

# GCCM Business Meeting

Brittany Branch & Danae Polsin

March 2026





# Agenda

- Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!
- Committee & Group Membership
- Treasurer's Report
- 2026 Fellowships and Honors
- Virtual Seminar Series
- Looking Ahead!



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# 2026 GCCM Executive Committee

**Chair:** [Chris Seagle](#) (01/26 - 12/26)  
*Sandia National Laboratories*

**Chair Elect:** [Brittany Branch](#) (01/26 - 12/26)  
*Sandia National Laboratories*

**Vice Chair:** [Raymond Smith](#) (01/26 – 12/26)  
*Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory*

**Sec./Treasurer:** [Danae Polsin](#) ( 01/25 - 12/27)  
*Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE)*

**Past Chair:** [Marcia Cooper](#) (01/26 - 12/26)  
*Texas A&M University*

**Assigned Council Rep:** [Dragana Popović](#)  
*Div. Condensed Matter Physics*

**Thank you to our outgoing officers:**

**Minta Akin**  
Chair sequence  
01/2022 - 12/2025

**Matt Beason**  
Member-at-Large  
01/2024 - 12/2025

**Patricia Kalita**  
Member-at-Large  
01/2024 - 12/2025

## Members-at-Large:

[Ryan Hurley](#) ( 01/26 - 12/27)  
*Johns Hopkins University*

[Kyle Cochran](#) ( 01/26 - 12/27)  
*Sandia National Laboratories*

[Sakun Duwal](#) ( 01/25 - 12/26)  
*Sandia National Laboratories*

[Rachel Huber](#) ( 01/25 - 12/26)  
*Los Alamos National laboratory*

## Early Career/Student Member-at-Large:

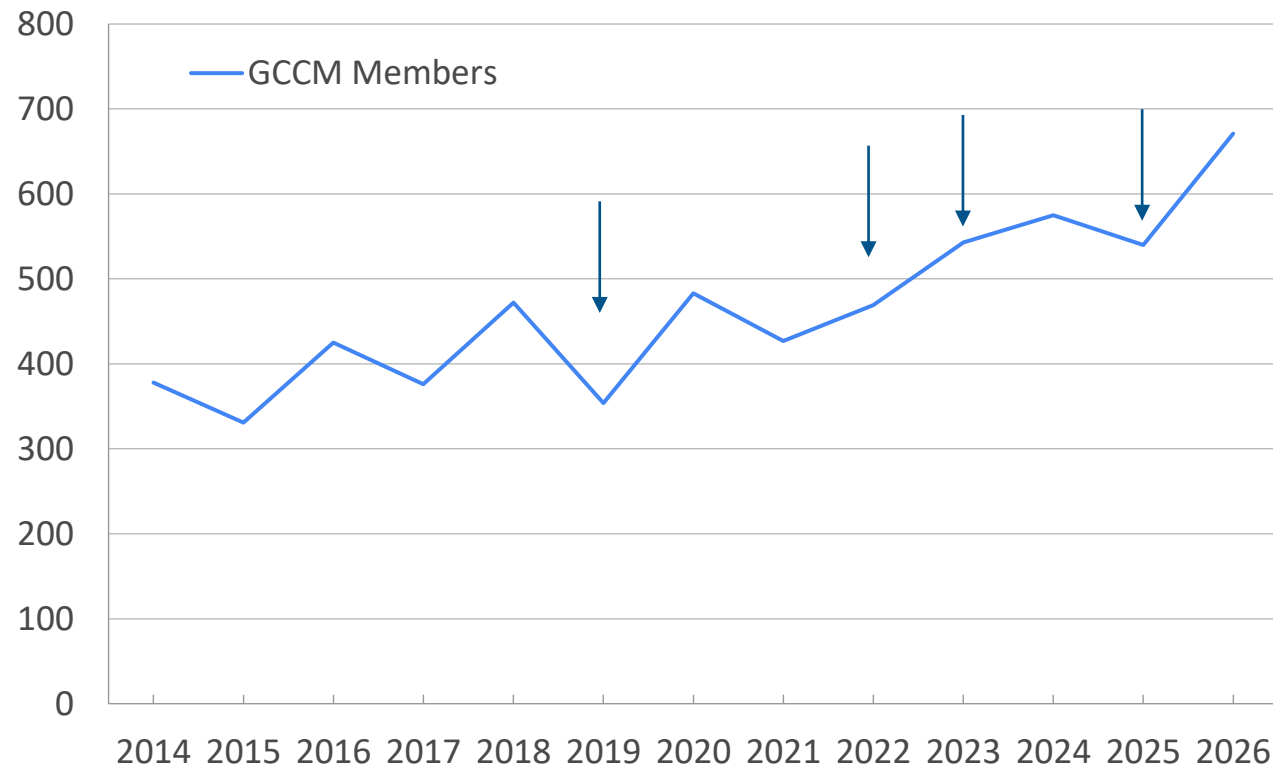
[Matthew Brennan](#) ( 01/25 - 12/26)  
*Los Alamos National laboratory*  
*Early Career Student Symposium Chair for SCCM 2027*



