

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

The AGA recognizes members who have demonstrated distinguished service and dedication throughout the years. Lifetime membership is conferred to individuals who have remained paid members for at least 40 consecutive years. It is the commitment and determination by these individuals as well as other dedicated members that have made the AGA & our chapter the strong, vital organization it is today. This is our opportunity to recognize three very special members as AGA Lifetime Members: Anthony Manno, Terrance P. Sharky, and Rose Todaro. It is our honor to recognize their service and to also recognize Rose as a founding member of the Trenton Chapter.

Our Chapter is currently undertaking many projects this spring. Christine Muller and the seminar committee are hard at work planning the Spring Symposium (April 29th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Trenton). The theme for this year's seminar is taking shape along with ideas for speakers and presenters. There is plenty of work to do, so it is not too late to volunteer. Email: Christine.muller@judiciary.state.nj.us and ask for Chris if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you to all who attended bowling event on Feb 5, 2016. The event was an opportunity for active members to discuss membership benefits with both students and potential new members. Special thanks to Kiersten for organizing the event.

On March 9 there will be an audio conference on Grants held at Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development from 2:00 to 3:50 pm. This conference is free to AGA members. Also on March 9, we have our monthly dinner meeting at Tessara Restaurant, Hamilton, NJ (Social Hour starts at 5:30 pm).

I want to thank our January dinner meeting speaker Holly Sabo (Mercadien) for a great discussion on taxation issues. We had a great crowd who enjoyed a timely and relevant topic.

Lastly, there is no better time to recruit, so please get the word out to your fellow practitioners who are not AGA members about the seminar, and about the monthly Chapter meetings.

Sincerely,

*Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle
Trenton Chapter President*

**TRENTON
CHAPTER**

AGGA

Association of Government Accountants





CONGRATULATIONS

**The AGA – Trenton Chapter
would like to recognize three
special people as AGA
Lifetime Members:**

- **Anthony Manno**
- **Terrance P. Sharky**
- **Rose Todaro**

*We'd also like to recognize Rose Todaro as a
founding member of the AGA Trenton Chapter*

AGA Important Dates

Meeting Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
3/9/2016	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Grants Speaker: N/A Webinar	Department of Labor 1 J. Fitch Plaza, 13th Fl Auditorium Trenton, NJ 08611	2
3/9/2016	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1
3/23/2016	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Internal Controls Speaker: N/A Webinar	Office of the State Comptroller 20 West State Street, 12th floor Trenton, NJ 08619	2
4/29/2016	<u>Spring Symposium</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: Various	Wyndham Garden Hotel 1 W. Lafayette St. Trenton, NJ 08608	7
5/18/2016	<u>Awards Dinner</u> Topic: Various Speaker: Various	TBD	7

SAVE THIS DATE!

April 29, 2016

Spring Symposium

Wyndham Garden Hotel

1 W. Lafayette St.

Trenton, NJ 08608



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Membership-Scholarship Program

In order to promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter and its membership, the AGA-Trenton's "Membership-scholarship" program (the Program) was launched in January 2011. For one year, the Program sponsors National and Trenton's Chapter AGA membership dues, CPE awarding monthly meetings, Annual Fall Seminar and Annual Spring Symposium for the individuals (one or more) who meet the following selected criteria.

The qualified individual is the one who:

- * Works for Federal, State, or Local Government
- * Performs accounting, auditing, or IT related duties
- * Has not previously been a member of AGA-Trenton
- * Regularly attends (commits to attend) AGA-Trenton Chapter's functions (e.g. monthly meetings, Seminar and Symposium, etc.)
- * Agrees to serve as a Board member (at the position available or assigned by the Board)
- * Committed to actively promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter, its membership, and events

Evaluation criteria and scholarship's term:

At the end of the first year the Program's Committee will evaluate the scholarship recipient's performance based on the criteria specified above, and, if satisfied, this member may be awarded one more year of the sponsorship for full membership (Dues-National and Trenton Chapter-only).

The application for the Program will be placed on AGA-Trenton website shortly. The scholarship recipient will be announced and introduced at AGA-Trenton's annual Award Dinner on May 18, 2016. Please, forward this information to your colleagues, clients, and friends. Please, nominate your colleagues, clients, and friends who are not yet members of AGA-Trenton.

