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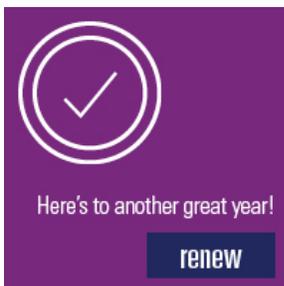
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President's Message Jessica Lippincott

Dear Members & Friends,

I hope this edition of the AGA Trenton Chapter newsletter finds you all well. May has been a great & successful month so far. We hosted our annual Spring PDT virtually. We had 87 attendees and 12 speakers this year. I would say, that is definitely a great turnout! We had a lot of great topics and speakers. I would like to once again thank all of our speakers and sponsors being able to make this day happen. Additionally, Nikki Farrell and the Spring PDT committee deserve a huge thank you for all of their hard work of putting the Spring PDT together!

I also would like to say thank you to all of those who has contributed to the Paul Vidunas fund supporting HomeFront, NJ during our spring PDT. Your generosity most certainly goes a long way. With that being said, congratulations to all of our winners from the \$25 Amazon Gift Card raffle drawing; Kathleen Ambrosio, Eric Fonesca, Dijesh Patel, Katherine Salberta, Kirill Kornoukh and Jennifer Dougherty. If you are still interested in donating, you may do so through, <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/AGATrenton>. Every little bit helps, thank you in advance for your contributions.



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President's Message *(continued)*

As the current COVID 19 restrictions begin to lighten up, I feel a little more normalcy headed our way. I hope to be able to see some of you in person again but still be able to have some of the virtual options in place to make it easier all the way around.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining AGA as a member or interested in becoming part of our board, please feel free to reach out for more information on the opportunities that the AGA Trenton Chapter offer.

Make sure to periodically check our website for any additional events or information. If you're not receiving our email blasts but would like to, email agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com and you will be added to our distribution list!

Best wishes,

Jessica Lippincott
Trenton Chapter President

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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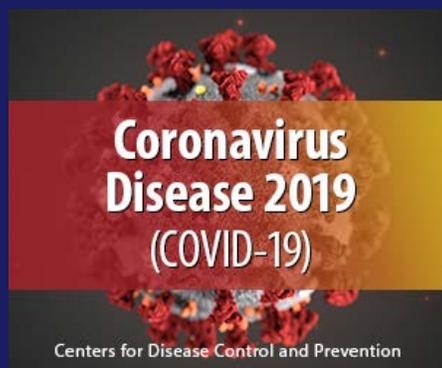
UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar - 2021 AGA National PDT (7 CPEs)

Date: July 19 through July 21, 2021

Location: Online

Register via www.agacgfm.org



Access AGA's COVID-19 Resource Exchange

AGA launched the AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange, a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events and more to help us and our Chapter navigate this crisis.

[Help Flatten the Curve](#)

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Member Spotlight



Kevin Holt for passing the CGFM Exam. We congratulate you on your accomplishment and are very proud to have you as a member of the AGA – Trenton Chapter.



AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) brings together a broad audience of more than 2,000 federal, state and local government financial professionals, including federal, state and local government CFOs, inspectors general, accountants, auditors as well as financial professionals from the private sector.

PDT offers educational sessions over three days of training. Participants can earn up to 21 hours of NASBA-approved continuing professional education (CPE) credits. Participants gain skills and knowledge toward more effective leadership, performance in a cost-constrained environment, solutions to shared challenges, and best practices. Join us to learn from top government financial management professionals and industry experts.

Extensions of CPA Examination Credit Window and Continuing Professional Education Deadline

Dear licensees and CPA exam candidates,

Please be advised that the Division has issued a Rule Waiver ([DCA-W-2020-17](#)) temporarily extending until December 31, 2020, the expiration of certain exam credits for the multi-part Certified Public Account Exam (CPA Exam). Additionally, DCA-W-2020-17 extends until June 30, 2021, the deadline for licensees to complete continuing professional education (CPE).

