



AGA – Omaha Metro Area Chapter

A Report to Our Citizens 2015 - 2016



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Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Vision

AGA is *the* premier association for advancing government accountability.

2015-2016 Officers

President: Jude Lui
 Past President: Sharon Medina
 Secretary: Carey Fry
 Treasurer: Russ Freitag



ABOUT AGA:

Founded in 1950, AGA is *the* member organization for financial and performance professionals in government. We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our members build their skills and advance their careers through networking events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education. AGA is the only association supporting nearly 15,000 professionals, who work in, for and with federal, state, local and tribal agencies. Our Code of Ethics reflects our commitment to fostering the highest professional standards and behavior of our 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 CHAPTER:

The Omaha Metro Area Chapter, one of nine chapters in the Midwest Region, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2014. We have been a Platinum Award Chapter, the highest award possible, for the last eight consecutive years, demonstrating our commitment to AGA and its core values: **Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership.**

We offer numerous **continuing education opportunities** throughout the year, including seminars, professional development conferences, as well as partnerships to work jointly with other organizations to our respective member’s mutual benefit.

Our chapter membership reflects the same diversity found in AGA nationwide, giving us amazing opportunities to network on both professional and personal levels. Together we can make positive changes to improve government accountability, today and into the future.

CGFM:

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today’s government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. Our members are encouraged to pursue the **CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager)** designation to enhance their skill set and provide official recognition of their expertise. Since its inception in 1994, thousands of government financial professionals have acknowledged the value of the CGFM, which has quickly become a preferred credential. In 2014, the CGFM certification program celebrated its 20th anniversary. CGFM is an important and integral part of AGA’s mission.



How We Have Progressed

Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016



The Omaha Metro Chapter offers a diverse range of speakers at the monthly chapter meetings and our half-day annual PDT. These speakers come from city and county government offices, and other respected business leaders in our community. One of our early fall meetings is on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus. All students are invited to attend for free and the chapter awards scholarships to area students and offers discounted memberships. We involve professors from all area colleges as speakers and guests. This year we hope to be able to increase student membership by increasing awareness of the value of AGA as a resource for new graduates, as well as for those students involved in the annual national AGA student challenge. Currently, we have 20 members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Our chapter participates in community service projects year round, a different project each month, keeping our members involved in the community. The Omaha Metro Chapter has collected toiletries and clothing for our local shelters and the YWCA Women in Transition program, donated food to the city mission, provided school supplies to children who would have done without; we have collected toys and coats for the underprivileged. Since December, 2013, we have participated in the Annual Diaper Drive for the local women's shelter, Lydia House, held each year by a local radio station and grocery store. This will be an annual project for our chapter. We also do projects each year to support our veterans and their families. Our chapter is constantly looking for different ways to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of those needing assistance.

DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS:

We encourage our members to participate in all levels of the chapter. The Omaha Metro Chapter officers work as a team to inspire members and students to become better leaders through our meetings and training opportunities. Each year, we provide many educational opportunities to keep our members up-to-date in all aspects of the business world in finance, accounting, ethics, security, technology, and accountability. Through our partnerships with other organizations and academia, we are able to provide excellent speakers from government, public, private, non-profit, healthcare, and service industries.

PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION:

It is always our goal to provide quality education to our members. Each year we offer continuing education opportunities to our members and the community to keep licenses and certifications current. In 2014-2015, we offered 9 hours of CPE credit, and in 2015-2016 we offered 12 hours of CPE. In addition to these locally offered hours, members can take advantage of earning CPE through AGA online quizzes, webinars, and national training events throughout the year. The annual PDT Training event, held each July, offers members up to 24 hours of CPE credits. Combined with the monthly meetings and hours earned locally, AGA offers some of the best low-cost education training available. We also advertise other chapter's events for more training opportunities.

2015 Accomplishments

- Provide many hours of CPE to our members. This year we offered 12 hours of CPE locally.
- Increased student involvement at meetings consistently from 2011, due to our continued support of and partnerships with area colleges.
- Continued to meet goals and expectations of the AGA National office, earning Platinum Status for the 8th consecutive year.
- Increased our partnerships with other professional groups, expanding our network of member awareness of AGA.
- Continue to provide student scholarships to each of the four Omaha Metro area universities.
- Increased the number and variety of community service projects to continue to give back to our community.
- Continue to provide many CPE opportunities to our members with our Seminars, Conferences, and monthly meetings.

