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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends,

While the calendar is telling us that winter is still here, it looks like there will be an early onset of spring fever this year! Who knows, maybe that groundhog will finally be right for a change.

Our chapter will be hosting an RPA/AI webinar on Wednesday, March 6th from 2:00 to 3:50. Attendance is free to AGA members and \$10 for non-members. There will be 2 CPEs awarded for this webinar. Attendance is limited to 30 people and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. If anyone is interested, please register <u>here</u>.

As a reminder, March is CGFM month, and Wednesday, March 20th, is CGFM day. We are asking everyone to wear red on this day as a show of support. Please also take a picture of your CGFM support on March 20th and post it on social media.

The chapter will also be hosting a Happy Hour on Thursday, March 28th from 4:30 to 6:30 at Blend Bar & Bistro (911 NJ Route 33 Hamilton Township, NJ 08690). The event is free for AGA members and potential new members. There will be a \$15 charge for guests of AGA members. You can register for this event <u>here</u>. If anyone is aware of someone who might be interested in joining the AGA, please invite them to this event and have them register too.

As previously mentioned, the Spring PDT will be held in person at Mercer County Community College on Thursday, April 25th. The Spring PDT committee is busy scheduling speakers and handling all the logistics for this event. Please stay tuned for more information including registration information.

The chapter will also be holding a fundraiser for Interfaith Caregivers on Tuesday, April 30th at Texas Roadhouse (1305 Route 33 Hamilton Township, NJ 08690). Please see the associated flyer in this newsletter for additional information. We hope all members who live in the area will be able to come out and support our chapter's fundraising efforts. To download an electronic version of the flyer, click <u>here</u>.

Lastly, our Awards Dinner will be held on May 9th at Villa Mannino. An email was recently sent out containing award information and nominating procedures for each award. If anyone needs additional information about the awards, please contact us.

If anyone has any questions or issues, please let us know.





Mentorships build a trustworthy, collaborative, safe and open relationship.

AGA Mentoring Program

The program is open to AGA members only. We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.

> Email AGA or contact a board member with any personal news you would like to share to the Chapter in future newsletters.



AGA Trenton Chapter is currently soliciting and accepting thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial topics, and may also publish articles relating to Tax, Practice Management, Financial Reporting, Audit, and Accounting. Chosen articles will be featured in the next newsletter and may qualify for CPE credits. For additional information, please contact: <u>agatrenton@gmail.com</u>.



Members' Milestones CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Anthony L. Manno Terence P. Sharkey Rose M. Todaro Anthony J. Glebocki Robert J. Alu Janet E. Gregorovic Betty Jane Eddowes Richard Grahovac Steven J. Csogi Michael L. Einhorn Paul R. Baron Thomas Troutman Michael P. Fabian, William G. Shannon

AGA Trenton Chapter congratulates the following members celebrating 20 or more years of membership:

Barbara E. Galag Robert H. Davidson Christopher D. Soleau Warren Alan Broudy Margarita Stanislavskaya Claudine W. Zellman Jack H. Fein Gerald J. Miller Mark E. Talbot

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Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2023-2024 Year: Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County

AGA Trenton Chapter is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2023-2024 Chapter Year.



Contact Interfaith Caregivers to learn about becoming a volunteer

A WALK FOR WELLNESS

JUNE 3, 2023 VETERAN'S PARK, HAMILTON, NJ

Our Chapter team, <u>AGA Trenton</u>, participated in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K walk on June 3, 2023. Proudly representing our chapter were Chris Fuccello, Robert Rizzo, and Rose Todaro.



Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For almost three decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.



Upcoming Events

National LEADERSHIP Training 2024

February 28–29 • Washington, D.C. or virtual • 14 CPEs

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. 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.

February 28–29 | Washington, D.C. 14 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Feb. 2, 2024

	Online	All Other				
AGA Members						
Early Bird	\$550	\$575				
Standard	\$650	\$675				
Non-members						
Early Bird	\$725	\$750				
Standard	\$825	\$850				
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AGA NATIONAL EVENTS		AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & NOTICES		
February 28 Wednesday	National Leadership Training (NLT2024) Washington, D.C. 14 CPE	RPA AI Webinar - March 6, 2024 March 6, 2024 Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com		
March 5 Tuesday	CGFM Live, Virtual Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control Zoom 16 CPE	Renew Your Membership! <u>You can also give the gift of</u> <u>Membership</u>		
March	Innovative CFO's Addressing Transformation using Process Intelligence (RPA/AI) Webinar 2 CPE	CGFM <u>Get your CGFM</u> <u>Certification!</u>		
Wednesday		Check our our Job Board for opportunities!		

Trenton Chapter

FUNDRAISING

»→ Support ← AGA TRENTON CHAPTER TUESDAY, APRIL 30 4PM-10PM



DONATION NIGHT

for AGA Trenton Chapter . Present this flyer at the Hamilton location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to AGA Trenton Chapter

> 609-890-74 1305 ROUTE



<u>When: Thursday, March 28th, 4:30pm – 6:30pm</u> <u>Where: Blend Bar and Bistro – 911 NJ-33 Hamilton Township, NJ</u> <u>08690</u>

> AGA members: FREE Potential new members: FREE **Guests of AGA members: \$15**



<u>Appetizers will be served.</u> <u>Select beer, wine, and seltzers included.</u> <u>Register **here**</u>

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

CHEERS!

Celebrating 30 Years



CGFM Turns 30!

The New Year brings reason to celebrate – 30 years of CGFM®! AGA created the Certified Government Financial Manager[®] (CGFM) program in 1994 to fill a need in the government financial management community. Through preparation and exams encompassing governmental accounting, auditing, internal controls, budgeting, and financial reporting at all levels of government, CGFMs become well versed in the knowledge and skills needed for the rigors and complexities of their duties. Furthermore, coverage of federal, state and local government financial management allows CGFMs to expand their career opportunities throughout the United States.



WHAT IS CGFM?

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 is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

WHAT IS THE CGFM **CERTIFICATION PROCESS?**

Step 1 — Read AGA's Code of Ethics Step 2 — Apply for the CGFM **Program** Step 3 — Submit Required Degree **Documentation** Step 4 — Receive an Eligibility Letter Step 5 — Prepare for the CGFM **Examinations** Step 6 — Schedule the CGFM **Examinations** Step 7 — Take the CGFM **Examinations** Step 8 — Submit a Work **Verification Form** Step 9 — Receive CGFM Award Letter Step 10 — Receive Your CGFM **Certificate and Maintain Your Certification**



HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Take AGA's Live, Virtual **Courses**
- **AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal**
- **In-person**: Individuals looking for scheduled classroom training can register for CGFM course 1, course 2 and course 3 held through Management Concepts.

SAMPLE AGA CGFM EXAM QUESTION

AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

Governmental Environment Examination

- According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute
- (A) fraud
 - professional incompetence. (B) (C) a conflict of interest.
 - (D) nepotism

CGFM Examinations Requirement

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- nation 1: Governmental Environment (GE)
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB)
 Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control (GFMC)

AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal

Online preparation for CGFM examinations with AGA's self-paced courses

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S JANUARY 2024 BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,195.46	Accounts Payable	\$	1,291.66
Cash - Checking	\$ 13,719.99	Deferred Income	\$	-
Accounts Receivable	\$ 165.00			
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,919.98	Fund Balance	\$	39,809.27
Other Assets	\$ 100.50			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,100.93	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	41,100.93
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Hello. Nice to Meet You!



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