

# A Report to Our Members



## About the Maine AGA Chapter

The Maine Chapter of the National Association of Government Accountants serves government accounting professionals by providing quality education and fostering professional development and certification. Monthly meetings provide a chance for State of Maine and local government accounting employees to meet and network, discussing pertinent accounting and management issues.

The State of Maine Chapter of AGA was established in 1997. The Maine Chapter has 133 members as of June 2013. Twenty three financial professionals in Maine hold the professional CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) certification. Our membership includes state, federal, quasi-governmental, municipal and private sector employees.



Monthly luncheon meetings are held September through May of each year. Each meeting features a keynote speaker discussing events or programs currently impacting government and the state as a whole. Throughout the year, Maine AGA members perform several community service events, providing support to local children, veterans and homeless citizens



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### Mission

*To support the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia.*

### Vision

*Serve as a thought leader for the government accountability*

Membership Information	
As of June 30, 2013	
Number of Members 7/2013	111
Change from prior year	<-.1%
New/re-enrolled members in 2012-13	22
Number of CGFMs	14/23

## Highlights of our FY 2013 Accomplishments

- Chapter Recognition: Bronze level achieved
- Programs and audio conferences provided an opportunity for up to 16 total CPE units
- Six Community Service projects were completed providing help to school children, the animal shelter and the homeless.
- Nine monthly member meetings were held, each with an informative and/or entertaining topic

## Communications:

The chapter communicated with all members each month by way of our newsletter, website and meeting and educational notices.

## Community Service

The Maine Chapter has a long history of service to the community and that tradition continued this year. Organizations benefiting from our efforts include the Maine Lung Association, the Family Violence Shelter, a local Homeless shelter the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

## Education

Our chapter participated in eight audio conferences this year, offering both members and non-members an opportunity to earn up to sixteen CPEs.

## Professional Certification:

The chapter promoted the CGFM through the newsletter and website and at member meetings. We offered study guides for all CGFM tests as loaners to our members free of charge.

Our chapter teamed with the Aroostook County chapter to receive a CGFM month recognition in March from Maine Governor Paul R. LePage

## Programs & Technical Meetings:

Between 30-35 participants attended the 8 luncheon meetings. Topics this past year included:

- 1) Measures of Growth, by Ryan Neale,
- 2) Money Laundering by John Grella, DEA,
- 3) Bond Rating, by State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin,
- 4) Forecasting from Mike Allen, MRS,
- 5) "How State Regulators are assisting Maine consumers deal with scams and abusive financial products" William Lund,
- 6) Tourism Industry in Maine, by Steve Lyons DECD,
- 7) AGA National President, Evelyn Brown
- 8) "Benefits of a Centralized Procurement Process, from Mike Wenzel, Kevin Scheirer & Mark Lutte, Purchases

# FY 2013 Finances

The Maine AGA chapter receives the portion of membership fees designated as the chapter fee from national headquarters. We also charge a fee to help cover monthly meeting costs and we charge participants to attend audio conferences put on by AGA National that we sponsor.

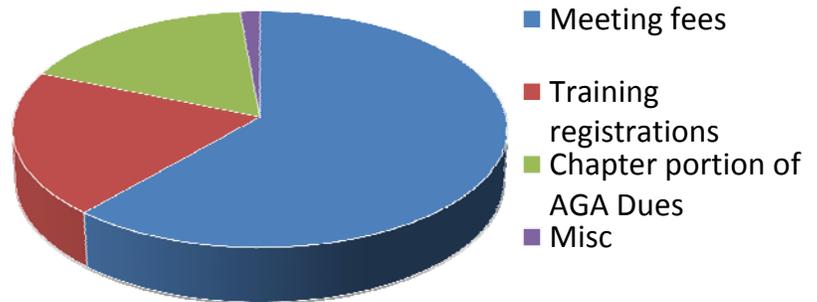
Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 7/1//2013		
Assets		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking-Checking	\$369.80
	AGA Savings-Savings Account	\$4,581.98
	Cash to be deposited	\$361.00
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$5312.78
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$2225.00
Total Other Assets		\$2225.00
Total Assets		\$7537.78
Liabilities		
Outstanding bills, taxes, charges		\$921.82
Total Liabilities		\$921.82
Overall Total		<b><u>\$6615.96</u></b>

*A limited review & verification of chapter financial records provided assurance that financial statements are not likely to require material changes and that the records selected for review comply with generally accepted accounting principles.*

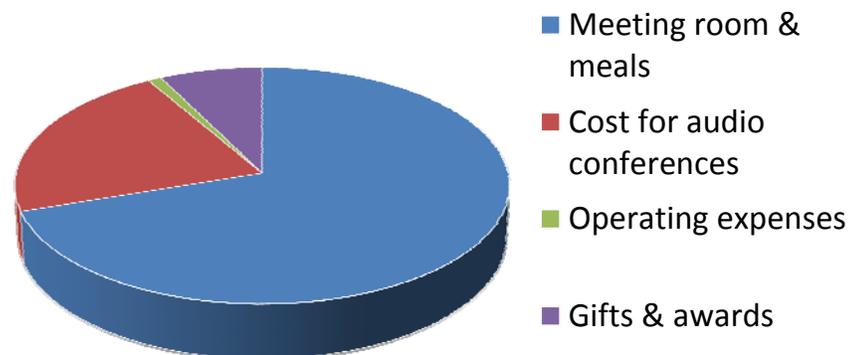
*The review was conducted by a CEC member independent from the Treasure's function. A copy of the report on this review may be viewed by contacting the Chapter Treasurer or President.*

The chapter's overall fiscal standing is strong. FY 2013 costs and revenues by category are shown below:

Revenue Sources	FY 2013
Meeting fees	\$5112.00
Training registrations	\$1655.00
Chapter portion of AGA Dues	\$1440.00
50/50 raffles	\$119.50
Total Revenue	\$8326.50



Expenses	FY 2013
Meeting room & meals	\$5454.60
Cost for audio conferences	\$1698.00
Operating expenses	\$76.56
Gifts & awards	\$579.82
Total Expenses	\$7809.00



# What's next - Key Initiatives

## We would like to hear from you.

Please let us know how you like this report and if there are changes or additional information you would like to see by contacting any member of the Executive Committee. For more information on our services, visit our website at <http://home.gwi.net/>

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## Membership & Outreach Initiatives

The chapter will apply for and use the Membership Recruitment Scholarship from AGA National to attract non members to our monthly meetings to encourage them to join.

## CGFM

We will again work with the Governor's office to obtain a CGFM month proclamation in March and will survey members to see if there is interest in a study group for the CGFM exams.

## Education

Work toward sustainable operational practices. Conferences to be offered will be selected based on topics with highest interest levels and months most prone to weather cancellations will be avoided, to optimize our profit/loss profile while still offering members this valued service.

## Programs & Technical Meetings

Ideas and preferences for meeting topics will continue to be solicited from chapter members and topics that have generated substantial interest in the past will be given preference.

In our selection of programs we will strive to cover topics that are timely and address the biggest challenges and highest interest for the membership.

## Community Service

Four campaigns are planned to support local agencies:

Aug—Sept School Supplies for Domestic Violence Shelter

Oct—Dec Socks, hats gloves for Bread of Life Homeless Shelter

Jan—Feb Non-perishable food items for food pantry

Mar—Apr Big Brothers/Big Sisters- Bowl for Kid's Sake

Information will be provided to members about the services of these agencies along with details on how to serve and/or donate.