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The Association of Government Accountants (AGA), founded in 1950, is the professional membership organization focused on advancing government accountability. AGA is recognized nationally as the only association that supports nearly 15,000 members made up of professionals working in, for and with federal, state, local and tribal agencies. AGA is organized into 14 regions and has over 100 organized chapters.

Central Arkansas Chapter

The Central Arkansas Chapter with nearly 200 members is currently the largest chapter in the South Central Region. The Chapter was organized in 1977 by Mr. Orvel M. Johnson who served as the first chapter president.



With almost 40 years of experience, the Central Arkansas Chapter continues to promote the AGA's national strategic goals by serving the government financial management community in the following ways:

- Promoting government accountability, transparency and performance
- Keeping members abreast of industry updates
- Offering scholarships and leadership opportunities
- Participating in several charity events and raising funds for worthy causes
- Hosting social events for networking opportunities

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Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

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

Core Values

- Service
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership

Website

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CentralArkansas/Home.aspx>

Performance

Program Year 2016-2017

Chapter Recognition



The Central Arkansas Chapter received the Platinum Award at the 66th Annual Professional Development Conference in July 2017. This is the highest award given to AGA chapters based on activities and accomplishments.

Community Service

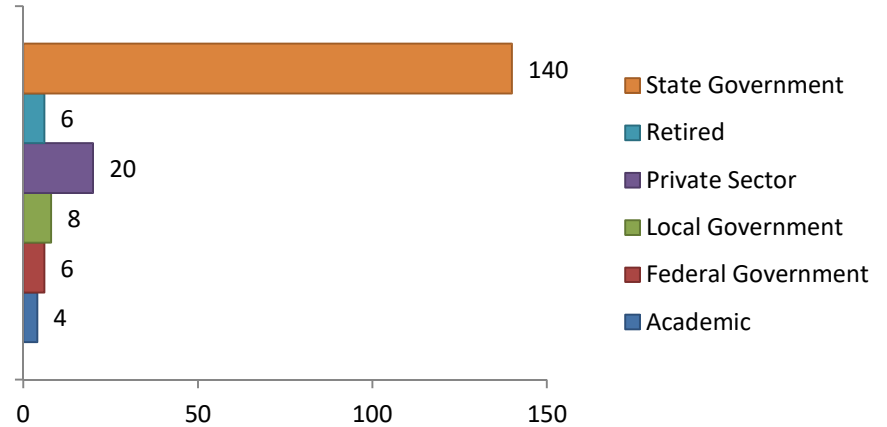
The Central Arkansas Chapter continues to actively participate in many community service events and collects contributions and raffles for various causes. In 2016-2017, the Central Arkansas Chapter participated in the following events:



- Race for the Cure
- Winter Clothing Drive
- Blood Drive
- Arkansas Food Bank
- Wreaths Across America
- Donation Drive for local homeless shelters
- Pizza Day at Arkansas School for the Deaf
- Foster Care Christmas Gingerbread Tree
- AGA Booth at Little Rock Riverfest
- Various others

Membership Demographics

The Central Arkansas Chapter currently has 184 members and is one of the 25 largest chapters in the country. The majority of our members are State employees (76%). We also have members from the Private Sector (11%), Federal and Local Government (8%), Academics (2%) and Retirees (3%). AGA members range from elected officials and senior executives to entry-level employees.



Of our current membership, 23% are CGFM certified and 11% are CPA certified.



Total Members

Previous Program Year	179
Current Program Year	184
Membership Renewals	147
New Members	37
Retention Rate	82%

Our membership retention rate for this year is 82% which is up by 3% since the previous program year. New membership is also on the rise with 37 new members this year compared to only 22 new members the past two years.

Scholarships

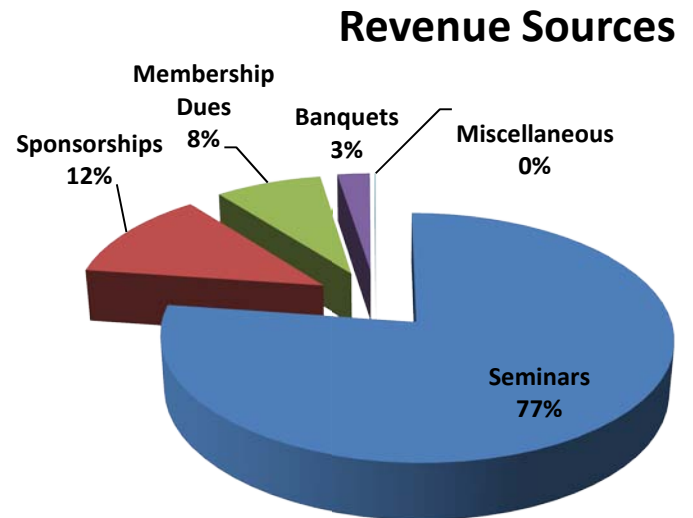
The AGA Central Arkansas Chapter Scholarship Committee gave out two \$500.00 scholarships for the Spring 2017 semester. These scholarships are offered each year and are available to all members of the AGA Central Arkansas Chapter and their immediate family members. The scholarship is available for applicants pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, or public administration.

