

# The AGA Boston Chapter A Report to Our Members July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

### About Us

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Boston Chapter believes that its members first and foremost serve the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical principles. This Code of Ethics is both a standard of behavior to aspire to and a guide for making ethical decisions.

### Who We Are

The Boston Chapter was established in 1954 as the fifth AGA Chapter, and serves as a dynamic and diverse organization of 303 professionals across a variety of settings. Many members hold advanced degrees as well as professional certifications. In particular, we are proud to have 66 active Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM), 47 Certified Public Accountants (CPA), 3 Certified Internal Auditors (CIA), and 17 Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE). The Boston Chapter offers education and sponsors events of interest to financial accountability professionals in New England.

#### **Organization of Chapter**

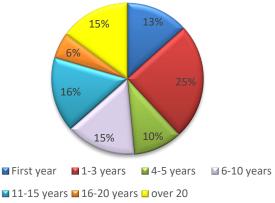
The Boston Chapter elects the president-elect, secretary, treasurer, vice president for education and programs, and vice president for administration and finance. The president selects Chapter directors.

#### **Core Values**

- Integrity, fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior.
- Excellence, striving for the highest level of professional performance and continuous improvement.
- Accountability, maintaining and advancing sound fiscal and operational practices.
- Leadership, being proactive and innovative in directing our activities.
- Respect, treating everyone fairly and with dignity.
- Service, attending to the needs of our members, the government accountability sector and community.

Employment	Total Members
Academia	5
City/County	13
Federal	30
Private	26
Retired	28
Nonprofit	8
State	185
Student	8
Total:	303

## Length of Membership



#### Join or renew AGA membership?

As an AGA member, you gain access to a host of benefits designed to support your career growth and your success. Join or renew at the National AGA website below. https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx



The logo above recognizes the citizen-centric reporting initiative led by the AGA.

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## **Our Mission**

The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.

## **Our Vision**

Be a collaborative and innovative organization that is future focused and committed to excellence in the government financial management arena.

Leadership Team

President – George Anastos President Elect – Sarah Mongeau Immediate Past President – Shana Doiron







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# The AGA Boston Chapter **Performance on Key Measures**

2022-2023 TARGET

Key Achievements	INDICATORS	2
<b>Citizen-Centric Reporting</b> <b>Recognition of Excellence</b> GA applauds the Boston hapter's commitment to scellence reflected in its itizen-Centric Report (CCR) nd is pleased to present it with	Education	Provide a program the Education credits and The Boston Chapter held including its annual Regio over 120 member and non about leadership and IT se government and private se
e Citizen-Centric Reporting ecognition of Excellence for 022. <b>Volunteer of the Year</b> <b>Award</b> he AGA Boston Chapter	Accountability	To promote the acco of Government Acco nonprofit entities.
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cognizing significant service it.	Membership	Sustain Chapter mem achieve a 90% retent The Chapter has maintain newmembers this year.



# **Career Panel**

This engaging and dynamic discussion led, by Chapter Student Advisor Rachel Cullity, focused on practical advice on how to pursue a career in cybersecurity and the skills necessary to succeed in the field. This free virtual panel was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, via Zoom.

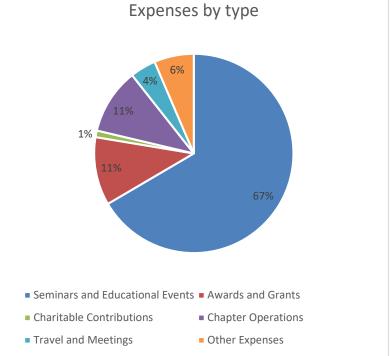
INDICATORS	2022-2023 TARGET	GOAL MET
Education	Provide a program that offers Continuing Professional Education credits annually. The Boston Chapter held three major virtual events during the year, including its annual Regional Professional Development Training, which over 120 member and non-members participate in it. Attendees learned about leadership and IT security awareness, among other topics, from government and private sector experts.	YES
Accountability	To promote the accountability programs of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) to public, private and nonprofit entities. Consistent Achievement - The Boston Chapter has achieved Platinum status 26 years in row since the designation was created in 1998.	YES
Certification	Ensure the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is the government accountability community's preferred professional designation. On March 8. 2023, the AGA Boston Chapter held a successful virtual panel featuring experienced AGA members and guests from AGA National who spoke about the value of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation.	YES
Membership	Sustain Chapter membership by implementing a plan to achieve a 90% retention rate of current Chapter members. The Chapter has maintained a consistent retention rate and we brought in newmembers this year.	YES
Communications Recognition of Excellence 2022	Publish periodic newsletters and notify members and other interested parties of every program event during the year. The Chapter releases newsletters, hosts an active website as well as social media platforms to communicate with members and the public.	YES
Community Service	Promote and conduct community service activities that enhance the Chapter, assist the National Office, and benefit our local com- munities. In 2022, the Chapter donated 45 wreaths to Wreaths Across America, a 501(c)(3) organization, whose mission is to place a wreath on every veteran's grave throughout the United States each December. The Chapter chose the MA National Cemetery at Bourne to place the wreaths. For the eleventh year in a row, the AGA Boston Chapter organized successful efforts to support VA's Valentines for Veterans program. Participants created more than 1,170 cards and artwork and provided them to three VA hospitals in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.	YES





