



# Newsletter

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## Chapter Leadership

### 2019-2020 Program Year

#### Chapter President

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#### Immediate Past President

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## Presidents' Message

Robert Rizzo – Immediate Past President

Nikki M. Farrell, CICA – Current President (Page 2)

Dear Members and Friends,

As the program year comes to an end, I'd like to say what a true honor it has been to serve as President of the AGA Trenton Chapter. I would like to thank the chapter board, speakers, members, and friends for everything you have done over the past year. Without ALL OF YOU, the Trenton Chapter would not be what it is today and I'm forever grateful.

I'm proud to announce that our chapter has recently won several awards/achievements from National. They include 2019 Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award, Platinum-Level Chapter Recognition Award, and a Certificate of Excellence for our 2017/2018 Citizen Centric Report.

I would also like to thank those who volunteered to work with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> by placing American flags on Veterans' graves to honor their service to our country

On Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> the AGA Trenton Chapter held its Annual Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino. At the dinner, we honored those who have made positive efforts in their profession and/or contributions to the chapter. Also, the 2018-2019 Executive Board was officially announced.

Congratulations to all Executive Board Members, thank you to all of those who organized this successful awards dinner event.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our incoming 2019/2020 Chapter President, Nikki Farrell. She is going to be a fantastic President and I look forward to seeing the Trenton Chapter grow even more over the next year!

Take care,

**Robert Rizzo**  
Trenton Chapter 2018-2019 President



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# WELCOME TO OUR 2019-2020 CHAPTER PRESIDENT, NIKKI M. FARRELL!

## 2019-2020 President's Message

Nikki M. Farrell, CICA

Members & Friends,

Happy summer and welcome to the 2019-2020 program year! I am humbly honored to serve as Chapter President and I'm confident we will have yet another successful year. A huge congratulations is in order for our Immediate Past President, Rob Rizzo and the rest of the Chapter Executive Committee and board for piloting such a successful program year, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!

We are getting in gear for this program year and will discuss our current year's goals and plans at our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and board meeting on July 31, 2019. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the upcoming or past program year, please reach out to me personally and we will do our best as a CEC to address all correspondence. Your input is crucial to a successful year! A few of our CEC representatives will be attending the AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) in New Orleans, LA from July 21-24. Again, if you have any items of concern you'd like us to bring up at a national level, please contact me and your questions will travel to "The Big Easy" with our group of representatives.

My goals as Chapter President are to provide quality educational events, prime networking opportunities, and to promote community service events throughout the year. I firmly believe that the number one thing we can do in life is to be of service to others. I hope you will all join me on this journey! Keep an eye out for our August newsletter for the first events of the program year.

To better acquaint myself with members I have not yet met, I am a graduate of Rider University (go Broncs!) and have been with the New Jersey Office of the State Auditor for the past nine years. I am married, have one daughter, another baby on the way (due in December), and two cats who we rescued from Aruba! I truly look forward to meeting all of you and please remember my proverbial door is always open – feel free to reach out to me at any time.

All my best,  
**Nikki M. Farrell, CICA**  
**Trenton Chapter President**

Congratulations to AGA Trenton  
Chapter!

YOU'VE *Officially*  
**DONE IT!**

2019 PLATINUM-LEVEL CHAPTER RECOGNITION  
AWARD!

2019 CHAPTER ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY  
AWARD!

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FOR 2017-2018  
CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT



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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## TO OUR

### 2019 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER RECIPIENTS!

- *Distinguished Leadership – Robert F. Voorhees, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development*
  - *Achievement of the Year – Roy Hambrecht, Juvenile Justice Commission*
  - *Special Achievement – Kevin J. Dehmer, NJ Department of Education*
  - *Chapter Service – Jennifer Dougherty, Office of the State Auditor*
    - Chris Fucello, Office of the State Comptroller*
    - Marie Samson, NJ Department of Transportation*
  - *James J. Dolan – Kiersten Kokotajlo, Office of the State Auditor*
    - *Special Assistant – Robyn Boyer, Office of the State Auditor*
  - *Membership Scholarship – Amanda Ireland, Office of the State Auditor*
    - *Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship – Kyle Calamia*
      - *President’s Award – Brian Larkin*



## MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

AGA TRENTON 2019 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER – Villa Mannino Ristorante, May 22, 2019

### THIS IS US – AGA TRENTON CHAPTER 2019





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## SAVE THE DATE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2019 AGA PDT - July 21-24, 2019

Earn up to 25 CPEs!  
New Orleans, Louisiana, or virtual

[Register Online](#)

#### July 2019-2020 Board Dinner Meeting (Board Members Only)

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- Where: Villa Maria Restaurant, 3800 Quakerbridge Road, Unit 4, Trenton NJ 08619
- Time: 5:30 PM

### AGA TRENTON CHAPTER – MEMBER RECRUITMENT

As treasured members, we can influence the future of AGA by sharing our experiences with peers, colleagues, and others in our organizations with any interest in government financial management. Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities and access to our resources. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experiences. Start recruiting today.

Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application – <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>
- E-mail - [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org)
- Telephone – (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-693



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



The mission of the MCIA is to serve the needs of Mercer County improving the quality of life for the residents by providing programs and services for the County, Municipalities, school and fire districts, and not-for-profits in the areas of financing, project management, redevelopment, solid waste and recycling.



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION PERIOD ENDING 6/30/2019

	<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	\$12,185.37	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Cash(BOA) Checking	\$16,142.12	Deferred Income	\$250.00
Accts. Rec. - Symp/mtg/Sem	\$0.00	Fund Balance	\$29,309.05
PrePaid Expenses	\$1,231.56	<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$29,559.05</b>	<b>L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$29,559.05</b>



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## CHAPTER DIRECTORS 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR

**Chapter President** - Nikki Farrell

**Chapter President-Elect** - Jessica Lippincott

**Immediate Past President** - Robert Rizzo

**Secretary** - Michelle C. Blatt

**National Council of Chapters Representative** - Kiersten Marie Kokotajlo

**Chapter Treasurer** - Tyler T. Frounfelker

**Accountability Outreach** - Kiersten Marie Kokotajlo

**CGFM/Professional Certification** - Margarita Stanislavskaya

**Community Service** - Christopher J. Fuccello & Stephanie Rybak

**Young Professionals** - Taylor V. Leavy

**Audio Conferences** - Thalia I. Treby

**Education** - Jessica Lippincott

**Audio Conferences** - Michelle C. Blatt

**Membership** - Kiersten Marie Kokotajlo

**Meetings & Events** - Rene Gervasoni & Michael J. Salberta

**Awards** - Rene Gervasoni & Meghan K. Ellis

**Administration & Programs** - Meghan K. Ellis

**Chapter Historian** - Rose M. Todaro

**Budget & Finance** - David M. Illuminate Jr.

**Bylaws & Procedures** - David J. Kaschak, CGFM

**Chapter Recognition** - Brian Larkin, CIA

**Newsletter Editor** - Marie E. Samson

**Nominations** - Robert Rizzo

**Sponsorships** - Guy L. Tassi

**Paul Vidunas Coordinator** - Jennifer Suchan

**Technical PDT/Seminars** - Christine S. Brennan

**Webmaster** - Brian Larkin

**Fall Seminar** – Co-chairs: Robert Rizzo/Jessica Lippincott/Nikki Farrell + Fall Seminar Committee includes but not limited to Rene Gervasoni

**Spring Symposium** – Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell/Chrissy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee includes but not limited to Meghan Ellis and Mike Salberta

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