

A Report to Our Members 2019-2020



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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 AGA Seattle Chapter Board

Welcome, and thank you for viewing our AGA Seattle Chapter Citizen-Centric Report for the 2019-2020 program year. We had a successful year, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 2019-20 program year. We did experience challenges in completing some of the activities we had planned, as the result of the pandemic, including the final training event of the program year.

Our goals and challenges section on page 4 outlines our major goals for the 2020-2021 program year. We are focused on continuing to offer training and networking opportunities in spite of the restrictions placed on in-person meetings as the result of COVID-19. We still plan on expanding our membership to better encompass the rich variety and range of government accounting and accountability professionals in the Puget Sound region. To do so, we will need to better determine what activities our current members are interested in, and what opportunities we can offer to area government employees. 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 co-workers and others to explore what an AGA membership has to offer.

Membership by Category	Count
Govt. Member	51
Lifetime Member	3
Private Member	4
Retired Member	4
Student Member	1
Young Professional	2
Total Members	65
Active CGFMs	29

Membership by Employer	Count
Federal	24
County	13
Academic	4
City	8
Retired-Not Working	7
State	4
Student (Full Time)	1
Tribal	1
Private	3

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

Programs & Activities



Annual Awards Ceremony

The AGA Seattle Chapter recognized four individuals during an award ceremony held on November 18 in the King County Chinook building, downtown Seattle.

Award recipients pictured to the right:

Emerald Award: Linda Calbom, recently retired Managing Director of Field Operations, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Distinguished Mid-Career Professional Award: Eunjoo Greenhouse, Deputy Director, King County Finance and Business Division

Emerging Leader Award: Abigail Beatty, Performance and Strategy Analyst, King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Not pictured:

Volunteer of the Year 2018-2019: Sam Lord, Chapter President, Webmaster, and Young Professionals and Students Chair

Volunteer of the Year 2019-2020: Mary Ann Hardy, Former Chapter President and Professional Development Chair



Community Service

As part of our December education event we held our annual toy drive and a continuation of our November food drive. Participants at the December training donated toys for Toys for Tots and non-perishable foods for Northwest Harvest

Pictured right: food and toys donated by attendees at our December education event



Early Career

In February and March 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.

Education

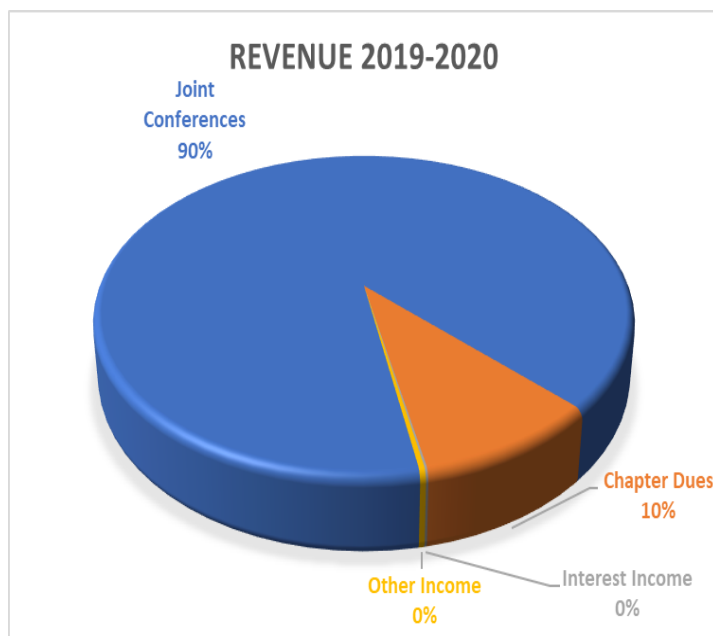
We met our goal of hosting an education event every month (except March due to COVID-19) and had a robust schedule of education events this past year that provided a total of 22 continuing professional education (CPE) credits:

- 9/10/2019 - Lisa DeLaVergne, Washington State HCA, *Medicaid Program Integrity & Fraud Prevention* (1 CPE)
- 10/8/2019 - Lynn McKiernan Ngari, CGMS, CPA, King County Washington, *Grants Management* (1 CPE)
- 11/12/2019 - Kate Reynolds, Washington State Executive Ethics Board, *Government Ethics in Washington State* (1 CPE)
- 12/11/2019 - Elena G. Huizar, Washington State Attorney General's Office, *I Didn't Know the Attorney General's Office Did That + Public Record Requests* (1 CPE)
- 1/14/2020 - Valerie Moseley, CPA, *Annual Tax Update* (1 CPE)
- 2/19/2020 - Gina Steiner, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST), *Interactions between Tribes & Other Governments: Successes and Stumbling Blocks* (1 CPE)
- 4/29-30/20 - *Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference* co-sponsored with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. All virtual training. (16 CPEs)

