

## Chapter Intel

*(Member Value - Leadership - Collaboration - Empowerment)*

### President's Ponderings

Things are gearing up for the annual Professional Development Conference here in Pierre on April 11 & 12. Don't miss a chance to earn quality CPE and to improve your professional and technical skills in the areas of fraud and internal controls, governmental accounting, ethics and Excel pivot tables. It's also a chance to network with other state or local agencies. Most of all, come and have some fun!

Nominations for new board members to the Chapter's Executive Committee are now open. Serving on the Executive Committee affords an opportunity to hone your leadership skills and to help the Chapter achieve our strategic goals. It's a possibility to wear a "different hat" to gain exposure to budgeting, management, fundraising, marketing, and event planning. No matter what position you may hold on the Executive Committee, what you learn as a Board member, you will be able to apply it to your professional and personal life. Now that's pretty lofty. But I'm serious. We need you. This Chapter needs you.



6th Annual AGA PDC  
is just around the corner.  
Check out page 4 for Bio's.

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)

### Our Commitment to Excellence – Supporting those Advancing Government Accountability

The primary directive of the AGA is to advance government accountability. Your chapter officers work hard to support accountability in every way we can. Our newest program seeks to support our chapter members who are advancing their skills academically. We are pleased to announce that the chapter is offering two academic scholarships of \$500 to our chapter members enrolled in courses that advance their skills in government accountability.

This scholarship may be used for tuition, textbooks, or expenses directly related to your course of study. Applicants will be reimbursed for costs they incur for the course. We hope that this flexibility will allow the scholarship to support your study in ways that other scholarships and financial aid may not.

To apply, complete the attached application, along with the requirements of the application. The deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 is fast approaching so doesn't wait! The scholarships will be awarded at the 2017 PDC held in Pierre on April 11 – 12, 2017. Recipients will be notified prior to the event.

If you have any questions please contact one of your Membership Co-chairs at [Matthew.Fickbohm@state.sd.us](mailto:Matthew.Fickbohm@state.sd.us) or [Tonya.Johnson@state.sd.us](mailto:Tonya.Johnson@state.sd.us).

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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools>





## **BackPack Program**

### **Pierre Area Food Pantry**

The South Dakota Chapter of AGA filled BackPacks with PARS on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the ways that we continue to give back to our communities of Pierre and Ft Pierre. We like to do it at least twice every school year. We go to the Food Pantry and we fill up sacks that are passed out to kids that might not have a lot of other food over the weekend. Included in the sack is: fresh fruit, mac and cheese, cereal, oatmeal, fruit snacks, apple sauce, and juice. Here was the crew that we had for our last time filling backpacks.

## **Chapter Happenings**



We just recently completed the 9<sup>th</sup> session of our basic budgeting class with PARS. This was definitely one of the best classes to date. There was great participation from all of the people who came to the class. We also had some new help with teaching the class. It is always good to have a new perspective on the class and for other people to take a look at the curriculum and offer suggestions to make it better and more informative. If you would like to be a part of the next class, please let me know at [Seth.Hipple@ruralhc.net](mailto:Seth.Hipple@ruralhc.net) The class will be May 16, 23, and 30.





# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization and member of the AGA, which is a network of 13,945 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world dedicated to AGA; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Chapter of the AGA has approximately 92 active members that represent state, federal, and municipal accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and,

*Whereas*, The members of the South Dakota Chapter of the AGA have responded to the AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and through such efforts, significant advances are being made in professional ability and service to the citizens of South Dakota by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and,

*Whereas*, The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of the AGA provides a means to demonstrate professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by the AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Financial Management and Control, and Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM designee to maintain their professional competence by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years; and,

*Whereas*, The number of those achieving the CGFM designation has risen to 12 in the state of South Dakota, a recognition of the talent and dedication of those dedicated to the service of the citizens of the state:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 26-31, 2017, as

### *CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER WEEK*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

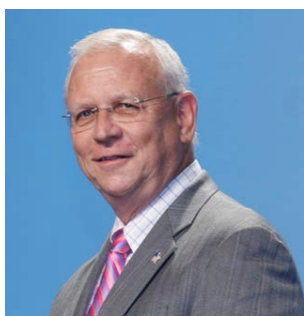
*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State



## DAVID R. HANCOX, CGFM, CIA



Dave provides advisory and management services to government and private sector organizations. His focus is on the right control systems that make for highly effective management performance. He has served as an expert witness for several of the largest law firms in the world.

## CHRISTOPHER BAUER, PHD, HSP, CSP, CFS



Christopher Bauer is a licensed psychologist by training with over twenty-five years of experience as a speaker, trainer, author, and consultant on professional ethics and values-driven business strategies. Between coaching, speaking and consulting, he has worked with front-line workers to senior executives and everyone in-between. Clients of Dr. Bauer have

run the gamut from small and medium sized businesses and organizations to every level of staff and management at Fortune 500 corporations.

## THOMAS G. STEPHENS, JR., CPA.CITP, CGMA

Thomas G. Stephens, Jr., received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree (Major in Accounting) from Auburn University in 1985. Upon graduation, Mr. Stephens began working for an Atlanta-based public accounting firm. After earning his designation as a Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Stephens worked for BellSouth Corporation in Atlanta as an Internal Auditor.



After two years as an auditor, he was promoted to Staff Manager and then Operations Manager of the Internal Audit Group. In 1991, he transferred to the Comptrollers' department of BellSouth and served as Manager of the Cost Accounting organization. While working full-time at BellSouth Corporation, Mr. Stephens also attended graduate school, earning a Masters of Science (Major in Finance) from Georgia State University in 1992.



## PAUL H. KOEHLER, CPA

Paul H. Koehler, CPA, of Lincoln, Nebraska is a Government/Nonprofit Services Specialist, providing auditing, training and consulting services to governmental and nonprofit organizations and professionals nationwide. Mr. Koehler is a member of the AICPA and the Nebraska Society of CPAs and is Past President of the Lincoln Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. He is the Nebraska Society's representative to the Mid-America Intergovernmental Audit Forum, and is a current member and past chairman of the State and Local Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee and the Not-For-Profit Organizations Committee. A recipient of numerous Nebraska Society's Discussion Leader Awards of Excellence, Mr. Koehler is a frequent speaker on governmental and nonprofit topics and instructs continuing professional education courses throughout the country. He is one of the nation's most highly rated speakers and trainers, having received the AICPA Outstanding Instructor Award, and numerous other awards.