

# Report to Our Members Citizen-Centric Report for 2017-2018

#### **About AGA**

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded in 1950 with the mission to foster learning principles, professional certifications, exercise leadership and collaboration between stakeholders whom were committed to advancing governmental accountability. AGA enjoys a long standing history as the leaders for the government accountability professionals. Structured into 15 regions, with 100 Chapters, and over 16,000 members, the AGA's membership is made up of local Finance Directors, State Auditors, federal and state Chief Financial Officers, academicians and private sector leaders.

# **Our Chapter**

Since 1960, the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) has been serving government professionals from the local, state, and federal agencies in the Hampton Roads Area, which includes; Hampton, Newport News, York County, Poquoson, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, and Isle of Wight. In its 56th year, the Virginia Peninsula Chapter continues to serve as an active, member-run organization, creating partnerships with immeasurable value for its members and the surrounding communities whom enjoy the rewards of their professionalism and hard work.

**Selected Demographics** 

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Total Members	2017-2018
Full Membership	145
Federal Government Members	70
Private Members	18
Students Members	1
New Members	11

# Our Strategic Objectives

• Keep our members informed on what is new by providing proffesional education while Networking in a fun environment as well as enrich their career.



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#### **Mission**

We promote the advancement of government accountability by:

- Participating in the future of governmental financial management through research and development.
- Ensuring continuity of quality government accountability professionals.
- Serving our member communities through our time and service.
- Providing quality and affordable educational opportunities.

### **Vision**

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

# How We Have Progressed Fiscal Year 2017-2018



# **2018 Accomplishments**

- We received the Platinum Chapter Award in Orlando this past July.
- AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter focuses educational program and the value they bring to our membership. Because we keep operational costs low the AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter is able to give back to its membership.
- We offer Professional Development Training events and additional hours of low cost CPE throughout the year to our members.
- We increased our CGFM population this year by promoting the Certification and providing detailed information to encourage our members to take advance of the knowledge of government financial management.
- We are implementing the Emerging Leaders Program to help those upcoming graduate and create leaning opportunity for the students.
- We partner up with three major Universities in Hampton Road, which we provide a scholarship to each one. We are heavily involved in the selection process to ensure top quality candidate are picked.
- Provide joint luncheon with ASMC.
   Since we have mutual members, it is more convenient to both groups to attend and is another way to network.

#### What have we done

During the 2017-2018 period, our chapter leadership and board of directors have been working diligently to increase awareness to changes that benefits our field to both our members as well as the communities. Also, we have been encouraging continuous education and networking to our members and partners. With our newsletters we have kept members up-to-date on current changes to government/private sector information, as well as professional guidance and new certifications requirements.

Below are some of the charities we have supported:







# Our Finances Revenues and Expenses

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

The funding that exists for the resources and services associated with the Association of Government Accountants are paid for by the General Fund(s). Those services include but are not limited to; AGA services for, CPE's, education and professional development of our members, general expenditure of community service and any other Charity activity AGA volunteers to help.

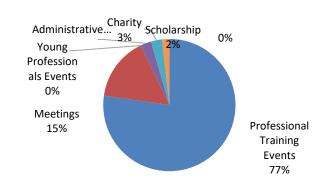
**Revenue by Source** 

	2016-2017	2017-2018
Professional Development Training	\$31,429.00	\$34,447.00
Meetings	672.00	1,101.00
Other	15.00	19.00
Total Chapter Revenues	32,981.00	35,567.00



**Expenditures by Service Area** 

	2016-2017	2017-2018
Professional Development Training	\$18,964.00	\$21,863.00
Meetings	3,734.00	4,398.00
Luncheons	1,420.00	1,739.00
Year End Award Celebration	2,314.00	2,659.00
Young Professionals	122.00	-
Administrative/Misc.	556.00	760.00
Community Service / Charity	1,105.00	765.00
Scholarships	875.00	500.00
Membership	50.00	-
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Total Chapter Revenues	\$25,406.00	\$30,330.00



# **Independent Audit**

Independent audits of the Chapter's finances were conducted, resulting in clean opinions in 2017-2018





# Why the AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter?

The AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter puts you in contact with other government accountability professionals in your area.

Through our chapter, you'll get the chance to participate in social events, business meetings and educational seminars with other professionals who understand your concerns. In addition, your AGA membership means you're part of a tremendous nationwide network.

Also, a significant component of the AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter is the educational program, Professional Development Training events, and additional hours of low cost CPE throughout the year to its members, which meets most professional continuing education requirements.

## We want to hear from you.

- Do you like this report?
- Would you like to see other information?

Please let us know by contacting any of our chapter leadership members:

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## **Key Initiative**

This year we will continue to focus on raising community awareness about the AGAVAPEN. We will extend greater opportunities for participation by our members and partners in chapter administrative areas, and encourage stronger community service involvement strengthening our Core values.

## How can we accomplish this?

Raising AGAVAPEN Visibility: Raise awareness about our chapter and our purpose by engaging government leaders and collaborating with professional organizations. We will leverage various media (and social media) outlets to help fulfill this objective. More people should know how the AGA can support their professional aspirations in the government accounting field.

Engaging Our Members: It's time to empower our organization through the use of technology. This is your organization and livestreaming monthly learning events and teleconferencing for our routine meetings will help members remain active within AGAVAPEN while balancing work/life responsibilities. We are creating more opportunities for our members to achieve their full potential and to stay in communication by providing a way to volunteer no matter where we are located in Hampton Roads.

Enhancing Our Training: Our PDTs will continue to deliver the most current updates on what's happening in our industry (e.g. Federal, state and local government). Nevertheless, our chapter can do more in this area and we will! Therefore, we will offer scholarships for all three Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exams for 2 members of our chapter. We will share more about the requirements to qualify for this opportunity in future correspondence. We are committed to bringing value to the careers of our members and affiliates.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### Foodbank Food Drive at Kroger, Ward's Corner Norfolk

Help collect food and donations for the Food Bank to benefit hungry people in our community!

Location: 205 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk VA

Date: November 3, 2018

#### November Monthly Luncheon

Join us for our November Monthly Luncheon at Langley Officer's Club on

Speaker: Kathy Ferrare, CFO, NASA Langley Research Center

Location: Langley Officer's Club

Date: November 15, 2018

#### 23rd Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia PDT

Save the Date! Registration coming soon!!

**Location:** Great Wolf Lodge - Williamsburg, VA **Date:** December 6, 2018 – December 7, 2018