

About Us

The Baltimore Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (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.

The Baltimore Chapter has addressed issues and challenges facing accountability professionals from local, state, and federal governments, as well as private sector organizations. Currently, our range of affordable and convenient professional education opportunities, our well-respected certification program, and our website and periodic newsletters keep members in touch with the latest developments, making the Baltimore Chapter of the AGA the go-to source for government.



Our Membership

Our Chapter includes students, entry-level employees, senior executives and elected officials from the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, Federal agencies and other local and state governments, school districts, colleges and universities, and private firms. Whatever your role in government financial management, the Baltimore Chapter offers a membership package that provides education, training and tools to help you operate more efficiently and effectively. At the close of the 2014-2015 membership year, April 30, 2015, the Baltimore Chapter had 242 current members, with 29 new members added this year.

Chapter Awards

For the 2014-2015 program year, the Baltimore Chapter received:

- Platinum Chapter Recognition Award

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- Excellence in Contribution Awards – Jo Ann White-Burnett, City of Baltimore and Katie Benson, SSA
- Future Leadership Award – Jacob MacDonald, Grant Thornton
- Excellence in Leadership Award – Briana Long, SSA



Chapter Leadership

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CGFM

At nearly every training session for the 2015 program year, the CGFM committee had a table with pamphlets, buttons, notepads, pens, and sometimes water bottles for individuals interested in pursuing the CGFM designation. In addition, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake designated March 2015 as “Certified Government Financial Manager Month” in Baltimore City.



Early Careers

Our early careers committee hosted a number of events during the year:

- 10/18/14—Blue Agave Happy Hour for members and student networking
- 2/12/15—Presentation to the Beta Alpha Psi chapter at Loyola University
- 2/19/15—Alonso’s Social Hour for members and student networking
- 3/31/15—Presentation to the Beta Alpha Psi chapter at Towson University

Community Contributions

AGA Baltimore Chapter Gives Back!

Donations for:

- Two \$1,000 scholarships for students pursuing a college degree
- Chapter's Virtual Canned Food Drive, a total of \$400 was donated from the Chapter and Members to benefit the Maryland Food Bank
- Donation of 10 Christmas Wreaths for Fallen Soldiers through Wreaths Across America
- Co-sponsored Catonsville Men's Civic Association events for a community Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Home Movie Night

Community Service Activities:

- BARCstoberfest 5k and 1 Mile Walk to Benefit the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (2 member participants)
- Operation Holiday Eagle
- Fiesta 5k for ALS (3 member participants) Raised \$350

Please visit our website at www.aqabaltimore.org to learn more about what we do and the CPE training we offer.

Monthly Training Sessions

The Baltimore Chapter held a monthly training session during the months of September 2014 through May 2015 totaling 29 CPEs. The majority of the trainings were conducted on the third Wednesday of each month.

Date	Topics	CPE Credits
9/17/14	(1) Citizen Centric Reporting (2) FASAB Update or GASB Update	3
10/22/14	(1) The Power of 8's (2) GAO Green Book Update	3
11/19/14	(1) The Importance of Accounting at SSA (2) Statistical Sampling in an Audit (3) Federal, State and Local, Contrasts and Commonalities in Government Finance and Administration	3
12/10/14 Joint Meeting with ISACA	(1) The Risks and Rewards of Social Media and Cloud Computing	3
1/15/15 Joint Meeting with ASMC	(1) Update on the Do Not Pay Business Center (2) DOD-Wide Managers Internal Control Program	3
2/18/15	(1) Improper Payments (2) Keys to Leadership	3
3/18/15 Early Careers Luncheon	(1) 100-year Green Bonds (2) Careers in Government Accounting and Consulting	2
4/15/15 Awards Luncheon	(1) What if? - Van Brooks, Motivational Speaker	1
5/14/15 Annual Fraud Training	(1) Ethics for People Who Don't Like Surprises (2) Environment for Fraud (3) The Impact of Technology on a Struggling Economy and Fraud Risks (4) Accidental Leadership and Top Ten Cases (5) Public Corruption	8