



A Report To Our Members

Citizen Centric Report 2013-2014



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. May 2013 marked the 60th anniversary of the Chapter’s founding, and the 2013-2014 chapter year was the Chicago Chapter’s 60th chapter year. To celebrate this special milestone, the Chapter held a free member networking event in May 2014. The Chicago Chapter has a strong future thanks to its diverse and energetic members.

Selected Chapter Demographics

AGA – Chicago Chapter	2013-2014 Members (% of Total)
Total Members	93 (100.0%)
Membership Type:	
• Full Member	59 (63.4%)
• Private	15 (16.1%)
• Retired	10 (10.8%)
• Lifetime	6 (6.5%)
• Student	2 (2.2%)
• Early Career	1 (1.1%)
Hold CGFM Certification	46 (49.5%)
Employer Type:	
• Federal Government	51 (54.8%)
• Private Sector	15 (16.1%)
• State/County/Municipal Gov.	8 (8.6%)
• Other or Not Provided	19 (20.4%)
Education Level Obtained:	
• Bachelor’s Degree	49 (52.7%)
• Master’s Degree Or Higher	37 (39.8%)
• Other or Not Provided	7 (7.5%)
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 2013-2014



Accomplishments

- Achieved platinum level for chapter recognition program, and earned Chapter Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and newsletter awards.
- Created the Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and earned a Certificate of Excellence for its overall content, visual appeal, and Chapter information.
- Held two member appreciation and networking events and gave back to community through food drives and the VITA Tax Assistance Program.
- Made donations to two local University accounting clubs.
- Increased the use of technology by updating our website and accepting electronic credit card payments.
- Promoted government accountability by distributing National and Chicago chapter CCRs at local events.
- Celebrated the election of Chapter Past President as Regional Vice President-Elect of the North Central Region for 2014-2015.
- Increased our CEC membership by five.
- Sent two Chapter members to the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Sponsored two Chapter members who attended the 2014 AGA National PDT in Orlando, FL.

During 2013-2014, the Chicago AGA Chapter provided 25 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, including a breakfast seminar. The training consisted of different formats, such as live speakers and audio conferences, and covered a wide variety of topics. 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, a food drive, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. We reserved an exhibition table at the Institute of Internal Auditors Northwest Metro Chicago Chapter's Fraud Conference sharing AGA National and Chicago Chapter brochures and CGFM information with attendees. The Chicago Chapter was the winner of the *AGA North Central Challenge* which resulted in a donation on our behalf to the National Community Service Fund. Through our outreach efforts, Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members made a presentation to the University of Illinois at Chicago's *Governmental Accounting* class on the benefits of AGA membership and government financial management opportunities. We coordinated with the DePaul University School of Business to include a link to the AGA Chicago Chapter on their website, becoming one of its Affiliate Professional Organizations.

Selected Accomplishments

<i>Number of Registrants for our Annual Professional Development Training (PDT)</i>	
2012-2013	2013-2014
88	74

<i>Number of Chapter Events Held</i>	
2012-2013	2013-2014
10	8

<i>Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Offered</i>	
2012-2013	2013-2014
30	25

<i>Number of Members who Checked out a CGFM Study Guide</i>	
2012-2013	2013-2014
5	5

Our Finances

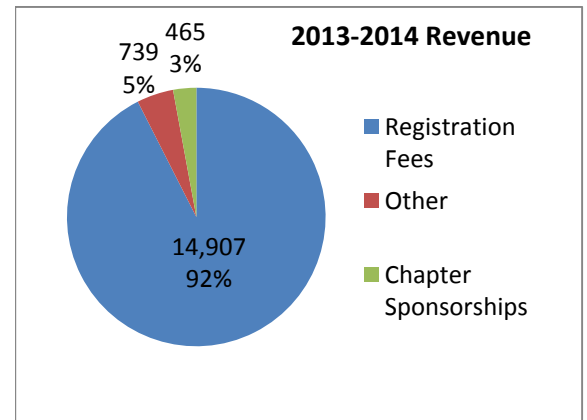
Revenues & Expenses

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 2013-2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014), during which time the Chapter had a successful program year but expenses exceeded revenues. This was caused by a planned increase in speaker expense to obtain higher quality speakers; however, increased revenue to cover the additional expense did not occur. Items negatively affecting revenue include lower than anticipated Chapter conference attendance caused by federal sequestration / tighter agency budgets, a canceled education seminar due to the 2013 federal government shutdown, and lower than normal attendance at events held over the winter months, likely due to the record-breaking cold winter Chicago had this past year. 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.

