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AGA Lincoln Chapter Members - Centric Report Program Year 2015-2016



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Vision Statement

The Lincoln Chapter strives to be the voice of Advancing Government Accountability in government by providing leadership opportunities through chapter executive committee participation, education at reasonable prices to maintain and achieve certification, outreach to students and early career government financial managers, and giving back to the local community.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA)

Founded in 1950, the AGA is the member organization for financial and performance professionals in government. AGA leads and encourages change that benefits our society and all citizens. Members build their skills and advance their careers through networking events, professional certification, publications, community service and on-going education.

AGA is the only association supporting more than 14,000 professionals, who work in, for and with federal, state, local, tribal, and non-profit organizations. The Code of Ethics reflects AGA's commitment to fostering the highest professional standards and behavior of members and staff.

Each activity or initiative AGA conducts reflects one or more of the following goals:

MEMBER VALUE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP
CERTIFICATION COLLABORATION EMPOWERMENT

Our Local Chapter – Lincoln, Nebraska

Founded in 1978, the Lincoln Chapter's purpose is to be the professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management in Nebraska.

The Lincoln Chapter has a long tradition of excellence. Since 2008, the Chapter has been recognized as a **Platinum Chapter**, the highest level awarded by AGA. The Midwest Region Vice President Platinum award was earned by a member of the Chapter.

Membership year	2014	2015	2016
Current Members	133	125	83 *
Retention Rate	92%	83%	58%
New Members	10	15	11

*Membership decreased because one state agency, with a new director and because of austerity measures, cancelled their 40 memberships.

Members had the following certifications:

Member Certification	2014	2015	2016
CGFM	18	19	18
CGFM CPA CFE CIA other	52	41	37

Members represent the following employers:

Major Member Sources	2014	2015	2016
State	83.5%	82.4%	76.0%
City	5.3%	6.4%	9.6%
County	3.0%	2.4%	4.8%
Academia	3.0%	2.4%	1.2%
Retired and other	1.0%	1.0%	8.4%

Chapter's Focus - Education

Education provides the foundation of value in the AGA membership. The Lincoln Chapter's primary goal is providing quality continuing professional education (CPE) at a reasonable price to AGA members. State and local governments sponsor AGA memberships to provide the CPE needed by their employees to maintain certification credentials and high quality continuing education and training.

- Two 8-hour Professional Development Training events (PDT) are presented in the fall and the spring, typically drawing 100 members and non-members from across Nebraska.
- 8 hours of CPE were provided using national AGA's audio conferences.
- Member value: low cost \$15.00 per hour of CPE
- Monthly luncheon Chapter meetings, September through May, provided a time for social interaction and high quality speakers of general interest.

CPE Hours	2014	2015	2016
PDT	16	16	16
Audio Conference	8	8	8
TOTAL CPE	24	24	24



Students and Early Career Members

AGA recognizes that the future is in the hands of students and those in their first government financial manager assignments. Through these activities, we are creating a partnership to build awareness of AGA, and interest in government financial manager careers. Partners and activities include:

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln's (UNL) Beta Alpha Psi (BAP)
- Nebraska Wesleyan's BAP
- Southeast Community College (SECC)
- Exhibitor at fall and spring university BAP "Meet the Firms" events
- Exhibitor at SECC's fall career fair
- Attend the UNL BAP spring awards and induction ceremony

- Endowed scholarship fund awards two \$500 UNL scholarships
- Promote national AGA's Government Finance Case Challenge

Community Service

The Lincoln Chapter has established a strong base of community service activities allowing members to give back to the community and create a friendly network.

- Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon cashiering
- Lincoln Food Bank drives at PDT and membership meetings
- Omaha Steak's gift card donation to AGA National Community Service Project
- Wreaths Across America sponsored wreaths for veterans
- Center for People in Need: Thanksgiving food & Toyland distribution
- Capitol Humane Society supply drive
- Make-a-Wish Foundation donation collection

Community Service	2014	2015	2016
Volunteer Hours	47	80	44

Professional Certification



The Lincoln Chapter promotes AGA's Professional Certification program, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). This program was developed to promote excellence and distinction among CGFM members. A three part exam needs to be passed and two years of professional experience in qualifying employment is required to achieve the CGFM.

Lincoln Chapter Finances

Lincoln AGA Chapter Sources of Revenue

Sources	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016
Spring Professional Development Training	11,500	9,070	7,960
Fall Professional Development Training	10,020	10,320	4,355
Other CPE Events	275	0	495
Interest Income	3	6	6
Miscellaneous	196	192	0
Total	21,994	19,588	12,816

Lincoln AGA Chapter Functional Expenses

Sources	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016
Spring Professional Development Training	8,013	6,396	3,428

Fall Professional Development Training	6,788	7,908	4,813
Other CPE Events	1,403	2,020	2,428
National Professional Development Training (PDT)	1,390	2,708	1,570
Membership	833	1,817	671
Early Careers	887	814	833
Communications – Website	862	575	1,080
Chapter Leadership	86	145	106
Certification	250	374	0
Accountability and Outreach	215	0	0
Community Service	100	60	110
Chapter Award	0	50	50
Total	20,827	22,867	15,089

An independent review was performed of Chapter books and a clean opinion was given for FYE May 31, 2016.
Detailed financial information can be found on our website in the Newsletter section at:

lincolneaga.org

National AGA's Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) provides a foundation for Chapter planning, prioritization of expenditures and effective Chapter management and leadership. Within the CRP, there are performance measures that readily inform the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) of areas needing attention and areas of success. Feedback from an annual member survey provides valuable information used in the annual summer planning retreat. The performance measures answer these questions:

Are people joining? Are members staying? Are members participating?

What's next for Lincoln AGA?

- ❖ Pro-actively develop Chapter leadership succession planning:
 - Develop a new monthly program event team
 - Develop additional CPE and other educational opportunities to increase member value
 - Educate a member on Chapter finance procedures
- ❖ Broaden members' employer diversification to enrich Chapter membership
- ❖ Package communications incorporating social media along with existing website and newsletter
- ❖ Build the member recognition award program to increase member participation
- ❖ Recognize successful CGFM candidates with a monetary award.
- ❖ Prepare or assist in preparing a Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for an organization in the region

- ❖ Develop Corporate Sponsorship(s) increasing additional working capital as well as benefiting from the involvement of Corporate Sponsors' professionals as Chapter Advisors.

Leadership Development Opportunities

Many of our members willingly and capably serve in leadership positions within the chapter, for the region, and at the national level. The Lincoln Chapter has significant involvement of members serving beyond the local Chapter.

- Three chapter members serve in leadership positions at the regional and national levels. Tim Baker serves as the Past National Treasurer; Ken Rouch serves on national AGA's Finance and Budget Committee; and, Ann Martinez serves as the five-state Midwest Regional Vice President.
- The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) meets on the third Wednesday of each month and reviews the status of activities. Meetings are open to all members and minutes are published in the newsletter and website.
- Each year the Chapter recruits new CEC members while benefiting from the experience and continuing participation of veteran CEC members.
- An annual summer planning retreat sets the stage for building the Chapter calendar, preparing Chapter plans and determining the priorities prior to the membership program year which commences in September.
- CEC members attend national AGA's sectional leadership meeting (SLM) each year. These Chapter leaders benefit from getting to know other chapter CEC members by sharing ideas and successes.
- The Chapter sponsors two attendees, the President-elect and another member, to attend the national AGA PDT, a 24 hour CPE training and networking opportunity.

A calendar of upcoming events is available at our website: lincolnneaga.org.

We would like to hear from you.



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For more information on our Chapter, visit our website at: www.lincolnneaga.org .