



## AGA Central Kentucky Chapter Citizen-Centric Report 2019-2020

### About the Central Kentucky Chapter

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Central Kentucky Chapter (Chapter) is proud to present its annual Citizen-Centric Report. This report provides information to members and potential members about the Chapter's accomplishments and challenges during the 2019-2020 program year.

In June 2019, the Chapter celebrated its 41<sup>ST</sup> anniversary. First chartered June 1, 1978, the Chapter is one of the strongest chapters in AGA's Southeast Region. The Chapter's mission is to serve professionals in the governmental finance community by providing quality continuing education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance governmental accountability. To accomplish our mission this year, the Chapter provided educational opportunities to our members and other professionals in the accountability community through monthly chapter meetings, one fall training session, and one spring training session.

In addition, the Chapter works to help members prepare to take the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam by providing a facilitator and study materials. As most members work in state and local government, the Chapter seeks to provide affordable programs to meet their specific needs. Chapter leadership actively requests input from members and other governmental financial managers regarding their educational needs.

### Chapter Operations

The Chapter is one of 96 AGA chapters across the United States and worldwide. A Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) composed of five Officers and nine Directors governs the Chapter. The CEC meets monthly to conduct Chapter business and plan educational events.

The Chapter and its members have received national recognition. The Chapter received the Platinum Chapter Recognition award for meeting their annual credit goal for 2019-2020. The following lists the Chapter's achievements since 2006: 2006-Gold; 2007-Gold; 2008-Gold; 2009-Platinum; 2010-Met Goal; 2011-Silver; 2012-Platinum; 2013-Platinum; 2014-No award; 2015-Gold; 2016-Gold; 2017-Platinum; 2018-Platinum; 2019-Platinum; 2020-Platinum.

On the National Level for 2019 through 2020, Krista Jackson, Dominique Harris, and Evie Barry attended the National PDT in New Orleans, LA in July 2019. LEAD! was postponed until September of 2020.

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#### Principles

- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Professional Competence and Due Care

#### AGA Central Kentucky Chapter Objective:

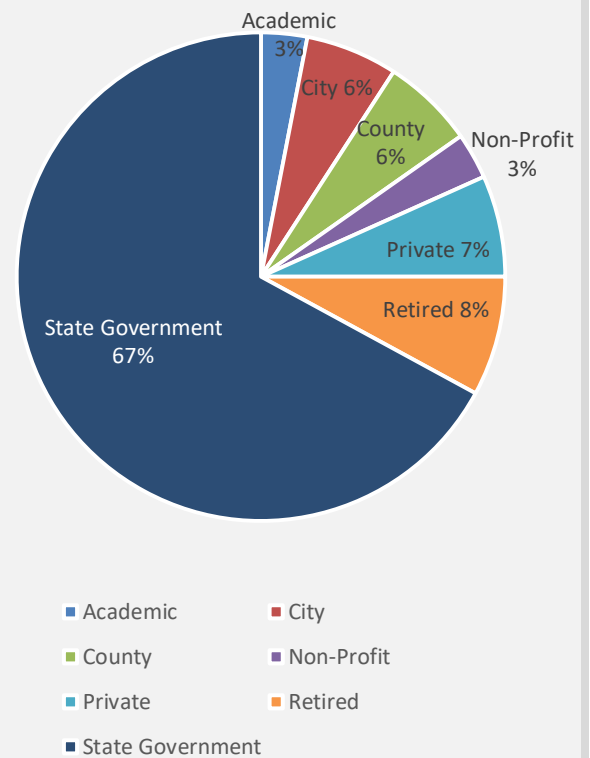
The Central Kentucky Chapter of the Association for Government Accountants serves the Commonwealth's government accountability professionals by providing quality education, promoting professional development, and promoting professional certification.

## Membership Development

The Chapter was established in 1978. In 2020, we saw 26 new members join our Chapter. The Chapter membership of 159 members includes governmental professionals from all levels of local, state, and federal government. Other members work in non-profit organizations, private entities, and academia.

Our chapter members work for a variety of employers. About 67% of our members are employed by state government, 7% by the private sector, and 12% by city and county governments. Our remaining membership is comprised of individuals from non-profits and academic institutions as well as retirees.

Numerous private sector employers have contracts to perform accounting, auditing, or consulting work for various government entities. These organizations encourage employees to join AGA to ensure they become knowledgeable about governmental accounting and its changing environment while maintaining professional credentials.



## Education and Programs

Our mission begins with education. We awarded 6,222.50 hours of continuing professional education to members and guests during fiscal year 2020 through monthly meeting programs and the Kentucky AGA Government Accounting and Auditing Conference. Programs included seven monthly chapter meetings featuring live speakers for 1.0 hour of CPE each, one monthly chapter meeting featuring a live speaker for 1.5 hours of CPE and one virtual meeting for 2.0 hours of CPE. The average attendance at these meetings was 45, for a total of 415.50 hours of CPE.

The Chapter also presented an educational conference. The annual Fall Accounting, Auditing, and Uniform Guidance Update featured Billy Morehead, Ph. D, CPA, CGFM, CGMA, Lisa Parker, Doug Graham, and Joan Graham. The event held on September 11-12, 2019, provided up to 16.0 hours of CPE to 186 and 177 attendees on the first and second day, respectively.

Due to Covid-19, the Spring Training Event was canceled and monthly meetings moved to a virtual platform beginning with the May meeting.



