

APOC Budget Overview

FY25 Budget	Personnel	Travel	Contractual	Supplies	Total
	\$1,030,900	\$9,000	\$102,000	\$8,000	\$1,149,900¹

FY24 Budget Close Out	Personnel	Travel	Contractual	Supplies	Total
Starting Balance	\$1,005,300	\$9,000	\$105,700	\$8,000	\$1,128,000²
Spent	\$838,616	\$5,835	\$149,968	\$5,408	\$999,827
Close Out Balance	\$166,684	\$3,165	(\$44,268)	\$2,592	\$128,173
FY23 Actuals	\$777,430	\$6,978	\$180,500	\$8,791	\$963,089

This shows the FY25 starting budget, the status of FY24 budget closeout, and actuals for FY23. In FY24, the agency lapsed funds (~\$108,000) with another ~\$20,000 in uncollected program receipts. The lapsed funds are primarily due to extended personnel vacancies. The FY25 budget (attached) shows a slight increase (~\$20,000) to account for annual personnel cost increases.

Personnel: FY25 has nine budgeted full-time staff positions. Currently only seven are filled. Both of our admin positions are vacant - the LOA2 position since December. Recruitment efforts to fill both positions are ongoing. Postings have only seen on average 1-2 viable applicants that meet the minimum qualifications. It is an applicant’s market so-to-speak, and there have been several times that an applicant has withdrawn interest after accepting another position within state service before we have been able to offer the position.

Travel: Travel should cover all costs for Commissioner travel for FY25 in-person meetings and travel for one person, either a Commissioner or staff, to the annual COGEL conference.

The conference will be held in Los Angeles, December 8 – 11, 2024. Early registration pricing is available until October 31. I cannot recommend this conference enough. The conference is wholly focused on topics that are distinctly relevant to APOC’s work and provides in-depth coverage of trending issues, changes in legal landscapes, and networking opportunities. Please let me know if any Commissioner wishes to attend this year.

Contractual: Includes general contractual fees, overhead costs and chargebacks for centralized services provided by the Department of Administration. This is an area we have little control over. DOA is aware that our current appropriation likely will not cover FY25 costs. With ongoing vacancies, we have been able to move funds from the personnel line to cover deficits, but should the agency be fully staffed, it may be necessary to seek a supplemental appropriation. Looking forward to FY26, we have already begun work with administrative services to address the anticipated shortfall.

¹ \$989,300 UGF (general funds) + \$160,600 DGF (program receipts) = \$1,149,900

² \$970,600 UGF (general funds) + \$157,400 DGF (program receipts) = \$1,128,000

WELCOME TO THE 46TH ANNUAL COGEL CONFERENCE

December 8-11, 2024

Join us in Los Angeles—the hub of innovation and culture—for the 46th Annual COGEL Conference, the premier event for professionals in campaign finance, governmental ethics, elections, lobbying, and freedom of information. This year's conference promises an unmatched opportunity to learn from and network with leading experts from across the U.S. and Canada. Dive into a world of knowledge and innovation designed to enhance the work you do in safeguarding democratic principles and promoting transparency.



CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COGEL AT THE 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference promises to be one for the books as we celebrate 50 years of COGEL. The association can trace its origins to a December 1974 conference at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, DC., organized by an ad hoc group of executives of newly-formed federal and state "ethics" agencies. The conference brought together 43 representatives of agencies responsible for the administration and enforcement of conflict of interest, campaign finance and lobbying laws. The meeting was made possible by a grant from The George Gund Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, and the assistance of the Council of State Governments in Lexington, Kentucky. A major purpose of the meeting was to facilitate the exchange of information among the various newly-created governmental ethics agencies.

Anticipating the end of the National Municipal League's role, representatives of various governmental ethics agencies decided to create a formal organization. COGEL was officially established at the 1978 conference in Minneapolis. In recent years, COGEL annual conferences have attracted over 500 participants, demonstrating the growing interest and importance of governmental ethics laws.

This year, we're pulling out all the stops to celebrate COGEL's 50th anniversary with a spectacular night at the Grammy Museum. It's going to be an event to remember—this is a can't-miss celebration!

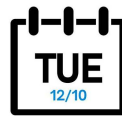
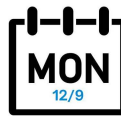




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To view the 2024 Conference Schedule by day, click on the corresponding day of the week icons below.



The Program Committee is finalizing the content for the 2024 Conference. Information will be updated as it becomes available. Sessions and schedule are subject to change.

