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**The Association of Government Accountants (AGA)**, founded in 1950, is the professional membership organization focused on advancing government accountability. AGA is recognized nationally as the only association that supports nearly 14,000 members made up of professionals working in, for and with federal, state, local and tribal agencies. AGA is organized into 14 regions and has over 100 organized chapters.

### Central Arkansas Chapter

The Central Arkansas Chapter with nearly 200 members is currently the largest chapter in the South-Central Region. The Chapter was organized in 1977 by Mr. Orvel M. Johnson who served as the first chapter president. With more than 40 years of experience, the Central Arkansas Chapter continues to promote the AGA's national strategic goals by serving the government financial management community in the following ways:

- Promoting government accountability, transparency and performance
- Keeping members abreast of industry updates
- Offering scholarships and leadership opportunities
- Participating in several charity events and raising funds for worthy causes
- Hosting social events for networking opportunities

### Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

### Mission

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

### Core Values

- Service
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership

### Website

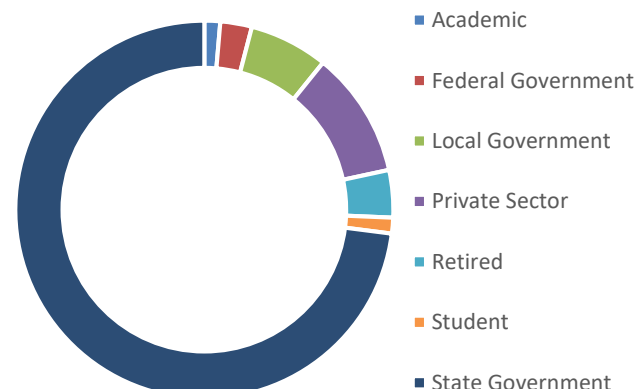
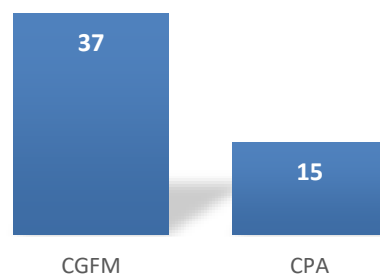
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AGA Central Arkansas Chapter

### Who Are We?

The Central Arkansas Chapter currently has 143 members and is one of the 25 largest chapters in the country. The majority of our members are State employees (73%). We also have members from the Private Sector (10%), Federal and Local Government (10%), Academics (1%) and Retirees (4%). AGA members range from elected officials and senior executives to entry-level employees. Of our current membership, 26% are CGFM certified and 10% are CPA certified.



# Performance

## Program Year 2019-2020

### Community Service

The Central Arkansas Chapter continues to actively participate in many community service events and collects contributions and raffles for various causes. The Central Arkansas Chapter participated in the following events:

- Race for the Cure
- Adopt a Street
- Blood Drives
- Arkansas Food Bank
- Ronald McDonald House Events
- Various others



*Adopt a Street and volunteer clean ups*



*AGA grocery card donations for two families during Spring Break.*



*AGA St. John Literacy Night*



*AGA assists in Ronald McDonald House A Night in Vegas*

### Challenges Ahead

"Remember, no one can do everything, but everyone can do something" Tyler Cain, CAAGA President 2021. Each AGA member is tasked with maximizing each member's value to our AGA Chapter. Through this process, we hope to increase our members and member participation.

Another goal of our Chapter is to serve as a catalyst for innovation and leadership through the COVID-19 crisis. Our AGA Chapter hopes to continue to educate and empower professionals in advancing government accountability even in the most uncertain times.

Service

Integrity

Accountability

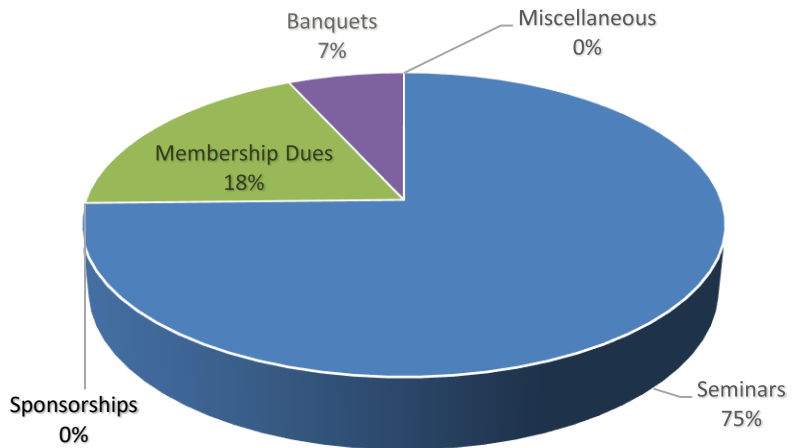
Leadership

### Chapter Revenue

Sources	2020	2019	2018
Seminars	\$6,687	\$4,635	\$2,850
Sponsorships	-	6	-
Membership Dues	1659	1,950	1,367
Banquets	610	830	665
Miscellaneous	-	12	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,956</b>	<b>\$7,433</b>	<b>\$4,910</b>

Revenue increased by 20% in 2020. This is primarily due to the seminars offered in October 2019.

