

# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

ASSOCIATED SCHOOL BOARDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA



# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

ASBSD and SilverStone Group have partnered together in order to provide a number of benefit-related consulting services to our association and members.

One of the services we can now provide to our members are GASB valuations.

This service is complimentary and further details follow in this short presentation.



# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **SilverStone Group Profile**

SilverStone Group is an employee-owned consulting and risk management firm with offices in Omaha, NE; Council Bluffs, IA; Sioux Falls, SD; Portland, OR and Scottsdale, AZ. Guided by Midwestern values for more than 70 years, they are an industry leader for employee benefits, retirement plans, risk management and human resource consulting.

More than 200 consultants, actuaries and administrators bring together diverse backgrounds in actuarial science, law, underwriting, loss control, accounting, financial services and human resource consulting. The actuarial staff of SilverStone Group includes two Fellows of the Society of Actuaries, three Associates of the Society of Actuaries and a support staff of 10 actuarial analysts and administrators.

# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **Credentials and Experience**

1. SilverStone Group's actuaries have the qualifications and experience to address the financial reporting requirements of GASB 45.
2. They are qualified to issue a Public Statement of Actuarial Opinion and to undertake GASB projects by observing Precept 2 of the Code of Professional Conduct of the American Academy of Actuaries.
3. They frequently complete valuations for counties, cities, school districts, community colleges and other agencies in several states.

# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **The GASB 45 Process**

Communication is the key to the effective delivery of actuarial consulting services. SilverStone Group will initiate each GASB 45 engagement with a pre-valuation discussion.

This discussion will provide the opportunity to clarify and confirm the features of the OPEB plans. Our reports will present the detailed results of the GASB 45 valuation.

The reports will include adequate descriptions of the GASB process and the terminology used to present the results. Written reports will be supplemented by discussion during a post-valuation conference call.



# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **Specific Services**

1. Derive the actuarial value of benefits, separately identifying amounts for active and retired employees.
2. Evaluate experience and select assumptions related to turnover, retirement age, mortality, projected postretirement benefit increases, inflation rate, amortization period and investment return.
3. Display GASB 45 financial information and footnote disclosures for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) including:
  - a. Annual required contribution, as a dollar amount and a percentage of payroll;
  - b. Annual OPEB cost as a dollar amount and a percentage of payroll;
  - c. Reconciliation of net OPEB obligation during the current year and projected net OPEB obligation at the end of the year.

# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **Specific Services (continued)**

4. Include descriptions of:
  - a. Benefit plan provisions;
  - b. Actuarial methods and amortization policy;
  - c. Actuarial assumptions;
  - d. Claims and member data used in the valuation.
5. Provide an Actuarial Certification in compliance with Actuarial Standards of Practice of the American Academy of Actuaries.
6. Provide electronic and paper copies of written reports that document the services performed and determinations reported.

# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## **With Less Than 100 Employees**

An Alternative Measurement Method may be used when there are less than 100 participants (eligible employees and covered retirees).

If the alternative method is selected to comply with GASB 45, simplified assumptions are reflected to derive the desired financial disclosures. If eligible, additional information can be provided.





# GASB Services for ASBSD Members

---

## Contact for Additional Information

To discuss a course of action and to make plans to complete a GASB 45 valuation, please contact Michael Vech, as indicated below:

### **Michael Vech ASA, MAAA**

SilverStone Group

11516 Miracle Hills Drive, Suite 100

Omaha, NE 68154

*mvech@ssgi.com*

**Phone:** 402.964.5722

**Toll Free:** 800.288.5501 ext. 5722

**Fax:** 402.963.4089

