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## President's Message

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Greetings and salutations!

It seems that Punxsutawney Phil has not seen his shadow, so as legend goes...early spring!

With that in mind, there are a few things in March to start thinking about:

March is CGFM month, how about getting your CGFM certification?

The CGFM credential allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. For more information, please contact our CGFM chair, Sarah Gove, or visit our website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine-Chapter/CGFM-Certification.aspx>.

Membership Renewals – Make sure to keep your membership up-to-date to continue to benefit from all that AGA has to offer.

CEC Board Nominations – We have a number of positions available for 2021, which is a great opportunity for members to add to your resume as well as being part of a fabulous team! Ask a CEC Board member or check out our website for details.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Leadership.aspx>

We will be collecting items at our February meeting for the Somerset Humane Society. Please see page 3 for more details. All items are welcomed and appreciated.

The next webinar will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and it will be regarding Cybersecurity. Please contact our Education chair, Jennifer Foster, for more information. You can also visit our website at:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>.

Regards,

*Angela*

Angela L. Dickinson

President, AGA Maine Chapter



**Monthly Meeting**  
**Senator Inn**  
**February 11, 2020**

**Webinar**  
**Cybersecurity**  
**March 25, 2020**

Are you using social media? The Maine Chapter AGA invites to you like us on Facebook.



Chapter Website:

[www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine/](https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine/)



## AGA MAINE CHAPTER

For our February meeting we are pleased to have a presentation by Jaime Schorr, Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Maine.

## NEW ENGLAND REGION AGA

The Aroostook Chapter CEC meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month. General meetings are held as necessary.

The Boston Chapter holds monthly meetings and trainings September through June.

## AGA NATIONAL

### *National Leadership Training (NLT)*

## NLT 2020

### *Developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders*

Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. This training offers up to 14 CPE hours.

**Date:** February 12 - 13, 2020 **Location:** Washington, DC, or attend virtually online

<https://www.agacgfm.org/NLT/NLT-Home.aspx>



**Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)** is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

#### **CGFM Benefits:**

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. Website for more information:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

#### **How do you become a CGFM?**

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- >Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- >Education — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- >Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- >Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management



## NOTICES...

- Coming in March!  
New Skype CGFM Lunch-n-Learn! CGFM information and guidance right at your desk!
- Do you have an idea for an upcoming speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcome.



## TRIVIA

Which President did all of his own accounting work?



## Community Service Opportunities

*"Act as if what you do  
makes difference.  
It does."*

*~William James*



### The AGA Maine Chapter January/February Fundraiser

We are collecting items for the Somerset Humane Society Animal Shelter. Please bring your donated items to the February AGA meeting.

#### Donate New Items To The Shelter

30 gallon trash bags  
laundry detergent  
dish detergent  
dryer sheets  
unflavored pedialyte  
brooms/push brooms  
Swiffer  
canned cat food  
kitten chow  
no-dye cat food:  
(Whiskas, Purina Cat Chow Gentle, Purina One)  
poop scoops  
cat litter  
feline Pine  
floor Squeegee  
bathroom and kitchen cleaning supplies  
floor cleaner  
disinfectant wipes  
dry erase markers  
envelopes  
postage stamps  
tape (duct and scotch)

#### Gift Cards To:

Bob's Cash Fuel  
Staples  
Walmart  
Tractor Supply  
Agway  
Gas Stations

#### Donate Your Used Items

Any bedding such as:  
comforters  
quilts  
blankets  
sheets  
pillows/cases  
futon mattresses  
bath towels  
hands towels  
wash cloths  
couch cushions  
kitchen chair pads  
working washers/dryers  
outdoor solar powered lighting  
collars  
harnesses  
leashes  
pet clothing  
leftover pet medications  
baby gates  
snow shovels  
roof rakes  
returnable bottles and cans

#### Sponsor an Adoption!

We are always in need of people to sponsor adoption fees for specific animals.

If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Heidi Ellis, Director of Community Service at (207) 287-1841.

## Thank you for your support!

## FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

For February, the Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, February 11th, at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

Our guest speaker will be Jaime Schorr, Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Maine, with a presentation titled 'A Tale of Two Organizations: Procurement and Finance'.

The lunch menu will consist of a Spinach Salad, Sautéed Boneless Chicken Breast, Julienne Vegetables in Garlic Butter, and Rice Pilaf.

Please remember to sit with unfamiliar faces, take the opportunity to reach out and network!

## PAST MEETING RECAP

On January 14, 2020, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn in Augusta

Chapter President Angela Dickinson welcomed the Chapter. After lunch, State Controller Douglas Cotnoir introduced our speaker, Erik Gunderson, Director of the Office of Marijuana Policy. Erik gave an enlightening presentation on Maine's Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Programs.



### TRIVIA ANSWER:

George Washington did his own bookkeeping and recorded every penny of expense or profit. His ledgers still exist today.

## OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:  
[www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Maine/](http://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Maine/)

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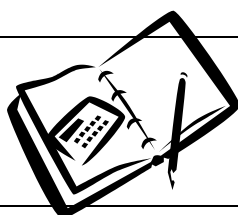
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## Maine Chapter AGA Treasurer's Report as of 1/31/2020

### ASSETS

|                              |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash and Bank Accounts       | AGA Cash                     | \$40.00                   |
|                              | AGA Checking                 | \$80.00                   |
|                              | AGA Savings-Share Account    | \$9,945.18                |
| Total Cash and Bank Accounts |                              | \$10,065.18               |
| Other Assets                 | Customer Invoices            | \$2,275.00                |
| Total Other Assets           |                              | \$2,275.00                |
| Total Assets                 |                              | \$12,340.18               |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>           |                              |                           |
| Other Liabilities            | Business Bills - Senator Inn | \$0.00                    |
| Total Other Liabilities      |                              | \$0.00                    |
| Total Liabilities            |                              | \$0.00                    |
| <b>Overall Total</b>         |                              | <b><u>\$12,340.18</u></b> |



## Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 1/31/2020

### INCOME

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dividend Income                 | \$6.77            |
| Education—Webinars              | \$2,273.00        |
| Charity                         | \$45.00           |
| Membership Income from National | \$390.00          |
| Monthly Meetings                | \$2080.00         |
| Other Income—50/50              | \$64.00           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>             | <b>\$4,898.77</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |                   |
| Awards                          | \$0.00            |
| Charity                         | \$85.00           |
| Education—Webinars              | \$2124.00         |
| Gifts Given                     | \$62.90           |
| Membership Recruitment          | \$0.00            |
| Monthly Meetings                | \$3,539.80        |
| Travel for National Speaker     | \$0.00            |
| Service Fee                     | \$2.00            |
| Other Misc (postage)            | \$11.00           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>           | <b>\$5,824.70</b> |
| NET INCOME/LOSS                 | <b>(\$925.93)</b> |