The Division takes this action today due to the COVID-19 pandemic and difficulties CPA Exam candidates have faced – and continue to face – in sitting for the multi-part CPA Exam within the required 18-month window, and the challenges licensees have experienced obtaining CPE credits. Under the order, candidates' exam credits that expire between March 9, 2020, and December 30, 2020, will be extended to the new December 31, 2020 deadline. Additionally, the order extends – from December 31, 2020, to June 30, 2021 – the deadline by which Board-licensed certified public accountants and public accountants must complete 120 CPE credits. This order takes effect immediately.

We at the Division recognize the many challenges our licensees face during this difficult time and thank you for the work you do to serve the public.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Rodríguez
Acting Director
Division of Consumer Affairs
New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety

E-mail Scam Alert

Messages like this have been reported by many AGA chapters in the past few days:

Hi [Board member name],

I need you to handle this as soon as possible: I need you to purchase a gift card as we have some charity donations to make today. Please let me know when you are ready for the details.

P.S: I'm busy at the moment and can't talk but will lookout for your reply.

Regards,

[Chapter President Name]

So what can we do to keep our chapters safe? The answers are simple —internal controls and website security!

Internal Controls

If you receive a suspicious email, pause and rely on your instincts and internal controls. Here are a few tips we've found, especially in this article from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

- 1. Double-check the email address.**
- 2. Hover over the email address to make sure the address in the tool-tip matches the email address in the "from" field.**
- 3. Forward the message to the known email address of the officer requesting payment (i.e., if they use their work email, but the message is from a personal email address, use the one you're familiar with).**
- 4. Pick up the phone! Directly contact the person (e.g., an AGA chapter member) who "appears" to be requesting funding, information, etc., before quickly responding to an email — or, worse yet, opening an attachment.**
- 5. Do not reply to the email address. This will confirm for the scammer that the email address is live and can result in follow-up contact.**
- 6. Does the sender seem pressed for time? Don't feel rushed simply because of an "urgent" email. A minute of caution can save thousands of dollars.**
- 7. Do your own typing. If someone sends you a link or phone number, don't click. Use your favorite search engine to look up the website or phone number yourself.**
- 8. Report phishing emails and texts. The aforementioned FTC article tells you how.**

Website Security

Many AGA chapters have been hit by phishing scams like the one described at the beginning of this article. Sophisticated scammers use "bots" to scan public websites for email addresses, then use the addresses to contact their targets. So, leverage the web tools at your disposal to implement these safeguards:

- 1. Use links! Ensure that you link to email addresses on your website rather than writing them out, as we've done in this sentence. If you have an AGA-hosted website, refer to the "Working with Documents and Links — Link to an Email Address" section of the user guide.**
- 2. Update your leadership roster settings. You can change the leadership rosters so you have options for the way you want to display them:**
 - 3. Internal controls. Establish, and use, your internal controls.**

In an uncertain world,
**be certain of what
you know.**



Know More.
Become More



Get Your **CGFM** Certification!



Interested in getting your employer to recognize the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager certification? Reach out to Margarita Stanislavskaya, Trenton Chapter CGFM Chairperson, for more information.



AGA Training Scholarships, Member Recruitment and CGFM Certification

Training Scholarships

This year, AGA will award:

National Collegiate Leadership Program: AGA annually selects up to 10 full-time college students for the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Training (NLT). Deadline to apply for 2022 is TBA. Visit www.agacgfm.org for more information.

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, such as free utilization of the CGFM Online Library. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experience. Start recruiting today. Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application via website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

- E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org

Telephone - (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-6931



CGFM Certification

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.

To become a 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.*

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's April 2021 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER
APRIL 2021

ASSETS

Cash - Savings	\$ 12,188.82
Cash - Checking	\$ 14,616.36
Accounts Receivable - Symp/Mtg/Sem	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,033.73

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 29,838.91

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Accounts Payable	\$ 155.14
Deferred Income	\$ 10.00

Fund Balance \$ 29,673.77

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 29,838.91

WHAT'S NEW CORNER "CGFM LIBRARY"

Are you interested in taking the CGFM exams but are hesitant about the costs of study materials? The AGA Trenton Chapter may be able to help! Interested candidates can contact Jessica Lippincott to learn more about our CGFM Library Pilot Program!

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