



Austin Chapter

A Report to Our Citizens 2011-2012

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



2011-2012

Accomplishments

👍 Won the AGA National Gold award in the Chapter Recognition Program.

👍 The chapter won the National Community Service Award for Group C.

👍 Newsletter editor, Eddie Chan gave the chapter newsletter extra color, included pictures and holiday graphics. His improvements to our newsletters, lead to submission in the National Office for the annual newsletter contest.

👍 Increased membership by 7%

👍 Held our annual Chapter Networking Event

Who We Are

The Austin chapter has 102 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 were held at Corazon at Castle Hill restaurant. In addition to the 6 CPE hours offered via the monthly luncheons, the Chapter was able to offer 12 more CPE hours by hosting six audio conferences over the course of three days. This year, the Chapter experimented with holding the audio conferences in place of the luncheons so as to maximize the amount of CPE that could be earned at one time. Collectively, the luncheons and audio conferences provided attendees with an opportunity to earn up to 18 CPE hours.

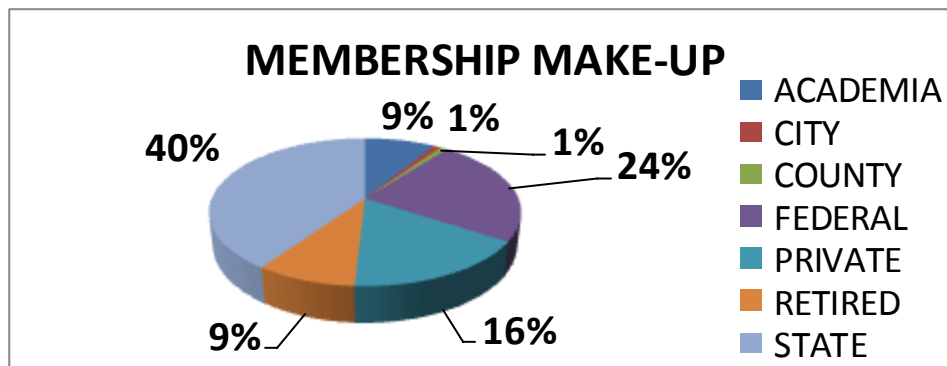
Community Service

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:

- Baby Food Drive competing with San Antonio and Dallas Chapter. All food donated by the chapter went to the Capitol Area Food Bank
- 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

Our membership is reasonably diversified across the state and federal levels of Government.



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Treasurer's Report For the period ending 05/31/2012

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| Beginning Bank Balance 04/30/2012 | \$8,219.48 |
| Revenue: | |
| 05/14/12 Dept of Aging Luncheon 4/12/12 | \$125.00 |
| 05/17/12 ERS Audio 5/10/12 | \$55.00 |
| 05/10/12 DFPS Audio 5/10/12 | \$300.00 |
| Dividend through April 30, 2012 | \$0.66 |
| Total Revenue | \$480.66 |
| Funds Available | \$8,700.14 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Total Expenditures | \$0.00 |
| Ending Bank Balance 05/31/12 | \$8,700.14 |
| Check Register Reconciliation: | |
| Ending Bank Balance 05/31/12 | \$8,700.14 |
| Outstanding Checks: | |
| Date Check No. Description | |
| Total Outstanding Checks | \$0.00 |
| Outstanding Deposits: | |
| Date Description | |
| Total Outstanding Deposits | \$0.00 |
| Adjusted Ending Bank Balance @ 05/31/12 | \$8,700.14 |
| Total Chapter Cash Available Per Check Register @ 05/31/12 | \$8,700.14 |
| Cash On Hand: | |
| CU Min Savings Balance | \$5.00 |
| Luncheon Bank | \$40.00 |



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 | |
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| Program Year 2011 - 2012 | |
| Chapter Office | Name |
| President | Paul Morris |
| President-Elect | Vacant |
| Past-President | Mara Ash |
| Secretary | Autumn Bellfield |
| Treasurer | Mari Quellar |

We want to hear from you.

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting the Austin Chapter at:

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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 2012-2013

- #1 — Grow our Chapter through Recruiting and Retention by introducing young professionals and students to the profession, reaching out to new partners in education; and providing networking opportunities for potential members in positions of government accounting, finance and reporting.
- #2 – Expand Educational Support to members and CGFM's by identifying and providing timely, relevant, and economical training opportunities and annual Continuing Professional Education hours for members and non-members in the local chapter as well as neighboring chapters.