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## *AGA Membership Keeps You Connected*



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## **The Value of AGA Membership**

*Are You Connected  
to the people  
and resources you  
need to succeed  
-- all the time?*



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *AGA Connects You With*

- Networking Opportunities
- Education and Training
- Professional Certification
- Professional Development
- Standards and Research



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Networking Opportunities*

- Being a member of the only association representing all the disciplines in government financial management
- Knowing leaders in government financial management profession
- Networking with peers and colleagues



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Education and Training*

- National Conferences
  - Professional Development
  - Federal Leadership
  - State & Local Government Leadership
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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Education and Training*

- Local Chapter Events
  - Professional Development Conferences
  - Seminars
  - Workshops
- Monthly Meetings



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Education and Training*

- CGFM Courses
- Academy for Government Accountability
  - Journal CPE Online
  - Internet Courses
  - Self-Study Courses
- Student/Early Career Center



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Certification - Certified Government Financial Manager*

- New rules of government accountability call for financial managers who have a broad knowledge of the government environment . . . the BIG Picture



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Certification - Certified Government Financial Manager*

- CGFM provides the *only* certification specifically designed for financial management professionals working in and for government



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Certification - Certified Government Financial Manager*

- To Become Certified
  - Education
  - Experience
  - Examination



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Certification - Certified Government Financial Manager*

- To Stay Certified
  - Adhere to AGA's Code of Ethics
  - Obtain 80 CPEs every 2 years
  - Pay renewal fee every year



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Building leadership skills as a Chapter and/or National Officer, Committee/Board Chair and/or Member
- Developing communications skills as a national, regional and chapter speaker



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Having access to individuals working at governments' highest levels
- Learning methods and techniques used by other financial managers to solve work-related problems and challenges



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Receiving scholarships for you or your family members
- Using your unique financial management skills for community service activities
- Receiving professional recognition by peers and colleagues



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Writing articles on new ideas and best practices in government financial management
- Receiving *The Journal of Government Financial Management* to obtain information on current events, ideas and best practices in the government financial management profession



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Receiving *Government Financial Management TOPICS* to keep abreast of AGA and Chapter activities and events
- Receiving local Chapter's monthly newsletter to abreast of local activities and events



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Professional Development*

- Receiving *AGA Today* online to stay on top of government financial management activities and events
- Having access to job opportunities through AGA's online Job Bank



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Standards and Research*

- Making contributions to the profession by
  - Commenting on government financial management standards
  - Conducting and publishing research on government financial management



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Members?*

- Diversity continues to be AGA's greatest strength. AGA's 15,000 members work for state and local governments, federal agencies, academic institutions, private firms and tribal organizations.



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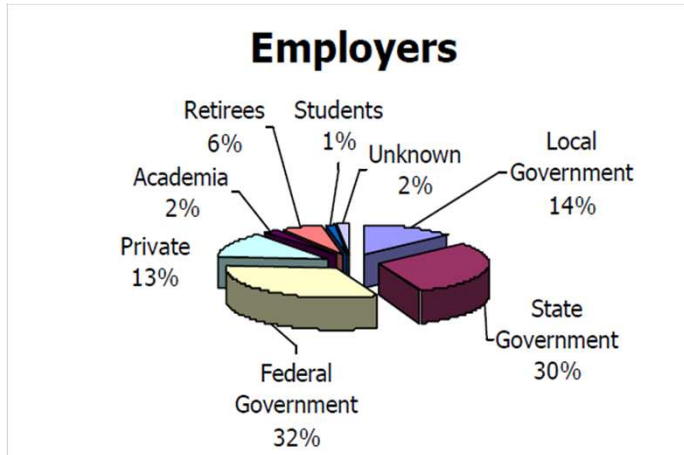
## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Members?*

- AGA members are employed by state and local governments (44%)
- The federal government (32%)
- The private sector (13%).
- The remainder is made up of students, retirees and academicians
- These individuals hold middle (73%) to senior level (20%) positions in their respective workplaces.

## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Members?*



## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Members?*

- The Association's membership crosses all fields and disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, contract management, finance, grants management and systems.



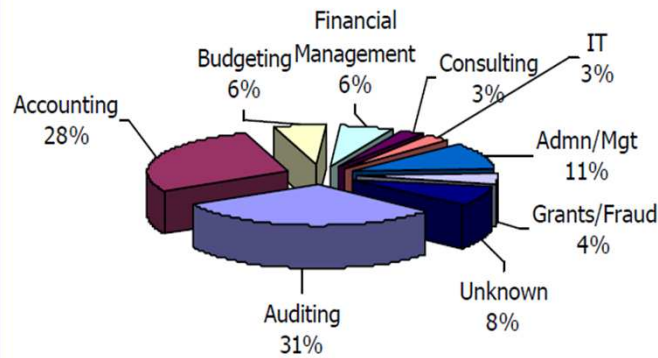
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## The Value of AGA Membership

### Who Are Our Members?

#### Areas of Responsibility



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### Who Are Our Members?

- AGA members are students and entry-level employees and mid-level professionals and senior executives and elected officials. No other professional association boasts such a diverse membership.