# The AGA Boston Chapter Fiscal Report July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023





Expenses by type 2019-2023				
Expenses By Area	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023
Seminars and Education Events	\$27,716	\$34,398	\$24,744	\$30,296
Awards and Grants	\$3,116	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,040
Charitable Contributions	\$692	\$1,575	\$425	\$488
Chapter Operations	\$5,314	\$3,127	\$4,457	\$4,862
Travel and Meetings	\$5,079	\$0	\$3,521	\$1,907
Other Types of Expenses	\$2,302	\$1,224	\$3,500	\$2,930
Total Expenses	\$44,219	\$43,324	\$39,647	\$45,523

Statement of Financ	cial Position	
June 30, 2023		
Assets		
Cash	\$59,032	
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Accounts Receivable	<u>\$20,920</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$79,952</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	0
Net Assets	<u>\$79,952</u>
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Ordinary Income 2019-2023				
Sources of Income	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023
Seminars and Education Events	\$52,160	\$36,960	\$26,449	\$37,248
Membership Dues	\$2,448	\$2,426	\$1,856	\$1,253
Other Types of Income	\$4,207	\$1,856	\$2,008	\$245
Total Income	\$58,815	\$41,242	\$30,409	\$38,746

Most of our revenues come from seminars and educational events that are provided for our members (and others). Revenues for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were consistent with prior years.

#### Independent Audit

An independent audit review of the Chapter's finances was performed and reviewed by Chapter leadership. For monthly fund balances and complete financial information, please email our Chapter's Treasurer at male.kamya@gmail.com.

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# The AGA Boston Chapter What's Next

## **Chapter Executive Committee Emphasis**

The Chapter leadership and Executive Committee assess past performance and future goals to review initiatives and challenges for the upcoming year. Please visit our website link below for a list of the current CEC members and roles. During the annual transition, the work to align the upcoming year with the strategic plan has some notable items as we look to challenges and initiatives ahead:

- Continue to increase young members. We want to reach out to students and young accountability professionals to get them interested in public service and join AGA. We will contact colleges and universities, and have a Young Professional Leader on the Committee, and a Student Adviser. We will also reach out to colleagues throughout the Commonwealth to market the value of AGA membership as a tool to connect and empower government financial professionals.
- Provide our membership with in-person networking opportunities. These opportunities will include community service activities and social gatherings in different regions throughout New England.
- Launch an AGA Boston Chapter sponsored CGFM training program that will provide our members with robust training courses to help prepare individuals to achieve the designation of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), a nationally recognized professional certification provided by AGA National. The Chapter's CGFM program will provide significant savings to CGFM candidates and provide up to 45 CPE credits.
- Ensure continuity and growth. Our Chapter website hosts original and replayed webcasts offering various CPEs for participants who attend the entire training. The webcasts use an attendance monitoring system and online participants can learn on their own time, providing a chance to acquire CPEs in a variety of different ways.



### **Chapter Leadership Perspective**

In 2022 – 2023, the Boston Chapter strived to engage current and new members by joining the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and the related Chapter committees. Highlighting our Chapter "succession planning" and "leadership development," in order to meet our short and long-term goals. This year was successful and our goal to use the Chapter's leadership as an opportunity for future leaders to be identified and offer creative ways as we head into the next fiscal year. Our Chapter looks towards the expertise of previous members to assist the CEC during a year of transition and growth!

Connect with us on social media

### Other Chapter highlights

The Chapter welcomed everyone back to Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston for our first in-person Chapter event post-COVID. The Chapter hosted nearly 50 people at the restaurant for food and holiday fun on December 1, 2022.



More than 190 members participated in the Virtual Winter Seminar, "Preparing for the Unknown," held on March 2, 2023. The event included speakers who provided valuable information on topics including leadership concepts, change management, and ethical considerations.

## We want to hear from you

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Darren Robbins: Darren.Robbins@sao.state.ma.us

