

A Report to Our Members 2018-2019



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Who We Are

The Seattle Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a member organization for government financial management professionals. We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our networking events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers.

From undergraduate students to industry experts, our membership includes professionals from all levels of government, academia, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.

Our Mission

We are a professional association advancing accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

Message from the Seattle Chapter Board

Welcome, and thank you for viewing our Seattle AGA Chapter Citizen-Centric Report for the 2018-2019 program year. We had a successful program year, as evidenced by the programs and activities covered on page 2 of this report, and by our recognition by AGA National as a Platinum Chapter for the 2018-19 program year.

Our goals and challenges section on page 4 outlines our major goals for the 2019-2020 program year. We are focused on expanding our membership to better encompass the rich variety and wide range of government accounting and accountability professionals in the Puget Sound region. Key to achieving that goal is the active participation in the chapter by our current members, and by community members who join us during the program year. We are looking for your feedback as to how we can better serve you, and continue to improve our offerings to the community. Please feel free to contact us with comments and ideas for the upcoming program year, and to encourage your coworkers and others to explore what an AGA membership has to offer.

Membership by Category	Count
Govt. Member	44
Lifetime Member	3
Private Member	3
Retired Member	3
Student Member	2
Young Professional	1
Total Members	56
Active CGFMs	22

Membership by Employer	Count
Federal	18
County	11
Academic	6
City	6
Retired-Not Working	6
State	2
Student (Full Time)	2
Tribal	2
Other	3

For more on AGA Seattle Chapter, visit our website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Seattle>

Programs & Activities



Early Career

In February and May respectively, Beta Alpha Psi student groups at Seattle Pacific University and Seattle University hosted presentations about government accounting and accountability careers. AGA Seattle Chapter members Katherine King, Mary Ann Hardy, Delores Lee, and Sam Lord gave presentations about their organizations, what they do on a day-to-day basis, AGA, and what a career in government accountability can look like.

Community Service

During the holiday season we encouraged our members and participants at our education events to donate food or funds to the Rainier Valley Food Bank (RVFB). In total we were able to donate almost 75 pounds of food and \$113 to the RVFB!



Chapter Secretary Karyn Angulo (right) receiving the Platinum Award on behalf of the chapter from AGA National President John Lynskey (left) at AGA PDT 2019 .

Conferences Attended

AGA Seattle Chapter board members Sam Lord and Karyn Angulo and Immediate Past President Mary Ann Hardy were among the participants at the 2019 GAAC. Board member Ken Smith presented one of the training sessions as did AGA National Chief Executive Officer Ann Ebberts.

Incoming President Sam Lord and the new National Council of Chapters representative Karyn Angulo were privileged to attend AGA's leadership training in April. Lead! is AGA's chapter and national leadership training, and it brings volunteers together with AGA National staff to discuss a variety of national and chapter objectives.



Board dinner with AGA National CEO Ann Ebberts. Clockwise from left - Tony Eayrs, Sandra Starnes, Sam Lord, Katherine King, Ann Ebberts, Karen Murphy, and Karyn Angulo.

Education

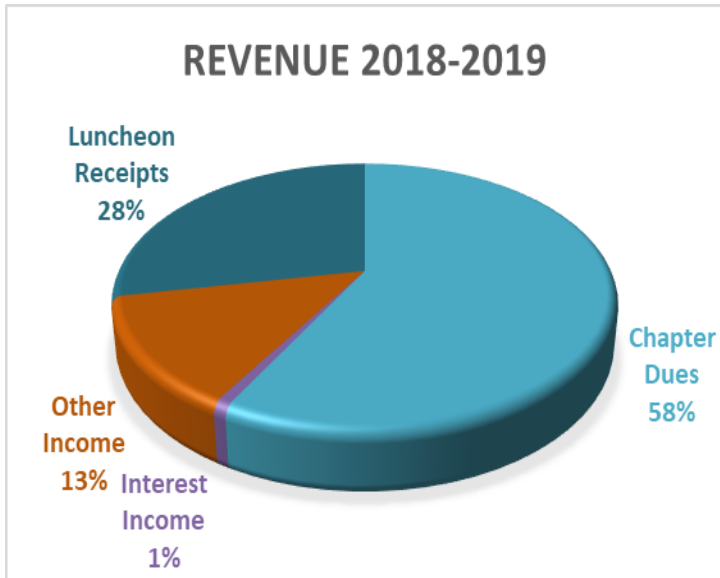
We met our goal of hosting an education event every month (with a break in December) and had a robust schedule of education events this past year that provided a total of 24 continuing professional education (CPE) credits:

- September 11, 2018—Roundtable discussion on Intelligent Automation (1 CPE)
- October 10, 2018—AGA Webinar, *Internal Control: Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse* (2 CPEs)
- November 6, 2018 — Panel discussion on Year-End Closing Processes (1 CPE)
- January 15, 2019 — *Annual Tax Update*, Valerie Moseley, CPA (1 CPE)
- February 12, 2019 — *Internal Auditors in Washington School Districts: A Benefit to Accountability* (1 CPE)
- March 27, 2019 — AGA Webinar, *Cybersecurity: Protecting and Utilizing Government Data* (2 CPEs)
- April 30 and May 1, 2019 — Government Accounting and Auditing Conference (GAAC). (16 CPEs)

