



# AGA - Central Ohio Chapter

## Citizen-Centric Report 2023-2024

### AGA – Advancing Government Accountability

Founded in 1950, AGA is *the* association that connects and empowers financial related professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. AGA is made up of more than 11,000 members, including senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials and students. The members work in government financial management disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, performance reporting, grants management, contract management and information systems.

### Our Chapter



Chapter President,  
Richard L. Cunningham

The AGA - Central Ohio Chapter received its charter in 1970. We are part of the Great-Lakes Region along with 7 other chapters – including the nearby Greater Columbus Chapter. Where the Greater Columbus Chapter has healthy membership with a federal focus, our members are primarily state employees. We pride ourselves in providing our members with a wide variety of educational resources as well as a healthy offering of social and community activities. With a heavy emphasis on continuing professional education (CPE) we look provide our members with over 30 hours of trainings/webinars every year – some of which are free to members!

2024 Members At A Glance			
Total	Young		
Members	CGFMs	Professional	CPAs
299	54	6	77

### What We Do

AGA – Central Ohio Chapter values coincide with the National Association’s Core Values – Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership. To foster these values, we actively promote the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification. In addition to providing numerous CPE events, we also provide an array of social events and community service opportunities.

2024 Member Employers			
CITY	COUNTY	PRIVATE	STATE
41	40	41	136

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### Mission

AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

### Vision

AGA endeavors to be the premier association for advancing government accountability.

### Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership

### Chapter Leaders

President: Richard L. Cunningham, Jr.

President-Elect: Erin Hill

Immediate Past-President:  
Derek Farwick



### Significant Accomplishments

- Multiple community service events including events at local Metro Parks
- Awarded five scholarships

### Financial Overview

- For more detailed information on our chapter's financials, please visit:  
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/FinancialReports.aspx>

### Strategic Goals

- Provide members with quality programs, products, and services
- Be actively involved in community service
- Provide opportunities for members to serve the chapter and gain leadership experience
- Actively engage with college-aged students in an effort to boost our young professional membership
- Promote AGA's CGFM program



### Education

- Each fall, the AGA – Central Ohio Chapter presents the annual PDT Professional Development Training (PDT) which offers an excellent slate of speakers and a wide range of break-out sessions. Last year, our chapter provided 16 CPE hours to 165 registered attendees. We had 29 different presenters with a total 23 general and break-out sessions. The PDT featured nationally known speakers and current topics designed to educate and inform on both technical and social skills.
- The Chapter offers CPE sessions throughout the year. Each session ranges from one to eight hours and are often free to members registering in advance.

### National Recognition

- During this year's National AGA PDT, AGA - Central Ohio Chapter was once again awarded the Platinum Achievements in Excellence (ACE) award.
- In April of 2024, AGA – Central Ohio Chapter Executive Committee members Tiffany Ridenbaugh and Erin Hill attended the LEAD (AGA's chapter and national leadership training event). This event provided insight on member incentives, resources that can be utilized from National AGA, and general best practices for our Chapter.

### Giving Back to the Community

- In 2024, the AGA - Central Ohio Chapter awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to high school and college students whose parents are involved in our local chapter.
- In 2024 the AGA - Central Ohio Chapter made donations to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Columbus Relief, and Lutheran Social Services.

### Social Events

- Throughout the year, our Chapter holds a number of social events for members and their families. In 2024 we hosted a Golf Outing at the New Albany Links.
- We had one of our largest turn-outs at the post-PDT Happy Hour! Thank you to all that attended. We strive to provide multiple social networking events such as this.

### Revenues

	2024	2023
Chapter Dues	2,607	305
Registrations	59,728	55,118
Sponsorships	6,000	6,369
Interest	176	4
Other	300	370
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>68,811</b>	<b>62,166</b>

