



# The AGA Central Ohio Chapter

*A Report to Our Members 2013 – 2014*

## ABOUT AGA

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded in 1950. AGA's mission – **to foster learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing governmental accountability.** AGA serves over 15,000 members and is organized into 15 regions with over 100 local chapters. AGA's membership is made up of federal, state, and local employees as well as members representing tribal governments, academia, and private sector businesses and organizations.

## WHO WE ARE

The Central Ohio Chapter received its charter in 1970. We are part of the Great-Lakes Region along with 7 other chapters. Chapters within the Great-Lakes Region are geographically dispersed, but we attempt to leverage our collective efforts to effectively share educational events and chapter management initiatives. Our chapter's diverse membership, representing government and private sector employees provides a networking link that successfully serves the governmental financial and audit communities in their quest in advancing governmental accountability.

## WHAT WE DO

We support the Association's Core Values – Service, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership. To help foster these values, we actively promote the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification. The CGFM offers government financial professionals with a recognized credential. Members having the CGFM offer a broad range of government financial management knowledge and skill sets to their respective employers.



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### Mission

The AGA Central Ohio Chapter serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

### Vision

Be a collaborative and innovative organization that is future focused and committed to excellence in the government financial management arena.

### Chapter Leaders 2013-2014

**President: Rich Thompson**  
**President Elect: Brent Lewis**  
**Immediate Past President:**  
**Tracy Valentino**

# How We Are Doing?

## Strategic Goals:

Provide members with quality programs, products and services

Provide continuing education to meet the changing needs of the government accountability profession

Provide opportunities for members to serve the chapter and gain leadership experience

To promote AGA's CGFM program

To promote community service

To increase membership

## Significant Accomplishments:

Education

Community Service

Developing Leaders

## Education

- Each fall, the Central Ohio AGA presents the Professional Development Training (PDT) which offers an excellent slate of speakers and a wide range of break-out sessions.
- The Chapter offers CPE sessions throughout the year. Each session ranges from one to eight hours, and are free to members registering in advance. During the last fiscal year, we provided a total of 47.5 CPE hours.
- In order to encourage our members to obtain their CGFM certification, the Central Ohio Chapter provided two, all-day review courses for our membership in which CPE was offered to participants. As part of the encouragement, the Chapter underwrote the cost of the CGFM review text (valued at \$85/per book). We had 34 participants register for these two courses and took advantage of this offer.

## Community Service

- In the spirit of giving back to the community, Chapter members have gathered together to serve meals at a local homeless shelter, volunteered at a food pantry, provided landscaping assistance to the Unverferth House, participated in the 5k for K9's to raise funds for medical care, and lead group activities at a retirement community during the last year.
- During the last year, the Chapter donated \$4,500 to local charities.

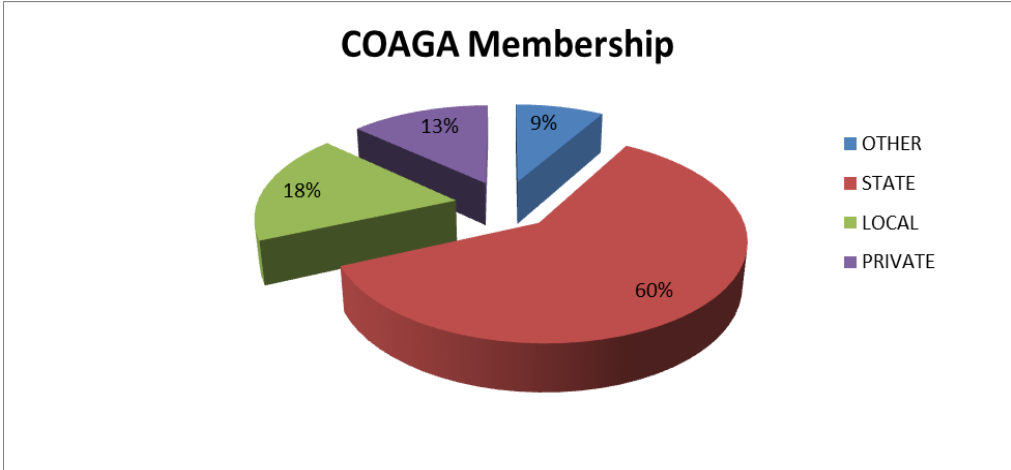
## Developing Leaders

- During the last year, the Central Ohio Chapter awarded \$6,250 in scholarships to local students.
- The Chapter has an ongoing commitment to providing diverse leadership opportunities to our members. From one-time roles at our Professional Development Training to a multi-year position on the Chapter Executive Committee, we believe that our member's successes and experiences in these endeavors better prepare them to seek out additional leadership opportunities in their professional lives.

# Membership

As of the end of June 2014, the Central Ohio AGA Chapter had 390 members. 91 chapter members hold a CGFM certification; of these, 1 certification is inactive and 11 are retired.

Chapter members are employed as follows:



Note: Other includes Retirees, Federal, Non-Profit, and Students

# Financial Information

Statement of Net Assets As of June 30, 2014	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking Account	3,982
Savings Account	28,162
Other Current Assets	4,021
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>36,165</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
Liabilities	104
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Net Assets-beginning of year	54,627
Change in Net Assets	(18,566)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>36,061</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b><u>36,165</u></b>

Expenditures Year ended June 30, 2014	
PDT	55,915
Education/CGFM	6,437
Scholarships/Awards	6,250
Donations/Community Service	5,928
Chapter Social Events	8,238
Exec. Committee/Membership	5,344
Miscellaneous	648

Revenues Year ended June 30, 2014	
PDT	59,091
Education	1,464
Chapter Dues	2,030
Sponsorships	5,000
Miscellaneous	2,609

The above financial information was excerpted from the annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Our main revenue source is our Professional Development Training (PDT). Profits from this event are used to fund continuing education, charitable donations, community service events, and scholarships.

## Chapter Goals

- Increasing Membership and Retention – As members face retirement, it becomes critical for our chapter to enhance and develop programs and services to attract young professionals to our organization.
- Raise public awareness of government accountability, transparency, and performance by encouraging the adoption of the Citizen Centric Report as a vehicle to provide clear, concise information to citizens.
- Growing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program – As interest in obtaining professional certifications is increasing throughout the financial industry, the CGFM program offers professionals a financial management certification specifically designed to provide superior financial support to government entities. Our goal is to increase interest in the CGFM program and support professionals who are studying for the CGFM.
- Expand Educational Support – Given the increased budgetary concerns at all levels of government, it is essential that our chapter identify and provide timely, relevant, and economical training opportunities.
- Continue to increase our presence on social networking platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