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# Membership

- Our resources depend on our member headcount.
- GCCM has experienced steady growth over the years, with a slight dip between 2024 and 2025.
- Membership is 75% male and gender makeup has remained fairly stagnant from year to year.
- It has been said anecdotally that “membership drops in non-meeting years” but it doesn’t appear to be the case



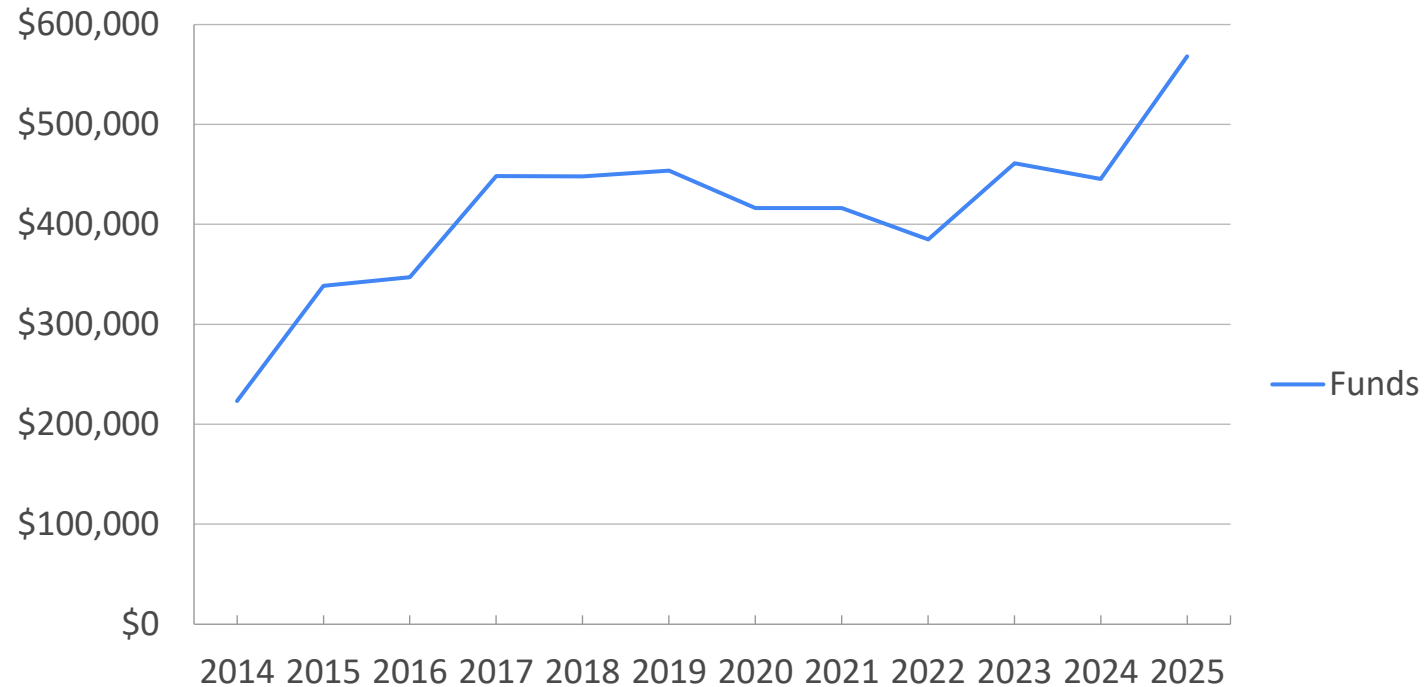
Arrows point to meeting years



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# Cash on hand

