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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Time is really flying and January is almost gone! Pretty soon we will be putting away the snow shovels and getting ready for Spring.

Our chapter's Winter Board Meeting is coming up on January 31st . Please be on the look out for emails sent from the chapter providing details regarding more exciting social, educational, and charity events being planned for the Winter and Spring.

AGA National will be holding a webinar on February 14th from 2:00 to 3:15 entitled: "Setting a Clear Vision for Your Team: Lessons from an Olympic Athlete turned Executive." The webinar is free to all AGA members and 1.5 CPEs will be awarded to attendees. If anyone is interested in attending this webinar, please register <u>here</u>.

As mentioned in the December newsletter, the Spring PDT will be held in person at Mercer County Community College on Thursday, April 25th . Stay tuned for more information regarding this event including cost and a list of speakers.

Lastly, our Awards Dinner will be held on May 9th at Villa Mannino. If anyone would like any information about the awards nomination process, please contact us.

If anyone has any questions or issues, please let us know.

Take care, Michael Salberta Trenton Chapter President





Mentorships build a trustworthy, collaborative, safe and open relationship.

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.

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



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: <u>agatrenton@gmail.com</u>.

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

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

Barbara E. Galag Robert H. Davidson Christopher D. Soleau Warren Alan Broudy Margarita Stanislavskaya Claudine W. Zellman Jack H. Fein Gerald J. Miller Mark E. Talbot

Susan Ward

Gu<mark>y</mark> L. Tassi Andrew C. Bishop Connie M. Mason James M. King Richard F. Keevey David J. Kaschak Donald J. Cammus Linda P. Maher



Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2023-2024 Year: Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County

AGA Trenton Chapter is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2023-2024 Chapter Year.



Contact Interfaith Caregivers to learn about becoming a volunteer

A WALK FOR WELLNESS

JUNE 3, 2023 VETERAN'S PARK, HAMILTON, NJ

Our Chapter team, <u>AGA Trenton</u>, participated in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K walk on June 3, 2023. Proudly representing our chapter were Chris Fuccello, Robert Rizzo, and Rose Todaro.



Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For almost three decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.



Upcoming Events

National LEADERSHIP Training 2024

February 28–29 • Washington, D.C. or virtual • 14 CPEs

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. This training offers up to 14 CPE hours.

February 28–29 | Washington, D.C. 14 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Feb. 2, 2024

	Online	All Other			
AGA Members					
Early Bird	\$550	\$575			
Standard	\$650	\$675			
Non-members					
Early Bird	\$725	\$750			
Standard	\$825	\$850			
BEGISTER					

NOW

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

CGFM Live, Virtual Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting Zoom | 21 CPE

GASB Update

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & **NOTICES**

> Renew Your Membership! You can also give the gift of <u>Membership</u>



<u>Get your CGFM</u> Certification!

Check our our Job Board for opportunities!







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Tuesday

Webinar | 2 CPE

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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 Examinations Sample Questions

Governmental Environment Examination

- 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
 - professional incompetence. (B) (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:

- nation 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

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S DECEMBER 2023 BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

CASH - SAVINGS CASH - CHECKING ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PREPAID EXPENSES OTHER ASSETS	\$ 24,195.26 \$ 13,604.83 \$ 165.00 \$ 3,200.98 \$ 100.50	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEFERRED INCOME FUND BALANCE	\$ 434.65 \$ - \$ 40,831.92
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,266.57	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 41,266.57



Hello. Nice to Meet You!



CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024

OFFICERS

President	
President-Elect/ACE Director/Vice President of Education	
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Fall PDT/Technical Coordinator Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Eric Fonseca, and Fall PDT Committee

Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Meghan Ellis, and Spring PDT Committee



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