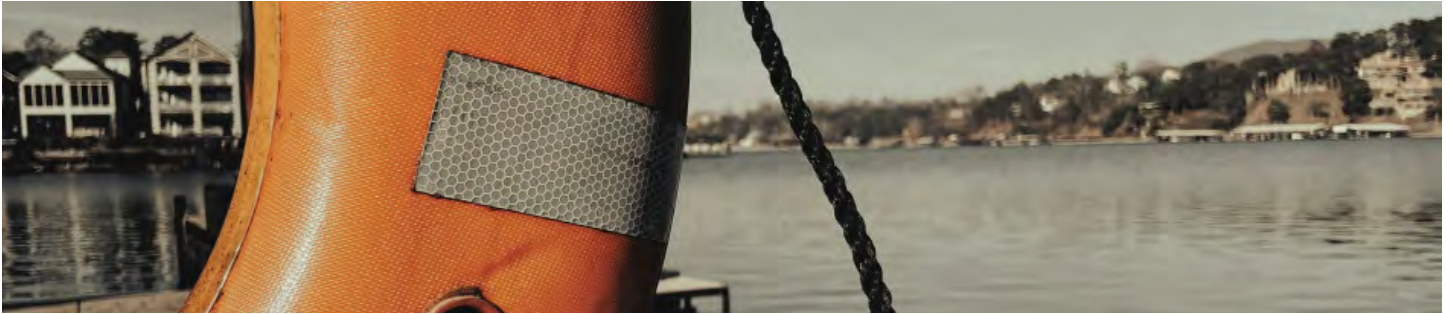




# **ALGA Committee Guide 2026-27**

**Get involved!**



## Actively recruiting a member from Canada to ensure representation in the committee's work

### Committee Chair

Thandee Maung, [thandee.maung@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:thandee.maung@baltimorecity.gov)

### Committee Description

The Advocacy Committee promotes independent performance auditing throughout the local government community by providing professional resources and support that demonstrate the value of independent performance auditing.

### Resources

Do you need assistance in demonstrating the value of audit or enhancing the effectiveness or structural independence of your office? ALGA provides advice, letters of support, and presentations for decision makers, as well as publications to help:

- Model legislation to assist local governments with a framework for an appointed or elected auditor to update or enhance existing audit statutes or ordinances or create a new audit function.

- Step-by-step guidance for ensuring compliance with GAGAS restrictions on nonaudit services.
- Examples of performance measures that can be used to help evaluate an audit office.
- A resource describing the characteristics and benefits of effective audit committees.
- An Auditor Independence brochure that discusses the importance of having an independent audit function.

### Past Presentations

- "Audit Committees and Auditor Independence – An ALGA Presentation to the San Diego City Council." San Diego voters subsequently adopted a ballot measure establishing a more independent performance audit structure based on ALGA's advice.
- Presentation to Oakland Unified School District Board. The school district subsequently established an audit function.



## Recruiting members interested in supporting awards programs that celebrate audit excellence

### Committee Chair

Michelle Cleveland, michelle.cleveland@jocogov.org

### Committee Description

The Awards Program Committee manages, evaluates, and promotes ALGA's annual awards program, presented at the annual conference. These include the Knighton, Rising Star, and Lifetime Achievement awards.

### Knighton

The Knighton Awards recognize the best performance audit reports of the year using the Exemplary and Distinguished categories. Audit shops compete against peer shops of similar size.



### Rising Star

The Rising Star Award recognizes the best and brightest among newer local government audit professionals and encourages others to strive for excellence early in their audit careers. The award aims to spotlight newer local government auditors' personal initiative and commitments that positively impact the local government auditing profession.

### Lifetime Achievement

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and honors auditors who have made lasting and worthwhile contributions to local government auditing through their extraordinary service to ALGA.



