

AGA DC: First Meeting and Early Days

The very first meeting of the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA) was held on September 14, 1950 at the old Raleigh Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Street NW.

Fifty-nine charter members approved bylaws and elected Robert W. King as the first President.

Starting in 1952, charters were issued to form association chapters outside of Washington, DC, and from then until 1956, the DC Chapter President wore two hats: one as the DC Chapter President, and the other, with administrative, supervisory and advising authority over the newer chapters. In July 1956, a separate national organization was chartered, as membership and chapters continued to increase.

Early membership in the Association was restricted to upper grade federal employees with accounting responsibilities.

Gradually, admission guidelines were changed to admit all federal employees in accounting and auditing positions, as well as individuals with relevant qualifications in the private sector, and later, state and local government financial professionals.

In the organization's twenty-fifth year, 1975, a proposal was made to remove the word "federal" from the association's name, to reflect the Association's broadening membership base. By a vote of better than four to one, the Federal Government Accountant Association's National Executive Board approved the Association's new name, the "Association of Government Accountants," effective July 1, 1975.



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