



Dallas Chapter

A Report to Our Members 2011-2012

About Us

The Dallas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was formed in 1956 and is part of the South Central Region. With more than 50 years of experience, the Dallas 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 member abreast of industry updates at monthly educational luncheons and annual regional Professional Development Conference (PDC).
- offering scholarships and leadership opportunities to foster professional development and education.
- participating in several charity events and raising funds for worthy causes, and
- hosting social events for networking opportunities.

Chapter Demographics

As of August 2012, the Dallas Chapter has over 80 members with diverse professional and educational backgrounds. Many members hold advanced degrees and professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and Certified Public Accountant (CPA). A chart of the top three professional and educational backgrounds is as follows.

Employer	Degrees or Designations	Field of Study
Federal - 46	Master's Degree - 31	Auditing - 39
Retired - 13	CGFM - 35	Accounting - 5
Private - 7	CPA - 8	Financial Management - 5



2012-2013 National President
Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM-Retired

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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

AGA's core values are service, accountability, integrity and leadership.

Accomplishments



2011-2012 Dallas Chapter President Gary Gist with PDC Speaker, Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

2011-2012 Accomplishments

- Provided a total of 9 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) hours at monthly luncheons.
- Offered 14 hours of CPE at annual regional PDC.
- Collected over \$1,000 for community service events.

Quality Education

The Dallas Chapter received positive feedback for the quality of the educational opportunities provided during 2011-2012. The Dallas Chapter conducts monthly luncheons at the City Club in Dallas every third Thursday of the month. One meeting was a joint meeting with the Institute of Internal Auditors. Additionally the Dallas Chapter held a two day annual regional PDC in April 2012. It was a milestone of the Dallas Chapter as more than 78 attendees from the federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private sector attended the PDC during a time of budget constraints.

Community Services

The Dallas Chapter continues to actively participate in many community service events and collects contributions and raffles for various causes. In 2011-2012, the Dallas Chapter donated baby food and diapers to North Dallas Food Bank, toys to Toys for Tots and gift bags to Open Arms Program which is a non-profit organization protecting women of domestic violence. Additionally, the Dallas Chapter collected contributions for the following community service events.

- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes - \$50
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - \$190
- Walk to End Alzheimer's - \$25
- Turkey Trot - \$30
- Salvation Army - \$245
- Dallas Stewpot/Bridge - \$185
- Homeless Veterans of Dallas - \$346

The amount, number of hours and feedback reported on this page were based on the records maintained at Dallas Chapter, and input we received from attendees. This report is also available at the Dallas Chapter website located at <http://www.agadallas.org>. What would you like to see in this report? Please let us know by contacting Thandee Maung at accountability@agadallas.org.



Finances

Revenue and Expenses

The Dallas Chapter had a net profit of \$3,457 in 2011-2012. The main sources of revenue were the annual regional PDC registration fees and sponsor contributions. Of the \$18,890 in expenses, over 90 percent is made up of PDC and monthly meeting expenses.

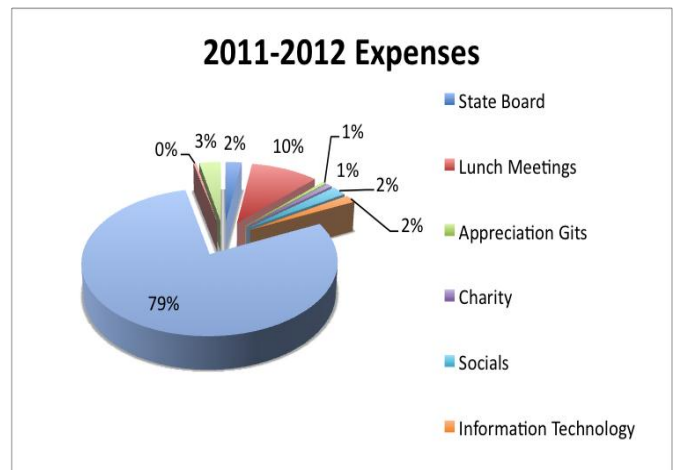
Top Revenue Sources	2010-11	2011-12
Professional Development Conference	\$20,219	\$17,099
Corporate Sponsorships	\$3,000	\$3,000
Membership Dues	\$501	\$569
Total Revenue	\$25,653	\$22,348



Although revenue from the regional PDC was lower than last year, the expenses were substantially lower allowing us to make a net profit of \$3,881 on the PDC. The expenses for monthly meetings went down because we did not have as many members attend luncheons. With lower attendance, we did not spend as much in subsidies. (We subsidized \$9 per member per meeting and had three random free lunches.) All other revenues and expenses were about the same as the prior year.

The Dallas Chapter's fiscal year ends at the close of business on the 31st day of May of each year. The ending balance in all accounts (savings, checking, and PayPal) as of May 31, 2012, was \$21,425.

Top Expenses	2010-11	2011-12
Professional Development Conference	\$21,095	\$13,218
Monthly Meetings	\$4,021	\$2,990
State Board	\$400	\$400
Appreciation Gifts	\$525	\$380
Socials	\$390	\$365
Total Expenses	\$27,925	\$18,890



Challenges

2012-2013 Goals

1. To provide quality programs and services for the growth of the Dallas Chapter membership.
2. To promote the CGFM designation.
3. To raise the public awareness of AGA Citizen Centric Reporting.

Calling All Leaders!

Your leadership in AGA might just be the most important contribution you will make to the profession and to your own career. Active participation on a board or committee may lead to other leadership positions within AGA and perhaps even within your own organization.

Want to find out more? Contact Michelle Richards at president@agadallas.org.



*2011-2012 Dallas Chapter President
Gary Gist and incoming 2012-2013
President Michelle Richards*

Retaining Members and Attracting Young Professionals

The Dallas Chapter membership numbers have decreased over the past few years. During 2011-12, the Dallas Chapter lost 18 members. As government financial management is not a top career choice among students and as baby boomers retire, the Dallas Chapter recognizes the importance of attracting young professionals.

Increasing Number of Certified Financial Management (CGFM) Professionals

The Dallas Chapter membership did not grow by new CGFMs in 2011-12. In order to increase the CGFM members, the Dallas Chapter will encourage and support the members to pursue the CGFM designation. CGFM study materials will be purchased to share among members. Study groups will also be formed to facilitate cooperative learning.

Offering Quality Education

The challenge remains in providing quality education and training in a cost efficient manner as budgets continue to shrink. Since educational support is a way to attract and retain professionals, the Dallas Chapter strives to offer quality education and training opportunities at affordable cost by seeking out quality speakers, and professionals willing to share their knowledge with our members.

Raising Public Awareness of Government Accountability, Transparency and Performance

The Dallas Chapter played a limited role in promoting AGA Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) as the position for the Accountability Outreach Coordinator remained vacant during 2011-12. Now that the position is filled, the Accountability Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for meeting with local leaders on the AGA CCR initiative.

Hosting 62nd Annual National PDC

The Dallas Chapter is very honored to host the 62nd Annual PDC at the Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine Texas in July 2013. The Dallas Chapter is currently looking for volunteers to assist us in hosting a successful National PDC. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lela Mitchell by email at secretary@agadallas.org.