



# A Report To Our Members

## Member Centric Report 2019 - 2020



### About the Association of Government Accountants

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded on September 14, 1950 as the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA). In 1975, the Association expanded to include state and local government finance professionals. At that time, the organization's name was changed to the Association of Government Accountants. Today, the AGA has over 100 chapters across the United States and other countries, and has over 15,000 members worldwide.

### About the AGA – Chicago Chapter

The AGA – Chicago chapter was chartered in May 1953, making it one of AGA's oldest chapters, and has a long and proud history. The 2017-2018 chapter year was the Chicago chapter's 64th chapter year. To find out more on the chapter's rich history, please see the chapter website at [www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Chicago](http://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Chicago)

### Selected Chapter Demographics

AGA – Chicago Chapter	2018-2019 Members		2019-2020 Members	
<b>Total Members</b>	69	100.0%	70	100.0%
<b>Membership Type:</b>				
• Full Member	43	62%	40	57%
• Private	11	16%	11	16%
• Retired	6	9%	5	7%
• Lifetime	8	12%	9	13%
• Early Career	1	1%	5	7%
<b>Employer Type:</b>				
• Federal Government	31	45%	29	41%
• Private Sector	13	19%	13	19%
• State/County/Municipal Gov.	11	16%	11	16%
• Student and Academia	1	1%	3	4%
• Other or Not Provided	13	19%	14	20%
<b>Education Level Obtained:</b>				
• Bachelor's Degree	36	52%	34	49%
• Master's Degree Or Higher	28	41%	31	44%
• Other or Not Provided	5	7%	5	7%
<b>Gender:</b>				
• Male	36	52%	40	57%
• Female	33	48%	30	43%
<b>Obtained CGFM Certification</b>	37	54%	39	56%

### Chapter Strategic Objectives:

- Provide low-cost, quality professional education to our members
- Give back to the community
- Advance government accountability

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### Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

### Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

### Core Values (SAIL)

AGA's core values are Service, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership.



# How We Have Progressed

## Chapter Year 2019-2020



### Chapter Awards

- Achieved platinum status in AGA's Chapter Recognition Program.
- Created a chapter Member-Centric Report and earned a Certificate of Excellence for its overall content, visual appeal, and chapter information.

### Continuing Education

- Maintained NASBA accreditation as a CPE sponsor.
- Partnered with the local chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors to provide continuing professional education training

### Giving Back to the Community

- Provided monetary scholarships to two local college students.
- Participated in the VITA Tax Assistance Program and local community service activities.
- Made monetary donations to local food banks to assist with COVID-19 relief efforts.



**During 2019-2020**, the Chicago AGA chapter provided 36.5 hours of continuing professional education to hundreds of participants throughout the Chicagoland area. The educational events included live speakers and webinars, and a two-day professional development conference, and included a wide variety of topics such as government accounting, auditing, internal controls, fraud, ethics, and interpersonal communications.

The Chicago Chapter advertises its continuing education seminars and conferences to both members and non-members in the government accountability community. Events are announced in the monthly Chapter newsletter and posted to the Chapter website. Additionally, events are also advertised through e-mail messages. The newsletter is distributed to all Chapter members, previous attendees from Chapter professional development conferences, and other selected AGA local chapters.

### Selected Accomplishments

<i>Number of Registrants for our Annual Professional Development Training</i>	
2018-2019	2019-2020
80	Cancelled due to COVID-19

<i>Number of events co-sponsored with other professional organizations (PDT)</i>	
2018-2019	2019-2020
2	1

<i>Number of Chapter Events Held</i>	
2018-2019	2019-2020
9	7

<i>Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Offered</i>	
2018-2019	2019-2020
36.5	18.5

# Our Finances

## Revenues & Expenses

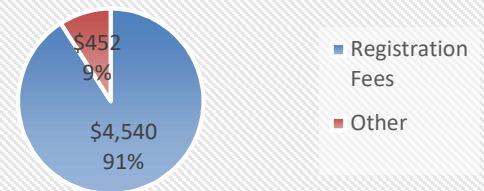
### What are the costs for providing services to our members and how are those costs paid?

The financial data provided below is for chapter year 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020), during which time the chapter had a successful program year. Although the chapter may make money some years and lose money other years, the chapter's goal over the long term is to break even while providing members with low-cost, quality professional services.