Chapter Financials



AGA Seattle Chapter Revenues

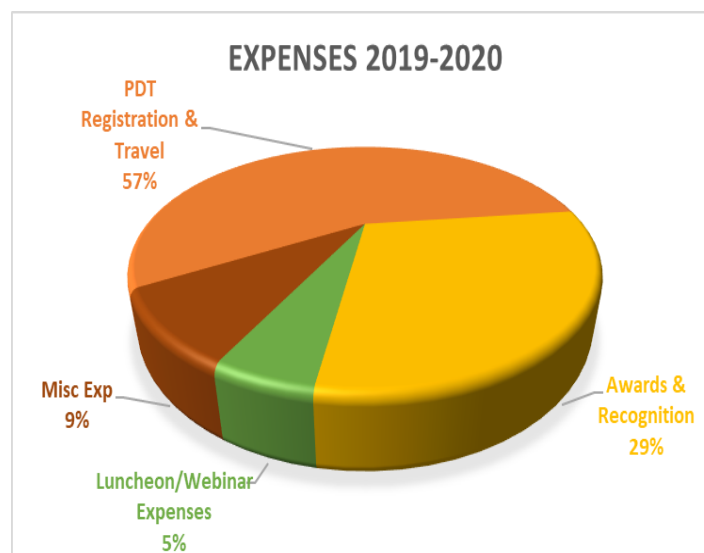


Sources	Actuals 2018-2019	Actuals 2019-2020
Joint Conferences	n/a*	\$2,449.49
Chapter Dues	\$257.42	\$259.33
Interest Income	\$3.41	\$3.34
Other Income	\$59.68	\$8.05
Luncheon Receipts	\$125.00	\$0.00
Total Inflows	\$445.51	\$2,720.21

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 was recorded in our 2020 financials.

AGA Seattle Chapter Expenses



Expenses	Actuals 2018-2019	Actuals 2019-2020
PDT Registration & Travel	n/a**	\$372.11
Awards & Recognition	\$145.09	\$193.80
Luncheon/ Webinar Expenses	\$650.59	\$34.40
Misc Exp	\$707.65	\$60
Total Expenses	\$1,503.33	\$660.31

Our expenditures are primarily related to scholarships for members to represent the chapter at AGA events, sponsoring outreach to students, and contributions to charitable organizations. Other expenses include costs of CPE presentations and board and chapter expenses. Due to the delayed receipt of 2019 Conference revenue we had a net profit of \$2,059.90 for the year, which helps to offset our net loss from 2019 of \$1,057.82. One goal in the coming years is to increase and diversify our revenues and membership in the chapter to better serve our members and the community.

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

Goals & Challenges



Chapter Goals/Plans

- **Membership** - Increase chapter membership by 5% over June 2020 numbers
- **CGFM** - Market the value of the CGFM to employers as value and performance for training funds during COVID-19 resourcing constraints.
- **Community Service** - Support multiple donation opportunities (e.g. setting up giving page, if possible, and food item donation opportunities).
- **Professional Education** - Schedule the year's monthly training lunches to include 6-8 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) throughout the program year.
- **Accountability** - Achieve the AGA National Certificate of Excellence for the 2019-2020 report.
- **Early Careers** - A least 3 events with student accounting and accountability groups at local colleges and universities. Sign up 3 new students and 3 faculty members for e-memberships.
- **Chapter Board** - Recruit at least one student or young professional member to the board. Recruit at least one additional new board member.
- **Meetings** - Select and successfully incorporate webinar/virtual meeting software for training events and board meetings.

Chapter Challenges

- Overcoming hurdles imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including restrictions on in-person activities, and increased workloads for board members and chapter members as the result of workplaces dealing with the pandemic
- 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.

We hope you've enjoyed the AGA Seattle Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report that summarizes our 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 program year were:

President, Webmaster & Early Career Chair

Sam Lord

President-Elect

Vacant

Newsletter Editor, NCC Rep, & Historian

Karyn Angulo

Membership Chair

Tony Eayrs

Secretary

Karen Murphy

Community Service & CGFM Co-Chairs

Gabrielle Sivage, Eddie Johnson

Accountability Chair & Treasurer

Katherine King

Members at Large

John Kurpierz, Ken Smith, Sandra Starnes

This CCR was prepared by Katherine King, Karyn Angulo and Sam Lord.
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