



A Report To Our Members

Citizen Centric Report 2011-2012

About the Association of Government Accountants

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded on September 14, 1950 as the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA). In 1975, the Association expanded to include state and local government finance professionals. At that time, the organization's name was changed to the Association of Government Accountants. Today, the AGA has over 100 chapters across the United States and other countries, and has over 15,000 members worldwide.

About the AGA – Chicago Chapter

The AGA – Chicago Chapter was chartered in May 1953, making it one of AGA's oldest chapters, and has a long and proud history. In May 2003, the chapter celebrated its 50th year of existence. With the start of the 2011-2012 chapter year, the chapter enters its 58th year. The chapter has a strong future thanks to its diverse and energetic members.

Selected Chapter Demographics

AGA – Chicago Chapter	2011-2012
Members (Total)	109
Membership Type:	
• Full Member	69 (63.3%)
• Private	16 (14.7%)
• Retired	10 (9.2%)
• Early Career	6 (5.5%)
• Lifetime	6 (5.5%)
• Student	2 (1.8%)
Obtained CGFM Certification	53 (48.6%)
Employer:	
• Federal	57 (52.3%)
• Private	18 (16.5%)
• State	7 (6.4%)
• Other or Not Provided	27 (24.8%)
Education Level Obtained:	
• Bachelor's Degree	61 (56.0%)
• Master's Degree Or Higher	37 (33.9%)
• Other or Not Provided	11 (10.1%)
Oldest Active Member Join Date	4/11/1959

Chapter Strategic Objectives:

- Provide low-cost, quality professional education to our members
- Give back to the community
- Advance government accountability

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Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Core Values (SAIL)

AGA's core values are Service, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership.



How We Have Progressed

Chapter Year 2011-2012



Accomplishments

- Achieved silver level for chapter recognition program.
- Collected over 30 toys for the US Marines Toys for Tots drive.
- Chapter members participated in the VITA tax assistance program, providing more than 75 hours of free tax service to qualified individuals.
- Obtained a clean audit opinion on our chapter's financial statements.
- Held educational events providing 18.0 hours of continuing professional education throughout the year.
- Provided a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment event.
- Added new members who are employed with employers whose staff have historically not participated in our chapter.
- Recognized high-performing chapter executive committee members, chapter members, and other professionals via public recognition and plaques.
- Checked out the chapter's copy of the CGFM study guides for all three exam sections to chapter members.
- Sent two members to the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
- Sponsored a chapter member who attended the National PDC in San Diego, CA.
- Had the highest turnout of students and early career members at a chapter event in years.

During chapter year 2011-2012, the Chicago chapter provided 18.0 hours of continuing professional education to hundreds of participants throughout the Chicagoland area. Our chapter held educational events throughout the year at various locations in downtown Chicago, the events consisted of different formats such as live speakers and audio conferences, and covered a wide variety of topics. These educational events were highly rated by our program participants via the evaluation forms our participants completed after each educational event. In addition to providing educational events, we held a free member appreciation, networking, and new member recruitment event and gave back to the community via community service events such as Toys for Tots and the VITA tax program. We added new members, some of whom are employed with employers whose employees have historically not participated in our chapter, and we attracted new employers to send their staff to our events. We also reached out to students and early career members, and had one of the highest turnouts of students and early career members at a chapter event in years. We earned the silver level chapter recognition award for our work throughout the year. In conclusion, we had a successful year, and leave a solid foundation to build upon next year.

Selected Accomplishments

Events In Which 2 Or More CPEs Were Issued	
2010 – 2011	2011 – 2012
1	3

Attendees At Chapter's Annual PDC	
2011 Chapter PDC	2012 Chapter PDC
65	70

Number Of Members Who Checked Out A CGFM Study Guide	
2010 – 2011	2011 – 2012
0	3

Our Finances

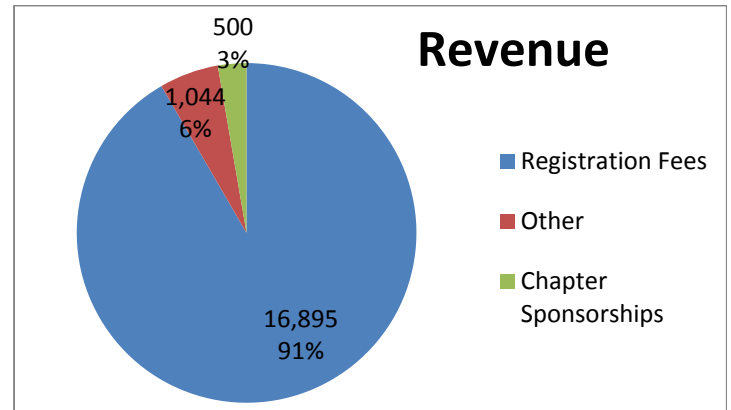
Revenues & Expenses

What are the costs for providing services to our members and how are those costs paid?

