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## Advancing Government Accountability

During March 2012, which was designated as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month, the Nashville Chapter proudly recognized 166 members who have attained the CGFM certification.



The chapter welcomed Phil Nally, SVPRS (3rd from left), and Cynthia Teddleton, RVP (far left), to the April 2012 chapter meeting.

### About AGA

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded in 1950 and is dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. AGA supports the career development of financial professionals working in all levels of government. AGA 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.

### About the Nashville Chapter

The Nashville Chapter is one of more than 100 chapters across the country that promotes AGA's goals by providing professional support, education, and training to members while serving their communities through volunteer activities.

The Nashville Chapter was chartered on May 16, 1978, and serves the governmental financial community in middle Tennessee, northern Alabama, and south-central Kentucky. The chapter is part of the Southeastern Regional governance structure.

### Strategic Plan Framework

**VISION:** AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

**MISSION:** The Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants fosters learning, certification, leadership, and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

#### VALUES:

*Accountability* — Promoting and advancing accountability in government

*Communication* — Providing opportunities for members to learn and grow through education, meetings, and networking events

*Diversity* — Respecting the ideas and perspectives of all members

*Integrity* — Fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior and exemplary services to all levels of government

*Leadership* — Providing experience to members to advance leadership roles in government

*Service* — Attending to the needs of our members, the governmental financial sector, and the community.

Chapter Membership at April 30, 2012 — 365		
State	237	65%
City	39	11%
County	28	8%
Federal	20	5%
Retired	21	6%
Other (private, academia, student)	20	5%

# How We Have Progressed

Fiscal Year 2012

## 2011 – 2012 Accomplishments

- We updated the chapter's overall strategic plan and the committee strategic plans to align with changes approved by the National Board of Directors.
- The CGFM Committee recorded study DVDs to accompany the exam study guides and distributed them to those interested in pursuing the CGFM designation.
- We met national's membership retention goal for our chapter and recruited 11 Early Career members.
- Our members participated in numerous community service events (see specific events listed to the right), and the chapter received the Group A Community Service Award from National AGA.
- The chapter received an award from the local Project Pencil Foundation recognizing our ten years of participation with our Pencil Partner, Alex Green Elementary School.
- Tammy Fruscione, Community Service Committee Co-Chair, received an award from the Project Pencil Foundation for her ten years of service as the chapter's representative.
- The chapter received the Group A Honorable Mention Award from National AGA for the chapter website.
- Dennis Dycus, CGFM, past chapter president, was awarded the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award by National AGA.
- Melinda Paron, CGFM, past chapter president and past regional vice president, received a National President's Award for her strong leadership as Chair of the Governance Committee.



## Nashville Chapter's Performance Measures

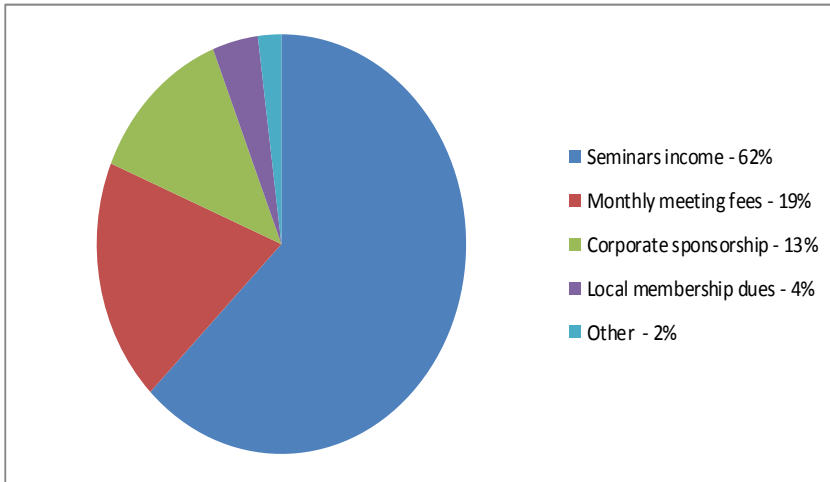
	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
<b>Education (measured in CPE hours offered) - Goal is to offer at least 40 hours of CPE</b>		
Audio conferences	24	24
Luncheon programs	4	5
Seminars	18	24
Total CPE hours offered	46	53
<b>Scholarships - Goal is to provide assistance to at least three students</b>		
William R. Snodgrass Scholarship	2	2
Fawn Ellis Memorial Scholarship	1	1
<b>Community Service - Goal is to participate in at least 12 events</b>		
Walk Events to Raise Funds for Charity [Making Strides to End Breast Cancer Walk, Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk, and Alzheimer's Memory Walk (2011)]	2	3
Hands-On Community Events [Habitat for Humanity (2012), Nashville Union Rescue Mission, Nashville Public Television Membership Drive, VITA, Alex Green Elementary, Women's Half Marathon (2012), and Country Music Marathon]	7	5
Collections of Goods to Donate (Project Pencil Foundation — Alex Green Elementary; Second Harvest Food Bank; Little Soldiers; and Hats, Coats, and Gloves Drive)	4	4
Monetary Donations [Project Pencil Foundation — Alex Green Elementary, Second Harvest Food Bank, Making Strides to End Breast Cancer Walk, Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk, Alzheimer's Memory Walk (2011), Nashville Public Television Membership Drive, Elephant Sanctuary, Make-A-Wish Foundation (2011), A Kid's Place Child Advocacy Center (2012), GASB (2011), Ronald McDonald House — charity for the 2011 Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC), Georgia Alzheimer's Association — charity for the 2012 Regional PDC, and Naples Chapter start-up assistance (2012)]	9	10
<b>Communications - Goal is to reach out to all members through various means</b>		
Nashville Notes — The chapter newsletter was distributed throughout the chapter year.	9	4
Website — The chapter website was updated regularly throughout 2012 and 2011.	—	—
Listserv — Email messages were distributed through mass mailings to all registered members. * Too numerous to count.	*	*
Facebook Group — Members could join the Facebook Group at Nashville AGA — Early Careers.	—	—
<b>Special Events - Goal is to provide networking and member recognition opportunities</b>		
Joint meeting with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners	1	1
Early Career and student members recognized at the February chapter meeting and in the February newsletter	1	—
Certified Government Financial Managers recognized at the March chapter meeting and in the March newsletter	1	—
Chapter Spring Social 2012 — Nashville Sounds Baseball Game with Dinner and Fireworks; Chapter Spring Social 2011 — Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre presentation of "Until Beth Do Us Part"	1	1