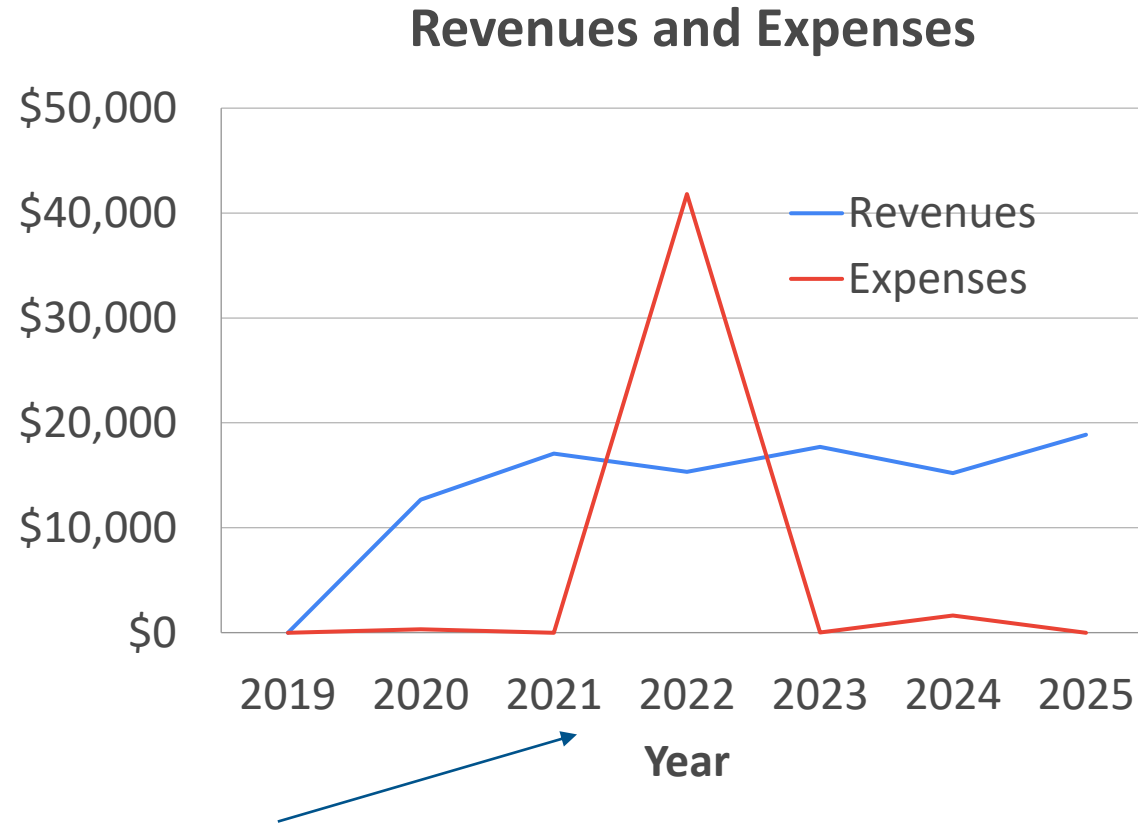
- APS recommends that we always have at least \$100K in cash on hand → we are well over this
- Assuming 2.5% rate of return on funds, ~500 member dues and \$1500 from the annual meeting → we match inflation



\*Data taken from December financial reports

# Revenues and expenses

- Revenues are slightly growing over time.
- Our expenses remain low (<\$2k per year)



I am not sure what happened in 2022, but I think it may be due to a conference postponement during covid



