



## President's Message

Dear Chapter Members,

Welcome back to the newsletter and to the 2017-2018 program year! Although summer is officially over, the first weekend of fall promises summer-like temperatures. I plan to take this summer-like opportunity to visit the beautiful coast of Maine! My hope for our Chapter members is that many opportunities present themselves this fall and all year long!

We have a lot to do this year to continue with our goals and objectives planned for the Chapter. The Chapter Executive Committee looks forward to working with all of you to get this work done. Our Education Committee has been busy planning a pilot program that consists of a series of lunch and learn opportunities that we hope chapter members will find useful/helpful.

To continue with the 'opportunity' theme...I encourage each of you to think about participating with the Chapter Executive Committee. It is never too early to think about being an AGA leader. This spring, many leadership positions are opening for re-election. We encourage you to run for open positions.

I also encourage each of you to find a colleague not involved with AGA to help promote our professional community to them. We always welcome new members.

In closing, it was a great opportunity to attend the AGA Professional Training Conference hosted by AGA National. AGA National did a wonderful job with speakers, sponsors, and networking activities.

Let's have another great AGA program year!

Best to all,

*Shirley*

Shirley Browne

President, AGA Maine Chapter

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### Upcoming Events

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**Monthly Meeting October  
10th, 2017**

**Webinar October 11th, 2017**

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





## NOTICES...

- Congratulations on the newest members of the CEC for the program year 2017-2018!
- Do you have an idea for an upcoming speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcome.
- Do you have any idea for a community service event? Please contact a CEC member today. Your input is welcome.

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## TRIVIA

What country did

Halloween originate from?

## AGA Maine Chapter

We were so pleased to have AGA CEO, Ann Ebberts, come to speak to our chapter this past April. It proved to be insightful.

## New England Region AGA

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

The Hartford Chapter meetings are generally held at 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month from September to may.

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

## AGA National

Our Chapter President was on hand at this year's PDT to receive the Chapter Award for Chapter Recognition. The Chapter received its first ever Platinum level!

Great job, everyone!



## Member Bio

### Heather Dutton

#### Accounting Technician, DAFS GGSC

Hi my name is Heather Dutton, I am hopeful this bio will enlighten members of the AGA as to who I am, just in case you were all wondering. I am an Accounting Technician for DAFS. I know by this point you are dying to know, how did I get here? I grew up in Vassalboro and had a passion for numbers for as long as I can remember. After choosing Winslow High School and willingly signing up for every accounting class I could take, I graduated only to have no idea exactly what I wanted to do. I was offered a job, the day after I graduated, working in a pre-school. I remained there for two years and thought I wanted to pursue a degree in education only to have the school abruptly close, leaving me to ask myself, what do I do now? What else, enroll in dental school! I am sure you saw that coming. I graduated with my certificate in dental assisting, got married and went back to child care, adding a second job at the same time working in home health aiding the elderly. I am sure you saw that career choice coming too. I continued this for several years during which I become a mom to three wonderful children, Wyatt 17, Ayden 14 and Abbie 12. Balancing three small children, two jobs, and a life changing accident that left me with a new outlook, I again shifted my career. I decided to explore a passion for beauty and went back to school to gain my cosmetology license, where I had the opportunity to work with the Look Good Feel Better Organization. The amount of compassion and life skills I gained from this experience was way beyond my expectations. After receiving my license, my husband had his own career shift which left me to re-evaluate yet again, this time my choice was driven by the health needs of my family and sustaining something which offered benefits to take care of them. Ultimately, I became a temp for the State. Four years and three promotions later, supported by an amazing team, here I am. To sum up how the world works in mysterious ways, my grade school friend and I recently found our eighth grade yearbook and noticed that we had answered the ultimate question 'What do you want to be when you grow up', while her answer consisted of being married to a rich man, I answered with the uncommon fourteen year old response of..... An accountant!

My time away from work is spent gardening, dabbling in photography and attending the many baseball games, softball games, basketball games, football games, wrestling meets, theatre, band and music lessons that my children are passionate about. When we are not busy with those, we love the outdoors and spend our time camping, fishing, hiking, four wheeling, snowmobiling and occasional cliff jumping!

My most current focus is my oldest son graduating from high school and his undecided future. Will it be the military, possibly college, maybe accounting? The possibilities are endless!



### ***NEW MEMBERS!***

*We would like to welcome  
some new members to our*

*Chapter:*

*Angela Molino*

*Planning Assistant*

*MEMA*

*Welcome*

**Upcoming Community  
Service Opportunity**

*Fill A backpack with  
School Supplies*



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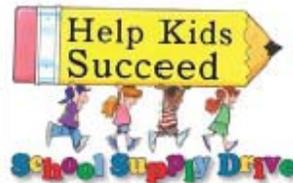
“Giving is true having.”

