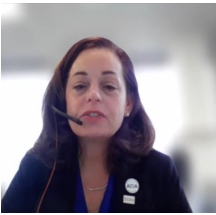




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Our Mission



The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals and students in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.

Our Vision



AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. We connect and empower professionals to help them advance, grow, accelerate. For more information, visit [the membership page](#).

Boston Chapter Leadership



The chapter is driven by a dedicated group of volunteers from federal and state agencies, private firms, and academia.

For more on the current leadership of the chapter, visit the [Boston Chapter Leadership page](#).

CGFM Information



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.

[Visit the CGFM page for more information.](#)

Our Sponsors



The AGA Boston Chapter would like to thank our corporate sponsors, BerryDunn, RSM, and CLA, for helping us to make this program year possible!

Please visit our [sponsors page](#) for more information:

Message From Sarah Mongeau: Chapter President



Warmest Regards,

Sarah Mongeau

AGA Boston Chapter President

Happy Holidays from the AGA Boston Chapter. During this time of year we are grateful to our chapter executive committee, volunteer members and sponsors that have donated their time to continue to serve the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and participating in local community service.

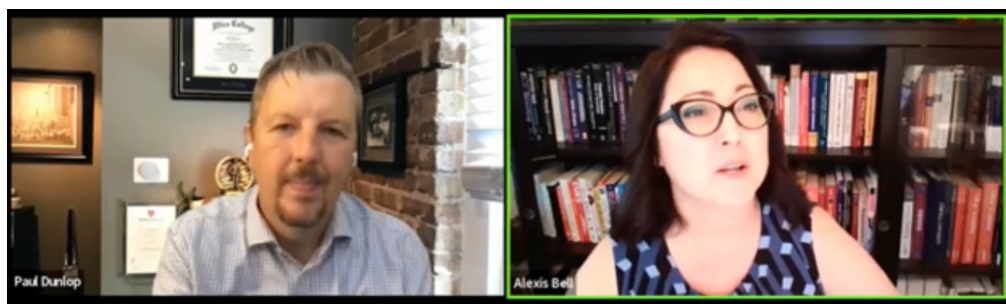
As we look to the future, it is my hope that we all, as members of this wonderful organization, continue to strive to **Advance** in government, **Grow** through a network of likeminded professionals and leaders and **Accelerate** our professional careers.

Thank you for your support and commitment. Please stay safe and have a happy holiday season.

Successful Fall Fraud Seminar

On November 1st, AGA Boston Chapter hosted more than 120 people during its Virtual Fall Fraud Seminar, *The Many Faces of Fraud: The Stories and Lessons We've Learned*.

The event included nine government and private sector speakers who provided valuable information on fraud-related topics, including financial statement and benefits fraud. This session was then replayed on November 15th and 29th.



The chapter would also like to thank our sponsors RSM, CLA, and BerryDunn who helped us provide our training program this year.

Cradles to Crayons Volunteer Event

The AGA Boston Chapter spent the morning of November 10th at Cradles to Crayons in Newton, Massachusetts. Cradles to Crayons is a not-for-profit organization that provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play.

The organization supplies clothing, shoes, diapers, school supplies, and more, free of charge. The chapter team cleaned and sorted over 200 pairs of sneakers for children in need.

Thank you to AGA Boston Chapter members Shana Doiron, Rachel Cullity, Kaylee Pacheco, David Godin, George Anastos, and Amanda Mom and to our other volunteers Alex Wen and Sophie Doiron for spending the morning helping the local community!

To learn more about Cradles to Crayons Massachusetts, visit the [Cradles to Crayons website](#).



Annual Holiday Luncheon



On Wednesday December 6th, the AGA Boston Chapter hosted the annual holiday luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston. Over thirty members and non-members gathered for a delicious luncheon and to raise funds for [Globe Santa](#).

In addition, Jim Kreiser, Principal at CLA, provided an IT update where we learned about current trends in cybersecurity breaches.

Thank you all those who attended and helped raise money for a great cause! It was great to be in person again and network with our colleagues.



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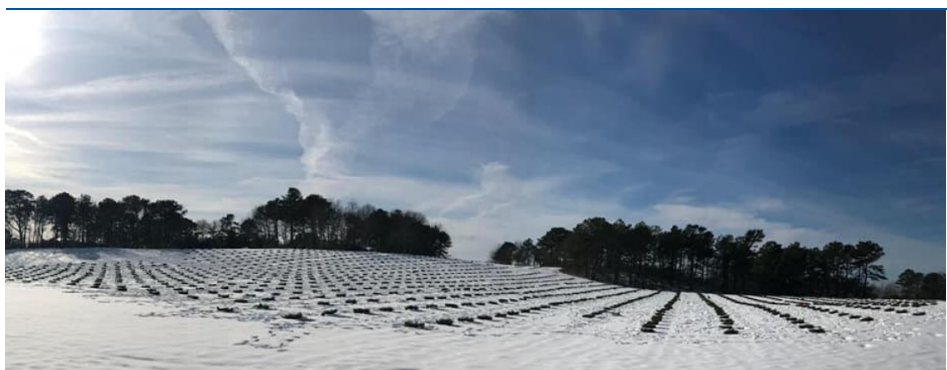
On Episode 123 of the podcast, AGA chats with the AGA Boston Chapter's current President, Sarah Mongeau, and President-Elect, Yoko McCarthy, about their chapter's history and future!

The podcast episode is available on the [AGA SoundCloud](#) account.



Successful Wreaths Across America Campaign

On December 16, 2023, the AGA Boston Chapter helped the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA, honor our nation's veterans by sponsoring 54 remembrance wreaths. Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign!



Coming Soon! Valentines for Veterans

AGA Boston Chapter supports VA's Valentines for Veterans program. People of all ages participate in these efforts, creating handmade cards or writing heartfelt messages to show their appreciation for veterans' contributions to the country, foster a sense of community, and engage people in expressing their thanks to those who have served in the military.

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to show our service members and veterans how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice. Please join us to show our military and veterans some love and support!



CGFM Scholarships



The Boston Chapter will annually award up to five (5) paid scholarships to reimburse an individual for the fees involved in taking the AGA CGFM exam.

The individuals will also be reimbursed for the CGFM application fee if they successfully pass part one on the first attempt.

Interested candidates should contact the Chapter's CGFM/Professional Certification Director John Scully at john.scully@massgaming.gov.

Interested in the CGFM? AGA is offering 2024 CGFM courses!

AGA is pleased to offer another CGFM preparation option--live, virtual CGFM courses for individual participants! Get the benefits of live training with a knowledgeable instructor and the convenience of staying at your home or office.

Course 1: Governmental Environment, January 18-19, 2024

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting, February 6-9, 2024

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control, March 5-7, 2024

For more information, visit the [AGA CGFM Certification page](#).



AGA Boston CCR Released

AGA Boston Chapter's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) to its members for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, is ready for review. The purpose of AGA's CCR initiative is to help simplify communication between the chapter and its members.

For more information on the chapter's current reporting, visit the [AGA Boston Chapter website](#).

AGA Boston Job Resources

Anyone interested in a financial accountability career? Check out the [AGA Boston Chapter Job Board](#) for more information on potential openings.



Mentorship Opportunities for AGA Members

Members of the AGA Boston Chapter have an opportunity to participate in the chapter's mentorship program. For more information, please [visit the AGA Boston Chapter website](#).

AGA Boston Chapter's Scholarship

AGA Boston Chapter's scholarship season is coming! Check out the [AGA scholarship page](#) for more information.



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