SUNDAY December 8th

10:00 AM -
5:00 PM

Conference Registration

12:30 PM -
1:00 PM

Kay Williams First Timers & Conference Preview

1:15 PM -
2:30 PM

Concurrent sessions

This session was paid for by...Exploring the practical and constitutional limits on political ad disclaimers **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Investigative Toolbox **ENFORCEMENT**

How did we get here? The Good, Bad and Ugly **ETHICS**

Build It or Buy It: An Elections Funding & Resources Workshop
ELECTIONS

Training Roundtable MULTI-DISCIPLINE

2:45 PM -
4:00 PM

Concurrent sessions

Seeds of Success and Growing Pains: Getting a Public Financing Program
Off the Ground CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Enforcement Update ENFORCEMENT

Turning Crises into Opportunities: Strategies for Building and Restoring
Public Trust in Government MULTI-DISCIPLINE

Educating and Training Stakeholders on a Budget: Stretching Resources
for Optimal Effectiveness MULTI-DISCIPLINE

Present with Presence: Improv Skills to Boost Collaboration and
Connection in your Presentations PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4:15 PM -
5:15 PM

Team Huddle

5:30 PM -
7:00 PM

COGEL 50th Celebration at the Grammy Museum

7:00 PM

Dinner - On Your Own or Join a COGEL Dine-Around

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MONDAY

December 9th

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast - Table Topics
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Plenary session
10:20 AM - 11:40 AM	<u>Concurrent sessions</u>
	<p>Campaign Finance Update I: Litigation Update CAMPAIGN FINANCE</p>
	<p>I Will Survive: How Ethics Commissions Combat Existential Threats from Lawmakers, Lawyers, and More ETHICS</p>
	<p>Who's the Boss? Disclosure of lobbyist employers and sources of payment LOBBYING</p>
	<p>Can A.I. do that? How artificial intelligence and technology tools can be utilized to process open records requests FOIA</p>
	<p>Foreign Interference in Elections ELECTIONS</p>
12:00 PM - 1:40 PM	Plenary session
2:00 PM - 3:20 PM	<u>Concurrent Sessions</u>

Artificial Intelligence & the New Political Frontier
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Ethics Update ETHICS

Settlement: Views from Both Sides ENFORCEMENT

The Voties: A Red Carpet Showcase of 2024 Highlights in Voter
Outreach and Countering Misinformation ELECTIONS

Harnessing technology, data and AI for safeguarding integrity
MULTI-DISCIPLINE

3:40 PM -
5:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions

Timely and Thorough? Best practices for efficient and effective
Campaign Finance Audits CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Ethics Roundtable ETHICS

Lobbying Update: U.S. and Canadian Federal, State, Provincial, and
Local Lobbying Laws LOBBYING

From Victim to Suspect FOIA

Looking Back to Look Forward: The Big Campaign Finance and
Election Administration Developments from the 2024 US Elections
MULTI-DISCIPLINE

6:30 PM Dinner - On Your Own or Join a COGEL Dine-Around

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TUESDAY

December 10th

7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast - Table Topics
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Plenary session
10:20 AM - 11:50 AM	<p><u>Concurrent sessions</u></p>
	<p>Campaign Finance Update II: Legislative and Regulatory Update CAMPAIGN FINANCE</p>
	<p>Work It! Applying Pre, Post and Concurrent Employment Requirements to Today's Workplaces ETHICS</p>
	<p>OECD Updated Lobbying Standards LOBBYING</p>
	<p>Small problems, major implications: Managing everyday issues in FOI with an eye toward transparency FOIA</p>
	<p>Elections Update ELECTIONS</p>
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Concurrent sessions

Foreign or Not: Foreign-Influenced Corporations and Other Trends in Foreign Spending Bans **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

DEI and Ethics Operations **ENFORCEMENT**

FOI Legislation and Litigation Update **FOIA**

Small But Mighty: Strategies for Success for the Small Government Agency **MULTI-DISCIPLINE**

The Day After: Navigating the Post-Election Rules **MULTI-DISCIPLINE**

3:50 PM - 5:00 PM

Plenary session

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Happy Hour

6:30 PM

Dinner - On Your Own or Join a COGEL Dine-Around

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WEDNESDAY
December 11th

8:00 AM -
9:00 AM

Breakfast & the Annual COGEL Business Meeting

9:15 AM -
10:30 AM

Concurrent sessions

Progressing with Purpose: Using Data, Evaluation, and Innovation to Strengthen Public Financing Programs (Public Financing II)
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Threats to Elections ELECTIONS

Out of the "Lobby" and Into the Grass: Grassroots, Grasstops, Astroturfing
LOBBYING

Data to Decisions: Enhancing Transparency and Insight through Government Dashboards MULTI-DISCIPLINE

Best Practices in Succession Planning: Protecting Your Agency from Chaos and Crisis PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

10:45 AM -
12:00 PM

Concurrent sessions

Checking up on Pay-to-Play: What's New? How Ya Doin'?
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

The Meaning of Life is to Find your "Gift" ETHICS

Appropriate penalties and remedies ENFORCEMENT

Freedom of Information Roundtable **FOIA**

Speak Up and be Heard! Skills and Techniques to Unleash the Effective
Communicator in You PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