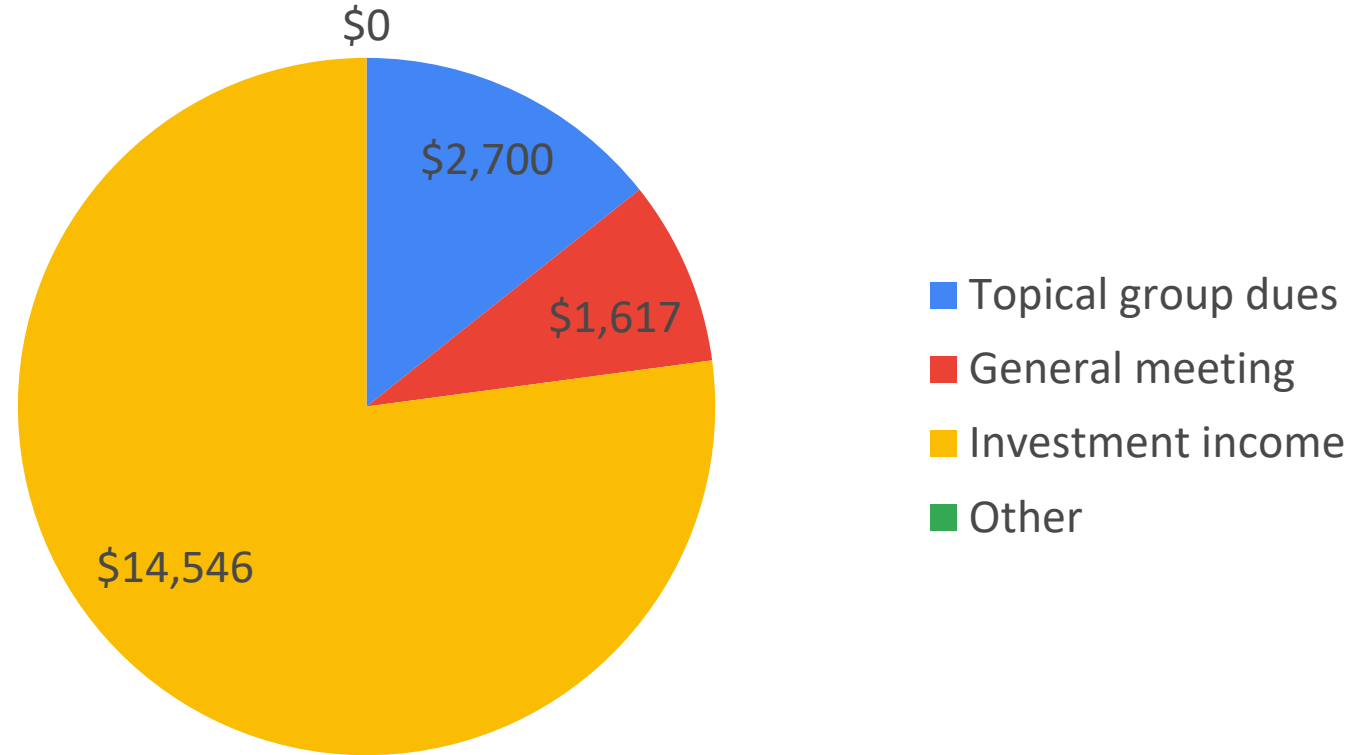
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# Revenue breakout

- We receive \$5 in dues per GCCM member
  - More members would help revenues but it's only \$5 at a time....
- Units receive some fraction of \$250K based on participation at March/April "General" meeting, based on number attendees, speakers, etc.
- Investment income is 2.5% of our annual cash balance

