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2019 – 2020 AGA Atlanta Annual Report

Greetings fellow AGA Atlanta members, it is my pleasure to detail the accomplishments of our chapter this past program year (2019-2020). Overall, the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 was very successful, and we were able to support our members and give back to the community in new and exciting ways. Fiscal year 2020 will always be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Chapter changed our meeting format to virtual setting from in-person setting like most organizations across the Nation. However, even with the disruptions of 2020, we achieved a measure of financial security because of our successful and well attended training events as described below. In the end, our chapter was recognized as a Platinum level chapter, which is the highest achievement any chapter can receive. This accomplishment puts the AGA Atlanta chapter in the position to do even more for our members in 2020-2021; to once again give back to the metro Atlanta community; and to champion government accountability at the local, state, and federal levels in our area. Some of the noteworthy accomplishments of our chapter for the 2020 program year are as follows:

- Governor Kemp proclaimed March 2020 as CGFM month. Several of our Chapter members met with Governor Kemp for a photo opportunity shortly before the public health emergency declaration.
- We held three chapter organized training events for our members that constituted nine unique CPE credits. Two of the three events were attended in-person with a total of 75 in attendance. The third event was held virtually with 45 people participating. Each of the three events provided attendees/participants with a total of 9 CPE credits. We canceled our annual Professional Development Training which we normally hold in May. This normally is an all-day event with each attendee earning up to 8 CPE credits.
- Our events offered sessions on relevant topics such as leadership, values in conflict and government services, a case study presentation from the Georgia Office of Inspector General, fraud investigations and fraud case studies, independent procurement review to rebuild public trust and reasons for internal controls.
- Topics were presented by John Fuchko, III (Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness with the University System of Georgia), Deborah Wallace (Georgia's State Inspector General), Scott Hilsen (Chief Compliance & Privacy Officer/Assistant General Counsel with Cox Automotive), Charles Hall (McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC), Maureen Duddy (Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits), Amanda Noble (City Auditor, City of Atlanta), and Patrick Cowan (Audit Manager, Tallahassee City Auditor's Office).
- While not medical professionals, chapter officers attempted to help two of the hospitals in Georgia hit hardest by COVID 19 during the Spring 2020 lockdowns. This was through a call for monetary for Grady Memorial in Atlanta and Phoebe Putney in Albany. We know of several Chapter Officers that heeded this call and made donations to the hospitals.



- We provided several opportunities for community involvement. In the month of July 2019, we participated in two community service events which included volunteering at the Carroll County Food Bank and participating in the “Lift Up Atlanta School Supply Drive 2019”.
- We added 22 new members to our chapter during the 2019-2020 year, which brought our total membership to 222 as of May 29, 2020.
- We improved our financial position year over year and received a clean financial evaluation for our 2019-2020 activities.

The 2019-2020 program year was a success even though we faced challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. We celebrated our 65th year as a chapter. Our chapter officers recognized this milestone during both the September and November meetings. We added a networking event to our November 21, 2019, in-person event. It was a huge success! When we return to in-person events, we plan to continue with networking opportunities. Our chapter leadership is planning ways to add networking activities to our virtual training sessions.

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