

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

I am honored to serve as President of the Trenton Chapter of AGA for the 2015-16 program year. I am excited for everything our chapter has accomplished and planned for the new year. I want to thank the board members who have volunteered their time to help our chapter be successful. Our dedicated board is what keeps our chapter running year after year. The board has been busy fulfilling a great year of educational programs, community service events, and chapter events for our members. One way for members to get value for their membership is to participate in chapter events; whether it is joining the board, attending monthly meetings or getting involved in activities within the community. If you are interested in becoming involved, please reach out to me.

The chapter is currently working on a new look website which will contain a great new look and lots of relevant information. We are also working to have our chapter more accessible through social media outlets. We want to ensure that our members are aware of everything that is going on not only within our chapter but also with National and the accounting community.

Our chapter continues its interest in hosting educational and social events. Mercadien is presenting Tax Highlights at our January Dinner meeting at Tessaras in Hamilton. A Bowling event is planned for February to recruit and encourage students to consider becoming a part of our chapter. The Spring Symposium is just around the corner. Be sure to look for information each month on the topics and speakers for all upcoming events.

I hope this year everyone will get involved as much as they can. We have so many exciting things planned and I look forward to all the things our chapter will achieve.

Sincerely,

*Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle
Trenton Chapter President*

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***MEET THE SPEAKER: JAN. 13, 2016
MONTHLY DINNER MEETING***

Holly L. Sabo, Manager

***Practice Areas: TaxPlanning & Compliance
Mercadien, P.C., CPAs***

Holly L. Sabo, CPA, MST, CGMA is a manager in the tax department of the Princeton office of Mercadien, P.C. During her tenure with the firm, she has worked extensively with businesses, individuals, nonprofit organizations and governmental authorities.

As a member of the firm's tax department, she is involved in the firm's quality control group for tax compliance and return preparation. In addition to these activities, Holly also performs tax review services and is a specialist in budgeting, forecasting, and financial and estate planning. As such, she works closely with business owners and CFOs in helping them operate their businesses more efficiently. Holly has in-depth experience with multistate corporate and individual income tax planning and preparation. She assists with in-house training of all professionals and has been instrumental in the development of continuing professional education programs. Furthermore, Holly is a frequent author in a nationally syndicated newsletter and has performed various special projects in management consulting and accounting services.

Honors & Awards

Outstanding MS Tax Student Philadelphia University (May 2010)

The MS Taxation professors have selected this year's winner for her combination of academic excellence and applied professional knowledge. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with an accounting degree from the College of New Jersey and started our tax program in the Fall of 2006 . This busy working mom has also become a CPA and is currently a manager with the Mercadien Group in Princeton , NJ. She wows both her professors and me with her ability to do all that she does and maintain a 3.96 GPA Please help me congratulate this year's recipient of the Outstanding Tax student award, Holly Sabo.

MarySheila E. McDonald, Esq.

Assistant Dean, Graduate Business Programs

Philadelphia University

Education

Philadelphia University - MST, Taxation (2006 – 2010)

The College of New Jersey - BS, Accounting (1989 – 1993)



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topics

January

13th - Dinner Meeting: Tax Update with Holly Sabo, CPA, MST from Mercadien (5:30 pm)

27th - Audio Conference: Financial Government - Located at Department of Labor & Workforce Development (2:00 pm)

February

5th - 2nd Annual Bowling/Networking Event

March

9th - Audio Conference: Grants - Located at Department of Labor & Workforce Development

9th - Dinner Meeting

23rd - Audio Conference: Internal Controls - Located at the Office of the State Comptroller

April

29th - Spring Symposium

AGA Important Dates

Meeting Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
1/13/2016	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: Tax Update Speaker: Holly Sabo, CPA, MST	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1
1/27/2016	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Financial Government Speaker: N/A Webinar	Department of Labor 1 J. Fitch Plaza, 13th Fl Auditorium Trenton, NJ 08611	2
2/5/2016	<u>2nd Annual Bowling/Networking Event (4:30 - 6:30pm)</u> Fee: FREE for students & recruits \$6 for AGA Members	Slocum's Bowling, Bar, & Grille 1675 Pennington Road Ewing, NJ 08618	-
3/9/2016	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Grants Speaker: N/A Webinar	Department of Labor 1 J. Fitch Plaza, 13th Fl Auditorium Trenton, NJ 08611	2
3/9/2016	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1

AGA Trenton's President-Elect, Education: Kiersten Kokotajlo will be presenting on a panel at AGA's National Leadership Training.

The NLT is February 23rd-24th in Washington, DC. Interested parties can register at <https://www.agacgm.org/NLT-2016/Registration.aspx>

Her panel is:

[W102: Addressing the Risk of Emptying Cubicles – Attracting, Retaining, & Inspiring Millennials](#)



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/AGA-Trenton-Chapter/531861283584888>



AGA - January 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Dinner Meeting 	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Day 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Audio Conference 	28	29	30
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**Audio Conference: Location – Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
1 John Fitch Plaza, 13th floor Auditorium
Trenton, NJ 08611 (Time: 2:00 - 3:50 pm)**



AGA - February 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5 Bowling Happy Hour 	6
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Trenton AGA PO Box 536 Trenton, NJ 08603						

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AGA's 2nd Annual Bowling/Networking Event

Friday, February 5th, 2016 from 4:30-6:30pm

FREE for students & potential new members! \$6 for members



AGA - March 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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6	7	8	9 Audio Conference/ Dinner Meeting	10	11	12
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27 	28	29	30	31		
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AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 12/31/15

ASSETS:	
Cash - Savings	\$12,176.77
Cash - Checking	11,642.78
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	0.00
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,880.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,699.55

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Accounts Payable	\$674.00
Deferred Income	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>25,025.55</u>
TOTAL L&E	\$25,699.55

2nd Annual - AGA Bowling Event

Feb. 5, 2016 (4:30—6:30 pm)

Slocum's Bowling, Bar, & Grille, Ewing, NJ



Registration is not required but encouraged:

<http://www.agatrenton.com/current-eventsseminars.html>

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



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 charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is the Sunshine Foundation. For information about the charity: <http://sunshinefoundation.org/>

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 <http://www.agatrenton.com/contact.cfm>

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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. \$90 national + 5 local/year

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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. \$150 + \$5 local/year

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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

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William Challice

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"A Report to Our Members"

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