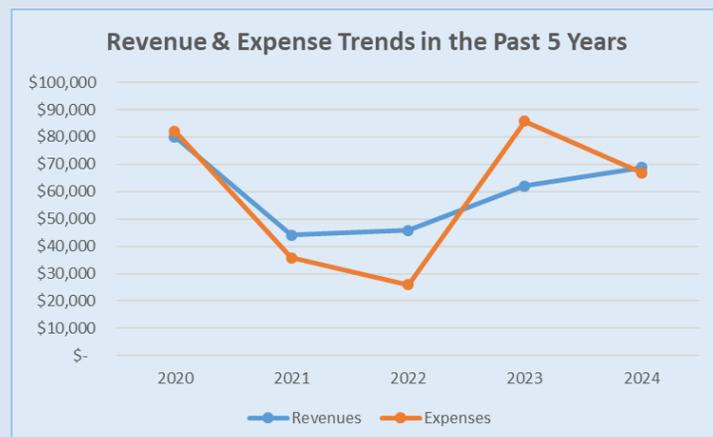
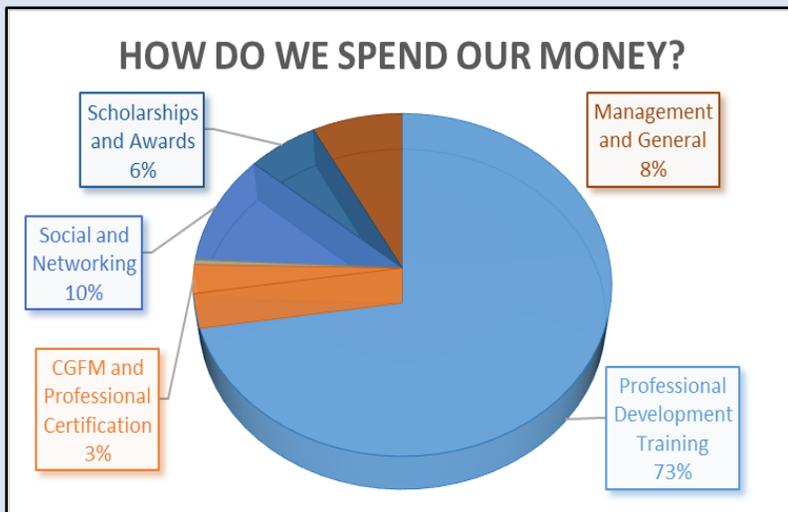
Revenues from Professional Development Training continue to be the most significant. Profits from this event are used to fund continuing education, charitable donations, community service events, and scholarships. For the fiscal year 2024, we saw a moderate increase in our annual revenues. This was due to increased attendance at our annual PDT.

### Expenses

	2024	2023
Professional Development Training	48,579	59,862
CGFM and Professional Certification	1,807	2,700
Community Service	300	480
Education and CPE	31	1,337
Social and Networking	7,042	7,923
Communications	-	396
Scholarships and Awards	4,000	5,000
Management and General	5,140	7,973
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>66,899</b>	<b>85,671</b>

Our chapter had a net assets of \$46,018 in 2023. As of June 30, 2024 net assets for the AGA - Central Ohio Chapter were \$47,930. Expenditures are expected to remain similar as we intend to utilize the same resources for our annual PDT. With additional revenues, we hope to provide more networking events for our members through social and community service events.

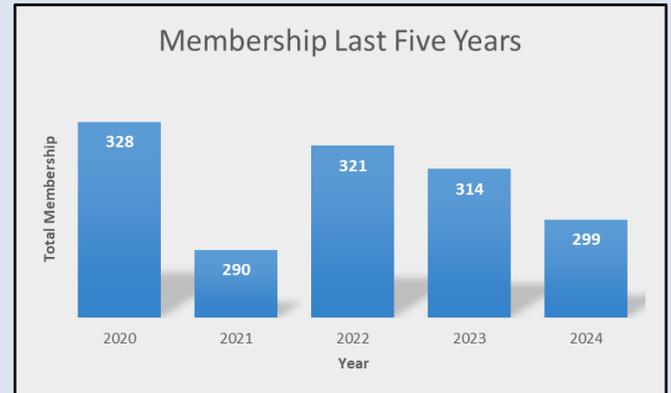
In 2024, the AGA – Central Ohio Chapter had an independent review of the Chapter’s Finances by a volunteer member.



## Chapter Goals

### Increasing Membership and Retention

- In the 2024 fiscal year, we saw membership decrease by 15 members. We believe we provide an unmatched value for professionals in Government Finance roles. Our trainings and social events create a unique networking opportunity for government organizations. We hope that continued promotion of our Chapter's benefits will increase future membership.



### Growing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program

- As interest in obtaining professional certifications is increasing throughout the financial industry, the CGFM program offers professionals a financial management certification specifically designed to provide superior financial support to government entities.
- In the 2024 fiscal year we provided a CGFM Study Guide Session. In addition, we provided monthly newsletter updates to our members notifying them of additional CGFM promotions and courses provided by National AGA.



Chapter President, Richard L. Cunningham, receiving the ACE award at the National Conference .

### We want to hear from you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this report! For more information regarding our organization, please visit our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Home.aspx>. Here you will be able to find our quarterly newsletters as well as a listing of our current Executive Committee members and their contact information.