



A Report To Our Members

Member Centric Report 2017-2018



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 2017-2018 chapter year was the Chicago chapter’s 64th chapter year. To find out more on the chapter’s rich history, please see the chapter website at www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Chicago

Selected Chapter Demographics

AGA – Chicago Chapter	2016-2017 Members		2017-2018 Members	
Total Members	98	100.0%	83	100.0%
Membership Type:				
• Full Member	58	59%	51	61%
• Private	13	14%	14	17%
• Retired	9	9%	5	6%
• Lifetime	7	7%	8	10%
• Early Career	7	7%	5	6%
• Student	4	4%		
Employer Type:				
• Federal Government	39	40%	40	48%
• Private Sector	13	13%	15	18%
• State/County/Municipal Gov.	18	19%	13	16%
• Student and Academia	10	10%	3	4%
• Other or Not Provided	18	18%	12	14%
Education Level Obtained:				
• Bachelor’s Degree	49	50%	41	49%
• Master’s Degree Or Higher	38	39%	32	39%
• Other or Not Provided	11	11%	10	12%
Gender:				
• Male	52	53%	46	55%
• Female	46	47%	37	45%
Obtained CGFM Certification	43	44%	38	46%

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 2017-2018



Chapter Awards

- 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.

Continuing Education

- Maintained NASBA accreditation as a CPE sponsor.
- Chapter was selected as a recipient of AGA's 2018 Chapter Education Award.
- Partnered with the local chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners to provide continuing professional education training.

Giving Back to the Community

- Awarded scholarships to two undergraduate students.
- Participated in a charity bike ride and rucksack march, and the VITA Tax Assistance Program.
- Held a book drive in conjunction with our professional development training event.



During 2017-2018, the Chicago AGA chapter provided 41 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

Number of Registrants for our Annual Professional Development Training (PDT)

2016-2017	2017-2018
71	61

Number of events co-sponsored with other professional organizations (PDT)

2016-2017	2017-2018
1	3

Number of Chapter Events Held

2016-2017	2017-2018
7	10

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Offered

2016-2017	2017-2018
27	41

Our Finances

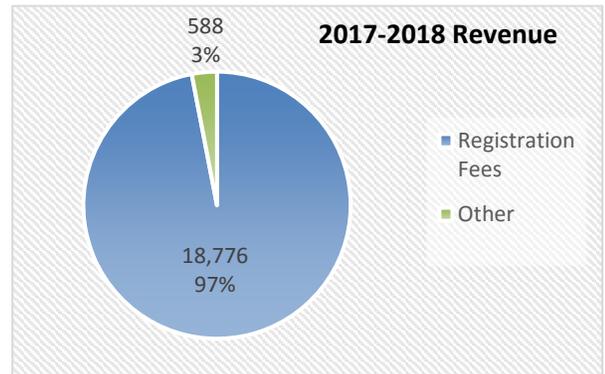
Revenues & Expenses

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 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018), during which time the chapter had a successful program 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.

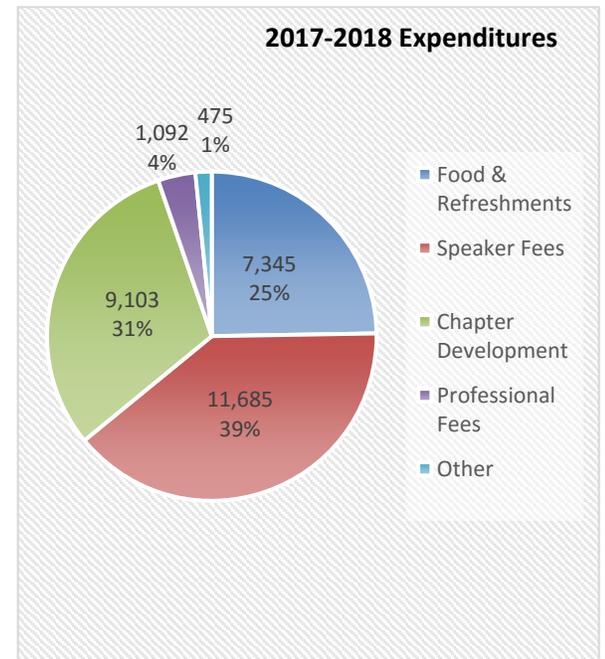
Revenue by Source

	Chapter Year 2015-2016	Chapter Year 2016-2017	Chapter Year 2017-2018
Registration Fees (PDT, Monthly Luncheons, Etc.)	\$26,786	\$23,121	\$18,776
Chapter Sponsorships	0	1,075	0
Other (Chapter Membership Dues, Interest Income, Etc.)	705	2,013	588
Total Chapter Revenue	\$27,490	\$26,209	\$19,364



Expenditures by Source

	Chapter Year 2015-2016	Chapter Year 2016-2017	Chapter Year 2017-2018
Food & Refreshments	\$6,171	\$9,105	\$7,345
Speaker Expenses (Speaker Fees, Webinar, Gifts & Expense Reimbursements)	13,903	6,877	11,685
Chapter Development Expenses (National PDT Registrations, Undergraduate Scholarships, & SLM Expenses)	2,407	5,415	9,103
Professional Fees (License Fees, Memberships, & Accounting Services)	1,317	252	1,092
Other (Printing, Postage, Supplies, Etc.)	2,193	429	475
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$25,991	\$22,078	\$29,700



Independent Review

An independent review of the chapter's financial statements for chapter year 2017-2018 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 a lack of government internships and job opportunities, an expected increase in government employee retirements and tighter family budgets. 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 Tom Dilisio at Dilisio.Thomas@dol.gov.

For more information on the Chicago chapter, visit our chapter website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Chicago.

