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, 100 chapters, and more than 15,000 members across the country, 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 country.

Who We Are

As of June 30, 2015, the Chapter had 268 members employed by state and local government (68%), federal government (7%) and all other, including private industry, not-for-profits and academia (25%). The membership is quite diversified, having auditors, accountants, budget and finance professionals, IT and internal control specialists, investigators, etc. Chapter members are students, early career professionals, mid-level managers, senior executives and retirees. We have members from all over New York State, though the majority is concentrated in the Capital District. We also have a few members from other states.

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 and newsletter, perennial winners of AGA national awards, along with annual recognition for having the best educational program and community service events.

Our Mission is...

serving 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 New York Capital area government accountability community; and
• a model provider of quality and affordable continuing professional education and networking opportunities.
How We Have Progressed
Program Year 2014-2015

We value...

Integrity - Fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior.

Excellence - Striving for the highest level of professional performance and continuous improvement.

Accountability - Maintaining and advancing sound fiscal and operational practices.

Leadership - Being proactive and innovative in directing our activities.

Respect - Treating everyone fairly and with dignity.

Service - Attending to the needs of our members, the government financial sector and the community.

Strategic Plan

The Chapter utilizes a three-year rolling Strategic Plan that is supported by annual operating plans and budgets for each of our 12 program areas: Chapter Governance; Financial Stability; Continuing Professional Education; Membership Growth and Retention; Early Career Development; Certification; Community Service; Accountability; Socialization; Recognition; Communication; and 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.

Selected Membership Demographics

Membership by Employer

![Membership Demographics Graph]

Membership Trends

![Membership Trends Graph]

Continuing Professional Education

Auditing standards require an average of 40 CPE credit hours annually. While the Chapter has consistently provided well over this amount of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits, we strive to keep the cost low. The average cost per CPE credit for a New York Capital AGA member is $8 and for non-member it is $15. This year’s education plan includes once again co-sponsoring the 21st Annual TCTC (The Conference That Counts).

Community Service Events

Community Service Events Supported

![Community Service Events Graph]

Community Service has been a cornerstone of our Chapter for many years. 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 strives to create a community service calendar that encompasses a variety of events that benefits both local and national charities.
What are the costs for serving the members and how are those costs paid?

The Chapter does not charge members local association dues or fees for participating in AGA National audio conferences. It collects most of its revenues from training seminar event registrations. The three-day, three-track TCTC (The Conference That Counts) is the Chapter’s largest training event and is co-sponsored with two other local professional groups. Accounting for TCTC is done by a separate committee, and conference revenues in excess of expenses are shared among the three organizations. TCTC has grown to over 500 participants and 2015 marked its 20th anniversary.

Revenue by Source 2014-2015

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Expenditures 2014-2015

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Financial Review

The Chapter’s financial report has been reviewed by the Chapter’s Executive Committee.

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Accomplishments during the past year.

- Offered 18 national audio conferences free to members in three locations in the Albany area.
- Offered members free attendance at Chapter sponsored CGFM course preparation seminars.
- Provided a total 115 continuing education credits to 1,006 accountability professionals at Chapter events.
- Participated in various Community Service events to benefit 20 worthy organizations both local and national throughout the year, totaling several thousands of dollars.
- Recognized five national award winners.
- Recognized one new CGFM in the Chapter.
- Celebrated our 37th anniversary as an AGA chapter with a half-day seminar, reception and dinner with the incoming National President.

Membership

Membership is the cornerstone of our Chapter. As with any membership organization, retaining current members, as well as adding new members, remains a constant challenge. Factors such as discontinuance of and reduction in employer financial contributions, training budget cuts, lower subsidized dues by a competing association and individual economic hardship affect our membership base. However, one of our strategic goals is to find creative ways to retain and attract new members. We aim to emphasize all the advantages of being an AGA member. The local membership chair and committee will continue reaching out to individuals with lapsed memberships and discuss membership benefits with agencies and local colleges. Also, we aim to reinforce the cost saving AGA Government Advantage Program provides and implementing our new private industry group membership program. In addition, we are building relationships with local colleges to create student affiliate chapters, create mentorship programs, offer scholarships for local students, and work with students on government projects, such as Citizen Centric Reporting. Finally, we continue to encourage more members to participate in Chapter projects and events, particularly our award-winning community service activities.

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.

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