

Ozarks Chapter AGA

A Report to Our Members 2017-2018

Getting To Know Your Ozarks AGA

The Ozarks Chapter of Association of Governmental Accountants is a local chapter of a National organization that focuses on governmental and not for profit accounting and finance related issues. Our membership is made up primarily of local government and education institution employees – however, we do have additional members from the State of Missouri and local businesses. Our organization is a great networking opportunity! We enjoy having guests and would encourage you and your staff to attend our monthly meetings—we look forward to meeting you!



Education

We host monthly meetings that provide our members (and non-members) with CPE that many of our members need to maintain our certifications – although a certification is certainly not required to be a member, or a guest. We have our meetings over the lunch hour, close to the downtown Springfield area so that employees can easily attend without missing work. We also have 2 full day seminars per year – providing 8 CPE each, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Community Service

For the 2017-18 program year, we focused our community service efforts on the Child Advocacy Center, and we couldn't be more excited about our participation! In the upcoming program year, we will be fundraising on behalf of Isabel's House—Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks.

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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.

Purpose:

AGA is the member organization for government accountability professionals and the thought leader in government financial management.

Core Values:

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership



Tracking Our Progress

Review of Program Year 2017-18

Major Accomplishments



The Ozarks Chapter of AGA has been a nationally awarded chapter for several years and continued that tradition in the 2018 program year.



In addition to our CEC, we have members who serve in leadership roles and on boards at the regional and national level.



Over the past several years, our CEC has worked hard to grow our full day seminars. Starting with this year, we have officially outgrown our previous location and will be switching venues to accommodate our growth!

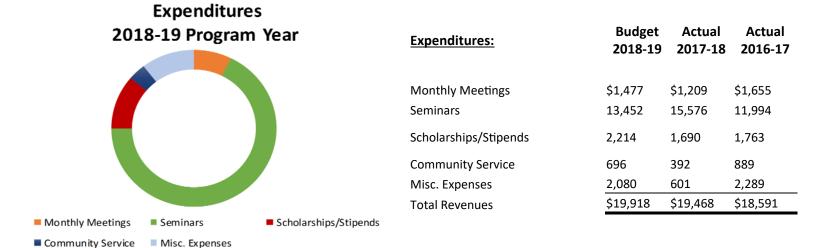
Ozarks AGA Chapter Performance Measures	15-16 Actual	16-17 Actual	17-18 Actual	18-19 Target
Education				
Number of CPE Hours Offered	22	21	22	21
Number of Full Day Seminars Offered	2	2	2	2
Number of Monthly Meetings Held	6	6	6	6
Attendance				
Attendance at Spring—Full Day Seminar	65	81	66	70
Attendance at Fall—Full Day Seminar	45	51	42	50
Average Full Day Seminar Attendance	55	66	54	60
Average Attendance at Monthly Meetings	25	25	22	25
Certification				
Total Number of CGFMs in Chapter	18	21	21	20
Total Number of CGFM Applicants in Progress				2
Communication				
Submission of Member-Centric Report to National AGA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Number of Newsletters Sent to Membership During the Program Year	7	7	9	10

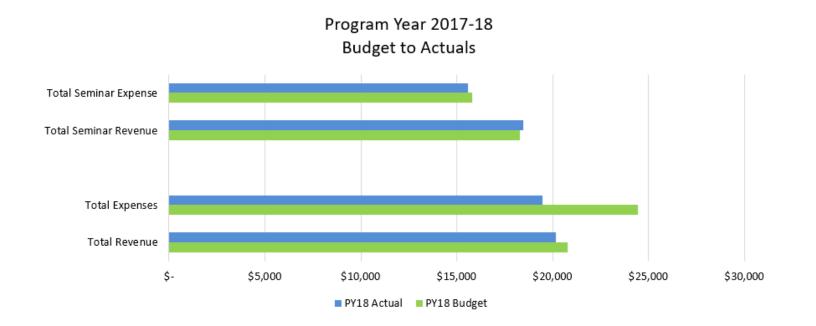


Our Finances

Program Budget and Previous Performance







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Challenges Moving Forward

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA is working towards being the area leader in providing professional education and certification opportunities. The Chapter plans to continue to encourage governments to provide the public with excellent reports that are user friendly. We also want to be connected to the great support of the national AGA.

Grow Our Chapter

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA plans to continue to make an effort to attract early career members to our organization. The Chapter offers free admission to our all day seminars to local college students and has a scholarship program in place to encourage college students to become active in the organization. Our chapter offers one free meeting per year to a perspective member.

Expand Educational Support

It is important to the Ozarks Chapter to identify training needs and provide timely, relevant, and economical training opportunities. We take a survey at our fall and spring seminars that ask our membership for input on educational topics and speakers.

Foster Citizen Understanding of Government Accountability and Performance

The Ozarks AGA Chapter commits to taking a leading role in promoting the Citizen Centric Report (CCR). Governments at all levels seek to be transparent with their spending, yet many transparency websites only provide access to complex financial reports that require an accounting degree to understand. AGA's CCR initiative is intended to simplify communication between governments and their citizens. We, like National AGA, believe that accurate government financial information should be provided to all citizens, in a simple and understandable format, with is updated regularly and available to all.

For the 2018-19 Program Year, the Ozarks Chapter CCR goal is to have one government organization produce a CCR.