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Chapter Revenue

Sources	2017	2016	2015
Seminars	\$17,332	\$13,636	\$6,232
Sponsorships	2,750	2,750	2,750
Membership Dues	1,793	1,917	2,411
Banquets	550	1,080	475
Miscellaneous	21	11	328
Total	\$22,447	\$19,394	\$12,196

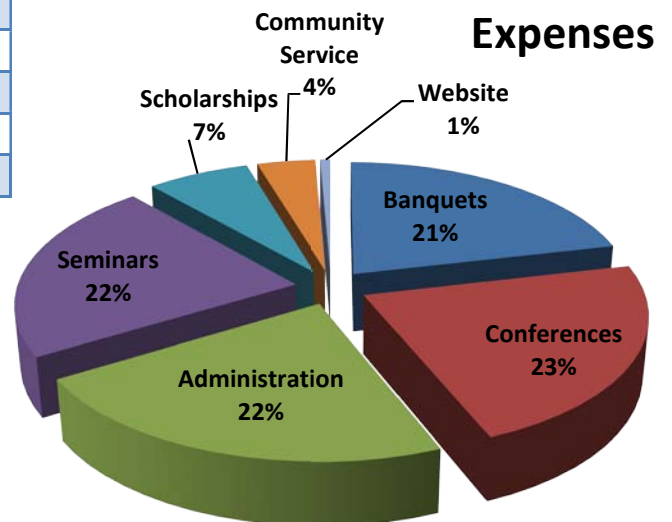
Revenue increased by 16% in 2017. This is primarily due to the fact that the Chapter increased the hours offered during the seminars from one day to two days beginning in the Spring of 2016.



Chapter Expenses

Expenses	2017	2016	2015
Banquets	\$3,124	\$5,460	\$3,326
Conferences	3,293	2,078	1,586
Administration	3,287	2,838	2,373
Seminars	3,248	3,150	1,896
Scholarships	1,000	1,000	1,216
Community Service	578	333	1,127
Website	100	500	188
Recruitment	-	-	181
Total	\$14,631	\$15,359	\$11,893

Expenses decreased by 5% in 2017. This is primarily due to a decrease in what the Chapter spent on the banquet and award ceremonies for the year. That decrease was offset slightly by an increase in conference travel expenses paid in 2017. This increase was due to the increase in travel for the 2016 PDT conference which was paid in early 2017. There was also an increase in Administration Expenses due to the Executive Board meeting monthly rather than semi-monthly beginning halfway through fiscal year 2017.



Independent Audit Independent audit of the Chapter's finances was conducted for FY 2016 resulting in a clean opinion. An independent audit is in the process of being completed for FY 2017. Complete financial information may be found on our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CentralArkansas/Home.aspx> or by contacting the Chapter Treasurer, at stevenbpetersen@yahoo.com

Future Outlook

Program Year 2017-2018

The Central Arkansas Chapter strives to contribute to the community as well as to its members. Annually the Chapter sponsors an accounting scholarship at local universities, provides educational opportunities to its members with two full-day seminars, and supports worthy community service projects. The annual awards banquet is held each June to honor the Financial Manager of the Year and chapter members who have made significant contributions during the year. In December, the holidays are celebrated with a social event.

Membership

The Chapter will continue to encourage membership by offering reduced fees for seminars and free CPE to AGA members as opposed to non-members, as well as offering a sponsorship program to encourage our members to recruit new members. The Chapter also participates in various career days at local colleges around Central Arkansas to inform new accountants about our organization.

Membership renewals are due in by March 31st for the membership year of April 1 through March 31. You may renew your membership online at <http://www.agacgfm.org> or you may print out an application and mail one if you prefer that option. Also, remember to list the name of the person who recruited or "sponsored" you so that he/she may receive credit as well. Please check and make sure that all your information on the application is correct and up to date including titles (CPA, CIA, CGFM, etc.) and designation.

Chapter meetings will be at the Arkansas State Library from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the Bessie B. Moore Room 2nd Floor. Check the website for the dates.

CGFM

The foundation of the CGFM is the requirement for Education, Experience and Examination. Building on this foundation is a **Code of Ethics** and required Continuing Professional Education (CPE). This designation is already recognized as a professional standard. Each year, more and more federal agencies and state and local governments are realizing the value of the CGFM and are formally embracing the designation. It is often listed as a preferred hiring qualification on federal RFPs. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Board of Regents has also recognized the CGFM. It is accepted as a waiver for part IV of the CIA examination.

The Chapter continues to encourage its members to pursue the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. To accomplish this, the Chapter plans to obtain the governor's proclamation of March 2018 as CGFM month in the State of Arkansas and the mayor's proclamation of March 2018 as CGFM month in the City of Little Rock.



The 2017 CGFM proclamations from Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson (left) and from Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola (below).



The Chapter will continue to offer CGFM scholarships each program year to aid in the cost of exam fees. The Chapter also plans to offer CGFM review courses to be presented by current CGFM members. Once finalized, the information on these items will be available on our website.

New Board of Directors

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