~ Charles Spurgeon

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## Back to School Supplies Project



The AGA is hosting its Back to School Supplies Project. If you would like to participate we are in need of the following items:

- ◆ 2 Backpacks
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Glue sticks
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Elmer's Glue
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Notebooks
- ◆ Folders
- ◆ Calculators
- ◆ Pencil Boxes
- ◆ Construction Paper
- ◆ Handheld Pencil Sharpeners

## UPCOMING TRAINING

### WEBINAR—

#### *Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information*

**When—October 11, 2017, 2:00 to 3:50 ET**

**Where— Burton M. Cross Building, 111 Sewall St, Augusta ME 4th Floor, Rm 400**

**CPEs (2)**

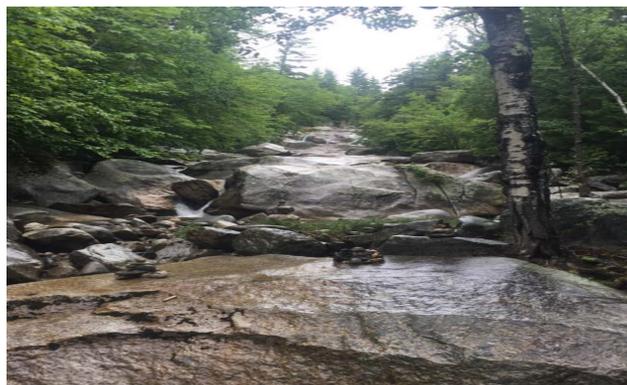
Performance measurement and management systems often fail in government because the organization has not developed the right measures, or key stakeholders lack confidence in the data reported. Auditors can make valuable contributions to improving government performance management by helping agencies improve the relevance and reliability of performance measures and data. This webinar will focus on criteria and practices government auditors across North America have been using to assess the relevance and reliability of performance information, including auditors who have certified or attested to levels of reliability or otherwise issued opinions on relevance or reliability.

The webinar will focus on assessing relevance and methods that can be used to audit or assist an organization in ensuring that their programs have the “right” performance measures, including how to assess existing program performance measures for usefulness and completeness. The webinar will also focus on methods for certifying or attesting to the reliability of an organization’s performance measures including an overview of a proven 15-step measure certification methodology used successfully by auditors at different levels of government. The methodology includes steps for assessing both the accuracy of reported data and controls on systems that produce the data.

Speakers:

**Paul D. Epstein**, Dir., Auditor Roles, Inc.

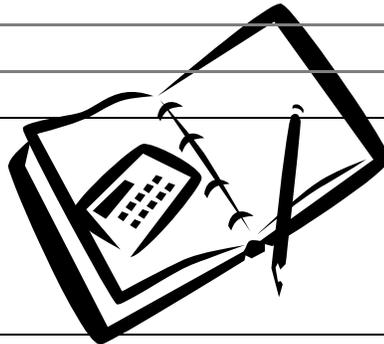
**Stu Grifel, MBA, MPA, CIA, CFE, CGAP, CIGA**, Dir., Auditor Roles, Inc.



## TREASURER'S REPORTS

### Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 08/31/2017

<b>ASSETS</b>		
	AGA Cash	\$40.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$30.00
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$5,800.39
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$5,870.39
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$0.00
Total Other Assets		\$0.00
Total Assets		\$5,870.39
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u><b>\$5,870.39</b></u>



### Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 8/31/2017

<b>INCOME</b>	
Dividend Income	\$2.51
Education—Webinars	\$0.00
Charity	\$0.00
Membership Income from National	\$91.66
Monthly Meetings	\$180.00
Other Income—50/50	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$274.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Charity	\$0.00
Education—Webinars	\$1,720.00
Gifts Given	\$50.00
Monthly Meetings	\$0.00
Legal Prof Fees—Annual Reporting Filing	\$0.00
Membership recruitment	\$0.00
Service Fee	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$1,520.83)</b>

## August 22, 2017

Meeting was held at the Cross Office Building, Room 400

**Attendees:** Shirley Browne, Angela Dickinson, Kim Hall, Phillip Platt, Laurie Andre, Elise Houle, Faith Talbot, Darrolyn Worcester, Mitch Boynton & Doug Cotnoir

