



Albany Chapter

Advancing Government Accountability since 1977

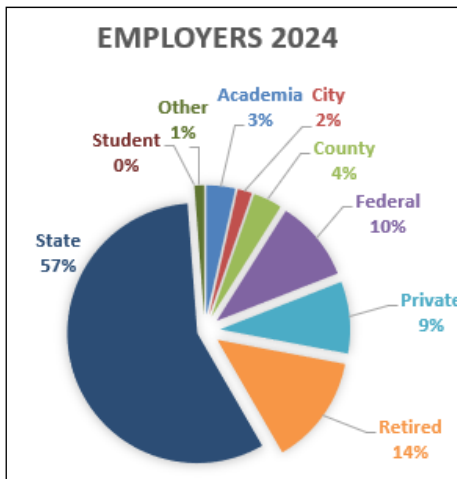
# A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

## 2023-2024 Program Year

### 1: About Our Chapter

Since 1977, the Albany Chapter has served the government accountability community in the New York State Capital District. The Chapter Executive Committee includes 23 officers and directors who govern Chapter operations for the benefit of our members and others in the government accountability community. Our members include students, young professionals just starting their careers, mid- and high-level managers, and retirees. While most of our members are state and local

government employees, we also have members from other sectors.



If you have questions about how you can get involved or any other questions about the Chapter, please contact:

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### Chapter Mission

*To serve persons interested in the government accountability community 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.*

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### Chapter Vision

Our vision is to be:

- the best AGA chapter
- the best organization serving the New York Capital area government accountability community
- a model provider of quality and affordable continuing professional education

## 2: How Have We Progressed?



### Education and Programs 6 events and 48 CPEs

Our Chapter has consistently provided quality educational events since our founding and this year was no different. Utilizing a hybrid method to deliver live and online presentations, we were able to provide continuing professional education training for Chapter members, members of other AGA chapters, and

members of the government accountability community at large. We offered a well-received, two-part report writing webinar, and a full-day Accountability seminar. In addition, we worked with other professional organizations to co-sponsor two multi-day events: a two-day **Fraud Conference** and the three-day **TCTC** (The Conference That Counts).

*We welcome you at any of our events in 2024-25 program year!*

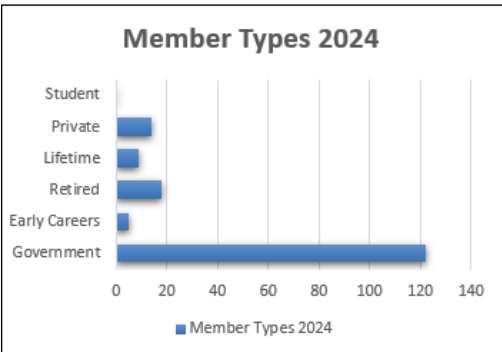
### Membership 168 members

Membership is a cornerstone of our Chapter. Retaining current members while adding new ones is a challenge, particularly in these times of remote work and virtual meetings. Even though businesses have employees returning to the office at least part-time, there continues to

be a hesitancy to join organizations and attend in-person events. We continue to emphasize the advantages of an AGA membership at both the professional and personal level to members new and old. As of June 30, 2024, our Chapter has 168 members, 17 of which were new members in 2023-24.

**We challenge you to reach out to colleagues and encourage**

**them to become a member in 2024-25.**



### Community Service 5 Events and \$3,800 in Donations

Community Service is important to our Chapter. 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. During the past year, the Chapter held five community service events, including sorting and delivering food for area food pantries, and sorting bottles and cans for an animal shelter. We also donated almost \$4,000 to worthy causes

## Community Service (Continued)

during the year. **We invite you to participate in at least one community service event in 2024-25.**



Distributing turkeys to needy families

Turkeys —>



Sorting bottles at the Animal Shelter



## We Value...

- **Integrity** - Foster the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior
- **Excellence** - Strive for the highest level of professional performance and continuous improvement
- **Accountability** - Maintain and advance sound fiscal and operational practices
- **Leadership** - Be proactive and innovative in directing our activities
- **Respect** - Treat everyone fairly and with dignity  
Service - Attend to the needs of our members, the government accountability sector, and the community

## Certification

We have also provided the necessary CPEs for members (and non-members) that have the Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) certification to maintain their designation. In 2023-24 we continued the financial assistance program to partially reimburse Chapter members who are working on their CGFM for the costs they incur. We are excited to

be able to offer this generous program and advance a very valuable designation for government financial professionals. **We encourage you to invest in your future by pursuing the CGFM designation in 2024-25.**



### 3: Our Finances

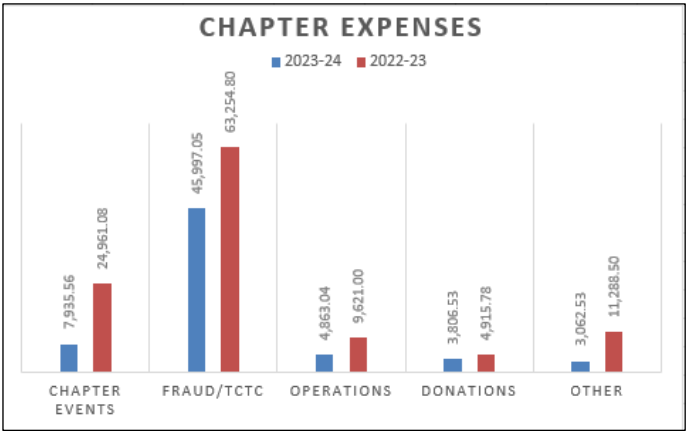
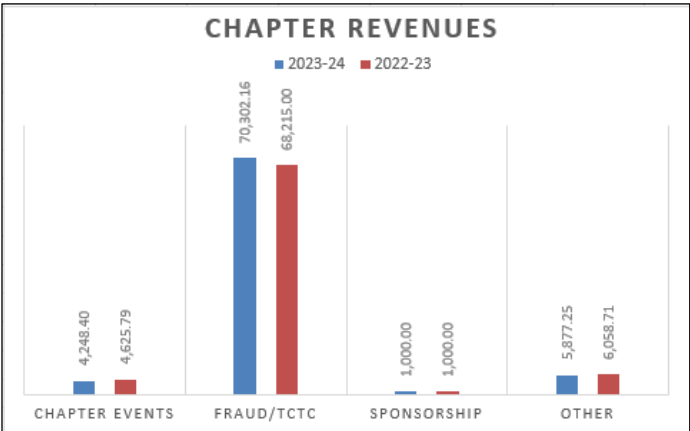


