

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the AGA Corporate Partner Program and why was it established?

A: For years, private-sector organizations had supported AGA through individual memberships, advertising, exhibits, sponsorships and registrations for AGA-sponsored conferences and meetings along with substantial volunteer efforts. The Corporate Partner Program and its Corporate Partner Advisory Group (CPAG) was developed and launched in 2002 to forge a vigorous relationship between private sector organizations and government leaders - AGA's membership and constituency.

As of this writing, AGA has 77 Corporate Partners, including public accounting firms, major system integrators, IT companies, management consulting firms, financial services organizations and education and training companies. These organizations all have long-term commitments to advancing government accountability and choose to partner with and help AGA move forward as the thought leader in the government community.

Corporate Partners choose their level of support either through the Professional or Sustaining Level of partnership. Each AGA Corporate Partner has a seat on the Corporate Partner Advisory Group (CPAG) which meets quarterly.

Q: What is the CPAG mission?

A: The mission of the CPAG is to bring industry and government executives together to exchange information, support professional development, improve communications and understanding, solve issues and build partnership and trust, thereby enhancing AGA's focus on advancing government accountability. This is accomplished by:

- Providing a forum for studies and analyses of public sector financial management, auditing, budget, program management and technology issues, offering positions on these issues, and presenting the results to governmental officials
- Providing input to AGA for the purposes of informing government managers, and policy officials on the possible impacts of industry trends and best practices in government financial management, auditing, budget and technology areas, serving as a sounding board for changes to government regulations, and assisting AGA in public relations and public affairs programs aimed at improving the financial health of government
- Assisting AGA when asked in identifying professional speakers to deliver presentations (including at the National Leadership Conference and the PDC) on technical, administrative, or managerial topics selected by AGA
- Providing education and training in selected areas of interest to AGA – local chapters will be a focus
- Demonstrating through AGA programs and conferences, private sector services and products that can help government accountability professionals perform their functions more effectively and efficiently

Q: How does the CPAG operate?

A: The CPAG uses a committee and task force structure to provide assistance, input and guidance to AGA. The following areas are evaluated on an ongoing basis for consideration as a committee (permanent) or task force (specified duration) by the CPAG:

- Management and technical issue study and analysis
- Private industry trends and best practices
- Industry positions on proposed legislation and regulation
- Speakers/presenters for conferences and seminars
- Education and training
- Marketing and sales initiatives and support
- Advice/guidance to AGA on corporate business functions

Q: Is the CPAG covered in the AGA Bylaws?

A: Yes, in Article IX - Boards, Committees, Councils and Task Forces.

Q: How is the CPAG Governed?

A: The CPAG Leadership consists of a Chair and Vice Chair, who are appointed by the National President and approved by the National Executive Committee each year. The Chair is an ex-officio member of the National Executive Committee (without vote).

Q: Who develops the technical programs for the major AGA conferences and events?