The financial data provided below is for chapter year 2011-2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012), during which time the chapter had a successful year and made money. Although the chapter may make money some years and lose money other years, the chapter's goal over the long term is to break even while providing members with low-cost, quality professional services. Complete, as well as updated, financial information can be found on the chapter's website at www.agachicago.org.

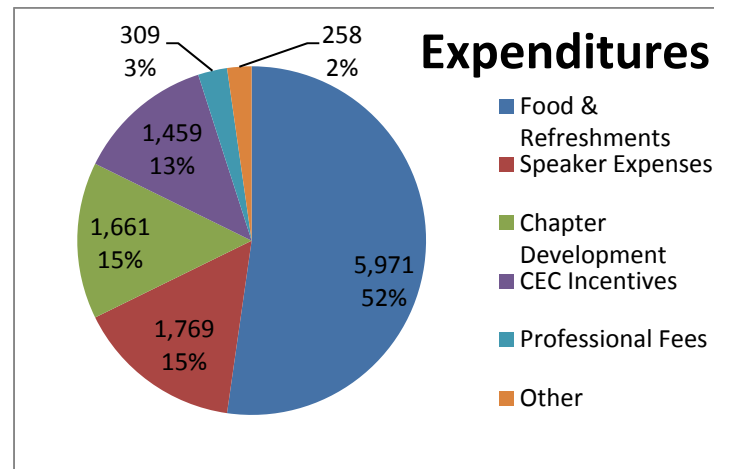
Revenue by Source

	Chapter Year 2011-2012
Registration Fees (PDC, Monthly Luncheons, Etc.)	\$16,895
Other (Chapter Membership Dues, Interest Income, Etc.)	1,044
Chapter Sponsorships	500
Total Chapter Revenues	\$18,439



Expenditures by Source

	Chapter Year 2011-2012
Food & Refreshments	\$5,971
Speaker Expenses (Speaker Fees, Gifts & Expense Reimbursements)	1,769
Chapter Development Expenses (PDC Scholarships & SLM Expense)	1,661
CEC Incentive Expenses (Dues Reimbursement, CEC Food, Etc.)	1,459
Professional Fees (License Fees, Accounting Services, Etc.)	309
Other (Printing, Postage, Telecommunications, Etc.)	258
Total Chapter Revenues	\$11,427



Independent Audit

An independent audit of the chapter's financial statements for chapter year 2011-2012 was performed, resulting in a clean opinion.

What's Next

Chapter Initiatives & Challenges



We value your input and want to hear from you!

- Do you like this report?
- Would you like to see other information?
- Do you have any questions?

Please let us know by contacting Matthew Matczynski at Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov.

For more information on the Chicago chapter, visit our chapter website at www.agachicago.org.

Key Initiatives

- **Improve chapter communication to members.** This initiative will involve redesigning both the chapter newsletter template and chapter website.
- **Increase the number of chapter members holding the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification.** This initiative will involve creating a greater awareness of the benefits of the CGFM certification and the chapter resources available to members such as the chapter's CGFM study guides. It will also involve obtaining employer support for employees in the process of obtaining the CGFM certification and rewarding employees who obtain the CGFM certification.
- **Promote government accountability.** This initiative will involve encouraging and assisting local governmental entities in preparing Citizen Centric Reports (CCRs), and assisting in the distribution of completed CCRs. The initiative will also include improving next year's chapter CCR so that it can be used as a model for other governmental entities to use in preparing CCRs.
- **Give back to the community.** This initiative will involve both increasing the number of as well as diversifying the types of community service events sponsored by the chapter. By increasing the number of community service events and holding a wider variety of events, it will provide more opportunities to match with the members' time and talents. This in turn will increase the impact of the chapter's community service efforts.

Key Challenges

- **Retain current members and recruit new members.** This is a difficult challenge due to the shrinking pool of potential membership candidates as a result of government hiring freezes, reduced interest by college students in pursuing careers in government due to lack of government internships and job opportunities, expected increase in government employee retirements, and tighter family budgets due to the current economic conditions, and in particular government furloughs. The chapter foresees overcoming this challenge by creating a greater awareness of who we are and what we do, building management support for AGA, and increasing chapter membership benefits.
- **Increase attendance rates at chapter events.** This is a difficult challenge due to the already high rate of work-related travel, in addition to the increasing use of telework and alternative work sites by our chapter members. The chapter foresees overcoming this challenge by increasing its focus on providing timely and relevant speakers, providing more networking opportunities at chapter events, and pricing chapter events to provide an outstanding value.

