

Report to Our Members

2021-22 Program Year

Advancing Government Accountability since 1977

1: About Our Chapter

Since 1950, AGA has been the association for anyone involved in government financial management, no matter their position.

Since 1977, the Albany Chapter has served the government accountability community in the New York State Capital District. The Chapter Executive Committee is comprised of 23 officers and others 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.

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

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

Together, we work to:

Advance sound government financial practices

Grow, learn, excel, and engage

Accelerate professional careers

This Report

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


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- President-Elect, Layli Nazirova (layli.nazirova2@labor.ny.gov)
- Immediate Past President, Mike Abbott (mabbott16@aol.com)

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2: How Have We Progressed?


Education and Programs (8 events and 57.5 CPEs)

Our Chapter has consistently provided quality educational events since our founding.  This year was no different. Using Go To Webinar, 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. 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). Our efforts were rewarded with the AGA Education Award, a recognition we have earned each year it has been awarded by AGA National. **We welcome you at any of our events in 2022-23.**


Community Service (6 events and \$5,900 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 six community service events, including a fund-raising walk, working in urban community gardens, sorting and delivering food for area food pantries, and sorting bottles and cans for an animal shelter. We also donated almost \$6,000 to worthy causes during the year.  **We invite you to participate in at least one community service event in 2022-23.**

Membership (205 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. We continue to emphasize the advantages of AGA membership at both the professional and personal level to members new and old. As of June 30, 2022, our Chapter has 205 members. This is due in large part to our current Immediate Past President, Brian Gee, who recruited 31 of the 56 individuals who joined AGA for the first time in 2021-22. In addition to growing our Chapter, Brian was also the top recruiter across all AGA chapters. **We challenge you to reach out to colleagues and encourage them to become a member in 2022-23.**

Certification (58 CGFMs . . . and counting)

We have also provided the necessary CPEs for members (and non-members) that have the Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) license to maintain their designation. New in 2021-22, we have implemented a financial assistance program that 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 2022-23.**

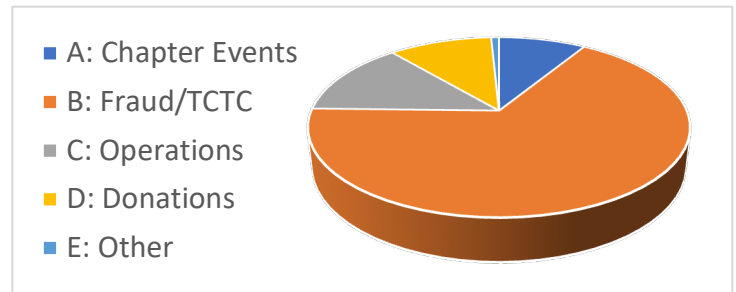
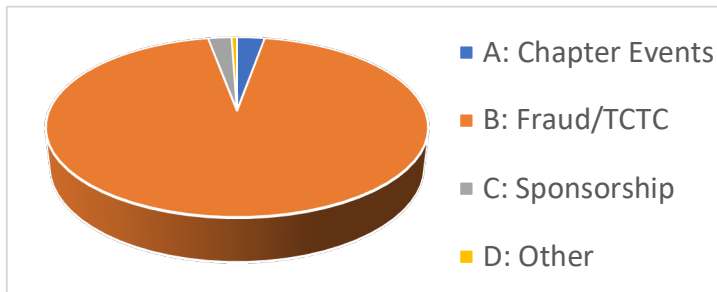
3: Our Finances

Revenues and Expenditures

Sources	Total
A: Chapter Events	\$2,130
B: Fraud/TCTC	\$72,013
C: Sponsorship	\$1,800
D: Other	\$423
Total Revenues	\$76,366

Almost all our revenues come from the exceptional educational events our members (and others) want and need. And we thank our corporate sponsors – KPMG and Grant Thornton – for their continued support.

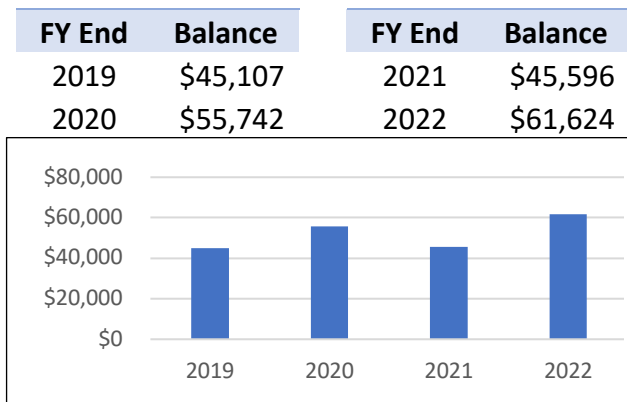
Sources	Total
A: Chapter Events	(\$4,970)
B: Fraud/TCTC	(\$37,663)
C: Operations	(\$7,573)
D: Donations	(\$5,900)
E: Other	(\$450)
Total Expenditures	(\$56,556)



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). Chapter operations – including our annual awards luncheon to recognize those members who have gone above and beyond in supporting the Chapter – are another significant category of expenditures.

Fund Balances

Our CEC continually exercises good financial stewardship, resulting in strong fund balances. We are well-placed to serve our members now and in the future. Among the benefits to our members: no Chapter dues and low-cost, high-quality education events.



Our Treasurer provides regular financial reports to the CEC, and the Chapter's financial statements are reviewed by an outside CPA. The most recent review – for [Program Years 2020 and 2021](#) – is available on our website.

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4: What's Next?

2021-22 Program Year

2021-22 CEC Presidents & VPs

Mike Abbott,
President

Dave Robertson
President-Elect

Brian Gee
*Immediate Past
President*

Ray Harris
*Accountability
Outreach*

Mark Mitchell
Certification

Laura Brown
Community Service

Jennifer Paperman
Education

Kim Geary
Communication

Debbie Harrington
Membership

Our Chapter had several noteworthy changes and accomplishments this year. The most important was changing our name from the New York Capital Chapter to the Albany Chapter. Regardless of our name, however, we continued to provide the education and community service events our members have come to expect over the past 44 years. Our finances and membership numbers remained strong. Thanks to our Board members, officers, committee members, and volunteers that made all these activities happen. It was a team effort.

Our Chapter once again earned the Platinum Award, the highest AGA Chapter recognition award, in 2021-22



2022-23 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 45th year, we look to engage our young professionals to increase the diversity of our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and to provide succession planning for leadership positions. Building on the operational knowledge of our seasoned CEC members, we will continue to provide good stewardship, outreach, and educational and community service events for another 45 years.

2021-22 CEC Other Officers

Brian Maclutsky
Treasurer

Melinda Fuller
Secretary

Shelly Taleporos
NCC Representative

Francesca Greaney
Website

Helen Kaczor
Chapter Historian

Directors

Carim Cervantes

Chelsey Fiorini

Brian Jackson

Jeff Koch

Emily Kunchala

Ann Marsh

Layli Nazirova

Stephanie Slominski

Anthony Trapasso

Jim Van Buren



Grant Thornton

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 tie available on our website. Our most current strategic plan – [2022-25](#) – is available on our website.

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