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Member*

- Regarding Age
  - 65% of AGA members fall into the 41- 60 age range
  - 22% in the 31-40 age range
  - 8% in the 21-30 age range
  - 5% in the 61-70 age range



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Who Are Our Member*

- Education
  - 84% hold an Associate's Degree or Higher
  - 58% hold a Bachelor's Degree
  - 23% hold a Master's Degree
  - 2% hold an Associate's Degree
  - 1% hold a Ph.D.,
  - 1% hold a Law Degree
  - 15% is Unknown



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### Who Are Our Member

- Designations
  - 24% hold Multiple Designations
  - 60% hold One Designation



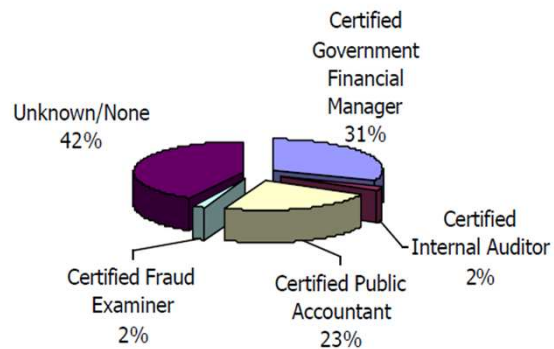
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## The Value of AGA Membership

### Who Are Our Members?

#### Professional Designations Held





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## The Value of AGA Membership

### New Agreement With Becker Educational Programs

This agreement provides AGA members with discounts for using Becker review classes. New for 2011 is a discount of \$600 (increased from \$300 in 2010) off the list price for AGA members that are Local Government employees. If a AGA member chooses not take the discount, they may receive the Becker CPA flashcards at no cost instead with registration for a four part review course. You must identify yourself as an AGA member when registering with Becker. Questions regarding the discounts, please contact Becker's Director of Government Programs, John Gioeli at 703.631.8840.



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Types of Members*

- Full Government Member
  - This class of membership is available to individuals currently working in government with three or more years of experience. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience who currently work for colleges/universities and not-for-profit organizations



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## The Value of AGA Membership

### *Types of Members*

- **Early Career Member**
  - **Early career** is for those members who work in private or public sector jobs with **less than three years of any experience.**



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### **10. Keep up with the Latest Issues**

In today's busy society, everyone knows it is harder than ever to keep up with the latest issues-to know who's doing what, and how. One way you can have regular access to the latest information-and build your professional network at the same time-is by attending AGA's NASBA-certified seminars, conferences and local chapter events. It is the best opportunity you have to keep on keeping up...and as a member, you're assured of hearing about all of the conferences and meetings well in advance. Another way is by receiving AGA publications, which are all easily accessible to members on the AGA website and are also e-mailed right to your desktop.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 9. Stop Reinventing the Wheel

AGA is the **ONLY** professional association that boasts a membership across ALL levels of government-local, state and federal. Plus, AGA also has members who work for tribal governments, academic institutions and private sector organizations. The greatest benefit AGA makes available to you is access to this powerful community of professionals. With a membership at 15,000, you can talk with peers, find solutions to current issues and seek advice, all within minutes!



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 8. Make New Friends and Important Professional Contacts

A true professional knows the value of good contacts. Your local AGA Chapter puts you in contact with other accountability professionals in your area. You'll get the chance to participate in social events, business meetings and educational seminars with other professionals who understand your concerns. Your AGA membership means you're part of a tremendous nationwide community.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 7. Increase Your Skills and Value to Your Employer

Life long learning is now a necessity and not a luxury. Access thousands of hours of continuing professional education via NASBA-certified conferences, classroom courses, onsite training, and online self-study. Learn new techniques to help improve workplace efficiencies and effectiveness.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 6. Save Money For You and Your Employer

It's true-your AGA membership can help you and your employer save money. Your membership in AGA entitles you to significant savings on registration fees for conferences, workshops and courses, as well as AGA periodicals and training materials. We can even bring the training onsite to you! So you can keep current-without breaking the bank.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 5. Be Represented by an Industry Leader

AGA has been serving accountability professionals since 1950. Just as you through your career and outside interests have contributed to improving our governments, AGA remains committed to advancing government accountability at all levels of government. AGA monitors congressional and regulatory activities and keeps you informed of new developments. No one can do this alone. Together AGA members represent a strong, unified voice in support of the advancement of accountability in government financial management.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 4. Earn Professional Recognition

Invest in yourself. Earn the recognition you deserve. You've put a lot of hard work into getting where you are today. Enhance your credentials as a government accountability professional by choosing to have your unique skills and knowledge recognized through professional certification in AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. The CGFM demonstrates your ability to keep abreast of change and enhances your credibility to the government accountability community you serve.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 3. Manage Your Time Wisely

Each year AGA and its network of 95 local chapters offer a wide array of continuing education in a variety of delivery formats that are flexible to fit into your busy schedule. These include NASBA-certified conferences, classroom courses, audio conferences, onsite training and online self-study. You can take advantage of many of these offerings without leaving your office!



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## Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA

### 2. Build Your Leadership Skills

And your professional reputation. How? Active participation in your local AGA chapter and AGA national committees! In addition to leadership skills, you'll develop effective teamwork and communications skills as well as networking skills. Traits ALL employers are looking for! NOW is the time to get your career on the fast track!



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## **Top 10 Reasons to Join AGA**

### **1. Get a Head Start on Your Career**

Make valuable contacts. Meet your peers. Keep up your education. Build a professional network. Learn new skills. Learn from the leaders. Don't waste another valuable minute.

**Now is the time to join  
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## Your Inland Empire Chapter

### Open Positions

**Newsletter Editor**

**Early Careers Chair**

**Historian**



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## The Next AGA Meeting

*Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*All Day Seminar on October 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Meetings Held at the*

*San Bernardino Hilton*

*285 E Hospitality Lane*

*San Bernardino, CA 92408*



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# Questions



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