



A Report to Our Members

Chapter Year 2012-2013

Our National Organization

Founded September 14, 1950, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) supports the careers and professional development of financial professionals working in all levels of government. The Association is known for the value of its high-quality, cost-effective training and networking events. AGA has been instrumental in assisting the development of accounting and auditing standards and in generating new concepts for the effective organization and administration of financial management functions. AGA's Code of Ethics reflects its commitment to foster the highest professional standards and behavior of its members. AGA's 15,354 members consist of both government employees and those employed in the private sector as well as students, retirees, and academics. The membership encompasses most financial management disciplines such as accounting, financial reporting, auditing, budgeting, contract management, grants management, and information systems. AGA members range from elected officials and senior executives to entry-level employees.



Our Local Chapter

Members of the Topeka Chapter of AGA are the governmental finance professionals that develop, execute, and audit budgets, expenses, and tax levies for Kansas cities, counties and for the State of Kansas. We utilize the professionals in the teaching profession for the conceptual vision that allows you to keep a broader perspective as you move through your day-to-day challenges. For 33 years, the Topeka Chapter has existed to provide educational opportunities for practicing professionals, support for community services, and scholarships for future leaders in governmental accounting. We offer the monthly Professional Lecture Series; a specialized set of speakers providing in-depth and timely information affecting governmental finance professionals. We offer special opportunities on a quarterly basis that take on topics such as national economic trends, ethics, or municipal economic development. The primary goal of the Topeka Chapter is to facilitate the professional and personal growth of Government Accountability Staff (finance / accounting / budget / audit), and their private sector colleagues, through education and certification, professional opportunity, and networking.

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Mission

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

Vision

The Topeka AGA Chapter strives to be the voice of Advancing Government Accountability by providing leadership opportunities through Chapter Executive Committee participation; education at reasonable prices to achieve and maintain certification, along with financial support to members seeking the CGFM designation; outreach to students and young professionals as they begin their careers in governmental accounting; and giving back to the community through numerous community service projects throughout the year.

How We Have Progressed

Chapter Year Accomplishments

For the Chapter Year 2012-2013, the Topeka Chapter was recognized as a Platinum Chapter, the highest level awarded by the National Association. Continuing a long tradition of excellence, the chapter achieved significant accomplishments in each of the following areas:

Communications

- ◆ The Chapter has an official website, Facebook and LinkedIn page and publishes a monthly newsletter, keeping members and potential members informed of scheduled events and accomplishments of our members.
- ◆ The Topeka Chapter received two sponsorships during the year from US Bank and BT&Co.

Education/Certification

- ◆ During the year, the Topeka Chapter offered 46 hours of CPE, including 10 Professional Lecture Series presentations, one half-day and one all-day Professional Development seminar as well as the 3-day **CGFM Course 2**.
- ◆ Proclamation declaring March CGFM month was received from Kansas Governor, Sam Brownback.
- ◆ The Topeka Chapter produced their first Citizen Centric Report.
- ◆ The Topeka Chapter hosted the Sectional Leadership Meeting—Regional in January 2013.

Community Service

- ◆ The Topeka Chapter entered a team in the Race Against Breast Cancer—an event that members have participated in for 18 consecutive years.
- ◆ Chapter members donated toys and cash to the USMC 's Toys for Tots program to ensure a merry Christmas for needy children in the community.
- ◆ “Loose change” collections at chapter meetings helped to raise much needed funds for local charities.

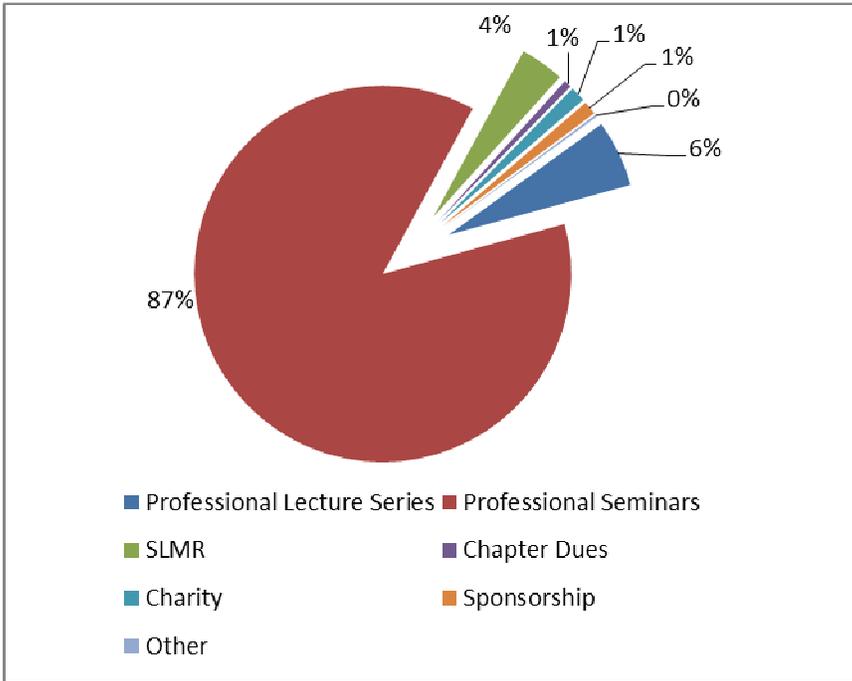
Young Professionals/Membership

- ◆ The Topeka Chapter continued to award scholarships to Kansas State University and Allen County Community College students.
- ◆ The Topeka Chapter sponsored a table at both the Fall and Spring Washburn University Career Fairs.