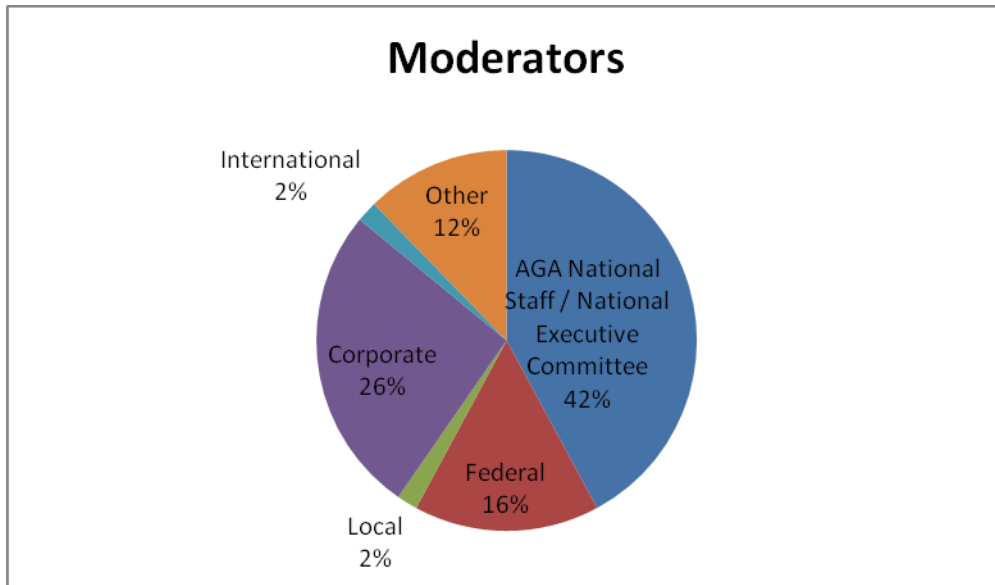
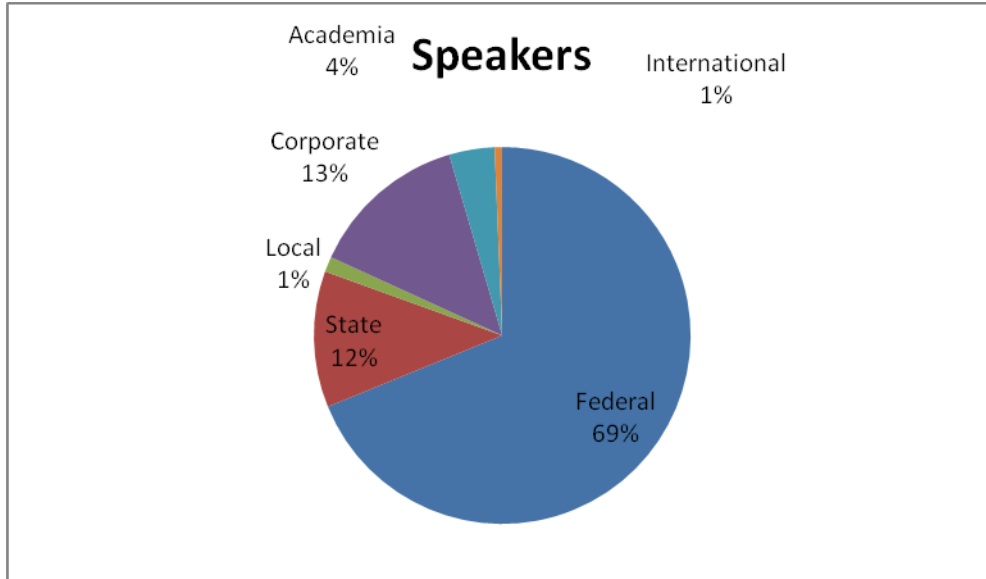
A: Each conference has an appointed technical committee representing the federal government, state/local government and the private sector. Once the committee has been selected, they meet to discuss and set deadlines and to gain a better understanding about what is expected of them. The committees then discuss the conference theme and the major topic issues (i.e. governmental auditing, financial management, technology, governance etc.) and are sent out with the charge of constructing sessions (titles, descriptions, speakers, moderators). For the 2008 PDC, 185 sessions were recommended by the technical committee. After much discussion, the committee produced the 81 sessions for the PDC. For the 2008 PDC, the National director of education served as the technical director and worked directly with the technical committee chairs and members to develop the technical program.

Q: How are AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC) program planning committee members selected?

A: The PDC technical committee has three appointed chairs representing the federal government, state/local government and the private sector that are nominated by the National Office staff and sent for approval to the NEC. The individuals selected must have proven professional experience and stature and must be tuned in to the salient issues within the government financial management community. The conference chairs work with the director of education to nominate the necessary number of volunteers needed to facilitate each conference. The 2008 PDC technical committee was comprised of 30 individuals who coordinated the program and arranged for speakers and moderators to participate. AGA's

director of education oversees the process to ensure that each demographic category (federal government, state/local government, academia, private sector) is evenly represented.

Demographic Representation of Speakers and Moderators at the 2008 PDC



Q: Who makes the final decision about who is on the conference technical committee?

A: It is a combined effort between the National President, the AGA Executive Director and the Director of Education. The NEC approves the technical committee chairs for each conference.

Q: What is the National President's involvement for the PDC?

A: The National President:

- formalizes the appointment of PDC technical committee chairpersons

- confirms future conference dates and locations
- reviews and finalizes the National Awards Committee list of recommended awards recipients
- chooses the recipients of the National President's Award; and
- serves as a speaker or moderator throughout the conference proceedings