

A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

2020-21



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 fostering learning, certification, 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 15,000 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 quarterly 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, 2021, the Chapter has 182 members employed by state and local government (66%), federal government (7%), and all other, including private industry, not-for-profits and academia (27%). 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.

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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 2020-2021



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

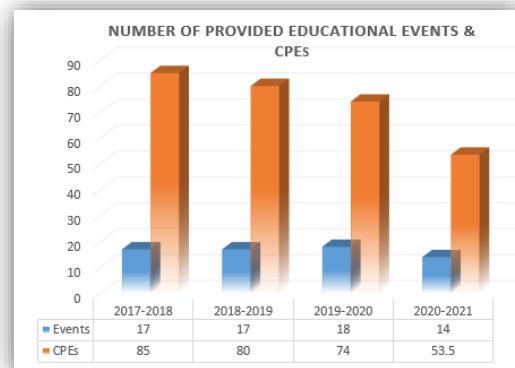
Leadership - Be proactive and innovative in directing our activities

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

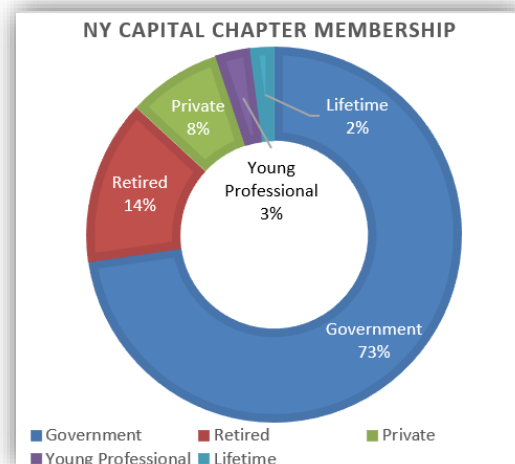
The Chapter has consistently provided educational events to permit our members and other professionals the opportunity to adhere to the required standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. We strive to keep the training fees low. The Chapter has won the *AGA Education Award* every year it has been offered. This year's education plan includes, once again, co-sponsoring the annual Fraud Seminar and the ever popular TCTC (The Conference That Counts). Due to the pandemic, we used GoToWebinar and Zoom to offer our events, many of which were free to members across the AGA enterprise.



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 where possible, community service events to give back to the community, and access to AGA's many resources.



COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Community Service is important to 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. During the past year, the Chapter held five community events and donated over \$4,300 to 17 charitable organizations.

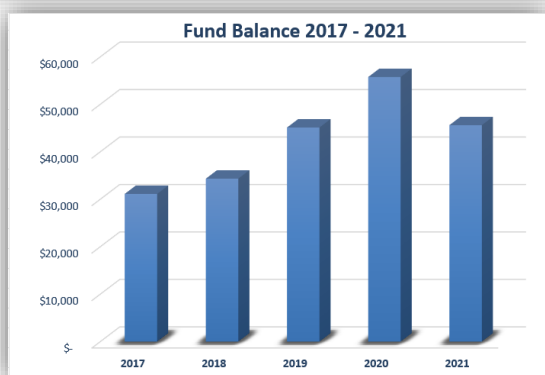
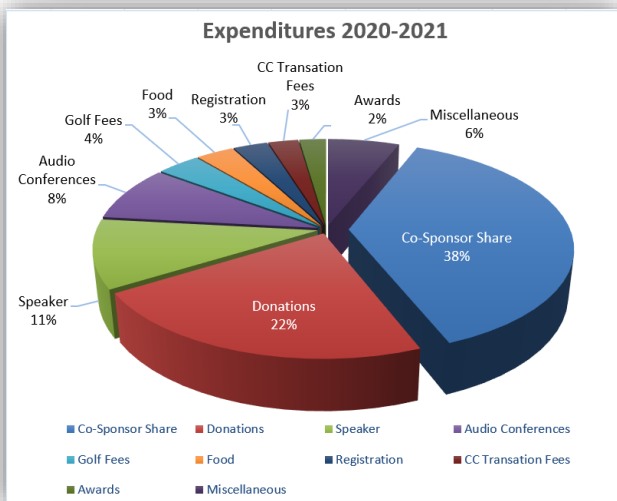


OUR FINANCES

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, three-track The 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.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Chapter's financial report has been reviewed by the Chapter's Audit and Executive Committee. While our 2020-21 financial report is still under review by an outside CPA, our previous financial report can be found at

[2019-20 AGA Financial Review.pdf \(aganycap.org\)](https://www.aganycap.org/2019-20%20AGA%20Financial%20Review.pdf).

The majority of expenses incurred by the Chapter are related to the TCTC and seminars. 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 2021 TCTC was virtual, as well as the Annual Fraud Seminar that provided the additional revenues.

Revenues by Source	2020-2021
Fraud Seminar	\$ 23,560
TCTC	14,527
Programs	8,530
Other	1,403
Sponsorship	1,650
Total Revenue	\$ 49,670

Expenditures by Source	2020-2021
Co-Sponsor Share	\$ 12,787
Donations	7,475
Speaker	3,550
Audio Conferences	2,873
Golf Fees	1,250
Food	1,095
Registration	1,000
CC Transaction Fees	863
Awards	767
Miscellaneous (consisting of):	2,057
Audit	500
Fees	454
Membership	360
Postage	254
CPE Renewal Fees	250
Website	239
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,717

FY End	Fund Balance
2017	\$ 31,111
2018	\$ 34,333
2019	\$ 45,107
2020	\$ 55,742
2021	\$ 45,596

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.



WHAT'S NEXT?

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FUTURE CHALLENGES



Accomplishments During the Past Year

- ⇒ Offered five AGA National webinars free to members in the Albany area
- ⇒ Provided a total of 53.5 continuing education credits to several hundred accountability professionals at 14 Chapter events
- ⇒ Participated in various Community Service events to benefit worthy organizations (both local and national) throughout the year with donations totaling over \$4,300
- ⇒ Recognized three 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 Michael Abbott at mabbott16@aol.com

Also, let us know if you would like 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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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 virtual, primarily AGA webinars. Moving forward, we have purchased the 'GoToWebinar' platform to offer our members and others free and low-cost Chapter produced webinars. Even our annual joint Fraud Seminar and TCTC will be hybrid events.

The annual mid-year Advancing Government Accountability Seminar will be offered as a hybrid event as well. We will complement these traditional events with five Chapter 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. We also continue to make 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. This past year's seminar included the Past AGA National President Ernie Almonte as our keynote speaker.



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