# Conference Committee



## Actively recruiting members to help plan ALGA conferences in Denver (2027) and St. Louis (2028), especially from those areas

### Committee Chair

Arushi Thakorlal, arushi.thakorlal@seattle.gov

### Committee Description

The Conference Committee coordinates and organizes the ALGA Annual Conference, including identifying conference locations, providing educational programming to promote competence and effectiveness of ALGA members, and providing opportunities for networking and fun!

### Subcommittees

Putting together ALGA's conference is a big job. We divide our work into four subcommittees.

#### Site Selection

Over the summer, the Site Selection Subcommittee works with Member Services to solicit bids, identify potential locations, and evaluate options. The subcommittee proposes a conference location to the ALGA Board of Directors at its fall meeting. The locations for the 2027 and 2028 conferences have been identified: Denver, Colorado, and St. Louis, Missouri!

#### Administration

In the fall, the Administration Subcommittee works with the chair and Member Services to develop a budget, including registration fees and discounts, for proposal to the ALGA Board at its winter meeting. Through winter and spring, the subcommittee works with Member Services to

recruit sponsors, maximize the online platform, prepare CPE delivery, and adhere to budget. In the spring and summer, the subcommittee plans evaluations, finalizes the books, and reports on committee performance measures. A liaison from the Digital Strategy Committee sits on this subcommittee.

#### Conference Experience

Throughout fall, winter, and spring, the Experience Subcommittee maximizes the experience of both in-person and virtual conference attendees. This includes working with Member Services to plan events, networking, local experiences, food and beverages, awards, run-of-show, and attendee inclusion. Liaisons from the Awards Program and DEI Committees, as well as the communications liaison, sit on this subcommittee. Over summer, the subcommittee reviews conference evaluations and recommends changes for the upcoming conference.

#### Programming

Throughout the fall and winter, the Programming Subcommittee solicits, develops, selects, and coordinates general sessions, concurrent sessions, and workshops, ensuring compelling and relevant educational opportunities, keeping equity at the fore. Over the summer, the subcommittee reviews conference evaluations and recommends changes for the upcoming conference.

# Constitution and Bylaws Procedures Committee



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## Committee Chair

Madison Rorschach,  
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## Committee Description

CBPC is responsible for:

1. Periodically, or upon request of the ALGA Board of Directors, reviewing ALGA's Constitution and Bylaws to ensure they reflect actual practice and to recommend changes to the Board as necessary.
2. Conducting a technical review and analysis of proposals received by the Board for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and making recommendations to the Board as appropriate.

## View ALGA's Organizing Documents

visit [algaonline.org/page/governance](http://algaonline.org/page/governance)



# Digital Strategy Committee



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HOME ABOUT RESOURCES TRAINING THE QUARTERLY AUDIT EXCELLENCE



### BUILD AN AUDIT FUNCTION

ALGA provides publications to assist organizations starting an audit function.