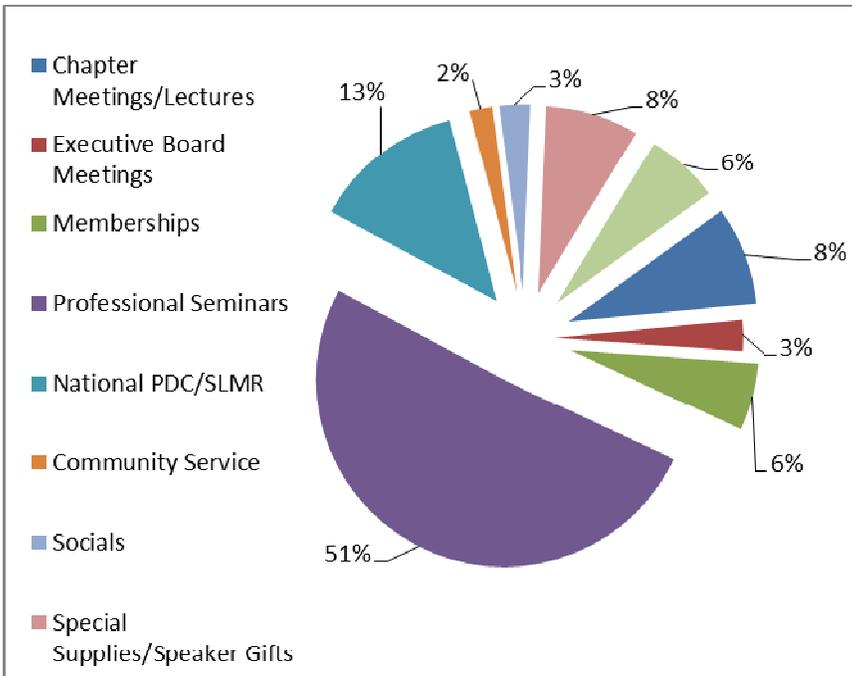
Revenues and Expenses

Revenue



Professional Lecture Series	\$ 1,233
Professional Seminars	18,760
SLMR	810
Chapter Dues	140
Charity	283
Sponsorship	250
Other	41
Total Revenues	\$ 21,517

Expenses



Chapter Meetings/Lectures	\$ 1,948
Executive Board Meetings	615
Memberships	1,350
Professional Seminars	11,711
National PDC/SLMR	3,005
Community Service	454
Socials	629
Special Supplies/Speaker Gifts	1,845
General Operating	1,455
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,012

What's Next?

2012-2013 and Beyond

Our Goals for the Future

Education/Certification

- ◆ Sponsor the CGFM Course 1 & 3 in March 2014
- ◆ Continue to support existing CGFMs through offering affordable CPE opportunities through our Professional Lecture Series and Professional Development Conferences, while also keeping members informed of CPE events sponsored by National AGA and other professional organizations
- ◆ Conduct study groups to help those members preparing to take CGFM exams and maintain a lending library of CGFM study guides
- ◆ Provide financial support to assist members in achieving the CGFM designation by offering scholarships for attending CGFM study courses and purchasing the examinations

Membership/Young Professionals

- ◆ Strive to meet the needs of existing members and attract new members through offering valuable educational, social, and networking opportunities
- ◆ Sponsor two social events—one in the summer and another during the Holiday season
- ◆ Set up booths at two local college career fairs to attract young professionals to the chapter
- ◆ Supply fliers to accounting professors and attend classes and accounting society meetings to recruit new members

Communication

- ◆ Continue to maintain an up-to-date, informative web site where members will always be able to find the most current information on chapter events
- ◆ Publish a monthly newsletter and distribute to current members and potential members

Accountability

- ◆ Publish and distribute an annual citizen centric report to our members and potential members
- ◆ Assist at least one other government/agency in the preparation of a citizen centric report

Community Service

- ◆ Continue chapter participation in the annual Race Against Breast Cancer and US Marine Corp's Toys for Tots program
- ◆ Conduct fundraisers for other local non-profit organizations throughout the Topeka community



We want to hear from you

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting any member of the Topeka Chapter Executive Committee. You may also visit our website at www.agaks.org.