12:00 PM Lunch - On Your Own or Join a COGEL Dine-Around

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APOC PENDING CASES – COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT	
August 2024 Commission Meeting	
24-01-CD	McDonald v. Josephson
Current Status:	PENDING HEARING
Procedural History	
August 29, 2024	Commission Hearing
August 12, 2024	Proposed Consent Agreement
January 31, 2024	Answer to Complaint filed
January 9, 2024	Complaint filed
24-02-CD	Goforth v. Friends of the Palmer Public Library
Current Status:	PENDING HEARING
Procedural History	
August 29, 2024	Commission Hearing
August 12, 2024	Staff Report Issued
July 16, 2024	Answer to Complaint filed
July 12, 2024	Addendum to Complaint filed
June 24, 2024	Complaint filed
23-05-CD	McDonald v. Snyder
Current Status:	PENDING FINAL PAYMENT
Procedural History	
April 10, 2024	Order Granting Reconsideration/Approving Settlement/Pmt. Plan (\$2,000)
March 11, 2024	Final Order issued (\$3,673.16 civil penalty assessed)
February 28, 2024	Commission Hearing
February 12, 2024	Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued
December 27, 2023	Amended Staff Report issued
December 22, 2023	Staff Report issued
December 8, 2023	Answer to Complaint filed
October 19, 2023	Complaint accepted
23-04-CD	Izon v. Alaskans for Better Elections
Current Status:	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION
Procedural History	
March 15, 2024	Order Dismissing in Part/Remanding in Part issued
February 28, 2024	Commission Hearing
February 12, 2024	Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued
January 23, 2024	Amended Staff Report filed
January 22, 2024	Response to Staff Report filed
January 12, 2024	Staff Report issued
November 14, 2023	Reply to Answer filed
November 3, 2023	Answer to Complaint filed
October 16, 2023	Complaint Addendum filed
October 9, 2023	Complaint accepted

23-07-CD	Alaskans for Better Elections v. Alaskans for Honest Elections, et al.
Current Status:	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION
Procedural History	
March 19, 2024	Order Dismissing in Part/Remanding in Part issued
February 28, 2024	Commission Hearing
February 12, 2024	Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued
February 5, 2024	Staff Report issued
January 18, 2024	Response to Respondents' Answer filed
January 10, 2024	Answer to Complaint filed
December 6, 2023	Order Denying Expedited Consideration issued
December 6, 2023	Expedited Hearing held
December 4, 2023	Expedited Complaint filed

22-01-CD	AKPIRG, et al. v. RGA/ASA, et al.
Current Status: PENDING INVESTIGATION SUPERIOR CT ENFORCEMENT ACTION and APPEAL TO SUPREME CT	
Procedural History	
February 7, 2024	Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court filed
February 5, 2024	Motion for Reconsideration filed
January 25, 2024	Order Granting Mtn for Summary Judgement (in favor of APOC)
January 17, 2023	Enforcement Complaint in Superior Court filed
December 8, 2022	Final Order Denying Objections to Subpoenas issued
December 7, 2022	Hearing on Objections to Subpoenas held
November 28, 2022	Objections to Subpoenas filed
November 17, 2022	Order Issuing Subpoenas
November 4, 2022	Staff's Motion for Subpoenas filed
October 17, 2022	Order Denying Expedited Consideration, issued
October 14, 2022	Expedited Hearing on Complaint held
October 12, 2022	Hearing on Request for Expedited Consideration held
October 11, 2022	ASA's Partial Non-Opposition to Req. for Extension filed
October 10, 2022	Plaintiffs' Request for Expedited Consideration filed
October 7, 2022	Staff's Request for Extension of Time filed
October 5, 2022	Second Supplement to Complaint filed
October 3, 2022	Staff's Motion for Subpoenas filed
September 23, 2022	RGA's Motion to Dismiss Complaint filed
September 23, 2022	Huber's Response to Complaint filed
September 23, 2022	Dunleavy's Response to Complaint filed
September 23, 2022	ASA's Response to Complaint filed
September 23, 2022	First Supplement to Complaint filed
September 6, 2022	Complaint filed
23-01-CD	Alaskans for Better Elections v. Alaskans for Honest Elections
Current Status: PENDING APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT	
Procedural History	
July 18, 2024	Order Affirming in Part/Reversing in Part issued
February 2, 2024	Notice of Appeal to Superior Court filed
January 3, 2024	Commission Final Order issued
November 16, 2023	Commission Hearing
October 19, 2023	Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued
October 2, 2023	Response to Staff Report filed
September 8, 2023	Staff Report issued
August 14, 2023	Reply to Response to Answer/Third Supplement to Complaint filed
August 8, 2023	Third Supplement to Complaint filed
August 3, 2023	First Amended Answer to Complaint filed
August 1, 2023	Response to Answer to Complaint filed
July 26, 2023	Answer to Complaint filed
July 25, 2023	Second Supplement to Complaint filed
July 12, 2023	First Supplement to Complaint filed
July 11, 2023	Complaint accepted