



A Report to Our Members 2010-2011

In an effort to provide awareness and a model for accountability and transparency within our community and our profession, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and its chapters are spearheading an effort to make information more accessible. In this initial report, we are providing information relevant to our own organization so that members and citizens can become more familiar with the AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter.

About the AGA and the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter

The AGA supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia. Founded in 1950, AGA has a long history of being the thought leader for the government accountability profession. Through education, research, publications, certification, including the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification, and conferences, AGA reaches thousands of professionals and provides more than 100,000 continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually.

The Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter of AGA is a diverse group of financial managers, accountants, and auditors. Our Strategic Themes are: Accountability, Certification, Education and Service. The Chapter's focus is on advancing government accountability, encouraging certification and offering outstanding educational events, networking opportunities, and community service events.



The Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter was chartered by the AGA in 1968. As of April 30, 2011, (the membership reporting year ends April 30 of each year) the Chapter had 385 members employed by federal government, state and local government, private industry, not-for profits, academia and retired members. The membership is

diversified with auditors, accountants, budget and finance professionals, IT specialists, etc. Chapter members are students, early career professionals, mid-level managers and senior executives. Our members primarily live and/or work in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland.

Membership by Type

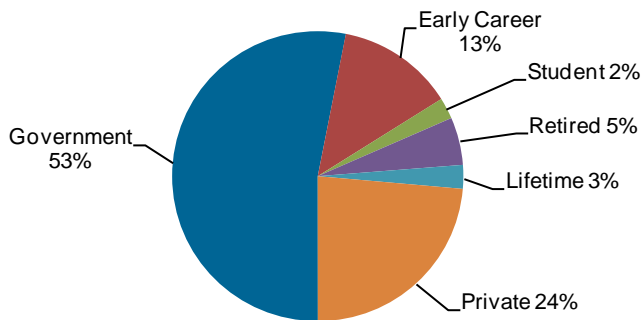


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Mission

The Chapter mission is to provide or sponsor appropriate educational programs, encourage professional development, influence governmental financial management policies and practices, and serve as an advocate for the profession.

Vision

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter is the premier professional association in advancing government accountability dedicated to the advancement of government financial management.

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How Are We Doing?

2010-2011



Accountability

The Chapter promoted guest speakers on accountability topics at dinner meetings and workshops. We have an active Early Careers program that hosted 8 events, 4 as joint events with other chapters in the region, to promote and facilitate understanding and interest in the accountability profession.

Certification

The Chapter has 132 members who had earned their CGFM by the end of 2010-11. The Chapter supports certification by offering loaner study guides and coordinating with local chapters to offer review courses to our members. In addition, we worked with Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Frederick County and the State of Maryland governments and received official proclamations that March 2011 was CGFM month.

Education

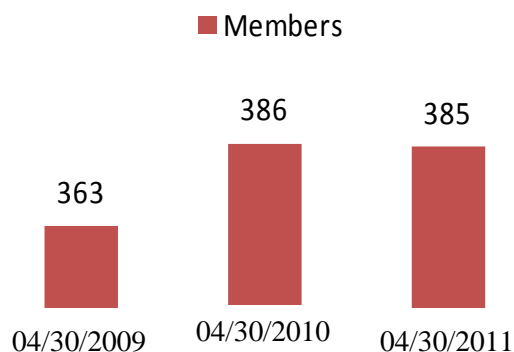
The Chapter provided 47 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits in 2010-11. We strive to keep the cost low.

- Winter workshop worth 8 CPEs, \$90
- Spring workshop worth 8 CPEs, \$110
- Monthly dinner meetings with CPE, for a total of 7 CPE, \$30 per meeting with a reduced fee of \$15 for government employees and students.
- Audio conferences totaling 24 CPEs, free of cost to our members

Service

We provide leadership opportunities through board member recruitment and service. The 2010-11 board is listed to the left. We also strive to recruit and retain a diverse and growing membership.

Members by Year



The Chapter supported the following charitable organizations in 2010-11: Community-Based Shelter, National Center for Children and Families, Habitat for Humanity and the National Kidney Foundation. The Chapter also contributes to AGA National charitable endeavors.