Our Finances

Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016

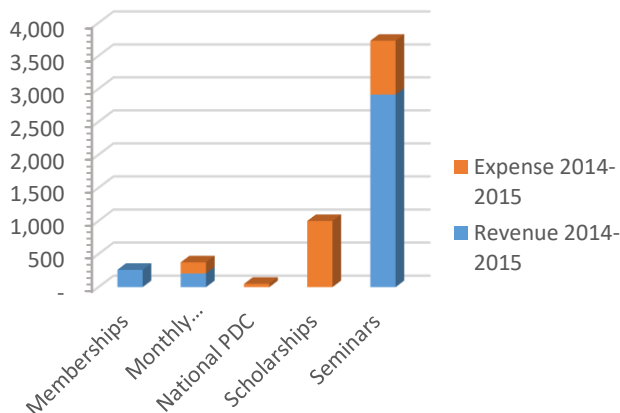


What are the costs for providing services to our members and how are those costs paid?

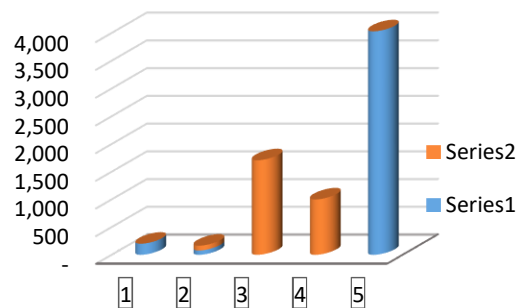
The Omaha Metro Aga uses its meeting and seminar fees and membership dues to provide Educational resources and scholarship opportunities to its members and local area students. Below is a snapshot comparison of those activities for the past two fiscal years. An independent review was performed of our 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: www.omahaaga.org.

Comparative Revenues and Expenses Program Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016			
Revenues – 2014-2015		Revenues – 2015-2016	
Seminars (3)	694.59	Seminars (3)	586.13
Audio Conferences	-	Audio Conferences	-
Memberships	502.20	Memberships	240.00
Monthly Meetings	196.39	Monthly Meetings	342.92
CGFM Training	-	CGFM Training	-
Other	-	Other	-
Total	\$1,393.18	Total	\$ 1,169.05
Expenses – 2014-2015		Expenses – 2015-2016	
Seminars (2)	139.81	Seminars (3)	141.00
Audio Conferences	-	Audio Conferences	-
Monthly Meetings	394.05	Monthly Meetings	1,318.23
CGFM Training	-	CGFM Training	-
Scholarships	1,060.00	Scholarships	1,200.00
National PDC	1,707.54	National PDC	2,176.82
Other	-	Other	-
Total	\$ 3,301.40	Total	\$ 3,636.40

