

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends:

As our program year comes to an end, I'd just like to say what a true honor it has been to serve as your President for the past year. I've learned a great deal in this position and value the professional and personal relationships I've formed. But before I get too sentimental, our program year is NOT over yet.

I'd like to thank our speakers and planning committee who made this year's Spring Symposium a success! The speakers were calm, cool, and collected while giving chillingly amazing presentations. The day breezed by at our new location and your generosity stopped our charities cold in their tracks with gratitude for your donations. Thank you all for attending and filling out our online survey which we noted some feedback about the temperature of the room and will do our best to regulate that in the future!

I also would like to thank those who volunteered to work with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 on Saturday, May 20th by placing American flags on Veterans' graves to honor their service to our country.

On Wednesday, May 17th the AGA Trenton Chapter held its Annual Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino's. At the dinner, we honored those who have made positive efforts in their profession and/or contributions to the association. Also, the 2017-18 Executive Board was officially announced. Congratulations to all Executive Board Members, thank you to all of those who organized this successful awards dinner event.

We are in the midst of planning our 40th Anniversary celebration to be held in September 2017! Keep an eye out for more details by checking out our website at [AGA Trenton Chapter](#) for updates & "like" us on Facebook!

To get sentimental for a moment again – thank you to the board, members, and friends who have helped make this a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Kiersten Kokotajlo  
Trenton Chapter President

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CHAPTER

AGA

Association of Government Accountants





# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2017-18 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER OFFICERS AS OF JULY 2017!

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

*President: Andy Bishop*

*President-Elect, Vice President of Education: Robert Rizzo*

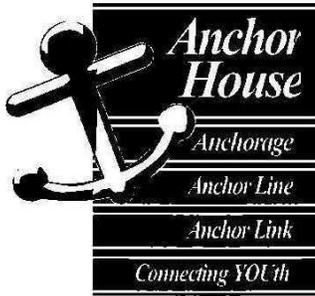
*Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair: Kiersten Kokotajlo*

### VICE PRESIDENTS:

- *Vice President of Administration/Programs: Christopher Schwartz*
- *Vice President of Membership: Nikki Farrell*

*Treasurer: Dave Kaschak*

*Secretary: Michelle Blatt*



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Website: [www.anchorhousenj.org](http://www.anchorhousenj.org)  
Email: [info@anchorhousenj.org](mailto:info@anchorhousenj.org)

May 18, 2017

Mr. David Kaschak  
Treasurer  
Association of Government  
Accountants of Trenton  
P.O. Box 536  
Trenton, NJ 08604-0536

Dear AGA Membership:

Anchor House Inc. was honored to be named the recipient of the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial Award. We are grateful for the \$1,600 donation and the Association of Government Accountants of Trenton's strong commitment to support organizations serving our community. Thank you for supporting our programs for abused, runaway, homeless and at risk youth in Mercer County. We invite you to visit our programs, speak with the staff and youth themselves to learn more about the challenges they face and the courage and perseverance needed to overcome so many obstacles.

Anchor House Inc. seeks to end youth homelessness and prepare youth to live productive and independent lives. Our work could not be accomplished without the support of generous and caring organizations like yours. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide a safe haven where abused, runaway, homeless and at risk youth and their families are empowered to succeed and thrive.

Sincerely,

Kim McNear  
Executive Director

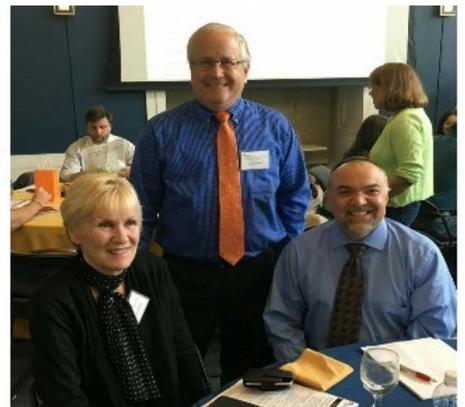


## 2017 Awards Dinner held May 18, 2017





## 2017 Spring Symposium held April 21, 2017 @ TCNJ



# THANK YOU!

To all volunteers who participated in our recent community service event honoring our Veterans by assisting the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 in placing flags on Veterans grave sites on Saturday, May 20th at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.





# THANK YOU!

*AGA Members and Guests who attended the Spring Symposium*

Your Donations and Contributions are appreciated!

**\*\*P.V. Fund Contributions totaled \$498 at the event\*\***

**\*\*Anchor House received a check totaling \$1600 at this year's awards dinner!\*\***

**\*\*T.A.S.K. donations totaled \$298 in cash and numerous bags of non-perishable food items!\*\***



Membership  
Young Professionals Group  
(YPG) PDT Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Blatt who received a YPG National Scholarship to attend this year's PDT in Boston!