The due date for the application/nomination is March 31, 2016

(please see application on next page)

We look forward to hearing from you,
Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle, President



**AGA-Trenton Chapter
Membership-Scholarship Program
Application**

Name _____

Place of work _____

Position _____

Contact Info _____

Experience _____

Candidate Statement (why interested in joining AGA) _____

Comments/References (optional) _____

THOMAS J. KASCHAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Association of Government Accountants

Trenton Chapter

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Year Beginning College/University: _____ Year in 2016-2017: FR SO JR SR OTHER: _____

College Major: _____

Scholastic Standing (Grade Point Average) * _____

Membership In - Out of School Organizations ** _____ Office Held: _____

School Activities Participated In ** _____ Office Held: _____

Honors or Awards Received * _____

Other Family Members Attending College 2016-2017

NAME

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

YEAR

NAME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	YEAR

Nominator Information:

Member of AGA? (Please Circle) **YES** **NO** How Long? _____

Printed Name of Nominator: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number () _____ E-Mail _____

Employer: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____ Signature of Nominator: _____

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION is March 31, 2016

Mail Nomination Form to:

Christopher Schwartz

**NJ Div of Mental Health Services, Office of Fiscal & Mgmt Operations (5th floor)
222 S. Warren Street, P.O. Box 700, Trenton, New Jersey 08625**

*Attach High School and College (if any) Transcripts

** Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

PREVIOUS AWARDEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

2016 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AWARDS

Date: _____

I would like to nominate the following individual for a 2016 AGA Trenton Chapter Award:

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

Please check the designation of the award for which you nominate this individual.

CHECK ONE ONLY

- The James Dolan Award
- Distinguished Leadership Award
- Achievement of the Year Award
- Education and Training Award
- Special Achievement Award
- Chapter Service Award
- Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship*

**Note: This award requires submission of the "Scholarship Application"*

Additional supporting information may accompany this nomination form. Please be concise as possible. We may contact you for additional information, if necessary.

Biographical Sketch of Nominee (*position, title, education, other pertinent background information, etc.*)

Description of Accomplishments/Achievements

Citation (*For use as the formal award citation. Succinctly describe accomplishments, particularly their impact or results.*)

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name of Nominator _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

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AGA - February 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5 Bowling Happy Hour 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					
Trenton AGA PO Box 536 Trenton, NJ 08603						

notes

AGA's 2nd Annual Bowling/Networking Event

Friday, February 5th, 2016 from 4:30-6:30pm

FREE for students & potential new members! \$6 for members



AGA - March 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Audio Conference/ Dinner Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20 	21	22	23 Audio Conference 	24	25 	26
27 	28	29	30	31		
Trenton AGA PO Box 536 Trenton, NJ 08603						

notes

3/9/16: Audio Conference @ Dept. of Labor & Workforce Devel. (2:00 – 3:50 pm)
3/23/16: Audio Conference @ Office of State Comptroller (2:00 – 3:50 pm)



AGA - April 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Celebrate EARTH DAY APRIL 22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Spring Symposium	30

notes

04/29/2016: Spring Symposium @ Wyndham Garden Hotel, Trenton, NJ
NOTE: Please check back for updates to this event!

AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 1/31/16

ASSETS:	
Cash - Savings	\$12,176.98
Cash - Checking	9,868.02
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	30.00
PrePaid Expenses	<u>3,370.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,445.00

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Accounts Payable	\$776.00
Deferred Income	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>24,669.00</u>
TOTAL L&E	\$25,445.00

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

2nd Annual - AGA Bowling Event

Slocum's Bowling, Bar, & Grille, Ewing, NJ



About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



The Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund was established in 1998 shortly after the death of then Trenton Chapter President Paul Vidunas. During his lifetime, Paul was very involved in community service as an enthusiastic volunteer for various community based organizations. The establishment of a fund that would support a variety of community service groups seemed a fitting tribute to this memory.

Each year a different recipient is selected to receive funds collect throughout the Chapter's program year. The charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is the Sunshine Foundation. For information about the charity: <http://sunshinefoundation.org/>

The Trenton Chapter AGA holds drawings at monthly meetings and educational events to raise funds for the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund. For more information on how you can contribute to this worthy cause contact the AGA Trenton local chapter now at <http://www.agatrenton.com/contact.cfm>

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Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

AGA Member Types:

Full Government Member

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$90 national + 5 local/year

Private Sector Member

This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$150 + \$5 local/year

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This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. \$45 + \$5 local/year

Student Member Student:

This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30 + \$5 local/year

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Guy Tassi

Vice President of Admin/Finance/Program

William Challice

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Historian: Rose Todaro

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Visit our website: <http://www.agatrenton.com/>

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"A Report to Our Members"

<http://www.agatrenton.com/AGACCR-2014-15.pdf>

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