### Revenue by Source

	Chapter Year 2017-2018	Chapter Year 2018-2019	Chapter Year 2019-2020
Registration Fees (PDT, Monthly Luncheons, Etc.)	\$18,776	\$15,212	\$4,540
Other (Chapter Membership Dues, Interest Income, Etc.)	588	533	452
<b>Total Chapter Revenue</b>	<b>\$19,364</b>	<b>\$15,745</b>	<b>\$4,991</b>

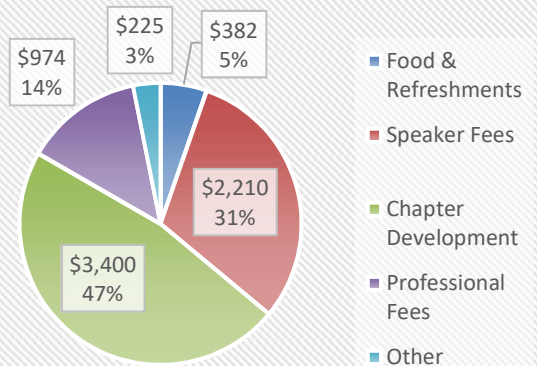
### 2019-20 Revenues



### Expenditures by Source

	Chapter Year 2017-2018	Chapter Year 2018-2019	Chapter Year 2019-2020
Food & Refreshments	7,345	4,729	382
Speaker Expenses (Speaker Fees, Webinar, Gifts & Expense Reimbursements)	11,685	7,985	2,210
Chapter Development Expenses (National PDT Registrations, Undergraduate Scholarships, & SLM Expenses)	9,103	4,367	3,400
Professional Fees (License Fees, Memberships, & Accounting Services)	1,092	1,001	974
Other (Printing, Postage, Supplies, Etc.)	475	255	225
<b>Total Chapter Expenditures</b>	<b>\$29,700</b>	<b>\$18,337</b>	<b>\$7,191</b>

### 2019-20 Expenditures

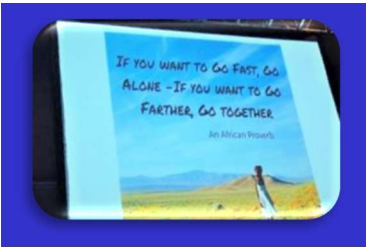


# What's Next

## Chapter Initiatives & Challenges



2019 IIA GAC/AGA Fall Into Training



2019 AGA National PDT



Chapter Event Banner

### Key Initiatives

- **Leadership Development** - Encourage chapter members to serve actively on the board and help mentor them to become effective leaders. Promote excellence and high ethical standards among the leadership team. Encourage a service-oriented approach to leadership. Build on AGA's reputation as a leader in advancing government accountability by helping others create Citizen Centric Reports.
- **Member Recruitment and Retention** - Offer various new member recruitment events during the year to share the advantages of joining and becoming active in a local AGA chapter. Facilitate activities for local colleges and universities that will attract students and future Early Career members to help grow the organization and the government accountability profession.
- **Building Chapter Partnerships** – Continue to identify groups through which we can build partnerships to achieve the Chapter's strategic objectives. Attract sponsorship by local and regional organizations to gain the capital needed to provide low-cost quality training, and recruitment and networking events. Continue to work with the IIA in partnering in holding the annual Fall into Training event as well as other events. Reach out to community organizations by adopting local charities and serving them through ongoing member events and monetary donations to various causes.

### Key Challenges

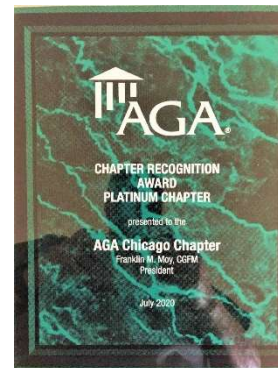
- **Retain current members and recruit new members.** Create a greater awareness of who we are and what we do. Build management support for AGA. Increase chapter membership benefits.
- **Increase attendance rates at chapter events.** Increase focus on providing timely and relevant speakers. Provide online training opportunities due to COVID-19. Build a virtual format to provide training to members. Find a way to hold a virtual PDT and overcome the logistical challenges. Price chapter events to provide outstanding value.

### We value your input and want to hear from you!

- Do you like this report?
- Would you like to see other information?
- Do you have any questions?

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For more information on the Chicago Chapter, visit our chapter website at [www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Chicago](http://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Chicago)



Chapter Recognition Program Platinum Award