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ATTENTION!

Check out letter of thanks for community service! See page 5!

Are you using social media? The Maine Chapter AGA invites to you

like us on

Facebook



Chapter Website:

<http://www.agamainechapter.org/>

President's Message

Considering how mild our winter has been, it seems to be taking a while for warmer weather to officially grace us with its presence. The great news though is that we know it is on its way!

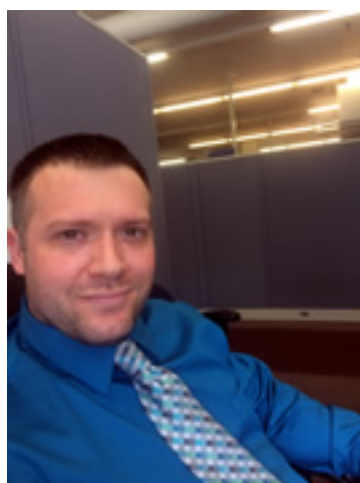
As we finally begin the transition into spring our CEC begins a transition of its own as we begin the process of nominating and voting for next year's CEC members. We have a number of key positions open, and as I've mentioned before, it is a great opportunity to network and make a difference in our local AGA chapter. You will get to work with a great group of people who will assist you every step of the way. It also is a great addition to any resume! Below are the positions that are currently vacant and I encourage anyone who is interested or has questions to please contact a member of the CEC. We really would love to have you aboard! Nominations will be held next week at our meeting and we will vote for those nominated at our final meeting of the year.

- Chapter Secretary
- Director of Membership
- Director of Community Services
- Director of Awards

In community service news, the annual "Bowl For Kids' Sake" is also around the corner. It's a great time to get together and support a worthy organization, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine. Please grab a group of your co-workers and set up a team to challenge other groups, departments, and service centers for bragging rights while at the same time making a big difference in a child's life.

Below is a link for those who are interested.

<http://www.bbbsmidmaine.org/lets-get-the-ball-rolling/>



Our speaker for next week's luncheon is Eric Berman who is the current President elect for the Boston AGA Chapter. I hear he is a very entertaining speaker and the topic of Cyber Security sounds like it will be a very interesting one indeed. I hope all of you can attend!

Regards and Best Regards,

Derek Gorneau

AGA Maine Chapter

Our Chapter was pleased to have David Leach join us for our March Meeting. He gave a very delightful presentation on auto buying. We look forward to our next speaker, Eric Berman.

New England Region AGA

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

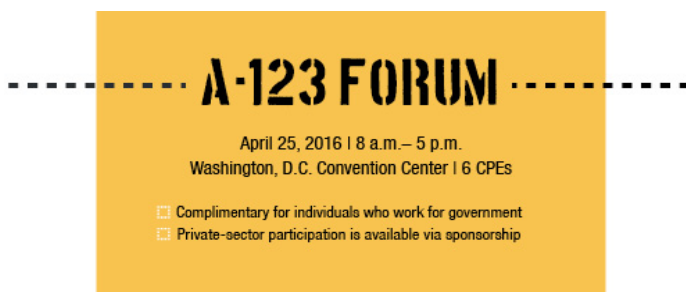
The Hartford Chapter meetings are generally held at 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month from September to may.

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

AGA National

How will you implement the new A-123 and Enterprise Risk Management? AGA has put together a full day program focusing on implementation of this soon-to-be-released OMB Circular. Come hear experts from OMB and GAO talk about the new policy and related standards. Also hear other industry leaders discuss implementation strategies. This is designed to be a hands-on discussion of the implementation of this new requirement *Complimentary for individuals who work for government. Private-sector participation is available only via sponsorship.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/A-123-Forum.aspx>



NOTICES...

- Are you interested in joining the CEC? Voting for new positions is quickly approaching. Contact a CEC member today or visit our website for more details.
- Need help studying for the CGFM exam? Contact a CEC member to see about a study-group.
- Do you have an idea for a speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcomed.

TRIVIA

In what year did the Easter Egg Roll down the White House lawn first start?

Membership & Outreach



NEW MEMBERS

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



Jeremy Vincent

From the

Office of the State Controller

And

Bryan Patanovich

From the

Security and Employment

Service Center

WELCOME!

Member Bio

Are you new to the Maine AGA Chapter? Why don't you tell us about yourself!

Our Chapter is a friendly group and we love to hear about where you came from and how you are doing. Networking is always a good choice.

Please contact Angela with your submissions at:

Angela.L.Dickinson@maine.gov



From the Editor

Do you know someone in the Maine Chapter who recently received a promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share the good news with fellow AGA members? Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue?

