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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA Trenton Chapter Members,

Spring sure has been taking its sweet time warming up. At this rate, I half expect to see the Easter Bunny in a winter coat! But don't worry, warmer days are just around the corner! Although we are past the half-way mark for the AGA calendar year, we have plenty of training opportunities to look forward too!

The AGA Trenton Chapter Spring PDT will be held in person at Mercer County Community College on Wednesday, April 23rd. The Spring PDT committee has finalized all the speakers and we encourage members to visit our website to sign up for this great training and networking event!

The chapter will also be holding a fundraiser for NJ Special Olympics on Tuesday, April 29th at Texas Roadhouse (1305 Route 33 Hamilton Township, NJ 08690). Please see the associated flyer on our website. We hope all members who live in the area will be able to come out and support our chapter's fundraising efforts.

Our chapter will be hosting a Risk Management webinar on Wednesday, May 7th 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 on our website.

Lastly, our Awards Dinner will be held on May 8th 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.

Best regards,

Douglass MacArthur

AGA Trenton Chapter President

## NEWSLETTER NOTICES



### 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.

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: [agatrenton@gmail.com](mailto:agatrenton@gmail.com).



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



# 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  
David J. Kaschak**

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

*20 Years*

Barbara E. Galager  
Robert H. Davidson  
Christopher D. Soleau  
Warren Alan Broudy  
Margarita Stanislavskaya

*25 Years*

Claudine W. Zellman  
Jack H. Fein  
Gerald J. Miller  
Mark E. Talbot  
Susan Ward

*30 Years*

Guy L. Tassi  
Andrew C. Bishop

*35 Years*

Connie M. Mason  
James M. King  
Richard F. Keevey  
Donald J. Cammus  
Linda P. Maher

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# Upcoming Events



## Performance Counts 2025

A Virtual Event • May 13 • 4 CPEs

[register now](#)

### Attend the 2025 Performance Counts Summit, a Virtual Event!

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 11:50 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET

As we navigate this rapidly changing environment together, AGA remains committed to supporting the professional needs of the FM related government community. In hopes of providing some relief during this time, we invite non-AGA members who work for government to join us in this training.

**REGISTER NOW**

FREE for Government Employees

May 13 | Virtual  
4 CPEs

### Registration and Fees

Online  
Registration

#### Virtual

Government Member	Free!
Government Non-member	Free!

[Register Now](#)

## AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

April

2

Wednesday

How to Find Happy – Free for AGA members!  
Webinar | 1.5 CPE

April

9

Wednesday

Discussing Management's Responsibility of Defending Against Fraud, Waste and Mismanagement (Ethics)  
Webinar | 2 CPE

April

10

Thursday

Budget Formulation  
Virtual | 4 CPE

## AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & NOTICES

AGA Trenton Chapter Spring PDT 2025

April 23, 2025

Texas Roadhouse - Dine to Donate Fundraiser

April 29, 2025

Risk Management Webinar

May 7, 2025

AGA Trenton's 2025 Awards Dinner

May 8, 2025

Renew Your Membership!  
You can also give the gift of Membership

*Join us!*



Get your CGFM Certification!

Check out our Job Board for opportunities!



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# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

**2025 VALENTINE'S DAY  
CARD DISTRIBUTION AT  
BROOKDALE SENIOR  
LIVING AT MONROE, NJ**



**MARCH 27 AGA TRENTON HAPPY HOUR PICTURES!**







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HAMILTON, NJ

# FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

⇒ *Support* ⇐  
**AGA**

**APRIL 29, 2025**  
**4:00PM - 10:00PM**

**10%**  
**DONATION NIGHT**

Support **AGA** by presenting this  
flyer to the **Hamilton**  
Location and Texas Roadhouse  
will donate **10%** of your total  
food purchases to **AGA!**





Save  
The  
Date

# AGA TRENTON 2025 SPRING PDT

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
Mercer County Community College

Earn 7 CPEs!