### REVENUE SOURCES

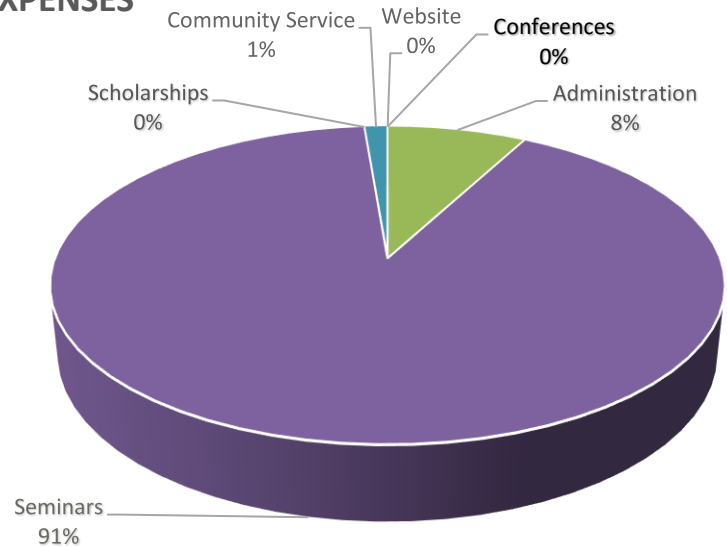


### Chapter Expenses

Expenses	2020	2019	2018
Banquets	\$1,097	\$4,693	\$6,193
Conferences	-	1,909	2,655
Administration	784	906	3,076
Seminars	9,073	3,343	3,355
Scholarships	-	-	500
Community Service	130	346.18	680
Website	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,085</b>	<b>\$11,197</b>	<b>\$16,458</b>

Expenses decreased by 1% in 2020. This is primarily due to a decrease in what the Chapter spent on the banquet and award ceremonies for the year. Scholarships were made available during the 2019-2020 year; however, there were no applicants that applied.

### EXPENSES



**Independent Audit** An independent review was completed for FY 2019 & 2020. Completed financial information may be found on our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CentralArkansas/Home.aspx> or by contacting the Chapter Treasurer, at CentralArkansasAGA.Treasurer@gmail.com



## Upcoming Events

The Central Arkansas Chapter strives to contribute to the community as well as to its members. Annually the Chapter sponsors an accounting scholarship at local universities, provides educational opportunities to its members with two full-day seminars, and supports worthy community service projects. The annual awards banquet is held each June to honor the Financial Manager of the Year and chapter members who have made significant contributions during the year. In December, the holidays are celebrated with a social event. Some of our upcoming events are as follows:

Every 3rd Monday	Chapter Meeting	Virtual
11/17/2020	CGFM Exam I Study Session	Virtual
1/15/2021	CGFM Exam II Study Session	Virtual

## CGFM

The foundation of the CGFM is the requirement for Education, Experience and Examination. Building on this foundation is a Code of Ethics and required Continuing Professional Education (CPE). This designation is already recognized as a professional standard. Each year, more and more federal agencies and state and local governments are realizing the value of the CGFM and are formally embracing the designation. It is often listed as a preferred hiring qualification on federal RFPs.



Get CGFM Certified Today!

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification awarded by AGA. It demonstrates competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial, reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

The Chapter will continue to offer CGFM scholarships each program year to aid in the cost of exam fees. The Chapter also plans to offer CGFM review courses to be presented by current CGFM members.

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Board of Regents has also recognized the CGFM. It is accepted as a waiver for part IV of the CIA examination.

The Chapter continues to encourage its members to pursue the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. To accomplish this, the Chapter plans to obtain the governor's proclamation of March 2021 as CGFM month in the State of Arkansas and the mayor's proclamation of March 2021 as CGFM month in the City of Little Rock. The Chapter also plans to offer study sessions for this designation in 2020-2021.

## Chapter Leaders

### President

Tyler Cain, CGFM, ASPA

### President Elect

Donald Bellcock

### Past President

Marcia Moore, AGM

### Treasurer

Carl M. Danley Jr., CFE

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Tonya Washington

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Elaine Cossey

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Jessica E. Primm, CPA

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### Director of Communications

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