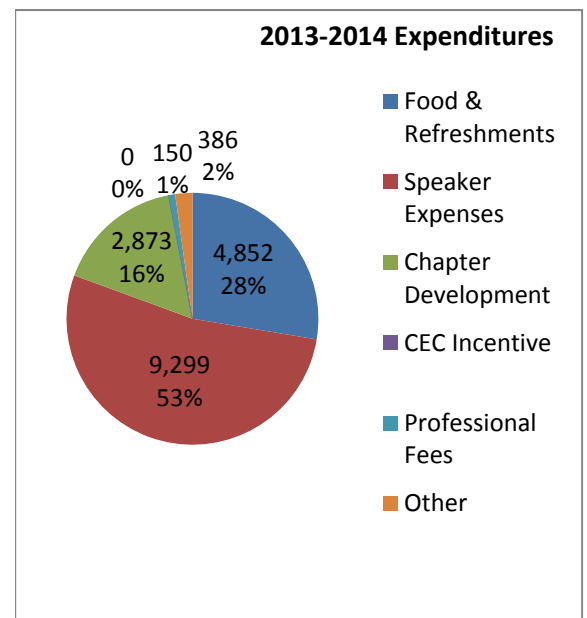
Revenue by Source

	Chapter Year 2011-2012	Chapter Year 2012-2013	Chapter Year 2013-2014
Registration Fees (Chapter PDT, Monthly Luncheons, Etc.)	\$16,895	\$15,490	\$14,907
Other (Chapter Membership Dues, Interest Income, Etc.)	1,044	635	739
Chapter Sponsorships	500	677	465
Total Chapter Revenues	\$18,439	\$16,801	\$16,111



Expenditures by Source

	Chapter Year 2011-2012	Chapter Year 2012-2013	Chapter Year 2013-2014
Food & Refreshments	\$5,971	\$6,429	\$4,852
Speaker Expenses (Speaker Fees, Gifts & Expense Reimbursements)	1,769	4,912	9,299
Chapter Development Expenses (National PDT Scholarships & SLM Expense)	1,661	1,715	2,873
CEC Incentive Expenses (Dues Reimbursement, CEC Food, Etc.)	1,459	1,416	0
Professional Fees (License Fees, Accounting Services, Etc.)	309	619	150
Other (Printing, Postage, Telecommunications, Etc.)	258	507	386
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$11,427	\$15,598	\$17,560



What's Next

Chapter Key Initiatives and 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.

Our Key Initiatives

❖ Leadership Development

- Encourage chapter members to serve actively on the board and help mentor them to become effective leaders.
- Promote excellence and high ethical standards among the leadership team.
- Encourage a service-oriented approach to leadership.
- Offer leadership training where members can earn continuing professional education credits.
- Build on AGA's reputation as a leader in advancing government accountability by helping others create Citizen Centric Reports.

❖ Member Recruitment and Retention

- Offer various new member recruitment events during the year to share the advantages of joining and becoming active in a local AGA chapter.
- Facilitate activities for local colleges and universities that will attract students and future Early Career members to help grow the organization and the government accountability profession.
- Continue developing an annual Chapter Citizen Centric Report as a tool to evaluate how the chapter is doing and distribute it to attract new members.

❖ Building Chapter Partnerships

- Identify groups through which we can build partnerships to achieve the Chapter's strategic objectives.
- Attract sponsorship by local and regional organizations to gain the capital needed to provide low-cost quality training, and recruitment and networking events.
- Reach out to community organizations by adopting local charities and serving them through ongoing member events and monetary donations to various causes.

Our Challenges

- We are seeking active volunteers to serve on the board and on committees.
- We are seeking an Accountability Director to further our focus on advancing government accountability.