### QUICK LINKS

- 2026 Annual Conference
- Training Opportunities

### MY PROFILE

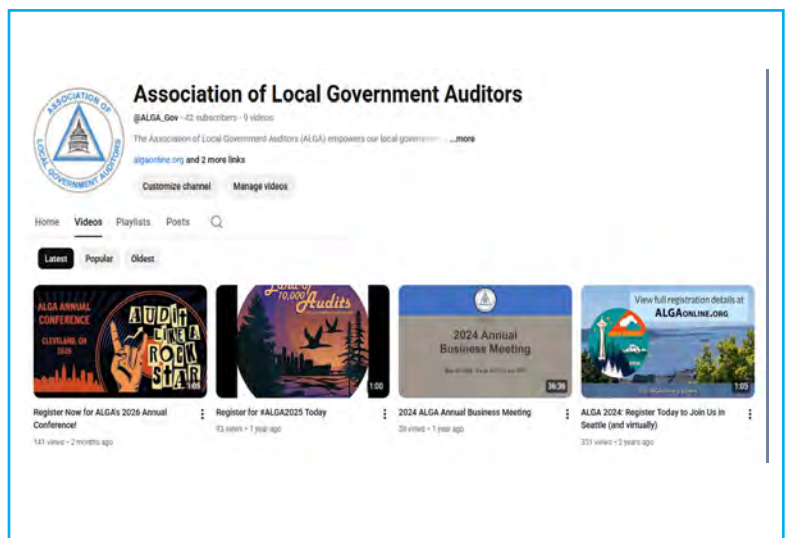
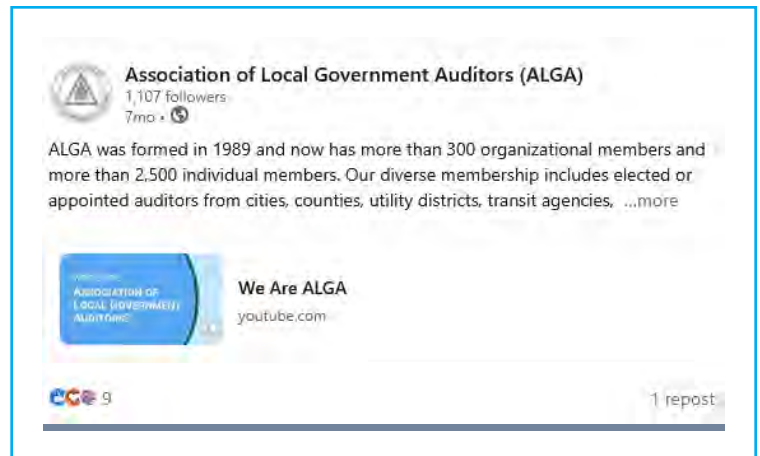
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## Committee Chair

Anne O'Brien, aobrien@igchicago.org

## Committee Description

The Digital Strategy Committee (DSC) maintains the ALGA website, handles ALGA's social media, and promotes other online resources such as forums and job postings. Committee members also act as liaisons to other ALGA committees and the ALGA Board of Directors, making DSC a hub for a variety of topics like strategic planning, award nominations, and elections.



# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee



## Recruiting members interested in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion across auditing and ALGA

### Committee Chair

Leonard Hyman, lhyman@portla.org

### Committee Description

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee promotes a diverse, equitable, and inclusive association by developing resources, providing education and consultation, collecting data, conducting analyses, and fostering diverse membership.

### Diversity

The condition that represents ALGA through different elements, which include, but are not limited to type of organization, region and shop size, age, experience, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability

### Equity

A proactive approach to improving outcomes for all, free from historical bias or favoritism, that recognizes structural differences and burdens

### Inclusion

Embracing diversity and welcoming all through extended access and opportunities

### Responsibilities and Accomplishments

- Creating resources and tools for auditors to include DEI issues in their audit work on topics such as analyzing data with an equity lens and DEI self-assessment
- Designing and implementing a methodology for creating baseline ALGA membership diversity data to measure progress while protecting members' privacy
- Working with ALGA committees to fill speaker opportunities that enhance or meet DEI goals
- Providing education on DEI issues to ALGA members

# Education Committee



## Recruiting members to support ALGA's education offerings

### Committee Chair

Matthew Jacobson,  
[education@algaonline.org](mailto:education@algaonline.org)

### Committee Description

The Education Committee identifies the educational needs of the membership and provides members with the most cost-effective and highest-quality education possible. The committee does so by providing webinars, regional trainings, articles, and web resources, and by coordinating ALGA's mentorship program.

### Webinars

Webinars are a good way to keep up-to-date on recent developments in the local government auditing community and to share auditing advancements or new techniques with peers. Accepting speakers with all levels of experience, from brand new auditors to seasoned CAEs. ALGA webinars are offered throughout the year for 1.0 CPE credit, usually the first or second Tuesday of the month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm ET.

