 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 CCR in cooperation with the State of South Dakota.

Communications

- Publish a quarterly chapter newsletter.
- Maintain the AGA Facebook page and chapter website with news and events.

Community Service

- Partner with Pierre Area Referral Service (PARS) to fill backpacks.
- Raise money to fund Thanksgiving and Christmas meal boxes.
- Organize a charitable fundraising campaign during the PDC.
- Partner with PARS to offer a Budgeting Course for its clients.

Education

- Organize one membership meeting featuring speakers from the community.
- Host the annual PDC.
- Market the PDC to the government accountability community and advertise the PDC on the National AGA events calendar and chapter website.
- Host AGA audio conferences in partnership with the Bureau of Finance and Management.

Membership

- Continue relationships with local governmental associations.
- Run membership reports monthly.
- Conduct a membership satisfaction survey.
- Oversee and award Academic Scholarship program.

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.

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.