

About the AGA and the New York Capital Chapter

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a national organization whose primary focus is on advancing government accountability and thought leadership. The AGA serves its members by certification, fostering learning, leadership and collaboration with other professionals and stakeholders to advance their own professional development as they advance government accountability. It supports the careers of government accountability professionals working in federal, state and local governments, as well as those in the private sector and academia. With a national office, over 90 chapters, and about 14,000 members across the U.S. and worldwide, the AGA focuses on government accountability and is the conduit that brings together people who often wouldn't ordinarily have access to each other.

The New York Capital Chapter was chartered by the AGA in October 1977 and is based in Albany, the capital of New York State. The Chapter's focus is also on advancing government accountability and offering outstanding educational events, networking opportunities, certification pathways and community service activities. The Chapter has won many national awards for its programs and services and is considered one of the top chapters in the AGA.

The Chapter is governed by a group

of 23 members who comprise the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), and is assisted by many other members who participate on several active committees that help support the Chapter. The CEC meets monthly to discuss how they can best serve the membership, government accountability profession and the community. The Chapter boasts an outstanding website, a reestablished newsletter and a social media presence, perennial winners of AGA national awards, along with annual recognition for having the best educational program and community service events.

WHO WE ARE

As of June 30, 2020, the Chapter has 216 members employed by state and local government (75%), federal government (6%), and all other, including private industry, not-for-profits and academia (19%). The membership is quite diversified, having auditors, accountants, budget and finance professionals, IT and internal control specialists, investigators, etc.

Chapter members include students, young professionals, mid-level managers, senior executives, and retirees. We have members from all over New York State, although the majority is concentrated in the Capital District. We also have members from numerous other states and, as far away as, Istanbul.

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Our Mission Is...

To serve government accountability professionals by providing quality education at a reasonable cost, supporting professional certifications, promoting professional interaction and networking, recognizing professional and academic achievement, and serving the local community.

Our Vision Is Being...

- *the best AGA chapter;*
- the premiere organization serving the Greater New York Capital Region government accountability community; and
- a model provider of quality and affordable continuing professional education and networking opportunities.



How WE HAVE PROGRESSED?

PROGRAM YEAR 2019-2020



We Value...

Integrity - Foster the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior

Excellence - Strive for the highest level of professional performance and continuous improvement

Accountability -Maintain and advance sound fiscal and operational practices

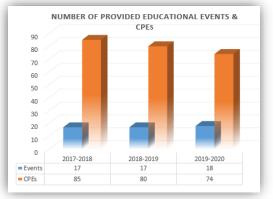
Leadership - Be proactive and innovative in directing our activities

Respect - Treat everyone fairly and with dignity

Service - Attend to the needs of our members, the government accountability sector, and the community

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Chapter has consistently provided well over the required standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. We strive to keep the training fees low. The Chapter has won the *AGA Education Award* every year it has been offered. This year's education plan includes, once again, co-sponsoring the annual fraud conference and the ever popular TCTC (The Conference That Counts). Unfortunately, the pandemic curtailed some of our planned 2020 Spring events.



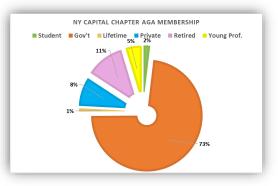
Membership

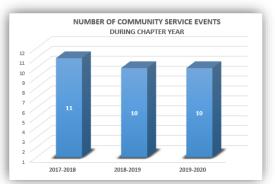
Membership is the cornerstone of our Chapter. Retaining current members while adding new members remains a constant challenge. Factors such as employers reducing or discontinuing financial support for memberships, cuts to training budgets, competing associations with lower dues, and individual economic hardships affect us all.

We aim to emphasize advantages of being an AGA member: timely and relevant trainings discounted for AGA members, great opportunities to network, community service events to give back to the community, and access to AGA's many resources.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Community Service is a cornerstone of our Chapter. In addition to individual members volunteering their services for a variety of activities, the Chapter continues to be dedicated to giving back to the community in which the members live. The Chapter annually creates a community service calendar that encompasses a variety of events that benefits both local and national charities.







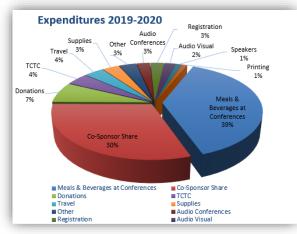
OUR FINANCES

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

What are the costs for serving the members and How are those costs paid?

