



# A Report To Our Members

## Member Centric Report 2015 - 2016



### 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. The 2015-2016 chapter year was the Chicago chapter’s 62<sup>nd</sup> chapter year. To find out more on the chapter’s rich history, please see the chapter website at [www.agachicago.org](http://www.agachicago.org).

### Selected Chapter Demographics

AGA – Chicago Chapter	2015-2016 Members		Percentage
<b>Total Members</b>	121	100.0%	
<b>Membership Type:</b>			
• Full Member	80	66%	
• Private	14	12%	
• Retired	11	9%	
• Lifetime	7	6%	
• Early Career	6	5%	
• Student	3	2%	
<b>Employer Type:</b>			
• Federal Government	63	52%	
• Private Sector	15	12%	
• State/County/Municipal Gov.	9	7%	
• Other or Not Provided	34	28%	
<b>Education Level Obtained:</b>			
• Bachelor’s Degree	62	51%	
• Master’s Degree Or Higher	48	40%	
• Other or Not Provided	11	9%	
<b>Gender:</b>			
• Male	66	55%	
• Female	55	45%	
<b>Obtained CGFM Certification</b>	49	40%	

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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.

### Chapter Strategic Objectives:

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

# How We Have Progressed

## Chapter Year 2015-2016



### Accomplishments

- Achieved platinum status in AGA's Chapter Recognition Program.
- Created a chapter Member-Centric Report and earned a Certificate of Excellence for its overall content, visual appeal, and chapter information.
- Obtained NASBA accreditation as a CPE sponsor.
- Created Chapter social media accounts on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Gave back to community through a food drive, volunteering at homeless shelters, and participation in the VITA Tax Assistance Program.
- Awarded scholarships to two undergraduate students.
- Celebrated the selection of the Chapter President as Regional Vice President of the North Central Region for chapter year 2016- 2017.
- Increased chapter membership by 21 members.
- Sent four Chapter members to the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Sponsored three Chapter members who attended the 2016 AGA National PDT in Anaheim, CA.



**During 2015-2016**, the Chicago AGA chapter provided 26 hours of continuing professional education to hundreds of participants throughout the Chicagoland area. The educational events included live speakers and webinars, and a two-day professional development conference, and included a wide variety of topics such as government accounting, auditing, internal controls, fraud, ethics, and interpersonal communications.

The Chicago Chapter advertises its continuing education seminars and conferences to both members and non-members in the government accountability community. Events are announced in the monthly Chapter newsletter and posted to the Chapter website. Additionally, events are also advertised through e-mail messages. The newsletter is distributed to all Chapter members, previous attendees from Chapter professional development conferences, and other selected AGA local chapters.

### Selected Accomplishments

<i>Number of Registrants for our Annual Professional Development Training</i>	
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
80	76

<i>Number of Chapter Events Held</i>	
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
9	8

<i>Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Offered</i>	
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
25.5	26

<i>Number of Members who Checked out a CGFM Study Guide</i>	
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
6	5

# Our Finances

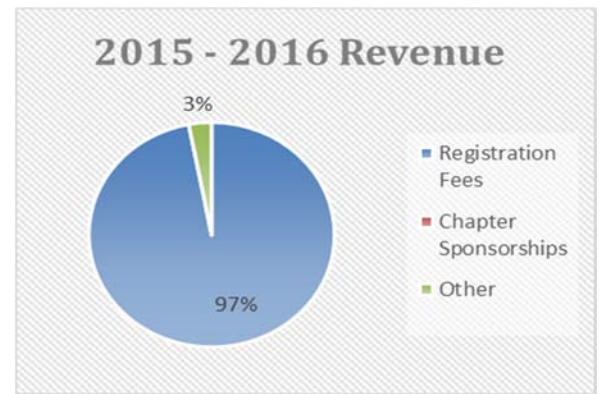
## Revenues & Expenses

### 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 2015-2016 (July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016), during which time the chapter had a successful program year, and revenues exceeded expenses. 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](http://www.agachicago.org).

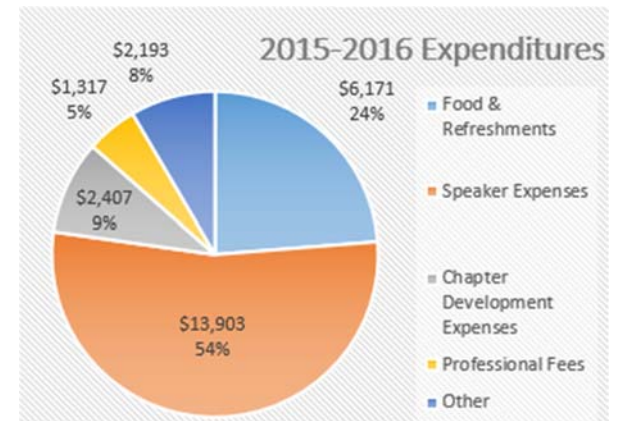
### Revenue by Source

	Chapter Year 2013-2014	Chapter Year 2014-2015	Chapter Year 2015-2016
Registration Fees (PDT, Monthly Luncheons, Etc.)	\$14,907	\$23,229	\$26,786
Chapter Sponsorships	465	169	
Other (Chapter Membership Dues, Interest Income, Etc.)	739	717	705
<b>Total Chapter Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,111</b>	<b>\$24,115</b>	<b>\$27,490</b>



### Expenditures by Source

	Chapter Year 2013-2014	Chapter Year 2014-2015	Chapter Year 2015-2016
Food & Refreshments	4,852	4,771	6,171
Speaker Expenses (Speaker Fees, Webinar, Gifts & Expense Reimbursements)	9,299	6,689	13,903
Chapter Development Expenses (National PDT Scholarships, Recruitment Scholarship & SLM Expense)	2,873	4,527	2,407
Professional Fees (License Fees, Accounting Services, Memberships,	150	319	1,317
Other (Printing, Postage, Telecommunications, Etc.)	386	56	2,193
<b>Total Chapter Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,560</b>	<b>\$16,362</b>	<b>\$25,991</b>



### Independent Review

An independent review of the chapter's financial statements for chapter year 2015-2016 was performed, resulting in a clean opinion.

# What's Next

## Chapter Initiatives & Challenges

### Key Initiatives

- **Increase use of technology.** This initiative will involve using technology to automate event registration and allow attendees to make admission fee payments via internet and smartphone.
- **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 Member Centric Report 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, tighter family budgets, and the recent AGA membership price increase. 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.



### 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](mailto:Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov).

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