Chapter Financials



Seattle Chapter Revenues



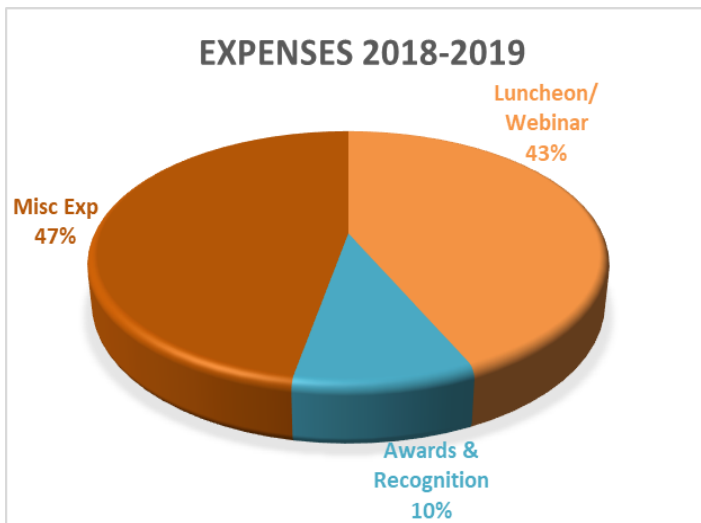
Sources	Actuals 2017-2018	Actuals 2018-2019
Joint Conferences	\$1,861.60	n/a*
Chapter Dues	\$259.33	\$257.42
Interest Income	\$14.36	\$3.41
Other Income	\$801.91	\$59.68
Luncheon Receipts	\$380.00	\$125.00
Total Inflows	\$3,317.20	\$445.51

Our primary source of income is from partnering with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants in putting on an annual Government Accounting and Auditing Conference.

Other sources include chapter membership dues, reimbursements, luncheon receipts, and interest.

* Revenue from the 2019 Conference of \$2,449.49 will be recorded in our 2020 financials.

Seattle Chapter Expenses



Expenses	Actuals 2017-2018	Actuals 2018-2019
PDT Registration & Travel	\$1,794.39	n/a**
Awards & Recognition	\$386.20	\$145.09
Luncheon/ Webinar Expenses	\$853.38	\$650.59
Misc Exp	\$1,223.22	\$707.65
Total Expenses	\$4,257.19	\$1,503.33

Our expenditures are primarily related to assisting members with scholarships to represent the chapter at AGA events, sponsoring outreach to students, promoting Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification, and making contributions to charitable organizations. Other expenses include costs of CPE presentations and board and chapter expenses. However, for the program year, we had a net loss of \$1,057.82. One challenge in the coming year is to increase revenues and membership in the chapter to better serve our members and the community.

**Expenses for the July 2019 AGA Professional Development Training of \$372.11 will be recorded in our 2020 financials.

Goals & Challenges



Chapter Goals/Plans

- **Membership** - Increase chapter membership by 10-15% over June 2019 numbers.
- **CGFM** - Re-establish CGFM study group. New CGFM certification by 2 chapter members.
- **Community Service** - Sponsor an in-person community service event with a non-profit.
- **Professional Education** - Schedule the year's monthly training lunches prior to September 2019. Continue partnership with the WSCPA on the Government Accounting and Auditing Conference (GAAC).
- **Accountability** - Achieve the AGA National Certificate of Excellence for the 2018-2019 report.
- **Early Career** - A least 3 events with student accounting and accountability groups at local colleges and universities, partnering with area government entities. Sign up 5 new students and 3 faculty members for e-memberships.
- **Chapter Board** - Recruit at least one student or young professional to the board. Recruit at least one additional new board member.
- **Meetings** - Research and select a webinar software/application for broadcasting web trainings and hosting board meetings. Identify at least two new options for in-person meeting spaces.

Chapter Challenges

- Convincing area government entities to encourage employee involvement in AGA, and to take advantage of opportunities to partner with the chapter in recruiting students and young professionals
- Convincing local students to take advantage of free student e-memberships, and to consider government accounting and accountability careers given competing area careers in public and private accounting
- Static membership numbers over time. Decreasing participation by chapter members in chapter events due to increased teleworking, and challenges finding the time to participate during the work day
- Static chapter board membership, with the same board members cycling through board roles. Heavy workload for board members given limited number of board members, and challenging chapter goals.
- Technology and meeting space limitations in providing member training opportunities
- Limited awareness of the CGFM certification and its value by area government entities and government accounting and accountability professionals

We hope you've enjoyed the AGA Seattle Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report that summarizes our 2018-2019 program year activities. If you'd like more information about the chapter or the benefits of membership in AGA, or have suggestions for how to improve our programs and outreach, please contact us at info.agaseattle@gmail.com.

Our board members for the 2018-2019 program year were:

President & Professional Development Chair

Karen Murphy

President-Elect, Treasurer, Webmaster, Early Career

Sam Lord

Secretary, Newsletter Editor, NCC Rep, Historian

Karyn Angulo

Membership Chair

Tony Eayrs

CGFM Chair

Gabrielle Sivage

Community Service Co-Chairs

Katherine King, Gabrielle Sivage

Accountability Chair

Katherine King

Members at Large

John Kurpierz, Ken Smith, Sandra Starnes

This CCR was prepared by Katherine King and edited by Karyn Angulo.
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