### Regional Trainings

ALGA sponsors regional trainings in various cities each year. These 1- or 2-day training events feature seasoned ALGA instructors and usually offer 8–16 CPE credits. Training topics vary based on local interests and may include a 1-day workshop on ALGA's peer review process.

### Mentorship Program

The ALGA mentoring program was established to provide auditors an opportunity to have regular conversations with more experienced auditors from outside their organization. Mentors and mentees are paired based on what the mentee hopes to gain from the program and the mentor's experience and self-identified strengths. Benefits include career advancement through shared business knowledge and experience, exploration of career paths, audit industry demonstrated leadership, increased understanding of diverse business operations and opportunities, and much more! For more information, please visit [algaonline.org/page/mentorship-program](http://algaonline.org/page/mentorship-program).

# Membership Committee



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## Committee Chair

Jonathan Edwards,  
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## Committee Description

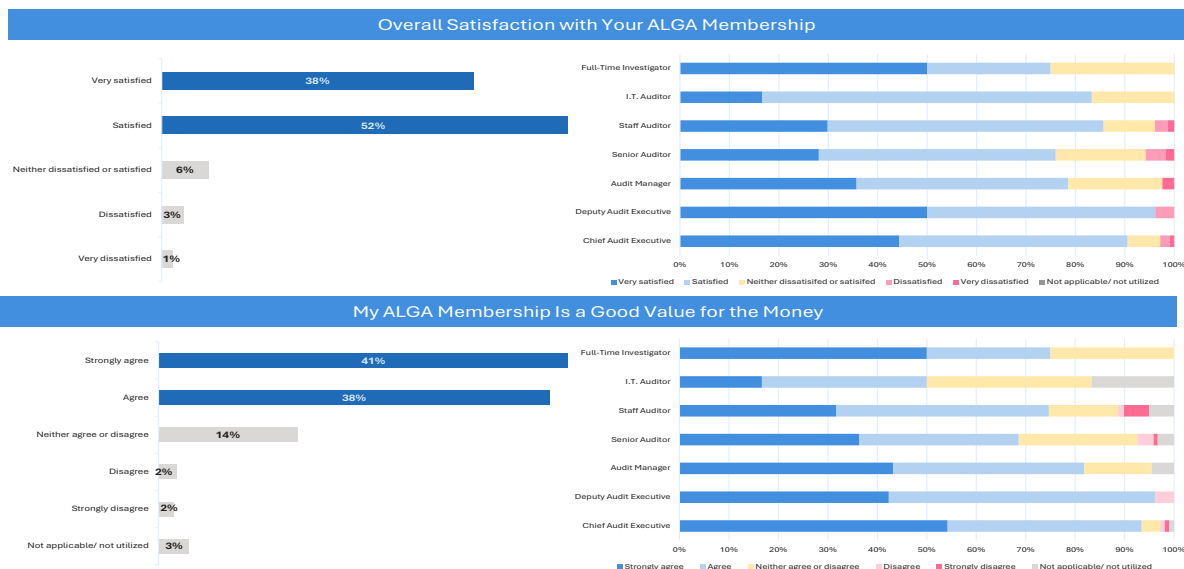
The Membership Committee ensures current ALGA members remain in the association; identifies and recruits prospective members; and surveys members on matters of interest to ALGA’s members, committees, and Board of Directors.

## Meet a Member

The Committee highlights ALGA’s diversity through the “Meet a Member” feature, published monthly in the ALGA newsletter and showcased on the ALGA website. Each profile spotlights a member’s background, specialty, and ALGA involvement, demonstrating the breadth of experience across our local government auditing community.

### Members report high satisfaction and value from ALGA membership

Members across all position levels, from staff to executives, report satisfaction with their ALGA membership and agree it provides good value. This consistency demonstrates that ALGA effectively serves professionals throughout their career progression.



Note: Question 20: Rate your overall satisfaction with your ALGA membership. n=393. Question 15: Choose your level of agreement with “My ALGA membership is a good value for the money.” n=398.