Almost all our revenues come from the exceptional educational events our members (and others) want and need.

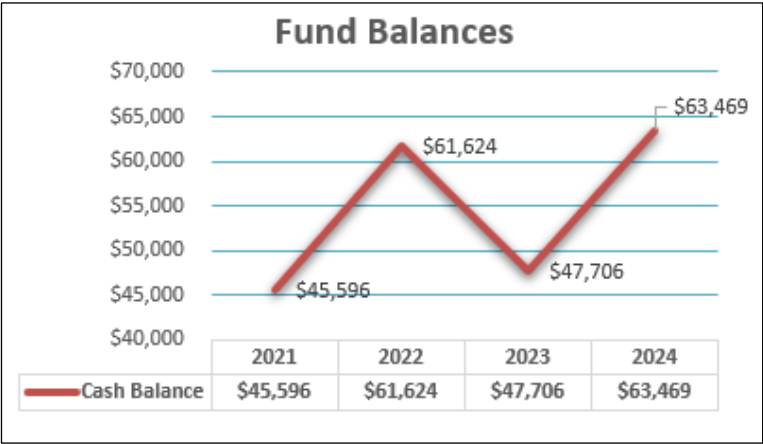
And we thank our corporate sponsor KPMG for their continued support. In line with our revenues, our expenditures are primarily to provide educational events, both by our Chapter and in conjunction with other professional organizations to present the Fraud Conference and The

Conference That Counts (TCTC). One of the main factors influencing the decrease in the grand total of expenditures this year as compared to the previous year is the previous year included a 45th Anniversary celebration for the chapter.

#### Revenues and Expenses



#### Fund Balances



Our Treasurer provides regular financial reports to the CEC, and the Chapter’s financial statements are reviewed by an independent party. The most

recent review is available on our website, and covers fiscal years ending 2022 and 2023. The financial statements for the fiscal year ending 2024 are still

under review but will be posted on our [website](#) as soon as the review has been completed.



## 4: What's Next?

### *2024-2025 Program Year*

The Albany Chapter is a well-oiled machine that continues to provide maximum value for our members and the greater community. As we begin our 47<sup>th</sup> year, we look to expand our membership base to bring in more students and young professionals to increase the diversity of our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and to help develop leadership skills to ensure a great pool of talent to keep our chapter strong. Beginning this chapter year, we are forming an Academic Relations outreach arm of our Membership Committee. We feel the best way to let students know who the AGA is and what the many benefits available to them are is to attend career fairs at local colleges. Between the scholarships offered, the networking opportunities, and the resume and skill building that can come with participation on the CEC, we will hopefully

help guide students on the pathway to careers in government accountability. We are also looking to build relationships with more Capital District employers who may benefit from our quality educational programs or even wish to participate in them. In building our membership and identifying prospective CEC members, we will continue to provide good stewardship, outreach, and educational and community service events for another 47 years.

Our Chapter is guided by a 3-year strategic plan, supported by annual operating plans and budgets for our 11 program areas. Each program area has its own performance measures that guide the various committee members throughout the years. Our most current strategic plan – [2022-25](#) – is available on our website.



### **2024-25 CEC Presidents & VPs**

**Katherine Hogan**  
*President*

**Kenneth Shulman**  
*President-Elect*

**Layli Deitz**  
*Immediate Past  
President & NCC Rep*

**Jennifer Paperman**  
*Secretary*

**Brian Maclutsky**  
*Treasurer*

**Caitlin Colacino**  
*Website*

**Thomas Wilsey**  
*Community Service*

**James Cox**  
*Certification*

**Kim Skiba**  
*Communication*

**Raymond Harris**  
*Membership*

**Brian Gee**  
*Education*

**Stephanie Slominski**  
*Accountability Outreach*

## 4: What's Next? (Continued)



Our Chapter once again earned the **Platinum Award**, the highest AGA Chapter recognition award, in 2023-24.

**2024-25 CEC**

**Other Officers**

**Helen Kaczor**  
*Chapter Historian*

**Elaine Wey**  
*Registrar*

**Ann Marsh**  
*Audit Committee*

**Directors**

**Shelly Taleporos**

**Debbie Harrington**

**Joseph Cassano**

**Lynn Farruggia**

**Brian Jackson**

**Melissa Fiore**

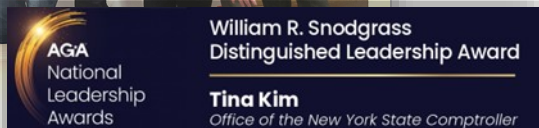
**Jim Van Buren**

**Joshua Kirby**

**Thalia Melendez**

**Melinda Fuller**

**Lai-Yee Yau**



**William R. Snodgrass**  
Distinguished Leadership Award

**Tina Kim**  
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