2010 – 2011 Board

President – Andrew Lewis

President-Elect – Alex Dickey

Immediate Past President – Angela Walter

Certification – Mike Loos and Doreen Shute

Early Careers – Christine Tritsch, Carla Flores, and Tolu Shoyemi

Education – Hector Maysonet and Carol Boothe

Membership – Eric Rasmussen, Amy Chen, and Marlon Perry

Accountability/Outreach – Darien Thall

Community Service – Troy Hailey, Joan Hebron, and Jia Liu

Programs – Dawn Beatty

Newsletter – Carla Flores

Secretary – Arrington Smith

Webmaster – Corinne Dougherty

Recognition – Yehuda Schmidt

Treasurer – Alex Dickey

Historian – Grace McKitty

Sponsorship – Terry Wilson and Danielle Rosemond

Awards – Marlon Perry and AnLih Tung

Meetings – Jimmy Hauer and Tom Birchall

Special Projects – Stu Sklamm and Scott Binder

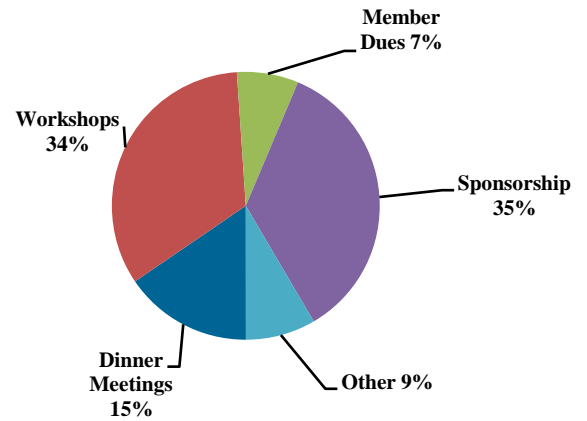
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Our Finances

What are the costs for servicing our members and how were those costs paid for?

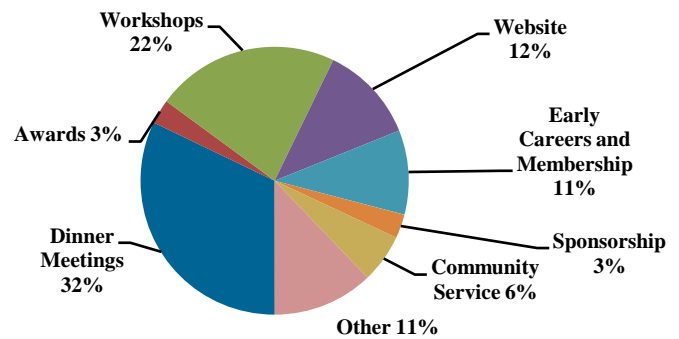
Revenue by Source

	2011	2010
Dinner Meetings, net of discounts	\$6,150	\$5,220
Workshops	13,330	7,265
Dues	2,953	3,681
Sponsorships	14,000	17,000
AGA National Shares	2,000	2,000
Networking Events	525	450
Donations for Community Service	440	159
Other	401	551
Total revenues	\$39,799	\$36,326



Expenses

	2011	2010
Dinner Meetings	\$12,453	\$12,465
Workshops	8,575	5,063
Community Service	2,279	1,754
Early Careers and Membership	4,371	5,913
Sponsorship	1,115	1,412
Awards	1,147	2,541
Website	4,534	3,743
Other	4,290	2,734
Total expenses	\$38,764	\$35,625



Fund Balance



Independent Review

An Independent review of the Chapter's finances was conducted, resulting in no modifications.

Additional financial information can be found at www.marylandaga.com.

What's Next?

Challenges Moving Forward



Accountability

The Chapter's primary focus is on advancing government accountability. Our challenges are to reach more government accountability professionals at all levels of government and encourage them to prepare citizen centric reports (CCR). The challenges increase as budgets are decreasing. In 2011-12, we will increase our accountability efforts by preparing this CCR and hosting a CCR contest for college students to prepare a CCR for a government entity to increase awareness of our accountability objectives.

Certification

One of our strategic goals is to promote the CGFM designation. The challenge is promoting this certification in a cost-effective manner. Providing review courses, while a great benefit to members, are often expensive, so our future plans include creative solutions to this challenge, such as recruiting volunteer instructors for the review courses to reduce the cost.

Education

We will continue to provide high-quality, low-cost CPE in 2011-12. The challenge the Chapter faces is to determine what types of training and what delivery method are most likely to encourage attendance.

Service

The Chapter's goal is to actively attract and retain a diverse and growing membership. Membership retention and growth is an on-going challenge due to an aging membership base and budget cuts. We have an active Early Careers program to attract students and young professionals. The Chapter contacts individuals with lapsed memberships and discusses membership benefits with agencies and local colleges. We will also strive to continuously improve the value to our members through education and networking opportunities.

The Chapter schedules many community service events throughout the year. We believe in giving back to those in need and reaching out to our community. A challenge is getting participation from our members. We will continue to advertise community service events and the rewarding experience by giving back to the community and networking with peers.

The Chapter conducts an annual survey of our membership to gather feedback on our events and the perceived value of the membership, as well as to get ideas of how to improve the services we offer our members.

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