



About AGA

The Association of Government Accountants is the premier association for advancing government accountability by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability. AGA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that was established in 1950. AGA currently has over 14,000 members in 100 chapters worldwide including Federal, State, and local government, private sector, academia, and non-profit business professionals.

East Tennessee Chapter

Our chapter received its charter in 1968 and is a part of the Southeast Region of AGA. We serve the government financial management community surrounding Knoxville, TN. We support the AGA's core values of service, accountability, integrity, and leadership by offering multiple opportunities for continuing education and service to others in our communities.

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AGA's Mission Statement

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



FY 2016-2017 Accomplishments

Highlights of our
2016-2017 year

Received Gold Chapter
Recognition Award at the PDT in
Boston



Our President, Perry Benshoof,
accepting our chapter's gold award

Redesigned and launched our
new website

Provided the opportunity for up
to 22 hours of CPE

Provided three community
service opportunities assisting
families of hospitalized
patients, underprivileged
children, and those re-entering
the workforce

Education

Our chapter held six monthly luncheon meetings with a variety of live speakers providing six hours of continuing professional education (CPE) to an average of 25 attendees each month. We also provided a two-day professional development training opportunity providing 16 hours of CPE to approximately fifty attendees. We also promoted the CGFM certification in our monthly newsletters and meetings.

Community Service

Our chapter participated in The Angel Tree, gathering the Christmas wishes for thirty underprivileged children in the Knoxville area. We were also able to make a donation to The Angel Tree in the amount of \$500. Another organization with which our chapter has a long-term partnership is the Ronald McDonald House. We collected toiletry items throughout the year to donate to the house for their guests to use. Additionally, we began working with Goodwill Industries this year. We provided mock interviews for students completing Goodwill's SPACE program, which is a program designed to integrate participants back into the job market.

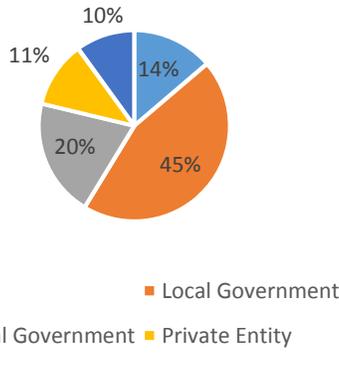
Leadership

The chapter has an ongoing commitment to foster leadership and provide opportunities to grow in this capacity. Members are encouraged to join our Chapter Executive Committee and help with the leadership of our chapter. Also, two members attended the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) in Baltimore, MD, and two members attended the AGA Professional Development Training (PDT) in Boston, MA.

Membership

As of June 30, 2017, our chapter had a total of eighty members. Thirty one of our members hold the CGFM designation, with five of those being in a retired status. Our chapter also had twelve new members join in the 16-17 program year.

Members by Employment Type



Members by CGFM Certification



Financial Information

The financial statements as of May 31, 2017, have been reviewed by the East Tennessee AGA Accountability Chair.

Receipts:		
Membership Dues	\$	669.99
Chapter Meetings		2,025.00
PDT		16,725.00
Total Receipts	\$	19,419.99
Disbursements:		
Chapter Meetings	\$	6,018.04
Chapter Operations		159.80
National Meeting		1,124.20
PDT		10,364.73
Total Disbursements	\$	17,666.77
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	\$	1,753.22
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year (6/1/16)		13,395.78
Cash Balance, End of Year (5/31/17)	\$	15,149.00

Receipts



Disbursements



What's Next?

Goals for 2017

One of our chapter's main goals each year is to offer high quality, informative, applicable continuing education for all accounting professionals that will be accepted for both CPA and CGFM certifications. We will strive to cover topics that are timely and address challenges and interests of our members and local government professionals.

Our chapter will also strive to increase our membership in the coming year. We particularly want to reach out to young professionals or those early in their governmental career. We are in the process of instituting an incentive program to our current members to bring non-members to our meetings and seminar.

Our chapter will continue to increase awareness of the CGFM certification by promoting it in our monthly newsletters. We will also seek out other avenues of promotion, such as local print media and our chapter's online outlets.

Our chapter will continue to reach out to and have a presence in our local communities. We are planning to continue to be involved in the organizations with which we have a longstanding partnership and also a new organization which will allow us to reach yet another group in our communities.

Our chapter will also seek to increase our presence on social networking platforms.

We would like to hear from you.

Please let us know if you have any questions or additional information you would like to see. We invite you to email us at kphillip@utk.edu or visit our website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/easttennessee>

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