Fall Training Event  
 Krista Jackson, current President  
 Sandra Rudic, Education Co-Chair  
 Joe McDaniel, Co-Webmaster



Fall Training Event

## Finances

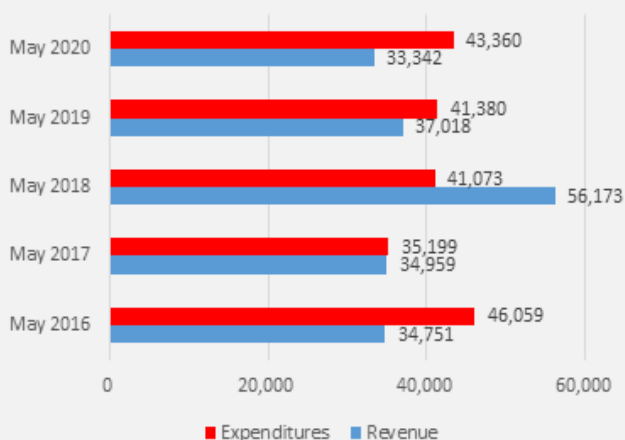
During fiscal year 2020, the Chapter's financial position remained strong. Cash reserves were \$29,542 at May 2020, a decrease from \$39,560 at May 31, 2019. Our revenues are derived from meeting-related training events and \$5 annual chapter dues. Meeting expenses include costs for location rental, caterer, speaker fees, and charitable donations to thank speakers. Other costs include post office box rental, website fee, community service activities, and scholarships for young professionals. The CEC sets monthly meeting fees for AGA members under cost to encourage attendance.

We were able to donate \$1,631 to a variety of charities for local projects. The chapter donates \$25 to a charity of each speaker's choice to help enhance community service efforts, which totaled \$75. Each month, the CEC reviews the financial statements, which are then published in the Chapter newsletter.

To ensure accountability of Chapter funds, representatives from the [Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance and Administrative Cabinet](#) performed an audit of our Chapter.

Cash Reserves	
May 2020	\$ 29,542
May 2019	\$ 39,560
May 2018	\$ 43,922
May 2017	\$ 28,822
May 2016	\$ 29,062

5-Year Revenues vs. Expenditures



## Social Media

Our chapter has an active Facebook page that keeps members up-to-date on the latest Chapter news. Our monthly newsletters are posted to the page as well as other chapter related reports. Members are encouraged to follow the page to stay up to date on the latest training events.



<https://www.facebook.com/ckvaga/>



## Community Service

Our chapter is active in serving the community. The Chapter's strong financial position enabled us to donate to the KY Assoc. of Food Banks, Franklin County Humane Society, Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation, Holly Hill – Love Offering, Simon House, and Frankfort YMCA for the Black Cat Chase 5K Fun Run & Walk. We thanked our monthly speakers by donating to the charity of their choice.

The chapter participated in collecting new toys for the Franklin Co County Humane Society's annual toy drive.

Chapter President, Krista Jackson and her daughter Izzy joined by Domonique Harris, Co-Chairman of Community Service, served 82 meals at the Soup Kitchen & Men's Shelter in Frankfort, KY.

## Charitable Donations

[Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation](#) - \$250.00

[KY Association of Food Banks](#) - \$250.00

[Simon House](#) - \$250.00

[Frankfort YMCA](#) - \$250.00

[Franklin Co Humane Society](#) – \$131.43

[Holly Hill Church of Christ](#) - \$500.00



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FOUNDATION



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## CGFM Requirements

- Read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.
- Have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.



## Officers

Krista Jackson, President

Jared Crawford,  
President Elect

Christina Keyes, Past  
President

Alice Wilson, Secretary

Ann Case, Treasurer

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website at  
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information, or contact any  
of our Chapter officers.

## Challenges

COVID-19 has created many challenges and significantly altered traditional methods of transacting business for the majority of businesses across many sectors. Additionally, the pandemic has prompted unforeseen opportunities to rethink processes and foster innovations that will likely continue when the crisis is over.

An ongoing challenge the Chapter has faced is how to attract young professionals to the AGA. We have focused efforts on helping new members become involved with the Chapter. The Chapter awards two \$1,500 undergraduate scholarships and two \$1,000 graduate scholarships as part of the outreach program where qualified candidates had to be in good standing with a major in accounting.

The Chapter also continuously encourages its members to pursue obtaining the Certified Government Financial Manager certification.

## Certified Government Financial Manager

AGA offers a certification tailored to the governmental environment: Certified Government Financial Manager. Attaining CGFM status requires experience in government financial management, a suitable educational background, and a passing score on the exams, which cover the governmental environment, reporting and budgeting, and governmental financial management and control. By spanning local, state, and federal operations, CGFM holders are equipped to perform and lead at any level of government.

The Chapter supports members seeking to earn CGFM certification. The Chapter has an active study group that helps participants prepare for exams and encourages them to stay on course. The chapter owns and provides current study guides to participants to assist their efforts. We also support the CGFM program by providing notice of training relevant to the CGFM examination content.

Due to Covid-19, our chapter was unable to obtain Governor's designation of CGFM month.



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## Citizen-Centric Reporting

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. Our Chapter is providing this Citizen-Centric Report to model transparency and to help encourage Kentucky governments to participate in this initiative for promoting excellence in financial reporting. We hope this report has provided insight into how our chapter operates, our accomplishments in fiscal year 2020, and our challenges going forward. We welcome your feedback on how to do this more effectively.

We want to hear from you! Do you like this report? Do you think it should include other information? Please let us know by contacting us at Central KY AGA, P.O. Box 576, Frankfort, KY 40602-0576 or by e-mail at [centralkyaga@gmail.com](mailto:centralkyaga@gmail.com).