Revenue & Expenses 2014 - 2015



Revenue & Expenses 2015-2016



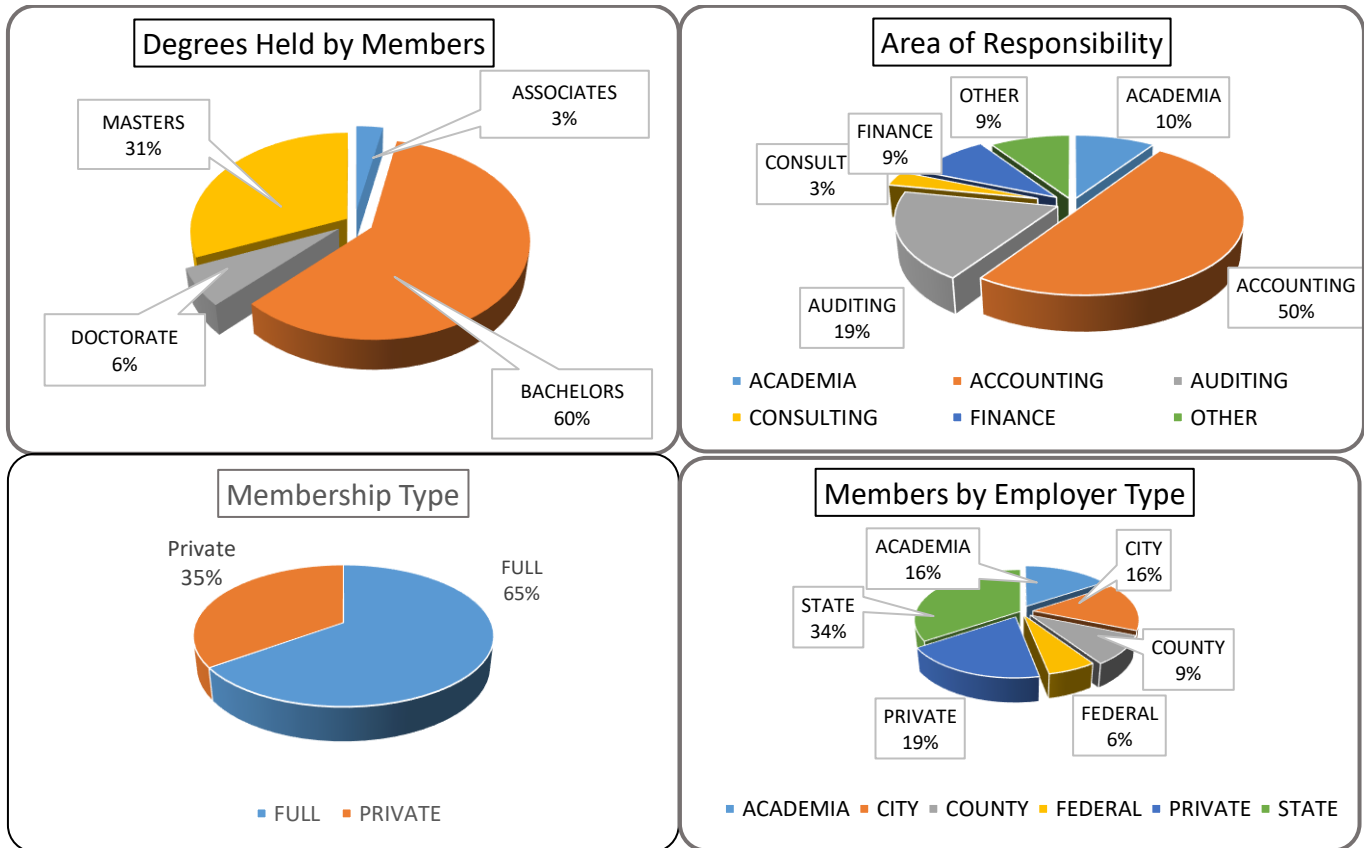
What's Next?

Challenges Moving Forward

As we start our 2016-2017 year, we have many challenges ahead of us to overcome and move beyond. In these depressed economic times, we find that our number one goal is to increase awareness of the value AGA can offer to its members and to our community. As you can see by the charts below, our member base of 20 is from a **variety of occupational industries, educational levels, and various membership categories**. Not only do we have value for governmental employees, but for our private, non-profit, and institutional employees as well.

Our goals for 2016-2017 are to **increase our overall membership** by reaching out to the financial community and government agencies, to **increase employer sponsorship and awareness** of the value of AGA to its employees, and **develop more partnerships with other organizations**. We hope to **expand and diversify meeting attendance**, and through our strong partnerships with our universities, we hope to **promote student involvement**, to increase educational opportunities for students and prospective early career members, our future community leaders.

In addition to these goals, the chapter has a presence in **social media** with a **Facebook** page, **internet website**, and coming in 2016, a **LinkedIn** profile. These will increase our presence and disseminate information throughout the community and serve as a way to keep in touch with our community, in addition to our monthly newsletters and flyers. Our internet website is equipped with a calendar and links to register for our meetings and conferences directly from the website.



GIVING BACK

Each month we have a meeting, we do a community service project. We firmly believe in giving back to the community and we post our projects at the beginning of our program year in our newsletter and on our website.

We want to hear from you! Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Jude Lui at JLui@oppd.com. For more information on our chapter, visit our website at www.omahaaga.org. Chapter President's Office: Jude Lui, OPPD Energy Plaza, 444 S 16 ST Mall, Omaha, NE 68102, 402-533-7219. Photos courtesy of Sharon Medina.