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## 2018 – 2019 AGA Atlanta Annual Report

Greetings fellow AGA Atlanta members, it is my pleasure to detail the accomplishments of our chapter this past program year (2018-2019). Overall, this year was very successful, and we were able to support our members and give back to the community in new and exciting ways. We had one of our members recognized nationally for their leadership and community service efforts and we accomplished all the goals the national office laid out for our chapter. We also achieved a measure of financial security because of our successful and well attended training events. In the end, our chapter was recognized as a Platinum level chapter, which is the highest achievement any chapter can receive. This accomplishment puts the AGA Atlanta chapter in the position to do even more for our members in 2019-2020; to once again give back to the metro Atlanta community; and to champion government accountability at the local state and federal levels in our area. Some of the noteworthy accomplishments of our chapter this past program year are as follows:

- We held four chapter organized training events for our members that constituted seventeen unique CPE credits. These events were attended by 160 and we provided 1,002 CPE credits to the attendees. Of note, our attendance was up 90 percent at our annual Professional Development Training in May.
- Our events offered exciting and cutting-edge topics like leadership in the technological age, intelligent automation, data transparency, Georgia's economic health, building trust in the work environment and having difficult conversations with clients and personnel. Plus, our events were sponsored and supported by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Ernst and Young LLC, Becker, and the Georgia State Policy Center. We also hosted noted speakers at these events, including Ann Ebberts (CEO of AGA National); Alan Skelton (Georgia's State Accounting Officer); Chip Fulgrum (Deputy Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security); Dave Weinberg (Senior Partner with Kearney & Company); Thomas Salmon (Former Vermont State Auditor), and Dr. Ken Heagney (Georgia State Economist).
- We provided many opportunities for community involvement, with the greatest turn-out occurring with our Angel Tree event. Through this event, we provided gifts for needy children and seniors during the Christmas season. Not to mention, several of our members worked at the Salvation Army warehouses sorting toys and gifts to ensure a happy holiday for scores of people in the metro area.
- We added 14 new members to our chapter during the year, which brings our total membership to 194 as of March 30, 2019. We are the 16th largest AGA chapter nationally.
- We supported nine individuals studying for the CGFM and are happy to report that our chapter added two CGFM's to our membership rolls this year. This culminated with a proclamation from



Governor Kemp recognizing March 2019 as CGFM month and a photo-op with the Governor (See the front cover).

- We improved our financial position year over year and received a clean financial review for our 2017-2018 activities.
- Our involvement at the national level increased with more of our members attending the national PDT in Orlando and the annual Lead chapter training event in Baltimore. We even had our member, Belinda Riley, recognized as volunteer of the year by AGA National.

It was a great year and we want to build off this success and have a great 2019-2020 program year. This is particularly important given this is our 65<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter and we are in the midst of planning ways to celebrate this milestone throughout the year. We have also welcomed four new chapter executive committee members who bring new insight and energy to our chapter. We have heard the request of our membership and are adding new networking opportunities to our events. So, if you haven't been to one of our events lately or if you want to give back to the community or to the accountability profession please let us know. We welcome all who want to help this chapter grow and thrive.

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