# Peer Review Committee



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## Committee Chair

Martin Petherbridge  
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## Learn More

For more about ALGA's peer reviews, visit [algaonline.org/page/peer-review](http://algaonline.org/page/peer-review)

## Committee Description

The Peer Review Committee provides ALGA members affordable and high-quality peer review services that meet requirements in the Government Auditing Standards and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

Before being eligible to join the committee, volunteers must serve on multiple peer reviews, including as a team leader.



# Professional Issues Committee



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## Committee Chair

Dawn Wiseman,  
dawn.wiseman@denvergov.org

## Committee Description

The Professional Issues Committee monitors, evaluates, comments on, and makes suggestions to ALGA's Board of Directors about proposed changes to accounting and auditing standards and issues facing the local government auditing profession. It's a great opportunity to impact the accounting and auditing profession and network with a wonderful group of people!

## Recent Comment Letters

### AICPA

AICPA Peer Review Standards Update No. 2, Reviewing A Firm's System of Quality Management and Omnibus Technical Enhancements (2024)

### COSO

Enterprise Risk Management: Applying Enterprise Risk Management to Environmental, Social and Governance-related risks (2018)

### GAO

GAO's Government Auditing Standards 2023 Exposure Draft  
GAO Framework for Managing Improper Payments (2023)

### GASB

GASB's Exposure Draft for Project No. 32-2, Subsequent Events (2025)

### The IIA

The IIA Global Internal Audit Standards Public Comments (2023)

### NIST

NIST Cybersecurity Framework Profile for Ransomware Risk Management (2021)

**And much more! Check out <https://algaonline.org/page/comment-letters>**

# Publications Committee



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## Join the committee or write an article!

### Committee Chair

Andrew Scoggin, [andrew.scoggin@seattle.gov](mailto:andrew.scoggin@seattle.gov)

### Committee Description

The Publications Committee keeps members updated on current events, emerging issues in the auditing community, leading audit practices, and ALGA achievements by publishing the *ALGA Quarterly* and coordinating content for the ALGA Annual Report.

### About the *ALGA Quarterly*

The *Quarterly* is a publication of ALGA, released in March, June, September, and December each year. The *Quarterly* covers topics of interest to professionals who provide audit services to local governments, as well as the broader audit community. Articles cover a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from internal controls and risk assessment to standards and professional development.

### Interested in writing an article?

Current and retired members of ALGA (including associate members) are welcome to submit articles for consideration to be published in the *ALGA Quarterly*. Articles are typically written in accordance with the theme of an upcoming issue, but the committee will consider articles on any topic relevant to auditing. Authors can also submit articles for the *Quarterly's* "Eye on DEI," "TechKnow," and "New Auditor" recurring columns.

### Committee Member Duties

Committee members have two primary responsibilities:

- Editing articles for each issue, typically for grammar and style
- Coplanning an issue once a year, which entails generating article ideas based on the issue theme and reaching out to prospective authors

### Monthly Meeting

Fourth Monday each month at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT)

# Strategy Committee



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## VISION

An **inclusive and thriving community** for all government auditors working together, making a difference for the **public good**.

## MISSION

ALGA empowers our local government auditing community through excellence in **advocacy, education, communication, and collaboration** to protect and enhance the **public good**, while embracing **diversity, equity, and inclusion**.

### Committee Chair

Lori Rice, [lori.rice@okc.gov](mailto:lori.rice@okc.gov)

### Committee Description

The Strategy Committee supports and facilitates the work of the strategic plan officer, who is responsible for maintaining ALGA's strategic plan and working with committee chairs to develop and recommend updates to the plan when needed and to track performance data to measure ALGA's overall organizational effectiveness.

### Learn More

View ALGA's strategic plan at [algaonline.org/page/StrategicPlan-2024](http://algaonline.org/page/StrategicPlan-2024)