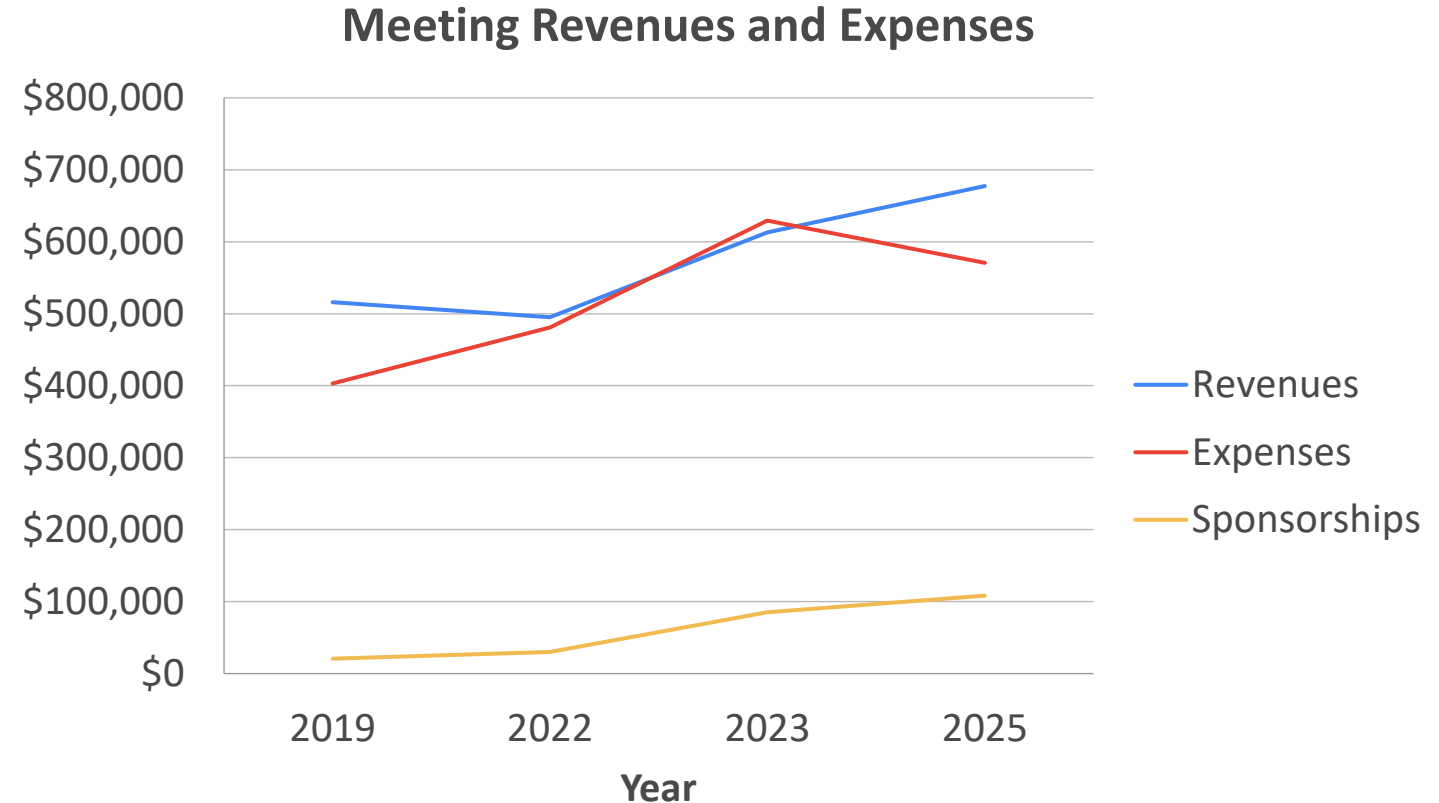
2025 revenue breakout



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# Meetings Revenues and Expenses

- Most of our meetings break even or end up profiting
- Recent years have had increases in sponsorships



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# General thoughts

- Revenues are generally exceeding expenses – good
  - Exec. Committee considering new activities to enhance membership
- GCCM membership has been steadily increasing– yay

# 2026 Honors

- **GCCM Student and Dissertation Award**

David Chin recognized for his dissertation focused on EXAFS flat crystal spectrometer capability for measuring high-resolution x-ray spectra. University of Rochester Laser Energetics Lab

- **Neil Ashcroft Early Career Award for Studies of Matter at Extreme High Pressure Conditions**

Danae Polsin for pioneering experiments mapping the evolution of electronic and ionic structural complexity of alkali metals to terapascal conditions. University of Rochester Laser Energetics Lab

- **APS Fellow**

Thomas Duffy for contributions in high pressure geoscience, Princeton University.

- **APS Fellow**

Larry Hill for contributions to shock physics experiments involving energetic materials.



# Upcoming Honors

- APS Fellowship Nomination
- Neil Ashcroft Early Career Award for Studies of Matter at Extreme High Pressure Conditions
- George E. Duvall Shock Compression Science Award

**June 1, 2026 Deadline for all honors!**



# Virtual Seminar Series

Initiative of Members-at-Large: [Ryan Hurley](#) ( 01/26 - 12/27)

*Johns Hopkins University*

[Kyle Cochran](#) ( 01/26 - 12/27)

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**Send suggestions for  
speakers!!**



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