For more information, please contact:

[agatrenton@gmail.com](mailto:agatrenton@gmail.com)



Trenton Chapter



**AGA Trenton Chapter**  
**2025 Spring Professional Development Training**  
Mercer County Community College  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025

<b>7:30am to 8:15am</b>	<b>Registration/Breakfast</b>
<b>8:15am to 8:30am</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – Douglass MacArthur, AGA Trenton Chapter President
<b>8:30am to 9:30am</b>	<b>Session 1</b> – Ben Dworkin, Founding Director of RIPPAC <i>NJ Race for Governor</i>
<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>	<b>Session 2</b> – Leslie Chambers, IRS <i>IRS Tax Fraud</i>
<b>10:30am to 10:45am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:45am to 11:45am</b>	<b>Session 3</b> – Valerie Mecca, NJOIT Toastmasters <i>Public Speaking Skills</i>
<b>11:45am to 12:00pm</b>	<b>Luncheon Speaker</b> – Paul Vidunas Fund – NJ Special Olympics Highlight
<b>12:00pm to 1:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:00pm to 2:00pm</b>	<b>Session 4</b> – Nick Angarone, New Jersey Chief Resilience Officer <i>Preparing for Climate Change Impacts in New Jersey</i>
<b>2:00pm to 3:00pm</b>	<b>Session 5</b> – Robert Skorochocki, Thomas Fink, Dennis Utter, NJDOL <i>Combating Unemployment Insurance Cyber Fraud</i>
<b>3:00pm to 3:15pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:15 to 4:15 pm</b>	<b>Session 6</b> –Robert Storino & Daniel Delaney, NJ Department of Treasury <i>State Contract Manager and Delegated Purchase Authority</i>
<b>4:15pm to 4:30pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks, Awarding of CPE Certificates</b>

Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of  
“Auditing (Governmental)/Accounting (Governmental)/Personal Development/Taxation”

\*\*CPEs are only available to participants from NJ and PA\*\*

CPE certificates will be available via email. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly.  
AGA Trenton Chapter NJ Sponsor #20CE00023700, PA Sponsor #PX177258



 **YOU ARE INVITED!**

**2025**

**AGA  
TRENTON'S  
ANNUAL  
AWARDS  
DINNER**

**VILLA MANNINO**

**MAY 8, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**RSVP AT [AGATRENTONINFO@AGATRENTON.COM](mailto:AGATRENTONINFO@AGATRENTON.COM)**

**RSVP**





# 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.



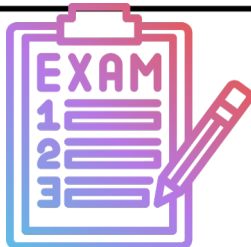
## WHAT IS CGFM?

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 Exam Sample Question

1. 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.
  - b. Professional Incompetence.
  - 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:

- Examination 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

[Learn more »](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)







*Promo*

## **CGFM Month "TOGO" Promotion - Take one, Get one!**

**We want to see you thrive in 2025 by becoming a CGFM!**

**Take any CGFM exam during March or April 2025 and receive a voucher for a free CGFM exam.**

### **Here's how it works:**

- 1. Take one of your CGFM examinations between March 1 and April 30, 2025.**
  - 2. Request a voucher code for your next CGFM examination by emailing [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org) as soon as you take your exam, and no later than May 5, 2025.**
  - 3. Receive one voucher code via email.**
  - 4. Schedule and take your next CGFM exam using the voucher code as payment by July 31, 2025.**
- Terms and conditions: To qualify for this promotion, an individual must take a CGFM examination between March 1 and April 30, 2025.**
  - Tests taken prior to March 1, 2025 or after April 30, 2025 will not qualify for this promotion.**
  - We recommend requesting your voucher code as soon as you take the exam during the March-April 2025 timeframe.**
  - Voucher codes will only be distributed to those who request them and qualify for the promotion.**
  - Vouchers are non-transferable and a candidate may not receive more than one voucher.**
  - All voucher codes will expire on July 31, 2025 and will not be extended for any reason. Testing appointments may fill up – candidates are encouraged to request their voucher code and schedule their appointment as soon as possible.**
  - Voucher codes will be distributed on specific dates only: 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, and 5/7.**

**\*\*\*Not yet a candidate? Visit the CGFM Process page for more information.**

# Thank You To Our Sponsors!



## AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S MARCH 2025 BALANCE SHEET

### AGA TRENTON CHAPTER MARCH 2025

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CAHS - SAVINGS	\$24,198.26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 406.47
CASH - CHECKING	\$ 8,004.38	DEFERRED INCOME	\$ -
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ -	FUND BALANCE	\$34,500.66
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$ 2,603.99		
OTHER ASSETS	\$ 100.50		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,907.13</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$34,907.13</b>





# Hello. Nice to Meet You!

## 2024-2025 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

<b>Chapter President</b>	<b>Douglass MacArthur</b>
<b>Chapter President-Elect</b>	<b>Eric Fonseca</b>
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### Additional Resources



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