



# A Report to Our Members



## About the Maine AGA Chapter

The Maine Chapter of the National Association of Government Accountants serves government accounting professionals by providing quality education and fostering professional development and certification. Monthly meetings provide a chance for State of Maine and local government accounting employees to meet and network, discussing pertinent accounting and management issues.

2012 is the 15th anniversary of the State of Maine Chapter of AGA. The Maine Chapter has 112 members as of July 2012. Twenty three financial professionals in Maine hold the professional CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) certification. Our membership includes state, federal, quasi-governmental, municipal and private sector employees.



Monthly luncheon meetings are held September through May of each year. Each meeting features a keynote speaker discussing events or programs currently impacting government and the state as a whole. Throughout the year, Maine AGA members perform several community service events, providing support to local children, veterans and homeless citizens

### Membership Information

As of June 30, 2012

Number of Members 7/2012	112
Overall retention: % of goal	98%
New members added since the prior year	3
Number of CGFMs (Chapter members/Statewide)	14/23



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## Mission

*To support the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia.*

## Vision

*Serve as a thought leader for the government accountability*

## **Highlights of our FY 2012 Accomplishments**

- Chapter Recognition: Bronze level achieved
- Programs and audio conferences provided an opportunity for up to 27 total CPE units
- Six Community Service projects were completed providing help to school children, the animal shelter and the homeless.
- Nine monthly member meetings were held, each with an informative and/or entertaining topic

### **Communications:**

The chapter communicated with all members each month by way of our newsletter, website and meeting and educational notices.

### **Community Service**

The Maine Chapter has a long history of service to the community and that tradition continued this year. Organizations benefiting from our efforts include the Maine Lung Association, the Family Violence Shelter, a local Homeless shelter the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

### **Education**

Our chapter participated in eight audio conferences this year, offering both members and non-members an opportunity to earn up to sixteen CPEs.

### **Professional Certification:**

The chapter promoted the CGFM through the newsletter and website and at member meetings. We offered study guides for all CGFM tests as loaners to our members free of charge.

Our chapter teamed with the Aroostook County chapter to request and receive a CGFM month proclamation in March from Maine Governor Paul R. LePage

### **Programs & Technical Meetings:**

Between 30-35 participants attended the 8 luncheon meetings. Topics this past year included:

- 1) Pension Plan Changes- why they were considered, by Sandy Matheson,
- 2) Information security – “CyberCrime- Are you a target?” by Sari Greene, Sage Data Security,
- 3) ) Citizen Centric Reporting from AGA Executive Director- Relmond Van Daniker,
- 4) Internal Control Lessons from the Maine Turnpike Authority,
- 5) annual tax update from Maine Revenue Services,
- 6) Making Maine Work – Laurie Lachance, CEO of Maine Development Foundation,
- 7) Efficiency Maine,
- 8) An update on White Collar Crime in Maine – Leanne Robbin, Attorney General’s Office.

# FY 2012 Finances

The Maine AGA chapter receives the portion of membership fees designated as the chapter fee from national headquarters. We also charge a fee to help cover monthly meeting costs and we charge participants to attend audio conferences put on by AGA National that we sponsor.

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 7/2012		
Assets		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking-Checking	\$297.63
	AGA Savings-Savings Account	\$5,566.26
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$5,863.89
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$698.00
		\$698.00
Total Assets		\$6561.89
Liabilities		
Outstanding bills, taxes, charges		\$0
Total Liabilities		\$0
Overall Total		<b>\$6561.89</b>

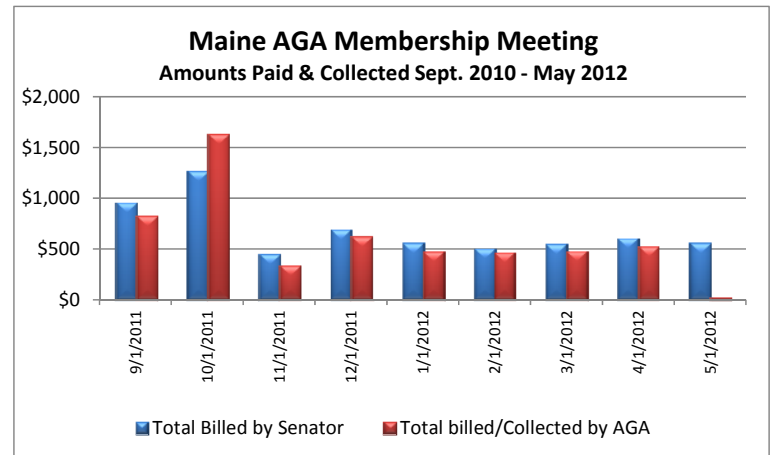
*A limited review & verification of chapter financial records provided assurance that financial statements are not likely to require material changes and that the records selected for review comply with generally accepted accounting principles.*

