



# Charleston Chapter

## *A 2018 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 spring training event, an eight hour fall training event, as well as other CPE events throughout the year.

The Charleston Chapter is governed by a 13 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](http://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.

### Contact Us

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# What We've Done

## Membership



	2016	2017	2018
Number of Current Members	49	44	<b>54</b>
Overall Membership Retention Rate	92%	90%	<b>85%</b>
Number of New Members	6	4	<b>13</b>
Members with CGFM	5	7	<b>8</b>

## Happy Birthday to the Charleston Chapter!

The Charleston Chapter Celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2018. We would like to thank the members who have been with us all the way! Thank you, Chris Deweese, Emily Fleck, Fred Hess, Horace Emery, Jeff Perkins, Richard Eskins, Roger Townsend, Romona Dickson, Shawn Carper, Stuart Stickel, Susan Creager, and Susan Honaker.

## Training Events

During fiscal year 2018 the Charleston Chapter held several events where members and their guests could receive CPE credit. The Fall Training Event held November 1, 2017 at the Charleston Marriott offered the Charleston Chapter members and guests 8 hours of governmental CPE credit. The Annual Spring Training Event held April 30 and May 1, 2018 at the Charleston Marriott 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](mailto:Melissa.D.Mullins@wv.gov) to be added to the mailing list for future training events.





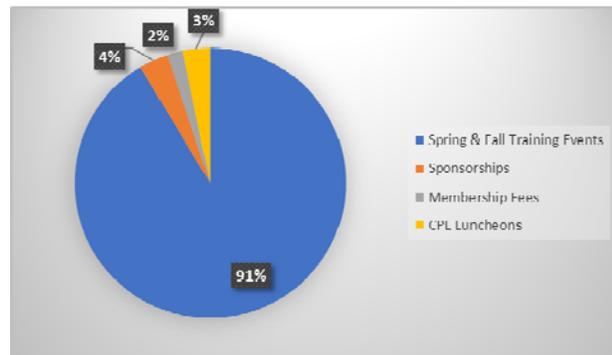
# Our Finances

## 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 2018, 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.

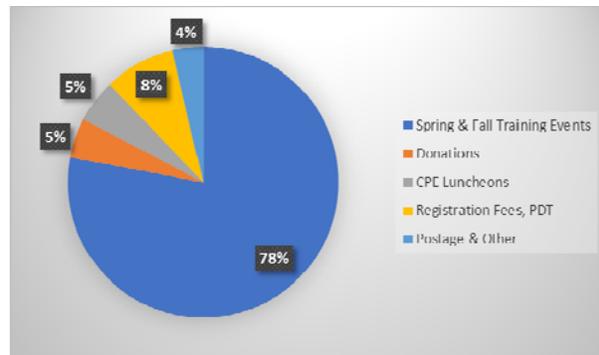
### Revenue by Source

Source	2018
Spring & Fall Training Events	\$22,742
Sponsorships	867
Membership Fees	460
CPE Luncheons	814
<b>Total Chapter revenues</b>	<b>\$24,883</b>



### Expenditures

Costs	2018
Spring & Fall Training Events	\$17,159
Donations	1,048
CPE Luncheons	1,131
Registration Fees, PDT	1,870
Postage & Other	809
<b>Total Chapter expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,017</b>



### Community Service

During 2018, the Charleston Chapter participated in various community service events including Valentine's for Vets and various fundraisers and supply drives for the Children's Home Society of West Virginia. The Children's Home Society's mission is to help children find lifetime families, protect and nurture children, and preserve and strengthen families. Learn more at [www.childhswv.org](http://www.childhswv.org).



### 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. The Charleston AGA Chapter hosts a study group for the CGFM. This study group is open to anyone interested in participating free of charge. It is a combination of in-person meetings and online discussions. We also have a lending library of CGFM study guides. If you would like more information, please contact [Jamie.L.Chambers@wv.gov](mailto:Jamie.L.Chambers@wv.gov).

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### Membership Plan

The Charleston AGA Chapter will promote AGA membership in 2019. 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