Please forward submissions for the next newsletter to:

Angela.L.Dickinson@maine.gov

RECRUIT A MEMBER

As a valued member, you can impact the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better how beneficial AGA membership is to advancing government accountability than current AGA members.

Did you know that a large percentage of new members join AGA simply because someone invited them? Consider sharing your AGA membership experience and get rewarded for doing so. Recruit a member today!

Super Recruiters Club

Once you have recruited 10 members, you become part of the Super Recruiters Club! Super Recruiter status affords many exclusive rewards including recognition at a private reception at the annual PDT. Other rewards include: a lapel pin, certificate, VIP status at all national events and logo wear apparel.



End of Year Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition Awards are presented at the annual national training event, the PDT, each summer.

Recruiter of the Year (one winner)—The member who recruits the most new members from May 1 through April 30 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

Top Sponsor (two winners)—The next two members who recruit the highest number of new members from May 1 through April 30 will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor distinction and each will receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

Chapter Overall Growth (six winning chapters)—Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping for the membership year will each win a complimentary AGA national meeting registration. Chapters decide who receives the registration. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

Start Recruiting Today!

[Download a membership application](#). You can also order applications by calling AGA at 800.AGA.7211 and/or emailing agamembers@agacgfm.org.

Tell your peers and co-workers about AGA. Simply encourage them to fill out AGA's membership application or apply online. Be sure to include your name in the sponsor's name category on the application to receive credit.



Please see the below thank you letter from the Augusta Food Bank. We are proud to be part of an organization that helps those in need.

Thank you to everyone who donated. It is greatly appreciated.



Augusta Food Bank

Serving the Augusta and Manchester communities.
9 Summer Street, Augusta, Maine 04330
(207) 622-5225 www.augustafoodbank.org
Serving those in need since 1981.

Date:

Dear

Thank you for your support!

In 2015 we received over 5000 requests for food assistance, which is 6.3% more requests than we had in 2014. We provided enough groceries for approximately 265,415 meals (an 8.8% increase over 2014) and served 11.6% more children. We are busier than ever and we believe this trend will continue—that is why your contribution is so valuable. We could not do this work without your generosity.

We gratefully acknowledge your recent donation of a large quantity of food.


We will continue to make nutritious food choices available to those we serve in the Augusta & Manchester communities, including the approximately 40 new households who apply for assistance each month. Your generous contribution will allow us to provide food to over 1,050 people, including 335 children each month. We will also be able to maintain our Kids Programs which include: Kids Packs (each school-age child whose household utilizes the Food Bank receives a bag with additional kid friendly food items during the summer and holiday vacations), and School Week-end Packs (currently, 84 children in various schools receive food items to take home with them on Friday afternoons to help them through the week-end).

We will continue to be good stewards of your donation by embracing our mission statement, which reads: "We will provide groceries to eligible residents to help bridge the gap between their current circumstance and adequate nutrition." We are able to provide fresh produce, non-perishable items, eggs, dairy, bakery products, frozen meats and personal care items on a monthly basis.

We follow approved guidelines in screening our clients in order to assure that the neediest who apply will indeed be served and without regard to any discriminatory factor.

You are welcome to visit the Food Bank to see firsthand how your donation is being put to use. We are open Monday through Thursday from 12:30-2:00pm and on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm. Please contact Sarah Miller, our Executive Director, if you would like a guided tour. She can be reached at (207) 622-5225 or by emailing augustafoodbank@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your donation!

Sincerely,  Marti Spahn, volunteer

AUGUSTA FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER

The Augusta Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation.



United Way Of Kennebec Valley Partner Agency

Community Service Opportunity

The Maine Chapter will be participating in the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake that benefits the Big Brother/Big Sisters of Mid-Maine.

Please contact Kathy Godfrey or visit the website for more details.

"The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward."

~Carol Ryrie Brink



UPCOMING TRAINING

AGA is pleased to announce its latest web conference on **The Brave New World of Grants Under the Uniform Grant Guidance**.

Participants will learn about the new GAO and UGG internal control standards and requirements.

Information will be forthcoming.

Date: April 27, 2016
Time: 2:00—3:50 p.m. ET
CPE: 2





Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Direct Hire Vacancy Announcement

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CODE: 0611 RANGE: 20 (Pro/tech) SALARY: \$15.50 - \$20.89/hr.

Value of State-paid Health & Dental Insurance: \$370.98 biweekly (90% State contribution).

Value of State's share of employee's retirement: 15.3 % of pay.

Opening Date: March 4, 2016

Contact: W. Malinowski

Closing Date: Until filled

Telephone: (207) 287-4289

Location: Augusta

Agency Information

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides supportive, preventive, protective, public health and intervention services that protect the public health and assist our customers in meeting their needs; and that assist families in providing for the developmental, health and safety needs of their children. DHHS strives to provide these programs and services while respecting the rights and preferences of individuals and families. DHHS programs are funded by both the Federal and State government and as such, must comply with Federal and State regulations and program requirements.