*The review was conducted by a CEC member independent from the Treasure's function. A copy of the report on this review may be viewed by contacting the Chapter Treasurer or President.*

The chapter's overall fiscal standing is strong, costs and revenues in 2012 for our two major activities are detailed below.

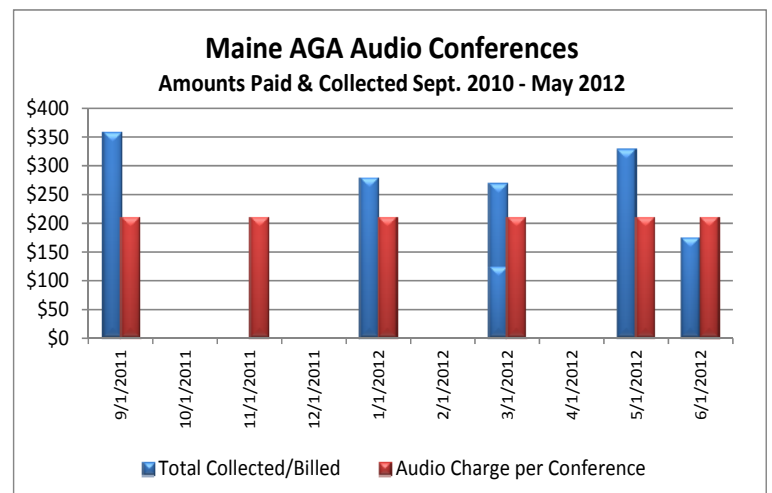
In FY 2012 we increased the attendee fee for monthly meetings, but still spent more than we collected,. We did reduce the net loss per meeting from the 2011 level with the change to attendee fee.

Member Meeting Financials	FY 2012
Total Billed by Senator Inn	\$6,158.80
Total billed/collected from participants	\$5,395.17
Total chapter profit/loss from member meetings	<b>\$-763.63</b>



We adjusted our audio conference plan and purchased only subject areas with historically higher interest and were able to go from an operating loss in 2011 to a net gain in FY 2012

Audio Conference Financials	FY 2012
Cost for conferences	\$1,693.00
Total billed/collected from participants	\$1,825.01
Total chapter profit/loss from audio conferences expenditures	<b>\$132.00</b>



# *What's next - Key Initiatives*

## **We would like to hear from you.**

Please let us know how you like this report and if there are changes or additional information you would like to see by contacting any member of the Executive Committee. For more information on our services, visit our website at <http://home.gwi.net/>

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## **Membership & Outreach Initiatives**

The chapter will apply for and use the Membership Recruitment Scholarship from AGA National to attract non members to our monthly meetings to encourage them to join.

## **CGFM**

We will again work with the Governor's office to obtain a CGFM month proclamation in March and will survey members to see if there is interest in a study group for the CGFM exams.

## **Education**

Work toward sustainable operational practices. Conferences to be offered will be selected based on topics with highest interest levels and months most prone to weather cancellations will be avoided, to optimize our profit/loss profile while still offering members this valued service.

## **Programs & Technical Meetings**

Ideas and preferences for meeting topics will continue to be solicited from chapter members and topics that have generated substantial interest in the past will be given preference.

In our selection of programs we will strive to cover topics that are timely and address the biggest challenges and highest interest for the membership.

## **Community Service**

Four campaigns are planned to support local agencies:

Aug -Sept School Supplies for Domestic Violence Shelter

Oct - Dec Socks, hats gloves for Bread of Life Homeless Shelter

Jan – Feb Non-perishable food items for food pantry

Mar – Apr Big Brothers/Big Sisters- Bowl for Kid's Sake

Information will be provided to members about the services of these agencies along with details on how to serve and/or donate.