

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
DALLAS CHAPTER**



A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS 2012-2013



Advancing Government
Accountability in Dallas

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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

- Service
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership

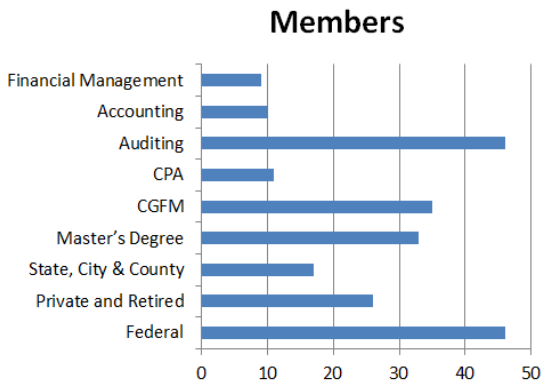
The Dallas Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was formed in 1956 and is part of the South Central Region. With more than 50 years of experience, the Dallas Chapter continues to promote the AGA’s national strategic goals by serving the government financial management community in the following ways:

- promoting government accountability, transparency and performance.
- keeping members 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 September 2013, the Dallas Chapter has over 90 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.

Additionally, we are very proud to have retirees that are still active members, including six lifetime members.



Field of Study	Degrees or Designations	Employer
Financial Management 9	CPA 11	State, City & County 17
Accounting 10	CGFM 35	Private & Retired 26 (13 each)
Auditing 46	Master's Degree 33	Federal 46

Accomplishments



Several 2012 - 13 board members receiving platinum award at July 2013 national PDC in Dallas

2012 - 2013 Accomplishments

- Received the AGA's highest level (platinum level) of Chapter Recognition Award
- Provided a total of 9 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) hours at monthly luncheons
- Participated in the AGA's 62nd PDC Host committee
- Collected approximately \$1,600 for community service events



2012 -13 President Michelle Richards and Moms

Quality Education

The Dallas Chapter received positive feedback for the quality of the educational opportunities provided during 2012-2013. The Dallas Chapter conducts monthly CPE luncheons at the City Club in Dallas every third Thursday of the month from September to May. One meeting was a joint meeting with the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Community Services

The Dallas Chapter continues to actively participate in many community service events and collects contributions and raffles for various causes. In 2012-2013, the Dallas Chapter donated 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 for the following community service events.

- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - \$655
- Stewpot - \$185
- Food for the North Texas Food Bank - 102 pounds
- Salvation Army - \$355
- Homeless Veterans of Dallas - \$235
- Wreaths Across America -\$165 (11 wreaths)

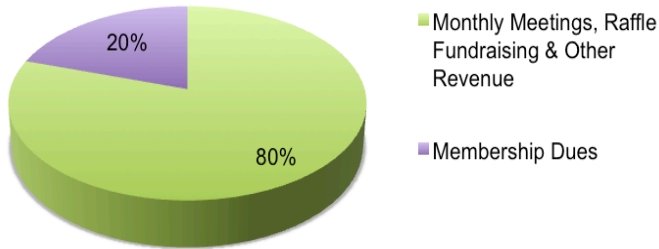
Accountability

The Dallas Chapter –

- Reached out to approximately 15 local governments and promoted the awareness of Citizen Centric Report (CCR), which is the AGA's national initiative report
- Received a Certificate of Achievement in Citizen-Centric Reporting for the chapter's 2011-2012 CCR
- Participated in the AGA's national CCR review program
- Included articles about government transparency efforts in the chapter newsletter