The Division of Audit is responsible for providing audit oversight services to all DHHS Offices. These services include identification of potential risks, implementation of internal controls to mitigate risk and auditing of programs and services to test for compliance. We currently have 3 vacancies in our Augusta office. These positions may require occasional statewide travel.

Job Duties

As an Auditor I you will perform professional audit work under the direction of senior auditors of MaineCare (formerly Medicaid) Providers and Community Agencies who receive state and federal pass thru funds from the Department of Health and Human Services. You will be called upon to assist/complete financial and compliance audits of annually filed cost reports regarding usage of public funds for conformance to established laws, rules, regulations and standards. To

successfully perform these duties, you must understand GAAP, GAAS and be skilled with computers, particularly spreadsheet applications. You must be detail oriented and have a high degree of self-motivation. As an Auditor I you will contribute to the Departments mission and goals by helping to ensure public assistance funds are utilized for the purposes enacted in legislation. You will have opportunities to grow personally and professionally as you acquire knowledge of Medicare, Medicaid, the federal single audit act (A-133) and the state single audit act (MAAP) and applicable laws and regulations and become proficient in the review and auditing of financial statements and cost reports prepared by non- profit and proprietary corporations.

Requirements

To qualify you must have a Bachelors Degree* in Accounting, Business Administration, or related field -OR- a four (4) year combination of education, training, and/or experience at the professional level in auditing and accounting. The background of well-qualified candidates should demonstrate knowledge of GAAP and/or GAAS and proficiency with standard desktop applications, particularly word processing and spreadsheet applications.

*Only post-secondary degrees from a College or University whose accreditation has been granted from a nationally recognized accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education will satisfy educational requirements. Information can be obtained at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>. Foreign degrees must be evaluated by the World Education Services for authentication and U.S. equivalency.

Application and Information

For additional information about this position please contact Herb Downs, Director, Division of Audit @ (207) 287-2778. To apply, please forward a State of Maine direct hire application form, current resume, copies of post-secondary transcripts and a cover letter to the address below on or prior to the closing date:

Wendy Malinowski

DHHS Human Resources Division
#11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Direct hire applications are available at www.maine.gov/dhhs/jobs

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We provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.



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CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

How Do I Obtain My CGFM?

Initial Certification Requirements

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

- ◆ **Ethics**—read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.
- ◆ **Education**—have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and have completed at least 24 credit hours in financial management or related topics.
- ◆ **Examinations**—pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.
- ◆ **Experience**—have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

[Learn more about the process of earning the CGFM designation.](#)

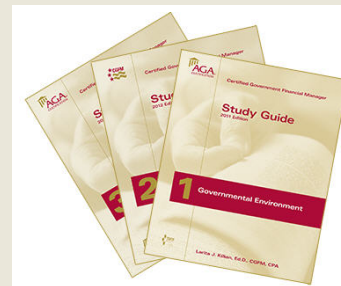
CGFM Application—If you are ready to start the process of earning your CGFM, [click here](#) to apply for the CGFM Program.



AGA CGFM Study Guides— ONLINE!

New from AGA! You can access the CGFM Study Guides on the go!

Read, search and review the study guide content on your laptop, tablet or phone — a convenient way to prepare for the CGFM Examinations. Upon purchasing the online version of each guide, you'll have immediate access to the entire publication for a period of 12 months. In



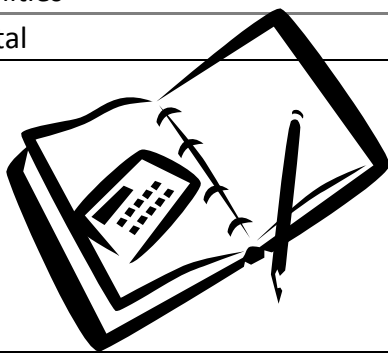
addition, if a newer version of this study guide is published within this period, you'll also have access to the new version! As with the printed version, the online study guides feature textbook-like format with learning objectives, a chapter summary and a reinforcement quiz for each chapter. In addition to the relevant resources, the appendices contain a glossary of terms, a list of reference materials, answers to reinforcement quizzes with explanations and end-of-course review questions. Those ordering the study guides can purchase the option of earning Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours upon passing an online CPE examination.



