

# Report to Our Members

## 2022-23 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 Includes 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

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

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## 2: How Have We Progressed?

### Education and Programs (7 events and 51.5 CPEs)



Our Chapter has consistently provided quality educational events since our founding. 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. 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 2023-24.**

### Community Service (7 events and \$7,900 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 seven community service events, including a fund-raising walk, sorting and delivering food for area food pantries, and sorting bottles and cans for an animal shelter. We also donated almost \$8,000 to worthy causes during the year. **We invite you to participate in at least one community service event in 2023-24.**



### Membership (197 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 AGA membership at both the professional and personal level to members new and old. As of June 30, 2023, our Chapter has 197 members. AGA Albany Chapter has recruited 23 new members in 2022-23. **We challenge you to reach out to colleagues and encourage them to become a member in 2023-24.**



### 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. New in 2022-23, 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 2023-24.**

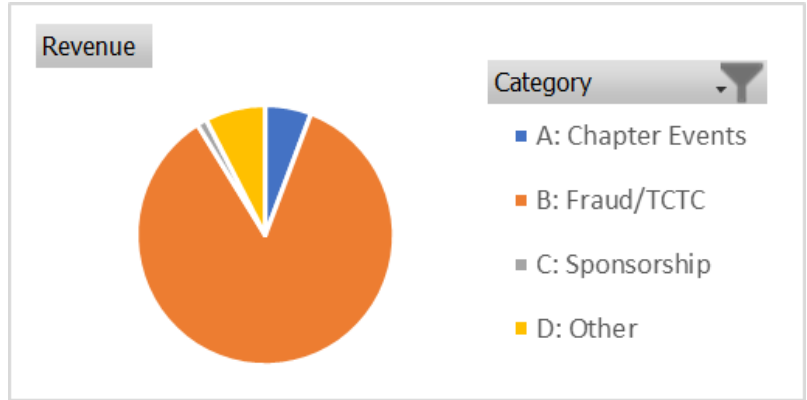


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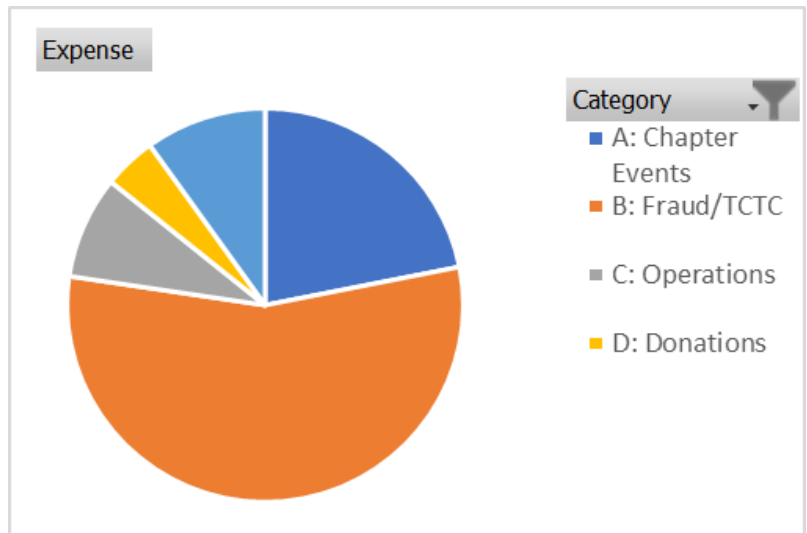
## 3: Our Finances

### Revenues and Expenditures

Categories	Revenue
A: Chapter Events	\$4,625.79
B: Fraud/TCTC	\$68,215.00
C: Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
D: Other	\$6,058.71
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$79,899.50</b>



Categories	Expense
A: Chapter Events	\$ (24,961.08)
B: Fraud/TCTC	\$ (63,254.80)
C: Operations	\$ (9,621.00)
D: Donations	\$ (4,915.78)
E: Other	\$ (11,288.50)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ (114,041.16)</b>



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.

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 full day Accountability Seminar and 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

FY End	Balance	FY End	Balance
2019	\$45,107	2021	\$45,596
2020	\$55,742	2022	\$61,624

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?

### 2023-24 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our Chapter once again earned the Platinum Award, the highest AGA Chapter recognition award, in 2022-23

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

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#### 2023-24 CEC Presidents & VPs

Layli Deitz  
*President*

Katherine Hogan  
*President-Elect*

Dave Robertson  
*Immediate Past President*

Stephanie Slominski  
*Accountability Outreach*

Stephen Comer  
*Certification*

Laura Brown  
*Community Service*

Brian Jackson  
*Education*

Kim Geary  
*Communication*

Debbie Harrington  
*Membership*

#### 2023-24 CEC Other Officers

Brian Maclutsky  
*Treasurer*

Jennifer Paperman  
*Secretary*

Shelly Taleporos  
*NCC Representative*

Francesca Greaney  
*Website*

Helen Kaczor  
*Chapter Historian*

#### Directors

Carim Cervantes  
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Anthony Trapasso  
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