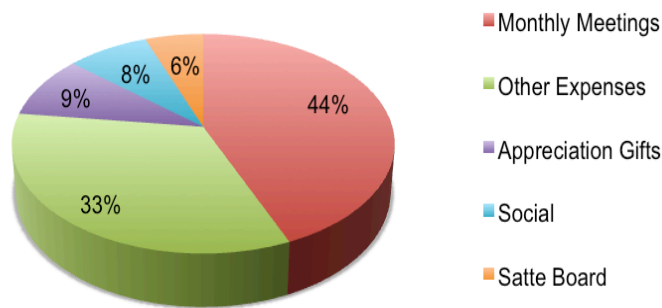
Finances

2012-13 Revenues



Revenues	2011-12	2012-13
Professional Development Conference	\$17,099	\$0
Corporate Sponsorships	\$3,000	\$0
Monthly Meetings, Raffle Fundraising & Other Revenues	\$1,680	\$1,797
Membership Dues	\$569	\$411
Total Revenues	\$22,348	\$2,208

2012-13 Expenses



Expenses	2011-12	2012-13
Professional Development Conference	\$13,218	\$0
Monthly Meetings	\$2,990	\$3,054
Other Expenses	\$1,537	\$2,339
Appreciation Gifts	\$380	\$650
Social	\$365	\$561
State Board	\$400	\$400
Total Expenses	\$18,890	\$7,003

Note: Numbers on this page are rounded numbers.

Traditionally the Dallas Chapter's main revenue sources are from the regional PDC and the Corporate Sponsorships; however, in 2012-13, the Dallas Chapter's revenues were mainly from membership dues, monthly meetings and raffle fundraising.

The Dallas Chapter did not hold the annual regional PDC in 2012-13 as the Dallas Chapter hosted the AGA's national 62nd annual PDC. Of the \$7,003 in total spending, 45% was for monthly meetings.

As of May 31, 2013, the Dallas Chapter had a net loss of \$4,795 and the ending balance in all accounts (savings, checking, and PayPal) of \$16,631. The net loss was mainly due to the subsidies to the monthly luncheons. The Dallas Chapter funded \$9 per member per meeting and had three random free lunches.

- The amount, number of hours and feedback reported in this CCR were based on the records maintained at Dallas Chapter, and input that 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 the report? Please let us know by contacting Thandee Maung at accountability@agadallas.org.

Chapter Goals & Programs



2012-13 Dallas Chapter President,
Michelle Richards & President-Elect,
Trish Wheeler

2013 - 2014 Goals

- To increase membership at least by 10%
- To establish an early career program, a mentoring program, and a CGFM study group
- To continue providing quality education through monthly luncheon meetings and annual regional PDC
- To increase the awareness of AGA, CGFM designation and CCR initiative

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 president@agadallas.org.

Growing the Chapter with New Programs

Membership: Due to the recent sequestration, government agencies implemented cost reduction strategies. Consequently membership retention and attracting new members are the primary challenge for the AGA at the national level as well as the chapter level. AGA typically ends each fiscal year with 2,200 members who never renew their membership. As a result, in April 2013, AGA launched the AGA 500 Retention Campaign to retain an additional 500 members. The retention goal for each chapter was calculated and assigned by the AGA national office. The Dallas Chapter fell just short of meeting its retention goal. The Dallas Chapter will continue working to increase the number of chapter members and retain those it has for the continuity and growth of the association.

Mentoring: In addition to membership retention and new member recruitment, attracting early career professionals has been a challenge. As a significant number of professionals in the government financial management and accountability arena are retiring in a near future, the Dallas Chapter considers this as a serious issue. As a result, the Dallas Chapter plans to reach out to educational institutions in order to promote the awareness of AGA and career opportunities in the government profession. The Dallas Chapter recently filled the Early Career Director position. The Early Career Director is in the process of developing an early career program and a mentoring program. The Dallas Chapter is looking for members who want to be mentors or assist the Early Career Director in reaching out to educational institutions. For further information, contact Ron Salo at early_careers@agadallas.org.

Certification: Increasing the number of Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) members and getting the certification recognized are also challenges. In addition to the CGFM study materials loan program, the Dallas Chapter is in the process of forming a CGFM study group for cooperative learning. The Chapter will actively seek support for the certification from local employers. Contact Michelle Richards at cgfm@agadallas.org for additional information.