TREASURER'S REPORTS

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 03/31/2016

ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Cash	\$40.00
	AGA Checking	\$16.48
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$6,996.93
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$7,053.41
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$675.00
Total Other Assets		\$675.00
Total Assets		\$7,728.41
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$7,728.41</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 03/31/2016

INCOME	
Dividend Income	\$8.16
Education—Web/Audio Conferences	\$3,530.00
Gifts Received	\$20.00
Membership Income from National	\$322.03
Monthly Meetings	\$4,747.00
Other Income—50/50	\$109.50
EXPENSES	
Charity	\$20.00
Education	\$2,080.00
Gifts Given	\$185.90
Monthly Meetings	\$5,811.00
Utilities—Internet	\$33.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,130.88
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$605.81

CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM - 2nd Quarter Points—Great job!

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible non-competitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1st and concludes May 31st.

SECTION	MAX POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	% OF POINTS
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3000	1900	63%
Education & Professional Development	4000	1550	39%
Certification	4000	1300	33%
Communications	3000	3192	106%
Membership	4000	925	23%
Accountability	2000	1050	53%
Community Service	2000	850	43%
Awards	1000	0	0%
TOTAL	23000	10767	47%
GOAL TOTAL	10000	8541	85.41%
CURRENT GOAL STANDING	10000	10767	108%

thankful appreciate
willing morale performance
recognition value
morale grateful good
positive behavior
stand out above and beyond
special pleased team
connected

March 8, 2016

Meeting was at the Senator Inn following Luncheon.

Attendees: Derek Gorneau, Shirley Browne, Leanne Laverdiere, Angela Dickinson, Kim Hall, Will Korth, Kathy Godfrey and Andrea McKay

Speaker: David Leach, Consumer Credit Protection

- ◇ Nominations for April Meeting; Voting for May Meeting
- ◇ Derek to choose President's Choice Award
- ◇ Shirley volunteered to speak at April meeting on Cyber Security
- ◇ Shirley will check which CS emails are allowable
- ◇ Shirley attending Leadership Training in Maryland; expenses paid by National AGA
- ◇ Leanne to send email for open CEC positions to be voted on
- ◇ Food Drive/Humane Society community service projects are finished; collected 8 boxes for AFB and 2 boxes KHS
- ◇ Getting ready for next community service project, annual bowl-a-thon for BB/BS
- ◇ Looking for donations for the awards ceremony
 - ◇ - Prison, lottery, wellness center, etc
- ◇ 50/50 Raffle Winner (\$12.00)—Terry Cahill, DFPS



OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.agamainechapter.org>

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Vacant—Please contact CEC, if interested

Past Meeting Recap

On March 8, 2016, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President, Derek Gorneau, welcomed the Chapter.

Since March is CGFM month, our Chapter President gave certificates to members that held CGFM certifications. *(See image: Will Korth, Jody Breton and Immediate-Past President, Phillip Platt.*

President Gorneau proceeded to introduce our speaker, David Leach, who currently holds the position as the Principal Consumer Credit Examiner at the PFR Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection.

David spoke to the Chapter about the Auto Buying and Financing. He also supplied the group with a publication "Downeaster Common Sense Guide to Auto Buying & Financing" co-written by himself and Arianna Castonguay.

He highlighted key points to the publication including, how purchase a vehicle that fits your budget, researching vehicles before buying, negotiating like a PRO at the dealership, and finding the lowest cost financing available.

A copy of the report can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/pfr/consumercredit/documents/AutoGuideMarchEd.pdf>

It was a pleasure to have David stop by.



APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 12th** at the Senator Inn.

Our speaker will be Eric S. Berman MSA, CPA, CGMA. Eric is a Partner with Eide Bailly LLP and will be discussing Cyber Security.

On the menu for our luncheon will be:



Spinach Salad
Roast Stuffed Pork
Raspberry Peach Pie

TRIVIA ANSWER:

"The Easter Egg Roll that takes place on the White House lawn each year first started in 1878."

Websites of Interest

American Society for Public Admin (ASPA)www.aspanet.org
MA Chapter of ASPA.....www.massaspa.org
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE)..... www.cfenet.com
Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....www.acfe-boston.org
Association of Government Accountantswww.agacgfm.org
AGA Boston Chapter.....www.aga-boston-chapter.org
AGA Aroostook County Chapter.....www.arostookcountyaga.org
AGA Hartford Chapterwww.agahartford.org
AGA Maine Chapter.....www.agamainechapter.org
COSO..... www.coso.org
First Gov www.firstgov.gov
Governmental Accounting Standards Board..... www.gasb.org
Government Executivewww.govexec.com
Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)www.theiia.org
Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....www.auditforum.org
International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....www.iappnet.org
National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....www.nasact.org
National Assoc of State Comptrollers.....www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
National Assoc of State Treasurers.....www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
National State Auditors Association.....www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Councilwww.ec3.org

APRIL

Brings

EASTER and Spring!

*Let's get out into
the fresh air!*

