



# *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.

The State of Maine Chapter of AGA was established in 1997. The Maine Chapter has 127 members as of June 2014. Thirteen 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, 2014

Number of Members 7/2014	127
Change from prior year	<-.1%
New/re-enrolled members in 2013-14	5
Number of CGFMs	13



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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 2014 Accomplishments**

- Chapter Recognition: Bronze level achieved
- Programs and audio conferences provided an opportunity for up to 16 total CPE units
- Five Community Service projects were completed providing help to school children, the boys and girls club, the food bank 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, 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 Augusta Food Bank.

## **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 receive a CGFM month recognition in March from Maine Governor Paul R. LePage

## **Programs & Technical Meetings:**

Between 46 to 67 participants attended each of the 8 luncheon meetings. Topics this past year included:

- 1) Consumer Protection Strategies, by David Leach,
- 2) "GASB and Other Developments from MainePERS and How They Affect You", by Sandy Matheson,
- 3) Information Assurance and Cyber Security, by Professor Frank Appunn, Thomas College
- 4) Fraud Cases by Dennis Corliss and Carol Elsemore SESC,
- 5) Insights from Years of Service, Commissioner Sawin Millett
- 6) Risk Areas from OPEGA Perspective, by Beth Ashcroft
- 7) "Leading with a Smile", AGA National President, Mary Peterman
- 8) Fiscal Responsibility, by Governor Paul R. LePage

# FY 2014 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.

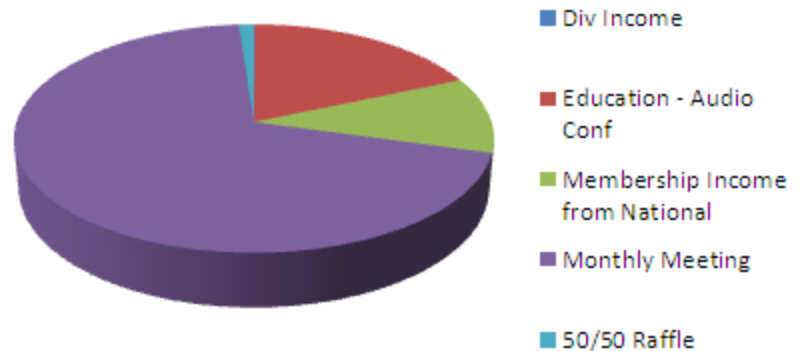
Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 7/30/2014		
Assets		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking-Checking	\$254.18
	AGA Savings-Savings Account	\$5,746.10
	Cash (Change Fund)	40.00
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$6,040.28
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$418.00
Total Other Assets		\$418.00
Total Assets		\$6,458.28
Liabilities		
Outstanding bills, taxes, charges		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Overall Total		<u>\$6,458.28</u>

*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.*

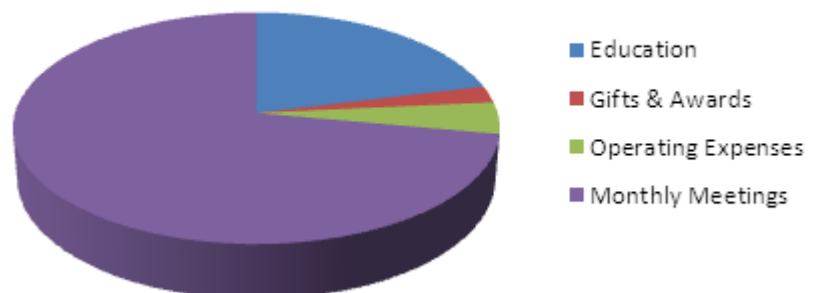
*The review was conducted by a CEC member independent from the Treasure's function. A copy of the report on this review may be viewed by contacting the Chapter Treasurer or President.*

The chapter's overall fiscal standing is strong. FY 2014 costs and revenues by category are shown below:

Revenue Sources	FY 2014
Meeting Fees	\$8,249.00
Training Registrations	\$2,195.00
Chapter Portion of AGA Dues	\$1,276.30
50/50 Raffles	\$140.00
Interest Dividend on Checking	\$5.12
Total Revenue	\$11,865.42



Expenses	FY 2014
Meeting Room and Meals	\$7,520.12
Cost for Audio Conferences	\$2,205.00
Legal / Professional Fees	\$440.00
Postage and Delivery	\$9.80
Business Supplies	\$10.86
Gifts and Awards	\$242.02
Total Expenses	\$10,427.80



# *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 Augusta Food Bank

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.