- ◇ Chapter reviewed draft version of 2017/2018 Budget
- ◇ Treasurer provided the end of the year figures; overall balance negative \$520.64; mostly due to extra room expense for two luncheons
- ◇ Monthly meetings cost more than Chapter brings in for income; discussed increase in member meeting price to \$17 and non-members \$25
- ◇ Discussed need for new speaker gifts; approved \$200 budget line
- ◇ Motion to increase the National Speaker travel expense to \$500 was approved
- ◇ Webinar pricing to be kept at \$30 member/\$40 non-member with exception for group pricing
- ◇ Assign members of CEC to provide menu options for board to vote on
- ◇ Voted to increase award budget line to \$400 for 2017/2018 program year
- ◇ Discussed next community service project
- ◇ Discussed having Secretary send invites via State email account and President to send charity information via Google email account
- ◇ Pro&Tech: play the AGA video while members are checking in at luncheons
- ◇ Discussed where webinars will be housed, Pro&Tech to work on booking room 400 for the meetings; Education chair will look into locations at SESC
- ◇ Pro&Tech will bring projector and laptop for luncheon speakers
- ◇ September meeting speaker will be State Treasurer, Terry Hayes
- ◇ Looking for someone to train others on CCR reporting
- ◇ Discussed sending out member satisfaction survey
- ◇ Discussed preparations for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; reach out for National Speaker

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Hall

AGA Maine Chapter - Secretary

## OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:  
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## *Past Meeting Recap*

On September 12, 2017, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President, Shirley Browne, welcomed the Chapter.

Darrolyn Worcester introduced our speaker, Terry Hayes, the Maine State Treasurer.

Terry Hayes is currently serving her second term as the Maine State Treasurer. Before being elected Treasurer, Terry worked in all three branches of Maine state government including: serving in the legislative branch as a state representative for eight years; she worked throughout the district court system and several county probate courts for more than 28 years as a guardian ad litem in child custody litigation; and she worked in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for more than seven years as the Education Director for the Maine Real Estate Commission. She has also owned and operated two businesses.

Treasurer Hayes provided a presentation over the Treasurer's Cash Pool. Additionally, the Treasurer provided a historical overview of the Cash Pool's performance. We learned that the State of Maine Cash Pool represents investments that are permissible by Maine Statute and consists of excess money in the State Treasury that is "not needed to meet current obligations." Treasurer Hayes also provided us with a historical look-back on Rates of Return for the Cash Pool and how the State of Maine's cash pool has improved. She also shared information on the PayMaine system that has been implemented to provide efficient and cost-effective online payment solutions to State of Maine departments. This system is offered through the Office of the State Treasurer and strives to help eliminate transaction costs for State of Maine departments and their customers. Lastly, the topic of Unclaimed Property was covered. The purpose of the Unclaimed Property program is to reunite citizens of the State of Maine with their property. The State of Maine website makes it easy to obtain information to determine if you or someone you know has unclaimed property being held by the State of your behalf.

Terry's presentation was enjoyed by all and facilitated great discussion.

Carol Carr was our 50/50 raffle winner.



## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 10th**, at the Senator Inn.

*On the menu will be:*

Soup of the Day

Quiche Lorraine with Demi House Salad

Chocolate Truffle-Torte



**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

About 2,000 years ago Halloween originated with a group of people called the Celts, from Ireland.



Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA) .....[www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE).....[www.acfenet.com](http://www.acfenet.com)
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....[www.acfe-boston.org](http://www.acfe-boston.org)
- Association of Government Accountants .....[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)
- AGA Boston Chapter.....[www.agaboston.org](http://www.agaboston.org)
- AGA Hartford Chapter .....[www.agahartford.org](http://www.agahartford.org)
- AGA Maine Chapter.....[www.agamainechapter.org](http://www.agamainechapter.org)
- COSO..... [www.coso.org](http://www.coso.org)
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board..... [www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org)
- Government Accountability Office.....[www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)
- Government Executive .....[www.govexec.com](http://www.govexec.com)
- Government Finance Officers Association..... [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org)
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) .....[www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org)
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....[www.auditforum.org](http://www.auditforum.org)
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....[www.financialops.org](http://www.financialops.org)
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....[www.nasact.org](http://www.nasact.org)
- National Association of State Comptrollers..... [nasact.org/nasc](http://nasact.org/nasc)
- National Association of State Treasurers.....[www.nast.org](http://www.nast.org)
- National State Auditors Association.....[www.nasact.org/nsaa](http://www.nasact.org/nsaa)
- National Association of State Budget Officers.....[www.nasbo.org](http://www.nasbo.org)
- USA Gov (Frmly FirstGov)..... [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)

***October***

***brings***

***Fall!***

***Enjoy and remember!***