The Chapter does not charge members local dues or fees for participating in AGA National webinars. The three-day, threetrack Conference That Counts (TCTC) and the annual two-day Fraud Seminar represent the Chapter's largest revenue producing training events and are co-sponsored with two other local professional groups.





FY End	Net Assets		
2016	\$ 31,111.00		
2017	\$ 34,333.00		
2018	\$ 45,107.00		
2019	\$ 55,742.00		
2020	\$ 45,596.00		

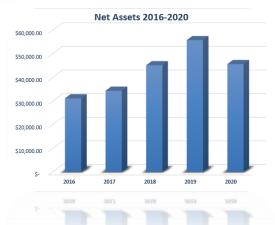
FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Chapter's financial report has been reviewed by the Chapter's Executive Committee.

The majority of expenses incurred by the Chapter are related to the Conference and seminar. Accounting for the TCTC event is done by a separate committee, and conference revenues in excess of expenses are shared equally among the three organizations. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 TCTC was postponed for one year. However, we had a record setting Fraud Seminar that provided the most revenues.

Revenues by Source	2019-2020
Fraud Conference	\$ 70,470.00
Programs	6,759.00
Other	2,979.00
Sponsorship	1,750.00
Total Revenue	\$ 81,958.00

Expenditures by Source	2019-2020
Meals & Beverages at	
Conferences	\$ 35,499.00
Co-Sponsor Share	28,074.00
Donations	6,545.00
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Travel	3,438.00
Supplies	2,998.00
Other	3,037.00
Audio Conferences	2,360.00
Registration	2,350.00
Audio Visual	1,982.00
Speakers	1,115.00
Printing	882.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 92,104.00



Strategic Plan

The Chapter utilizes a three-year Strategic Plan that is supported by annual operating plans and budgets for each of our 11 program areas:

Chapter Governance

Financial Stability

Continuing Professional Education

Membership

Young and Tomorrow's Professional Development

Certification

Community Service

Accountability

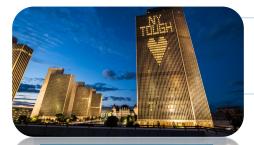
Recognition

Communication

Marketing

The CEC is responsible for approving and routinely monitoring these operating plans and budgets to ensure that the delivery of services to the members and government accountability community is consistent with the desired outputs and outcomes.

Each program area has its own series of indicators, or performance metrics that the CEC uses to monitor and guide its expectations. These indicators and metrics have helped the CEC evaluate the Chapter's performance and make strategic program adjustments as needed.



Accomplishments During the Past Year

- ⇒ Offered 10 national webinars free to members in in the Albany area
- ⇒ Provided a total of 74 continuing education credits to about 1,000 accountability professionals at Chapter events
- ⇒ Participated in various Community Service events to benefit worthy organizations (both local and national) throughout the year with donations, totaling several thousands of dollars
- ⇒ Recognized four national award winners

We Want to Hear From You

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Brian Gee at <u>brian.gee@opwdd.ny.gov</u>

Also, let us know if you would to get more involved in the Chapter's governance and activities. For more information on our Chapter, visit our website at www.aganycap.org.

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WHAT'S NEXT Challenges Moving Forward



Pandemic

The worldwide pandemic has impacted all of us and how we live and conduct business. As a result, our Chapter has had to make changes in its operation to stay within the health and safety rules while offering our membership outstanding service and value. When COVID-19 hit, we quickly switched from in-person events to online, primarily AGA webinars. Moving forward, we have purchased the 'Go To Webinar' platform to offer our members and others free and low-cost Chapter produced webinars. Even our annual joint Fraud Seminar and TCTC

will be multi-half day virtual events. The annual mid-year Advancing Government Accountability Seminar will be offered as a webinar. We will complement these traditional events with ten AGA webinars.

Normally our community service activities have been large, in-person events. Here too we are adjusting to the pandemic and making these activities small-group functions, like the Alzheimer and Breast Cancer walks and two charity golf outings, along with making sizeable donations to other charities.

Advancing Government Accountability





The Chapter's primary focus is on advancing government accountability. Our challenge is to reach more government accountability professionals at all levels of government and make them aware of the opportunities we provide for high quality cost effective training, networking, and helping to prepare citizen centric reports. It is through these

efforts that advances are made in accountability at all levels of government.

We always strive to find ways to provide our services in the most cost-effective manner possible. This year we will continue our highly successful seminar focused specifically on the topic of *Advancing Government Accountability*. The seminar will feature local and nationally recognized accountability experts.