More Information on PDT Scholarships:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/Young-Professionals-PDT-Scholarship.aspx>



## AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS:</b>	<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>
Cash - Savings (BOA) <span style="float: right;">\$12,180.04</span>	Accounts Payable <span style="float: right;">\$1,553.00</span>
Cash - Checking (BOA) <span style="float: right;">10,508.48</span>	Deferred Income <span style="float: right;">110.00</span>
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem <span style="float: right;">6,895.00</span>	Fund Balance <span style="float: right;"><u>29,594.40</u></span>
PrePaid Expenses <span style="float: right;"><u>1,673.88</u></span>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$31,257.40</b></span>	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$31,257.40</b></span>



### ***Remaining AGA Audio Conference***

**Topic: Fraud/Data Analytics**

**Location: Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625**

**Date: June 14, 2017      Time: 2 PM to 4 PM**



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# May 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17  Awards Dinner at 5:30 pm	18	19	20  Community Service Event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29  Memorial DAY	30	31	1	2	3



1) Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino's, 73 Route 130, Bordentown, NJ...For details:  
<http://www.agatrenton.com/events.html>  
 2) Community Service Event - Italian American War Veterans - Check website:  
<http://www.agatrenton.com/community-services.html>

# June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14  <b>Webinar</b> <b>(2:00-3:50 pm)</b>	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21  <b>Summer Begins</b>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



1) Webinar: Location - Office of State Comptroller, 20 W. State St, 12th Fl, Trenton NJ

# Attention all CGFM applicants!

The Trenton AGA Chapter will be offering the CGFM Achievement Scholarship, an award for CGFM applicants that will reimburse the scholarship winner for the cost of study materials and exam fees for CGFM exams (maximum of \$250). Requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- Must be an AGA Trenton Chapter member in good standing
- Must be a government employee
- Must have passed 2 of 3 parts prior to applying
- Must fill out application before taking the final exam in order to establish commitment from the Chapter for the scholarship
- Scholarship will be paid only if all 3 exams are passed within the timeline established by the AGA to achieve the certification

Please, see the next page for the application.

If you would like more information about this scholarship, please contact Margarita Stanislavskaya at [mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org](mailto:mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org).

For more information on the CGFM certification, please visit <http://agacgfm.org/cgfm/>.





## CGFM Achievement Award Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Did you pass 2 of 3 exams for the CGFM certification?  
(Attach Proof)

Yes

No

**I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For AGA Trenton Use Only

AGA-Trenton Board

Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized representative name and  
signature)

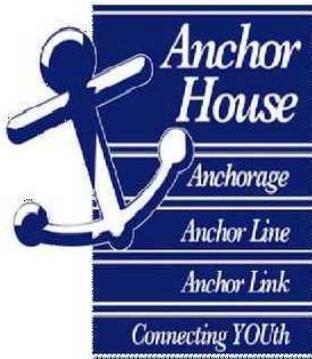
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please, complete this form and email to:

Margarita Stanislavskaya

[mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org](mailto:mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org)

# About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



**ANCHOR HOUSE**  
The Houses Where Healing Begins

***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 local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is Anchor House. The agency's mission is to work with abused, homeless, runaway, at risk and aging out youth to utilize their strengths and the support of their families and communities in order to ensure a stable and successful home. For information about the charity

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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 **<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>**

*Thank you to all our newsletter sponsors!*



The mission of the Mercer County Improvement Authority (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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## Membership

AGA members form a diverse group of individuals--from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials--working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms.

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. \$100 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. \$160 + \$5 local/year.

### **Early Career Member**

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.

### **Retired:**

This class of membership is available to AGA members who have permanently retired and are not working. \$35 + \$5 local/year.

### **Membership Link:**

<https://www.agacfm.org/Membership/overview.aspx>

## **2016-2017 Chapter Officers and Directors**

**President:** Kiersten Kokotajlo

**President-Elect, Education:** Andy Bishop

**Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair:**

Audrey Hoyle

**Vice President of Admin/Programs:** Christopher Schwartz

**Vice President of Membership:** Robert Rizzo

**Treasurer:** Dave Kaschak

**Secretary:** Michelle Blatt

**Accountability Outreach Chair:** Nikki Farrell

**Communications:** Nikki Farrell

**Sponsorship:** Michael Hoyle

**Audio Conferences:** Michelle Blatt

**Fall Seminar:** Audrey Hoyle/Rene Gervasoni/Jessica Lippincott

**Spring Symposium:** Guy Tassi/Brian Larkin

**Chapter Recognition:** Brian Larkin

**CGFM Chairperson (Trenton Chapter):** Margarita Stanislavskaya

**Regional Vice President:** Joe Connolly

**Community Service:** Robert Olsen, Christopher Fucello

**Awards:** Christopher Schwartz

**Regional & Chapter Early Career:** Meghan Ellis

**Budget/Finance:** Tyler Frounfelker

**Newsletter:** Andrew Bishop

**Meeting Chair:** Rene Gervasoni

**Paul Vidunas Coordinator:** Audrey Hoyle

**Historian:** Rose Todaro

**By-Laws:** Michael Hoyle

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*Website:* <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

Please note that we are a **GREEN** Chapter

Check out our Citizen Centric Report:  
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/2016-Citizen-Centric-Report.aspx>

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