

AGA Phoenix Chapter A Report to Our Members 2015-2016

A Message From Our President

The Phoenix Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is excited to present our member-centric report for the sixth consecutive year. Membercentric reporting is part of AGA's initiative for governments to provide clear and understandable financial information to not only trained financial professionals, but to the average person.

We invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings or our annual Professional Development Conference as we strive to provide high quality, low-cost continuing professional education to its members and the government accounting community. More info can be found at agaphoenix.org.

We hope our report provides improved transparency and accountability of our strategic objectives and finances. We welcome any feedback and hope to see you at a future event.

Josh Consier

AGA Phoenix Chapter President

Our Strategic Goals

- Provide high quality, low-cost continuing professional education to the membership and the government accounting community.
- Promote the value of AGA membership in order to retain and expand membership.
- Promote the value of the Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) program as the preferred professional designation.
- Promote government financial management to schools and colleges and become spokespersons for the advancement of government accountability through quality course offerings to students.
- Seek National AGA support for a consistent local web site format and the technical support necessary to provide a web based venue that the membership can use to research current information relating to the Phoenix chapter.
- Promote networking among membership at chapter events.
- Promote Executive Board membership in order to diversify our ideas and strengthen our focus.
- Expand AGA membership throughout the state.



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Mission

The Phoenix Chapter serves Arizona professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality, low-cost continuing education, promoting professional development and interaction among members, and fostering a commitment to community involvement as well as a sense of responsibility for advancing government accountability.

Vision

The Phoenix Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) actively creates an avenue for membership to share ideas with each other, to share knowledge and time with the community, and to promote the advancement of government standards and accountability within the profession.

How We Have Progressed Fiscal Year 2016

2016 Accomplishments

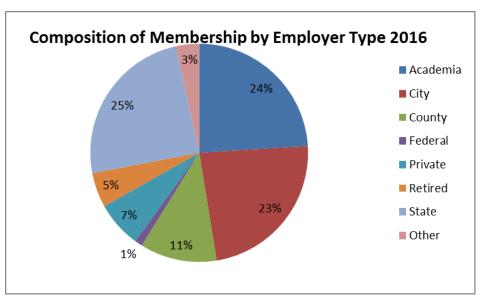
- Our Chapter held eleven monthly educational meetings throughout the year, as well as an Ethics update and our annual PDC for a total of 34 CPE credits. Attendees averaged 35 for monthly meetings, 45 for ethics, and 110 for the PDC.
- The Phoenix Chapter of AGA earned Chapter Recognition Points during the 2015-2016 Program Year to be the recipient of the Gold Chapter Designation Award from AGA Nationals.



AGA Education Committee Member, Brittney Williams, receiving the Gold Award for Chapter Recognition from AGA National President, John Homan at the AGA National PDT in Anaheim, CA.

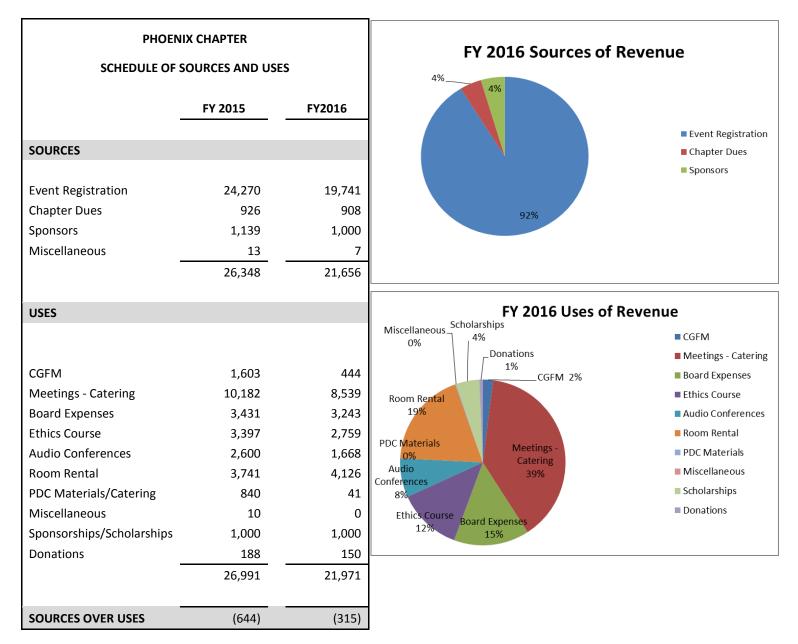
- This year our Chapter awarded one \$1,000 scholarship to a student identified for her academic excellence and community service achievements.
- Our Chapter offered scholarships to members who passed the CGFM exam this year.
- We helped out at the Ronald McDonald House, preparing and serving dinner to families of children staying at Phoenix Children's Hospital.
- We sponsored families through the Christmas Angels program.

Membership Demographics			
	2015	2016	% Change
Total Membership	177	175	-1%
CGFM Certifications	85	83	-2%
CPA Licenses	24	24	0%
Bachelor Degrees	100	100	0%
Master Degrees	51	52	2%



Our Finances Revenues and Expenses

What are the costs for **servicing our members** and how are those costs paid?



Independent Audit

An Independent audit of the Chapter's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information can be found at <u>www.agaphoenix.org</u>.

What's Next Key Initiatives

Challenges-FY 16 Targets

- Produce timely and effective communication and information to our members.
 Our Chapter's goal for FY16 is to produce the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Monthly Newsletter within 10 days of the close of the month. Our treasurer, Leslie De'Reche, and Newsletter Chair, Michelle Huckabay, have worked diligently to meet these goals. Another goal is to produce the Chapter's Citizen Centric Report and have it posted to our website by Sept 30, 2016.
- Increasing the number of young leaders through outreach.
- Increase community service to meet the needs of our community. John Schutter continues as the Community Services Chair.
- We are striving to retain and increase membership. Our Chapter's goal is to retain 90% of our current members, and increase new membership by 5%.

We want to hear from you.

If you would like any additional information on our Chapter or are interested in volunteering for a committee or serving on our Executive Board, please contact any of our Board members. You can find a listing of our Board members on the "Contact Us" page on our website. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Ronald McDonald House volunteers in June 2016 after making dinner for residents