Most of the measures reported on this page were compiled and reported in the chapter's Annual History Report. What information would you like to see reported on this page? Please let us know by contacting us at [Shirley.Henry@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Shirley.Henry@cot.tn.gov).

# Chapter Finances

## Revenues and Expenses

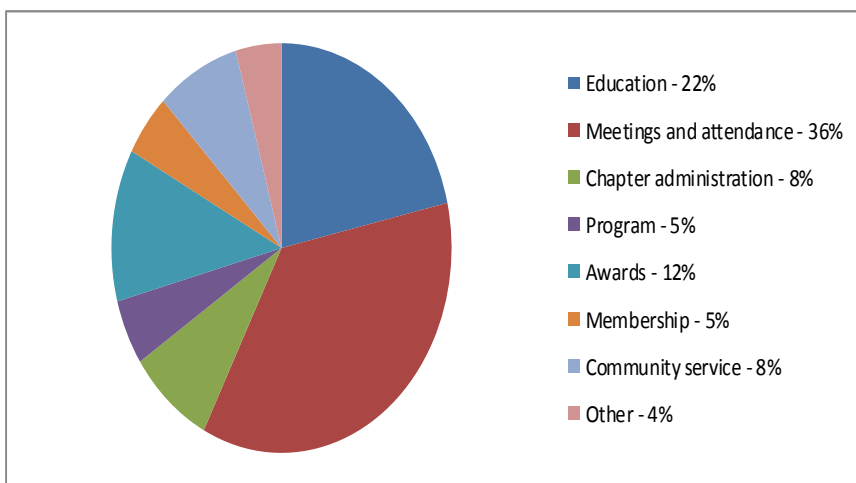
### Revenues



	2012	2011
Seminars income	\$24,651	\$34,153
Monthly meeting fees	7,377	8,541
Corporate sponsorship	5,000	2,500
Local membership dues	1,573	1,611
Other (social meeting income, national recruitment scholarship, and other revenues and credits)	804	2,863
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$39,405</b>	<b>\$49,668</b>

- ◆ Seminars income continues to be our most significant revenue source, supplemented by corporate sponsorship.
- ◆ The monthly meeting fees only cover a portion of the total cost for the lunches; the chapter pays the remaining cost.

### Expenses



	2012	2011
Education	\$ 9,293	\$10,753
Meetings and attendance	15,626	17,419
Chapter administration	3,502	3,069
Program	2,235	3,648
Awards	5,213	5,936
Membership	2,125	2,533
Community service	3,425	3,371
Other (Internet, newsletter, CGFM, and early careers)	1,880	402
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$43,299</b>	<b>\$47,131</b>

- ◆ The majority of chapter expenses go toward education and our chapter meetings.
- ◆ We try to keep expenses for chapter administration low in order to fully fund all of our programs and activities such as awards and community service.

#### Chapter Review

A review of the chapter's finances was conducted. Complete financial information is on our website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org).

# What's Next?

## Challenges Going Forward



Ray Register  
2012-2013 Chapter President



### We want to hear from you.

Do you like this report?  
Would you like to see other information?  
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photos courtesy of various chapter members

### Maintaining a Strong Community Service Focus



Our chapter is proud of its long-standing commitment to community service. We want to continue offering a variety of opportunities for members to contribute and participate in reaching out to the Middle Tennessee area and help fulfill unmet needs. Participatory events like the public television phone bank, Habitat for Humanity build day, and charity walks also provide opportunities for fellowship—strengthening our own community within the chapter.

### Increasing the Number of CGFMs

With a detailed list of strategies and performance indicators, we plan to provide incentives to potential CGFM candidates, while rewarding successful CGFM candidates through various recognition measures and providing quality CPE. We also have plans to aggressively market the CGFM designation to governmental employers as a desired qualification in hirings and promotions.

### Increasing Member Attendance at Monthly Chapter Meetings

Although we have a large membership, our average attendance at the monthly meetings in 2011-2012 was only 80, including guests. We hope to attract more members in the 2012-2013 chapter year by providing more speakers/topics that will qualify for CPE credit.



### Continuing to Provide Quality Training Opportunities

We want to continue our tradition of providing great training for our members and others in the financial management community. Our two-day Winter Seminar is scheduled for January 2013. Since one of our chapter members, Karen Hale, is the Southeastern Regional Vice President for 2012-2013, our chapter will also be hosting the Regional Professional Development Conference in April 2013.



*Lowanda Hill, FBI, Fall Breakfast Seminar*