



Austin Chapter

A Report to Our Citizens 2010-2011

About AGA

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves its members by providing and sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices and serving as an advocate for the profession.

Education and Training

Throughout the year, AGA sponsors comprehensive programs allowing participants to earn Continuing Professional Education to maintain licenses/certificates and enhance individual capabilities and performance. In addition to the annual Professional Development Conference, AGA sponsors separate Leadership Conferences for financial managers. AGA's continuous series of workshops on issues affecting fiscal operations provide professionals with a wide range of education opportunities.

Publications

AGA offers a wide variety of publications including:

- **Government Financial Management TOPICS** - a monthly newsletter covering association activities and developments within the profession
- **The Government Accountants JOURNAL** - a quarterly publication covering relevant issues for government financial managers
- Special reports on a wide array of pertinent issues and current trends such as Operational Auditing, and Behavioral Aspects of Government Accounting

Networking

Members can actively participate in association activities through nearly 100 local Chapters throughout the world. Membership offers an opportunity to exchange ideas, network with peers and gain exposure to governmental financial management issues.

For more information about membership, education and training, publications, and the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program, visit the AGA National Home Page.

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Mission

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

AGA is dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. AGA serves government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies.

How We Are Doing



2010-2011

Accomplishments

👍 Won the AGA National Silver award for membership growth.

👍 Webmaster Lynne Pfeffer and the Austin Chapter won the AGA National Honorable Mention for Group C.

👍 Newsletter editor, Eddie Chan's improvements to our newsletters, lead to submission in the National Office for annual newsletter contest.

👍 Increased membership by 11% and increased event attendance by 21%

👍 Held our 1st Early Career/Young Professionals Chapter Networking Event

Who We Are

The Austin chapter has 100 members primarily from state and federal government agencies. Our monthly CPE events and quarterly social events offer opportunities for members to network with other government accounting professionals. Whether at the local or national level, our members are learning best practices to provide first class financial services to our ultimate stakeholders—the taxpayer. We promote government accountability at all levels of government. To that end, AGA has launched a new initiative on **Citizen Centric Reporting** — a simple four page document for government entities to inform citizens about services provided and challenges to be met.

Education

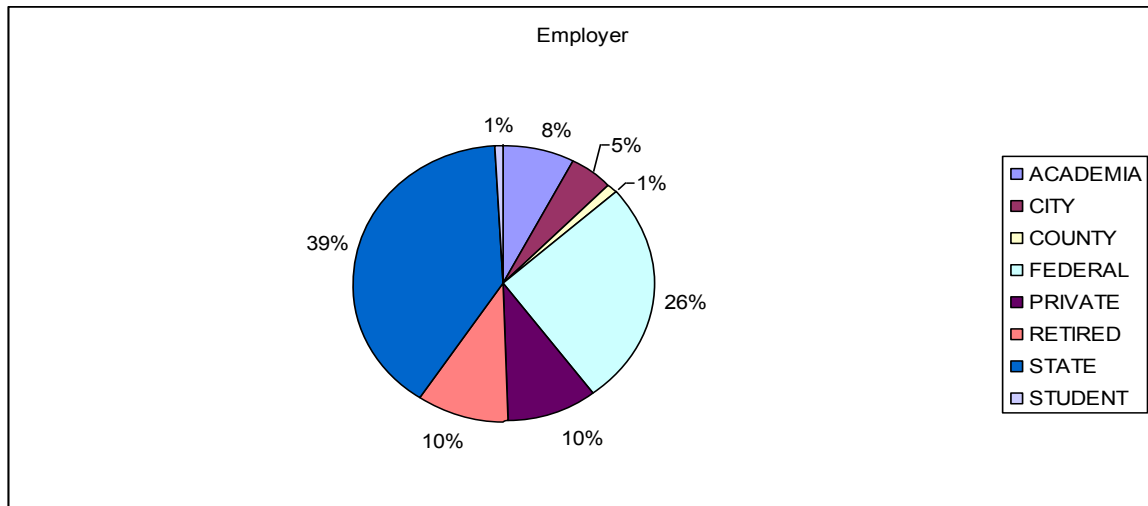
AGA Austin holds monthly CPE events the second Thursday of the month September through May. The one hour live speaker lunch events are held at Corazon at Castle Hill restaurant. In 2010, two hour audio CPE events were held in conjunction with the lunch events several times throughout year. In 2012, AGA Austin will be offering four hour audio events several times throughout year. Our CPE events offer timely and relevant training, while helping members obtain CPE to maintain their professional certifications. Our quality programs allow us to attract approximately 30-50 participants to these events—providing value to our members and other attendees as well as to our members' employers.

