



Denver Chapter

## A Report to our Chapter Members

2021-2022



### Our Parent Organization: AGA

AGA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to AGA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Membership dues are not considered contributions. Headquartered in Alexandria Virginia the AGA is a member organization of financial and managerial professionals in Government and welcomes private sector employees The Association focuses on Professional Development Training (PDT) events, Professional Certifications, Continued Professional Education( CPE) and accountability. Paramount in the AGA's mission is leading decentralized chapters that facilitate practices that are beneficial to their members and citizens. Most of AGA members work in government financial management across sectors and worldwide to increase government financial performance and accountability. PDT events keep governmental financial managers current on relevant news and information such as updates from GASB and FASAB. AGA's professional (CGFM) certification is a valuable credential that strengthens competency in managing a government that benefits its citizens. On AGA's website they give a history of how AGA was founded as the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA) by Robert W. King and a group of federal government accountants on Sept. 14, 1950. AGA expanded in 1975 to include state and local government finance professionals. At that time, the organization's name was changed to the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). In 2022 the organization's name was changed to AGA recognizing that financial managers, cyber security, human resources and IT professionals can all benefit from the collaborative benefits of AGA. The goal is for members to Advance, Grow, and Accelerate.

### Who We Are: The Denver AGA Chapter

The AGA's Denver Chapter was founded in 1952 and turned 70 this year. As one of the first local chapter to form outside of the National chapter we have continued goals that include membership recruitment of government financial managers, and Professional Development Training (PDT ). Although we were still on hiatus during most of 2021-2022 membership cycle year due to the CoVid 19 pandemic our members were able to find affordable CPE credits offered several times a year to our members by using the resources of the national chapter. For us who utilized the ease of obtaining CPE like this it was an eye opening experience to see how participants and speakers could participate from coast to coast. This outreach potential makes it more accessible for DenverAGA members and those who need Professional Education outside of the Denver Metro area going forward. DenverAGA did our part for Denver members by purchasing eight webinars as follow:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sept. 8, 2021 — Communications              | <input type="checkbox"/> March 2, 2022 — Improper Payments             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oct. 6, 2021 — Internal Control  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> March 23, 2022 — Cybersecurity/ERM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nov. 3, 2021 — Ethics            | <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 2022 — Ethics                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dec. 15, 2021 — Performance      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 20, 2022 — CARES Act         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan. 12, 2022 — Uniform Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> May 11, 2022 — Fraud/Data Analytics           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feb. 2, 2022 — GASB Update       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June 8, 2022 — Leadership          |

## Meet Denver AGA's 2022 President

Brandon Boggs kept the lights on for Denver AGA in 2022. Admittedly, we are having a hard time coming out of the CoVid funk, but Brandon conducted surveys and made free webinars available to our membership. He is recruiting for our 2022-2023 Board, and has ideas on how we can work collaboratively with other financial services organizations to increase membership.

Kudo's to Brandon in his thinking outside of the box and ensuring Denver AGA moves forward in a positive manner.



## DenverAGA'S Board Members

Jeff Hart with 40 years + membership

David Laveau

Jackie Schmuhl

Janet Rogers

Mike Novick

Kimberly Harper

Porscha Hicks

Jennifer Qualteri



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## Denver AGA Accomplishments and what to Expect in 2023

- ◆ Offered free webinars that earned two CPEs each, These webinars help fiscal managers accept change, face risk, find fraud and keep current with industry trends, We buy these packets every year with the exception of the pandemic year. Previously in person only, we now see a way forward in offering them virtually or hybrid,
- ◆ Continue to organize the popular, annual two-day Personal Development Training (PDT) This event is offered in late spring. We can expect to see it come back now that the vaccine seems to be working. In 2020-2022 however we skipped the event. Keeping our colleagues and the people they come into contact with safe was paramount in our Denver AGA agenda. Going forward a hybrid event may be more inclusive of participants across the country. Watching other AGA chapters operate in this manner showed a potential to double our participation.
- ◆ Outreach in Colleges and Universities. This is hugely important. Succession planning is necessary, and it is always a perk to get the best and brightest minds early. We hope to inspire newcomers into our profession because they are doing a job they love.
- ◆ With the name change to AGA we are able to broaden the horizon and offer membership and collaboration to professionals in IT, Human Resources, Data Analytics and more while continuing to certify government financial managers.
- ◆ Promote AGA value to state and local government, professional and commercial organizations, colleges and universities, federal government, and continued to vie to increase the chapter's membership. With this we have seen State Government participation increase recently and hope that trends stays with us. Federal employees are the bulk of our membership in Colorado and we see potential in recruitment of private sector employees.
- ◆ Participated 13 times in Habitat for Humanity building homes for the still devastated New Orleans communities affected by the Katrina Hurricane. We have also taken on projects here in Colorado. Housing is so important we hope this cause remains a priority for years to come.
- ◆ Continue to keep a focus on CPE that benefits the learner. There is a vast number of topics from Artificial Intelligence to Fraud. Governmental management is never boring and awareness is important.



## More on Denver AGA Accomplishments and what to do in 2023

- ◆ Empower our membership. Input is important to us. Use surveys and other mechanisms to allow members to be heard and address issues that are important to their workplace.
- ◆ Our membership dues continually provide a 500% return through AGA training, the subscription to the AGA quarterly journal, CPE, and access to career planning and promotional job opportunities are examples.
- ◆ Planning continues to focus on offering a free course on Exam One, GCFM, scholarships to CGFM Candidates for study materials and exam fees, and CGFM packages to employers are all ways to increase Colorado CGFMs.
- ◆ Filling board vacancies, participation in national events, and recruiting members is a continued effort on the part of Denver AGA.
- ◆ We sent DenverAGA representation to the AGA National PDT event in 2022.
- ◆ We have 132 active members and 16 of these are new to DenverAGA.
- ◆ Quarterly newsletters that keep our membership informed, provide updates at GASB and FASAB and CPE reminders.
- ◆ Filing an annual CCR to our members.
- ◆ Save the date for AGA National PDT in our hometown Denver on July 14-17, 2024,

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