



Charleston Chapter

A 2017 Report to Our Membership

Our Chapter

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a non-profit organization supporting the professional development of financial professionals working in government – federal, state, and local. AGA is divided into regions across the United States, and also includes chapters in Guam, Japan, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The Charleston Chapter, established in 2006, is part of the Capital Region, which includes chapters in Washington, DC; Montgomery/PG County; Northern Virginia; Shenandoah Valley and Mid-Ohio/Parkersburg, WV.



The Charleston Chapter is located in West Virginia's Capital City of Charleston. Charleston's Association of Government Accountants chapter serves federal, state and local employees working in areas of accounting, auditing, budgets, finance, economics, internal control, and public administration in Charleston and the surrounding area.

We also encourage membership from private sector employees working in government environments or who have government clients. Students interested in pursuing a career in government financial management are encouraged to attend chapter events and consider a student membership.

Our Chapter meetings are held every month and five meetings include a speaker to promote educational learning and offer CPE to our members. Meetings are held in Charleston. We also offer an annual sixteen hour CPE event as well as other CPE events throughout the year.

The Charleston Chapter is governed by a 9 member Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets once a month throughout the year. Specific information about the Chapter can be found at www.agacgfm.org/charlestonwv.

Our Purpose

AGA and our Chapter are dedicated to the professional development and advancement of the government financial management profession. The Charleston Chapter provides educational opportunities to promote the professional development of its members, and support the use of government financial management practices, policies, and promoting the financial management profession.

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Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability – a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.

Vision

Promote the advancement of government accountability.

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What We've Done

Membership



	2015	2016	2017
Number of Current Members	52	49	44
Overall Membership Retention Rate	88%	92%	90%
Number of New Members	6	6	4
Members with CGFM	5	5	7

Congratulations to an Outstanding CPA in Government!

Cheri Harpold was awarded the 2017 Outstanding CPA in Government Award by the West Virginia Society of CPAs. Cheri is the Chief Financial Officer for the WV Offices of the Insurance Commissioner and a member of the Charleston Chapter's Board. She has worked at OIC for 10 years and in state government for 19 years. In addition to being a CPA, Cheri is also a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). Cheri's leadership at OIC has led to 10 consecutive unmodified audit opinions and a budget surplus in her department from 2006 to 2016. Cheri works tirelessly for the humane treatment of animals. Cheri truly is an Outstanding CPA!

Training Events

During fiscal year 2017 the Charleston Chapter held several events where members and their guests could receive CPE credit. The Annual Spring Training Event held May 23 and 24, 2017 at the Charleston Civic Center offered the Charleston Chapter members and guests 16 hours of governmental CPE credit. The Charleston Chapter also offers 1 hour of CPE at luncheons and 2 hours of CPE at webinars held throughout the year. Contact Melissa at Melissa.D.Mullins@wv.gov to be added to the mailing list for future training events.





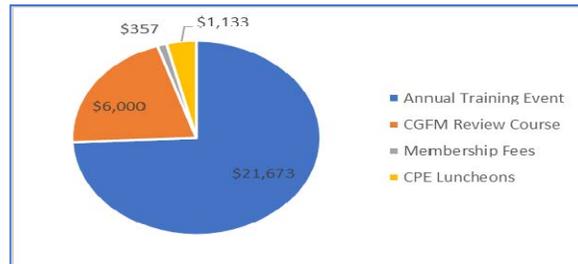
Our Finances

What were the costs for servicing the membership and how were those costs paid?

The Charleston Chapter is a non-profit organization operating solely on funds raised or donated through various functions. For fiscal year 2017, the Charleston Chapter plans to continue funding its activities through fees for educational programs and working to obtain sponsors for various events throughout the year.

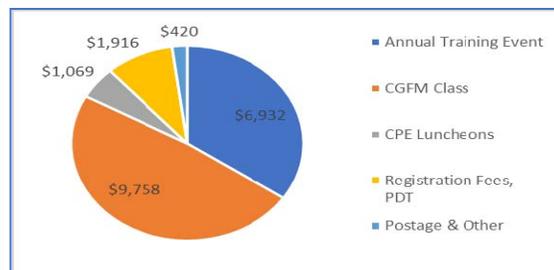
Revenue by Source

Source	2017
Annual Training Event	\$21,673
CGFM Review Course	6,000
Membership Fees	357
CPE Luncheons	1,133
Total Chapter revenues	\$29,163



Expenditures

Costs	2017
Annual Training Event	\$6,932
CGFM Class	9,758
CPE Luncheons	1,069
Registration Fees, PDT	1,916
Postage & Other	420
Total Chapter expenditures	\$20,095



Community Service

During 2017, the Charleston Chapter participated in various community service events including a food drive at Thanksgiving, a blanket drive this winter, a school supply drive and our favorite Valentine's for Vets.



Financial Review

A financial review of the Chapter's finances is conducted annually by the executive committee. All records are kept on a cash basis.





What's Next?

Plans for 2018



Education Plan

Increase number of continuing professional education (CPE) hours offered this fiscal year.

Find sponsors to host AGA webinars and luncheons to provide CPEs to our members.

Reach out to Federal, state and local governments, as well as local public accounting firms in the area to find speakers, increase membership, etc.

Annual event will be held late April or early May at the Charleston Marriott. Check your e-mail for registration information.



Certified Government Financial Management

The Charleston AGA Chapter is actively trying to increase awareness of the benefits of the CGFM certification and the availability of chapter resources to aid receiving your certification. If you would like more information, please contact us.

We want to hear from you.

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For more information on our services, visit our website at www.agacgfm.org/charlestonwv

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Membership Plan

The Charleston AGA Chapter will promote AGA membership in 2018. We will be holding various membership drive promotions throughout the year. Those promotions will include –

- Bring a Non-Member to Lunch for Free Competition – the member bringing the most non-members to the Chapter luncheons will win a prize.
- Reaching out to local colleges and universities to invite professors to become members and students to attend luncheons free of charge.



For more information regarding the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program, go to: <http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/overview.aspx> or contact the Charleston AGA Chapter