Community Service

AGA Austin has been very active in Community Service events this past year. Community Service events enable our members to show their dedication to serving the communities in which we live. Highlights of our activities include:

- Annual Baby Shower for SafePlace
- Community Tax Centers program which provides free tax assistance for low income families and individuals
- Annual Thanksgiving food drive to benefit low-income families in the Austin area
- Texas State University job shadowing program
- Annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family benefiting Centers for Child Protection
- Dancing with the Stars Austin benefiting Centers for Child Protection

Members, Revenues & Expenses



Association of Government Accountants
Austin Chapter
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended May 31, 2011



Revenues:

Luncheon and Audio Conference Revenue	\$ 9,962.46
Chapter Dues from National	220.24
AGA National Recruitment Scholarship	169.00
Donations for Thanksgiving/Christmas Families	170.00
Sponsorship	250.00
Dividends - Capitol Credit Union	5.47
Total Revenues	\$ 10,777.17

Expenditures:

Luncheon Expense	\$ 5,115.13
Audio Conferences (4 Conferences; 10% Discount)	896.00
Post Office Box Rental	62.44
Gifts for Thanksgiving/Christmas Families	270.00
Luncheon Speaker Gifts	145.00
Audit Fees	25.00
Tx State Board of Public Accountancy-CPE Sponsor Fee	400.00
PDC Conference Raffle Texas Theme Basket	66.70
NFL Golf Classic-Centers for Child Protection	250.00
President and Lunch Venue Plaques	112.20
CGFM Study Guides-Set of Three	255.00
Portable Public Address System	194.95
Membership Mixer-Patio Rental and Light Appetizers	500.00
Free Membership	95.00
Speaker Reimbursement-Printed Materials	50.00
Chapter Business Cards	15.85
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,453.27
Net Change in Cash	\$ 2,323.90
Beginning Cash Balance - June 1, 2010	\$ 4,549.09
Ending Cash Balance - May 31, 2011	\$ 6,872.99



Independent Audit

An Independent audit of the Chapter's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information can be found at www.agaaustin.org.

What's Next



Chapter Officer Directory Program Year 2011 - 2012	
Chapter Office	Name
President	Mara Ash
President-Elect	Paul Morris
Past-President	Zulay Sanchez
Secretary	Lynne Pfeffer
Treasurer	Mari Quellar

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Challenges Moving Forward

In today's fast paced business environment, it's difficult to keep up with the latest issues and changes within the government accountability profession. Couple this with the uncertain economic climate, the increased emphasis is placed on downsizing, staffing cuts, and doing more with less -- the task can seem daunting. However, the AGA provides assistance by ensuring that programs and educational events continue to provide the latest information on changes in government fiscal policy, procedures, and reporting requirements.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

#1— Improve transparency and accountability by:

- Creating policies and procedures for operations
- Establishing vested authorities and limits
- Building business and financial forms to streamline requests

#2 — Grow our Chapter through Recruiting and Retention by:

- Enhancing programs to attract young professionals
- Increasing networking opportunities

#3 — Expand Educational Support to members and CGFM's by:

- Identifying and providing timely, relevant, and economical training opportunities
- Increasing the amount of annual CPEs available